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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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*William Weagly  1915-1917  Westminster
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PROGRAM
119th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE
of the
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, June 18, 2011
0900 Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center M-202/203
1330 Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Convention Center M-201
1800 JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET – Convention Center Main Ballrooms 2 & 3, Invitation Only

SUNDAY, June 19, 2011
0800 Exhibitors Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0830-1100 MISS FIRE PREVENTION INTERVIEWS - M-201 and M-204 (Location Change)
0930 Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Center East Hall (Location Change)
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
1000-1200 Free Bus Passes – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
1030 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Convention Center Ballrooms 2 & 3
1100-1400 FIRE AND EMS MEMORABILIA FLEA MARKET – Convention Center North East Loading Dock – (Location Change)
1230 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1400 MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Convention Center East Hall – (Date and Location change from previous year)
1700 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Main Ballroom – Dress Uniforms Please
Sea of Blue line up in East Hall

MONDAY, June 20, 2011
0700 Registration - Convention Center - Main Ball Room
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
0800 Free Bus Passes – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION 119TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011

FIRST SESSION

0830 CALL TO ORDER – Convention Center Main Ball Room

OPENING CEREMONIES

0900 Exhibits Open

0910 Keynote Speaker Presentation
“From the Ashes – A Personal Story of Tragedy and Triumph” – Gina Russo
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0930 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO OCEAN CITY
Hon. Rick Meehan – Mayor of Ocean City
Chief Chris Larmore – Ocean City Fire Chief
Joe Theobald – Emergency Services Director Ocean City
President James L. Jester – Ocean City Vol. Fire Company

1000 Reading and Acceptance of the 2010 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Safety Committee Report

1020 Main Program Presentation
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Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
Report of the National Volunteer Fire Council Update

1045 Nominations of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers

1100 Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board Meeting
Room 217

1200-1230 LAMSFA Meeting Registration, (New Location)

SECOND SESSION

1230 CALL TO ORDER
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructor’s Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division

1300 LAMSFA MEETING – Convention Center East Hall, (New Location)

1330 Main Program Presentation
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1330 Report of the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute
Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report

1400 HONOR GUARD WORKSHOP – Convention Center Ballrooms 2 & 3
(New Location)

1400 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center

1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours

1830 BASKET BINGO– Convention Center–Ballrooms 2&3 Doors Open at 1730 hours

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1830  **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011**

0800  **VOTING** – Convention Center  (Open for two hours)

**THIRD SESSION**

0830  **Call TO ORDER** – Convention Center Main Ballroom  
**AWARDS CEREMONY**
- Gladhill-Thompson Award
- Colburn Cup Award
- Marbery 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., Past President Memorial Safety Award
- Zembower Fire Service Training Award
- Scholarship Awards
- Family Appreciation Award
- Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
- Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

0900  Exhibits Open

1030  **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**
*"The Elephant in the Room: Ethical and Moral Considerations for Emergency Service Organizations"* – Battalion Chief Charles Bailey, Montgomery County, MD, Fire/Rescue Services, Rockville, Maryland
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Legislative Committee Update

1100  **SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL - LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**
Report of the Election Judges

1230-1530  **CONVENTION CENTER LUNCH BUFFET** – Convention Center Ballrooms 2 & 3
WEDNESDAY, June 22, 2011

0730 PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Ballrooms 2 &3 (New Location)
Admission by Ticket.

FOURTH SESSION

0900 CALL TO ORDER– Convention Center Main Ballroom
0900 Exhibits Open
Reading of Communications and Announcements
Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

0930 Main Program Presentation
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1000 Remarks by Past President
Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee
Installation of Assistant Officers
Final Report of Convention Committee

EMS Department

1030 Special Program Presentation
“Firestorm 2011” – Marc S. Bashoor, Acting Fire Chief, Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department
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Unfinished Business

$10,000 Raffle Drawing

1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 hours
1300 MSFA PARADE – Downtown Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue
   Line-up Inlet Parking Lot
1700 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center

THURSDAY, June 23, 2011

0900 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Convention Center – East Hall

FRIDAY, June 24, 2011

0730 GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course
MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Speaker Presentation

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Memorial Tribute

Alvera Miller
Past President - 1965-1966
Jessup VFD Ladies Auxiliary

Dolores “Dee” Lowman Monch
Past President - 1967-1968
Eastport VFD Ladies Auxiliary

Line of Duty Death

Mark G. Falkenhan
Baltimore County Firefighter/Paramedic

Mark was a member of Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company. He was also a Life Member and Past Chief of the Middle River Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Company.
Tonight we honor the memories of our colleagues who have departed this life in the past year. This Memorial Service tonight serves as a tribute not only to each individual but to the communities they served, the fire, rescue and EMS service and the auxiliaries of Maryland. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, our deepest sympathy is extended to the families, departments and auxiliaries who have lost a member of the emergency service community. May the memories of your loved one remain in your hearts in honor of the services they provided for the benefit of everyone.

We will always remember Mark G. Falkenhan as a “fallen hero” who gave his life in the performance of his duty. He was a role model for all of us and we honor him for the service he provided. The Ladies Auxiliary Past Presidents, Alvera Miller and Dolores L. Monch, have gone to their eternal home and have left a lasting legacy for their many contributions to the LAMSFA. These two ladies will be greatly missed.

May all our departed members rest in eternal peace and may we continue to honor their memory through our service.

We extend our sincere appreciation to those individuals of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association who assisted with this program and Memorial Book.
Tonight, as we do every year, we take time out of our busy ocean visit to pay tribute to those who have gone before us.

Generations of fire service brothers and sisters have departed our presence and have gone on to a new life as we view their names and pictures, let us remember all of the sacrifices they made as they served their communities. New generations are now serving and many have no idea what others have done before them. Take your memorial book home and put it in a prominent place in the station. If a young or new member asks you about who the person is from your company that is in the book, share with them who they were and what they did for your organization.

Memorializing a person or event is not new. It can be found in many parts of the scriptures, starting with the memorializing of a dream by Jacob in Genesis 28, to the memorializing of Jesus at the Last Supper. Some of the memorials were done by human direction and some by God’s direction so that generations to come would know about an event that had a significant effect on the previous generations.

As new generations become more of a fast pace, computer, “I want it now,” society, let us take time to share about who the people were who served our organizations to make them what they are today.

Tonight’s memorial may stir up emotions about those who are no longer here. Let those emotions stir up great memories, and lean on God’s loving grace to comfort you.

May God’s peace and mercy be with you tonight and always.

John F. Long, Jr.  
Chief Chaplain

Vivian Morgan-Boyd  
Chaplain LAMSFA

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**Fire Family…**

By Vivian Morgan Boyd

Our fire service family member has answered the last call
A voice we loved to hear, no longer echoes in the hall
There is a vacancy in our hearts which only God can fill
And there are things we wanted to say and never will

We must always cherish the beautiful memories of those we loved so dear

And show others how much we care by showing love which will eventually ease our tears.
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119th Annual Convention and Conference of the
Maryland State Firemen's Association
Ocean City, Maryland – June 18 - 24, 2011

Joint Memorial Service
Sunday, June 18, 2011

(Prelude music playing)
Families are escorted into main hall and are seated in designated area.

MSFA Chaplain David Coblentz asks everyone to turn off all cell phones and pagers and to rise for the presentation of colors. Please remain standing as the Bagpipers enter. The Chaplains and Presidents enter followed by the Sea-of-Blue.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good evening. Brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for attending this evening. Tonight we continue a long tradition of honoring those who have served our organizations that have departed this earth. Tonight we have three special tributes along with one tribute to a brother who gave his life to save another. When your county name is called, please stand to honor those from your county.

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 50:20 they had a great solemn Memorial Service; we pray that we follow that tradition. Just as it tells us in Ecclesiastic 7:2, it is better to go to a house of mourning than a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man, the living should take heart. We pray it will comfort us. Father we pray for the broken hearted here this evening. Comfort them in their grief as we pray that what is done this evening to honor those who we pay tribute to. Amen.

At this time we will have the National Anthem sung by Marcia Roth, LAMSFA Historian.

“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 through the night that our flag was still there. Oh say does that start spangled banner yet wave, o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?”
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Retirement of Colors

Chaplain Long: asks everyone to be seated. At this time I would like to introduce President Doyle E. Cox for his remarks.

President Doyle E. Cox: Good afternoon. Welcome to the 2011 Memorial Service of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This evening we gather to honor our loved ones that have gone before us and have given so much of their lives to the fire-rescue and EMS service. This memorial service this afternoon serves as a tribute not only to each individual, but to the community they served. These are our heroes. And we thank you for coming and being a part of the service.

Chaplain Long: We will now have welcoming by President Sandi Lutz of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

President Sandi Lutz: Good evening everyone. I would like to welcome you to our joint Memorial Service this evening and thank you for coming. As we begin our Convention and Conference, we pause to look back over the past year and honor those emergency service personnel and auxiliary members that have gone on before us. Our members serve their communities, departments and auxiliary with their hard work and friendship. We are saddened by their loss. There are those who we will honor in a special tribute this evening. They were our leaders, are roll-models and our friends. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families, departments, and auxiliaries who have someone recognized this evening. Again welcome and thank you for coming.

Chaplain John Long: At this time our Presidents will unveil the crosses. At this time I call upon Chaplain George L’Heureux for the scripture reading.

Chaplain L’Heureux: A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastic 3:1-11. There is a time for everything and a time for a season under Heaven. A time to be born and a time to die; A time to plant and a time up-root; A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build up; A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance; A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace and a time to refrain; A time to search and a time to give up; A time to keep and a time to throw away; A time to tear down and a time to mend; A time to be silent and a time to speak; A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace. What does the worker gain for his toil? I have seen the burden that God has laid on them. He has made everything beautiful in his time. He has also said eternity in the hearts of men and they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. So ends the reading.

Chaplain John Long: At this time I would like to introduce the Chaplain for the LAMSFA Nancy Jones.
LAMSFA Chaplain Jones: 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; they rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparrest 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 Long: We will now have video tributes of our dearly departed members of the MSFA and LAMSFA.

Chaplain Long and Chaplain Nelson place a rose in the vase in remembrance of each of the special tributes. Alvera Miller, Past President, LAMSFA 1965-1966, Jessup VFD Auxiliary; Dolores L. “Dee” Monch, Past President, LAMSFA 1967-1968, Eastport VFC Auxiliary; Chief William Huttenloch, Committee Chair MSFA, Forestville VFD; LODD Mark G Falkenhan, Lutherville VFD.

Chaplain John Long: We will now have the Scripture reading from MSFA Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.: Reading from Isaiah, Chapter 61:1-4. The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me. To bring good news to the afflicted, he has sent me to bind-up the broken hearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God. To comfort all who mourn; to grant those who mourn in Zion giving them a garland instead of ashes; the oil of gladness instead of mourning. The man who prays instead of a spirit of fainting; so they will be called Oaks of Righteousness. The planting of the Lord that he may be glorified. Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolation of many generations. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Chaplain John Long: We will now have a special reading of the poem written by Stacey Faust of Sudlersville VFC by Chaplain Coblentz.

(Stacey Faust of Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company wrote the poem “Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven” the night her Fire Chief, Charles F. “Buck” Clough, Jr. was killed in-the-line-of-duty in 2009)
“Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven”
(Not to be reprinted without permission)

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

    But life has its twists,
    Its bumps and its turns
    Life isn’t simple
    As everyone learns.
    No one is better
    Each equals the other
    Everyone here
    Is a sister or brother.
    But a life that is lost
    In the midst of a call
    Brings new meaning to life
    To the great and the small.

    A Last Call on earth
    Doesn’t mean it’s the end
    -There’s a First Call in Heaven
    For those we call “Friend”.
    And once the Last call
    Has been sounded out loud

    A reverent hush
    Falls over the crowd
    And there in the quiet
    Inside of each soul
    Comes a First Call from Heaven - The ultimate goal.

Chaplain John Long: We will now have a scripture reading by Chaplain Harry Hetz.
Chaplain Hetz: A reading from Lamentations Chapter 3. I have been deprived of peace. I have forgotten what prosperity is. So I say my splendor is gone and all that I hope from the Lord. I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and gall. I will remember them and my soul is down cast within me. This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope. Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed for His compassion never fails. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. I say to myself the Lord is my portion, therefore I wait for Him. The Lord is good to those who hope in Him. To the ones who seek Him, it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Chaplain Long: We will now have the Musical Tributes in Recognition of our Deceased Members as follow. Presidents you may move to your seats.

Deceased Members were as follows:

Allegany County
Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company – Betty M. Puffenbarger
Barton Hose Company #1 – Francis Thomas
Barton Hose Company #1 – Geraldine P. Frenzei
Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department – Carl E. “Ed” Twigg, Sr.
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Donna A. Eror
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Mae Helmstetter
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – David G. Van Meter
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Chester W. Mackereth
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Robert H. “Harvey” Kirk
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Frank A. Manthey
Bowman’s Addition Volunteer Fire Department – Rosalie W. Cowgill
Clarysville Fire Company – Daniel L. Gaumer
Clarysville Fire Company – Shirley Rita (Carter) Schurg
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Kayla E. Spiker
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Mary P. Winter
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department – Olive J. Schroyer
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Wayne T. Dixon
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Edward L. “Bud” Kolb
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Charles R. Johnson
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Olie K. Teeter, Sr.
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary – Betty J. Patton
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph M. Eshleman, Sr.
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – Dr. Walter N. Himmler
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Jeanetta M. Pritts
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department & LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad – Venson E. Self
McCoole Fire & Rescue Department – Richard L. “Dick” Riggleman, Sr.
Midland Fire Company #1 – Manuel F. “Tor” Blanco
Allegany County (Cont’d.)
Potomac Fire Company #2 – Paul E. “Felix” Karalewitz
Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department - Victoria L. Hartstok
Shaft Volunteer Fire Department – Alberta S. Lancaster
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Tri-Towns Ambulance & Rescue Service – Robert D. Boal

Anne Arundel County
Anne Arundel Alarmers Association – George R. Riegel
Avalon Shores Volunteer Fire Department – Marvin W. Ladd, Sr.
Avalon Shores Volunteer Fire Department – Calvert F. Magruder
Brooklyn Community Volunteer Fire Company – Albert R. Anderson
Deale Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Robert B. Nutwell, Sr.
Deale Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Dexter D. Crotts
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company – James A. Staton
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company - Rose M. Wingo
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Dolores L. Monch, LAMSFA P.P. 1967-68
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Joseph Galloway
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Fred W. Reppehagen, Jr.
Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company – Aller A. Adams
Galesville Volunteer Fire Department – Donald E. Hedler, Sr.
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – John J. Corcoran, Jr.
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – Alva L. Mewshaw
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department – Tyras S. Athey
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department – Alvera M. Miller, LAMSFA P.P. 1965-66
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – Mark H. Wade
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Donald D. Armiger, Sr.
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – William S. Gurnee
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – John E. Stokes, III
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – William A. Watts
West Annapolis Volunteer Fire & Improvement Company & Improvement Company Ladies Auxiliary – Alice G. Guy
West Annapolis Volunteer Fire & Improvement Company – Russell Sears

Baltimore County
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – Donald M. Mackey
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – Austin D. Hollis
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – Rudolph R. Krall
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – Keith E. Simpkins, Sr.
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – Kenneth A. Sipes
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley’s Quarters & Vicinity – Violet R. Martin
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley’s Quarters & Vicinity – Francis H. Weddle
Baltimore County (Cont’d.)

Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Bettie L. Frederick
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Lillian M. Howard
English Consul Volunteer Fire Company – Edwin L. Emkey, Sr.
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Catherine Dunkes
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – John E. Mooney
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – May Birckhead
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Rita Ludwig
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company – Steve Lurie
Long Green Volunteer Fire Company – Velma I. Eyre
Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company – Mark G. Falkenhan, LODD
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – Wallace D. Piece
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – Wesley R. Paine
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary &
Citizen Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Calvin “Squeakie” Pfeiffer
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary &
Citizen Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – James E. Shope, Sr.

Calvert County

Company 7 Alarmers to the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire &
Rescue Company 7 – Robert L. Sickle, Sr.
Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department - Marvin “Sonny” Ladd, Sr.
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department – Judy M. Skinner
Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department – Russell I. Boyd
Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department – Robert L. Hall, Sr.

Caroline County

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – W. Clark Andrews

Carroll County

Gamber & Community Fire Company – Carol Brothers
Gamber & Community Fire Company – P. Barry Carver
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Norman R. Magin
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Matthew True
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Donna E. Warner
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1, Inc. – John Bellusci
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1, Inc. – C. Bayard Bollinger, Jr.
Harney Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Norma Chipley
Harney Volunteer Fire Company – Theron Claybaugh
Harney Volunteer Fire Company – Elwood “Woodie” Strickhouser
Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department – Donald T. Folk
Carroll County (Cont’d.)
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Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department – John J. Lilley
Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department – Charles Sullivan
Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department – Jeanette H. Warner
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 – John Brown
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary – Helen R. Miller
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary – Jean E. Ogg
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Viola S. Hart
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Sharon Sidler
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Virginia “Ginny” Sherman Smith
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – William Chaney
New Windsor Fire Company – Robert Bassler, Sr.
New Windsor Fire Company Auxiliary – Mildred B. Wolfe
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Irma B. Keffer-Armacost
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Janet M. Stewart
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Lillian Warehime
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department, Inc. – Larry E. Doyle
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department, Inc. – Wilbur L. “Boots” Gray
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department, Inc. Auxiliary – Isabella J. Harding
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department, Inc. – Louis E. Rosier
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department, Inc. Auxiliary – Mary E. Rosier
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – John B. “Blondie” Bowman
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – Richard L. Stultz
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – Virginia M. “Sis” Thompkins
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – B. Scott Jeznach
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Ronnie Fritz
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Marie Goodwin
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Bobbie Ridgely

Cecil County
Charlestown Fire Company – Gladys L. Diamonte
Community Fire Company of Perryville & Auxiliary – Marjorie J. Bradley
Community Fire Company of Perryville – James R. Smith
Community Fire Company of Perryville – William H. White
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Terry R. Anderson
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Leonard W. Conrad
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Daisy Dubree
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Marianne McClure
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Harold Montgomery
North East Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary – Sara J. Blake
North East Fire Company – Korrine K. Clement
North East Fire Company & Auxiliary – Delma Jean Forrester
Cecil County (Cont’d.)
North East Fire Company – James Hamilton
North East Fire Company – Stephanie Reynolds
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton & Auxiliary – Catherine Norman
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton & Auxiliary – Mildred Sharick
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton & Auxiliary – Audrey Sickles
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton & Auxiliary – Margaret Woodward
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City Auxiliary – Barbara Green
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Henry C. Haywood, Jr.
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Franklin Loveless
Water Witch Fire Company, Inc. Auxiliary – Virginia LeBrun
Water Witch Fire Company, Inc. Auxiliary – Mary Jean C. Valdiva

Charles County
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Scott Boteler
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Samuel Frere
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Joseph A. Gragan
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Thelma Lyon
Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Edward M. Baldwin, Sr.
Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Robert A. Willett
Dentsville Volunteer EMS & Auxiliary – Brenda Skinner
Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Marianne M. Canter
Ironsides Volunteer Rescue Squad – Mildred Barrett
LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department – Michale P. Musial
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Curtis L. Birley, Jr.
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Phillip B. Mudd
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Alicia C. Olsen
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – George “Smitty” Smith

Dorchester County
Elliott Island Volunteer Fire Company – G. Ross Stumme
Rescue Fire Company – T. Franklin Collins
Rescue Fire Company – W. Hamilton Gore
Rescue Fire Company – Donald “Stu” Haring
Rescue Fire Company – Michael Haring
Rescue Fire Company – Roscoe “Cody” James
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – Frank W. Era
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – Nicolas F. Johnson
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – Joseph F. Larrimore
Frederick County
Guardian Hose Company – Donald Dougherty, Jr.
Guardian Hose Company – Robert Lillard
Guardian Hose Company – James H. Mackley
Guardian Hose Company – Preston Shafer
Guardian Hose Company – Donald Waesche
Guardian Hose Company – H. Alan Zentz
Independent Hose Company #1 – Gene W. Abrecht
Independent Hose Company #1 – Robert V. Handley
Independent Hose Company #1 – Robert E. Kennedy
Independent Hose Company #1 – George T. “Buddy” Myers
Independent Hose Company #1 – Robert L. Ray
Independent Hose Company #1 – Carroll E. Shultz
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Louise Ahalt
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company & Middletown Volunteer
Fire Company Auxiliary – Stanley Dade
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Ruth E. Gordon
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – M. Laverne Heffner
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Floyd Wickham
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Phillip King
Thurmont Community Ambulance – James H. Mackley
Vigilant Hose Company – Guy A. Baker, Jr.
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary – Helen G. Cubitt
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary – Lydia C. Geisbert
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Robert E. Campbell
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – George C. Delbrook
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Glenn H. Fogle
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Bobby D. Frock
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Edward C. Hedges
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Charles F. Miller
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Harvey J. Starkey
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Stephen C. White

Garrett
Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department - Fenton V. Lowery
Bloomington Fire Company Auxiliary – Villian V. Fazenbaker
Bloomington Fire Company Auxiliary – Beulah M. Hill
Bloomington Fire Company Auxiliary – Lucinda Suite
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Auxiliary – Harolene F. Glotrelty
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company – Harry W. “Stoney” Stone, Jr.
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – Leo C. Smith
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – Thomas A. Fitzwater
Garrett County (Cont’d.)
Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire Rescue Department – James A. Baker
Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department – Ellen L. Schroyer
Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department – Clair E. Folk
Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department – Mildred M. Dropplemon
Oakland Volunteer Fire Department – R. Thomas Thayer, Jr.

Harford
Aberdeen Fire Department – Eldon L. Budnick, Jr.
Aberdeen Fire Department – H. Merritt Harrison, Sr.
Aberdeen Fire Department – Richard L. Hilliard, Sr.
Aberdeen Fire Department – Ruth J. Storey
Aberdeen Fire Department – Kenneth W. Turner
Abingdon Fire Department – Reverend Janet Brewer
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company – Ronald L. McNutt
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Jean E. Cantler
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company &
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – Douglas R. Farrington
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Margaret E. Mullaney
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Louis W. Scott
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Catherine L. Smithson
Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps – Larry A. Schnakenberger, Jr.
Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps – Roger C. Wagoner
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – Thurman B. Ellis, Sr.
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Shirley O. Fruhling
Level Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Leona E. Dorbert
Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company – William Norris
Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company – Joyce M. Rohrbaugh
Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company – Gregory M. Skinner
Susquehanna Hose Company – Eugene L. Burchetter, II
Susquehanna Hose Company – William F. Foy, Sr.
Susquehanna Hose Company – Doris W. Glassman
Susquehanna Hose Company – Edward A. Rosenkrans
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – Clyde A. Holmes, Sr.

Howard
Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Charlotte A. Foard
Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department – Charles J. Puglisi
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company – Leland C. “Bubby” Bowman
West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department – George D. Saunders
Kent
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company – Francis C. Nichols, Jr.
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company & Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – Ralph B. Russum
Community Fire Company of Millington Auxiliary – Edith L. Benton
Community Fire Company of Millington – Maurice O. “Jabo” Henry
Community Fire Company of Millington – Herman W. Voshell, Jr.
Galena Volunteer Fire Company – Elmer Sells
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department – Norma A. Dempsey
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department – Edward P. Lusby, Sr.
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – Robert W. Glendenning
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – Francis C. Nichols, Jr.
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – Robert S. Nickerson
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company - Lester Dagenais
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – Devin Watson
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary – Mae E. Taylor

Montgomery County
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Charles Snyder
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department – Edgar “Gordon” Bissett
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department – Dr. Victor H. Esch, Sr.
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department – Raymond F. “Pat” Money
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margaret J. Duvall
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary – Rodney Duvall
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – Kenneth T. King
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – Eugene McAbee
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – Dome “Poon” Poonjumnern
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department – Sumpter M. Embrey
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – Patrick J. Young
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Thelma A. Russell
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Dorothy M. Jenkins
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – Herbert C. Carpenter
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad – Gordon W. Dasher, Jr.
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad – John C. Sturey

Prince George’s County
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Evelyn Deskins
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department – Michael K. Simpson
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph M. Underwood
Baden Volunteer Fire Department – Anna Riess Receveur
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – Stanley J. Bean
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – Richard L. Jones
Prince George’s County (Cont’d.)
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Helen Smith
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Cleo Stak
Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Ruby Hancock
Bowie Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Robert K. Kline
Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad – Lownes Leizear
Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire Association & Cottage City – Colmar Manor
Fire Company – George P. Duvall, Jr.
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Edward M. McCormick
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 Auxiliary – Evelyn Mockabee
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Ernest Moreland
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Chief Floyd E. Yocum
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – David R. Davenport
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – Margie Jacobs
District Heights Volunteer Fire Department – Lawrence N. Hawkings
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Raymond F. “Pat” Anderson
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Chief William Huttenloch
Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad – Alexander J. Ben
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – David W. Brady
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – Chief William A. Edwards
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – Michael F. Krakosky
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – Robert H. “Harvey” Simms, Jr.
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – George J. Wyvill
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. & Auxiliary – Edyth Neale
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. & Auxiliary – Jean West
Prince George’s County Volunteer Underwater Rescue &
Recovery Team – Thomas Van Claggett
Riverdale Heights Vol. Fire Department & Rescue Squad & Auxiliary – Virginia Belle
Riverdale Heights Vol. Fire Department & Rescue Squad – George H. Nevel, Sr.
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Audrey L. McDevitt
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margaret E. Thompson

Queen Anne’s County
Church Hill Volunteer Fire Company – James F. Hall, Jr.
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – Evans R. Kessler
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – J. West Thompson, Jr.
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary - Kimberly A. Blades
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Joanne T. Cooper
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Rachel J. Gibson
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Ruth A. Gibson
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Eleanor K. Reynolds
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Beverly E. McNeal
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Somerset County
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Danny Benton
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Wilson Hoffman
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Edward Tarlton
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Carroll Walters
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Jabes “Ting” Webster
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Jan Will
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Eldon Willing, Jr.
Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company – John Czeczulin
Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Dorothy M. Fisher

St. Mary’s County
Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad – Francis F. Abell
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Cyrilla Beck
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Pearl Callis
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Joan Dean
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary A. Huntt
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Auxiliary – M. Edith Wood
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Auxiliary – Mary M. Dean
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Auxiliary – Agatha T. Stokel
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – William B. Groome
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary – Mary E. “Elaine” Guy
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Carl B. “Burchman” Barnes
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – George E. Ridgell
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – William E. “Ernie” Bean
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph W. “Jay” Gibson
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department – Mary A. Bailey
Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad – Zachary Hill, Jr.

Talbot County
Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary – Daisy Newman
Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley M. Harris
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Ruth M. Asumssen
St. Michaels Fire Department – Alfred F. Henckel, Sr.
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company – William “Billy” Cecil
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company – James R. Johns
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company – Jean Lacey

Washington County
First Hagerstown Hose Company – Joseph H. Walker
First Hagerstown Hose Company – Bruce D. Younker
Independent Junior Engine Company #3 – James F. Stockslager
Washington County (Cont’d)
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Dollie Blair
Potomac Valley Fire Company – Donald W. Ingram
Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Beulah I. Brown
Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – John C. O’Neal
Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Barbara Beck Muitz
Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Patricia “Pat” Smith
Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Harold L. Boyer
Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Richard F. Smith
Western Enterprise Fire Company #4 – Jean V. Grower
Western Enterprise Fire Company #4 – Robert N. Sears

Wicomico County
Delmar Fire Department Auxiliary – Mary A. McClaine
Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Company – John O. “Jack” Calloway

Worcester County
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Robert DeFressine
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Ronald J. Ellis
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Lionel W. Massey
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Carolyn Quillen
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – John C. Quillen
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Frederick “Rick” Senger

Chaplain Long: We will now have flag folding ceremony done by the Harford County Fire & EMS Honor Guard. Reading the meaning of each of the folds will be done by MSFA Secretary, Jackie Olson.

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

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

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

The next morning it is brought out and at the Ceremony of Reveille and is briskly run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.
Tonight we will honor our personnel who wear a different uniform. A uniform of a person that defends our homeland every day. Tonight, we will defer from the traditional reading and replace the words with a fire service perspective. We do not, in any way, mean any disrespect to our military veterans. We have chosen a series of words that best characterize the true identity of our American heroes.

The first fold stands for Initiative; For those who are not afraid to train and dedicate themselves to the fire service and the protection of their communities.

The second fold stands for Honor; Which needs to be bestowed upon a group of individuals who remain consistent in service across the nation.

The third fold is for Courage; To all of those who place themselves in harms way each and every day to afford safety to both friends and strangers.

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

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

The sixth fold is Bravery. We are the breed that rushes into the eye of the storm while others seek safe refuge.
The seventh fold is Patience; A special fold with a distinct crisp line. A line of caring that spans from care of children, elderly and injured in the time of crisis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chaplain John Long: Ladies and gentlemen please stand and remain standing for the rest of the program. Please remain in your seats until the Pipes and Drum have left the building. Thank you.

The Fire Brigade Pipes and Drum then performed Amazing Grace. TAPS and ECHO are done by the Westminster Band.

LAMSFA Chaplain Vivian Morgan-Boyd: Please join in with me in the Lord’s Prayer: 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. (Audience AMEN)

Benediction Vivian Morgan-Boyd
Father, grant to us the grace to remember, with love, our dear departed members. Grant peace and eternal rest to those who have gone before us. We ask for you to console those who sorrow and that you bestow on us your everlasting blessings. We are thankful for the lives that we have remembered here today. May their memories serve as an inspiration to us all. Lord, thank you for the family, guests, the fire and rescue personnel. Thank for their remembrances, friendships and fellowship we have received here today. We ask that you will be with all of us and keep us safe in your care as we prepare to leave this place. Father, grant us a peaceful night to rest as we will be thinking of those who have come to you. These things we ask in your name. Amen.

MSFA Chaplain Emeritus, J. Harvey Dixon: Let us remember that memory is a gift of God that death cannot destroy. To each of you who have lost a loved one this past year, we would like for you to think of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as your extended family. Our prayers, our support go with you.

The Bagpipers will lead the procession out of the hall via the center aisle. As they exit the
stage down the center aisle, the Chaplains and Presidents follow off stage and go to escort the families of deceased out. The Sea of Blue follows the Bagpipers. This concludes our memorial service. Thank you for your presence and support of these families who’ve lost a loved one this past year.
Opening Ceremonies
Monday, June 20, 2011

(Musical interlude by the Westminster Band)

Richard Brooks: Please be seated.

President Doyle E. Cox: Good morning. It gives me an honor to call to order the 119th Convention. At this time I recognize Chief Chaplain John Long for the Invocation.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning. Let us be in a spirit of prayer. Almighty God, all powerful God, today we open the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Father, if it is your will, please bless these proceedings in all the training, times of fellowship and officers of this association. Father we praise you for the past year and all that was accomplished. We praise you for the leadership you have given this association and the knowledge which you have bestowed on all those in leadership positions – from the top to the committee chairs. We thank you God for the comfort and care you have shown us this past year as we dealt with the passing of our friends and family. God we seek your guidance and knowledge today as we open this convention and conference. We pray that all we do with this conference honors you in everything you do. Amen.

Will all the Past Presidents of the MSFA and the LAMSFA please stand for the presentation of the Presidents.

Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure and honor to introduce to you President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Doyle Cox, escorted by his wife Cathy; (Applause) also the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Sandi Lutz, escorted by her husband, Lee. (Applause)

A slide show was presented showing Doyle and Sandi at different functions throughout their year to the music of Frank Sinatra’s “I did it my way”, as they made their way down center aisle. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: From the mountains to the sea, we welcome our Maryland Counties:
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The flags from each county were presented along with a side presentation of those counties. (Applause and cheers as they each entered the hall.) And thus does create the Great State of Maryland (Applause) The Westminster Band plays “Maryland, My Maryland” as the Maryland State Flag is raised behind the County Flags

“God Bless America” was then sung by Tim Konig. (Applause)

Ladies and Gentlemen would you please rise. A single bagpiper plays Amazing Grace and joined by his fellow bagpipers.

**Richard Brooks:** Please be seated.

The Westminster Band plays “My County Tis of Thee.”

The Bagpipers are then enter the hall and marches down the aisle playing “Scotland the Brave.” (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** We now honor our flags for memories:
- The Fallen Firefighter Flag
- The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Flag
- The Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Flag
- The Volunteer Firefighters Flag

**Richard Brooks:** Please help me welcome the Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Pipes and Drums. (Applause and cheers)

Bagpipers play “Awesome Set” (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Please be seated.

On September 11, 2001, beginning at 8:46 a.m., terrorists attack on the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Virginia, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania shook our nation.
As we pause today to remember those who lost their lives, we especially remember the 343 firefighters of the New York City Fire Department who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We want to recognize a very special group of Marylanders who were called to duty shortly after the attacks. Many of these folks are your relatives, friends, neighbors, and Fire and Rescue personnel that belong to departments throughout the great state.

These attacks brought the largest and most sustained call-ups of the Maryland National Guard and Maryland Air National Guard and its largest combat deployment since World War II.

The 115th Military Battalion mobilized and on September 12th were ordered to help secure the Pentagon attack site.

Since that time, 8,136 men and women belonging to nearly every unit of the Maryland National Guard and Air National Guard have gone on to serve in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay.

On behalf of all Marylanders, we proudly recognize the following National Guard personnel who are with us today. Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome:

Lt. Col. David Roberts of Aberdeen, Maryland (Applause)
Major Mike Taylor of Salisbury, Maryland (Applause)
Staff Sgt. Bruce Mcgraf, Salisbury, Maryland (Applause) and
Sgt. Susan Calhoun, Salisbury, Maryland (Applause)

Our Maryland heroes! (Continued applause and cheers as they marched down the aisle to the stage.) the Westminster Band played an “Armed Forces Medley.”

President Doyle E. Cox: I would like to have the entire Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard for the Presentation of Colors please.

Westminster Band plays “National Emblem March” while the color guard takes their place on stage.

LAMSFA President Sandi Lutz: Would you please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and for the republic, once nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Martha Roth: Sings the National Theme. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Honor Guard you may retire the colors.

Richard Brooks: Please be seated.
“Everyday Heroes” video presentation dedicated to police and firefighters. (Applause at conclusion of video.)

The Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Pipes and Drums play “Wings Dawning of the Day.” (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I would like to have the members of the members of the Maryland National Guard join us on stage again. Lt. Col. Roberts, Major Taylor, Staff Sgt. McGraf and Sgt. Calhoun. At this time I could like to present a Certificate of Recognition to the individuals of the National Guard. Special Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation presented to Lt. Col. David Roberts for your service with the National Guard to the citizens of Maryland and the United States of America. During your deployment in support of Operations Iraq Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom. The officer and member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association wish to express our sincere gratitude for your service to our Nation during your protection of the homeland from threats local and aboard. Presented by me on this 20th day of June, 2011.

We have a Certificate of Recognition for all of you. It is an honor and a pleasure to present these to you for the outstanding service that you have provided. Gentlemen, ladies thank you ever so much. (Applause and cheers and standing ovation)

Also today it is an honor to present you with our mug/stein for liquid refreshments and convention bag and a gift from President Sandi Lutz and myself and again it is an honor to present these to you. Good luck. (Applause and standing ovation as the precede out of hall lead by the Pipes and Drums playing America the Beautiful and the Marine Corps Hymn) (Applause)

Following the Pipes and Drums, the Westminster Band marched from the hall.

President Doyle E. Cox: Ok, if I could have everybody take their seats please. At this time it gives me great honor to introduce the Mayor of Ocean City, Mary Meehan has been a partner, he’s been a friend. As we can to Ocean City throughout the year to meet and discuss the convention, he has always been there and worked with us. Ladies and Gentlemen I give you the Mayor of Ocean City, Mr. Mayor Meehan. (Applause)

Mayor Richard W. Meehan: Good morning everybody. Well it is great to see everybody here in Ocean City and on behalf of the Mayor and City Council and all the citizens of Ocean City I welcome you. I would also like to congratulate you on a very inspirational Opening Ceremony. That was terrific and it is tremendous how we honor those who have served our country and continue to serve our country and all of our first responders. I think it was fantastic and very inspirational program and a job well-done by your committee.
It is great to see everybody in Ocean City and I have been in Ocean City every summer since 1964. And what I can tell you is that we know the true summer season is here when the Maryland State Firemen’s Association comes to town. And I want to welcome you and really thank you for kicking off the Summer of 2011.

There is a lot going on in Ocean City but I know you all have a lot going on in your lives as well. We want to thank you for your volunteerism. We want to thank your families that participate as well by allowing you to serve your communities. We want to thank those who serve the town of Ocean City in this area. We know how very very important they are to our community and we know how important you are to your community.

It is amazing that this is your 119th Convention. I love your slogan for this year’s convention – “Come Join Our Ocean of Opportunity.” We think that is terrific and we are so glad is your convention location of choice is Ocean City each year.

We know you are going to have a lot of education and training while you are here and that is important. We are also very happy that this is an opportunity for many of you take a vacation in Ocean City and to bring your families to Ocean City. And that is what Ocean City is all about.

President Cox touched on the fact that we have met numerous times during the off season preparing and helping to prepare for this convention. And I can tell you your Convention Committee, your Convention Chair, Ron Siarnicki and your officers have done a great job. This doesn’t JUST HAPPEN! This happens because of a lot of hard work and every time we met, they talked about their membership and that they could do to make this a great experience for their membership.

Some of the things they have been able to add and to continue to make this a valued experience is free bus passes for those who are attending the convention. Please take advantage of that. It is a great opportunity to leave the car and get on the bus all through Ocean City.

Jolly Roger Family Night tonight, what a great addition. Another way to thank the families of those who serve their communities and to make this a real vacation, are movies on the beach and, of course, a Golf Tournament on Friday for those who care to partake. So there are an awful lot of good things that are being offered up during this convention.

It is going to be a great week in Ocean City. We want you to the opportunity to take advantage of all Ocean City has to offer. Our beach, our boardwalk, our restaurateurs, our property owners are looking forward to see you.
You are sharing the town with the future leaders of America. We still have some of the members of the graduating class of 2011 here. I am not going to tell you they don’t come without challenges, but they are here! So you will be sharing Ocean City with them and some day hopefully, many of them will be sitting in the chairs that you occupy today.

Our goal is to live up to your expectations and to deliver a great experience and to thank you very much for being here. You are a very important part of the season here in Ocean City and we hope that you come many many years in the future. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the town of Ocean City just go together. Thank you all very much. (Applause)

If I could, I would like to ask President Cox and President Lutz to please come up to the podium for a moment. Mayor Meehan presents each one of them a key to the city. (Applause)

**President Doyle E. Cox:** Mayor Meehan I have a Proclamation for you and to the City Council. Thank you.

**Mayor Meehan:** Thank you so much.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** Also, a Convention Bag which consists of a mug and other items.

**Mayor Meehan:** I thank you all for these gifts. If you come to my office in City Hall, you will see that those mugs are displayed since I became Mayor and they are displayed there with pride. And I am very thankful for the opportunity to be here and receive these.

At this point I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the Director of Emergency Services for the Town of Ocean City, Joe Theobald for a few words.

**Director of Emergency Services, Joe Theobald:** Good morning and thank you all for being here. The good news is the Mayor has already spoken and said everything I need to say. So I will be very brief.

On behalf of all of Public Safety – our police chief, our fire chief, all the disciplines – we welcome you and we ask that you be safe. Conduct the business at hand and enjoy the city.

I will say one thing, if you have noticed your going down coastal highway, there are these things you call scooters, in the bus lane, be careful. They are like a mosquito in the night. So keep an eye out for them. But welcome and you need anything, we are
President Doyle E. Cox: Joe, if you could present this Resolution to the Fire and Police, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you. Also, we have the Convention Bag for you. (Applause)

It gives me great pleasure and honor to present our keynote speaker for this morning, Gina Russo. On February 20, 2003, a pyrotechnic display ignited a fire in a small rock club in West Warwick, RI, that became the fourth deadliest fire in US history. Gina was one of the survivors, and awoke from a long coma to learn of the devastation that claimed the life of her fiancé. Listen to her story of how she found the strength and hope to endure months of physical therapy and psychological scars what would test her spirit to rise from the ashes. Ladies and gentlemen, Gina Russo. (Applause)

Gina Russo: Hi. Thank you all for being here this morning and all I can tell you right now is wow! This has been amazing. To watch all of you and to be here, I am truly honored.

Surviving this fourth deadliest fire in the nation, I can tell you I would never have made it without the Shiners. It was only the second time in their history they allowed adults to be treated at a children’s hospital, I would never have made it. Their technology and they care they gave me and my family who was sitting around watching is second to none.

I spent the rest of my time at Mass. General Hospital in Spaulding Rehab. After 113 days I was sent home from the hospital. By my own doing, I wanted to go home, I needed to go home and be a mom again, to be with my family and deal with the loss of Fred. When I got there I realized, oh boy, I shouldn’t have gone home. I couldn’t really walk or do much of anything myself. But I learned slowly that if I wanted to get better I had to push. I had to become a mom again my kids deserved. With a lot of intensive home therapy and with a lot of counseling and a lot of friends and family coming to visit every day and helping, I managed to walk and move around by myself by September.

In all of this time the new friends I was meeting kept saying you are going to write a book someday, you are going to do this, you have to tell your story. I am not a book writer, I am a book reader. I was a book nerd in school. I loved to read, I never imagine I would write one or be speaking publicly about what happened me in our little town of West Warwick, RI.

So yes a tragedy happened and it brought me to a new place. In our state we had something called the “Grandfather Law.” It meant basically that people did not have to follow the rules. They took it off the books after the fire. Companies started to closing
because they could not afford to be sprinklered. They could not afford any of the new equipment that needed to go into these buildings. And to that I say, I am sorry that you are closing up but it is not safe and I do not want myself or my children in your business.

We have learned a lot in Rhode Island about fire safety. But not enough. When I was here in September, I was so impressed with how your state handles fire prevention and the laws you have in place. I went home and bragged about it. You have done an amazing job and if our fire and our tragedy helped with some of those, then so be it. That means someone learned a lesson.

We are still working on it in Rhode Island believe it or not! Not many people have really learned. I couple of weeks ago I found out they are trying to put the “Grandfather Clause” back in the books so that people will not have to put sprinklers in the buildings. Does not make sense to me and you can sure bet I will be at City Hall fighting that one along with my 276 friends who are scarred and burned and physiologically damaged from this fire because no one cares enough. But in this state you all are doing it right. It is amazing. I am very impressed.

I spend a lot of time now talking about club safety and talking to young people about paying attention in clubs. There is nothing worse than going into a crowded building and not knowing how to get out. To them I say pay attention, know where you are going, always have a plan. My 17 year old son spent last summer going to underage dance clubs. The first time they went the got the “mom speech,” know exactly where you are. Everything was safe that first night. The second time they went there was a stampede in the club, a fight broke out, but these 5 boys knew exactly how to get out of that building and they came home and said “wow.” You taught us and we listened the first time. And thank goodness they did because they all got out without any harm.

I spend a lot of time now counseling new burn survivors. If I can do this anyone can I never imagined I would walking and talking and working and raising my kids again on my own. So I spend time talking to new burn survivors to show them yes it is long and hard road but you can accomplish anything as long as you want it bad enough. And most of us do. This is our second chance at life – it is the Phoenix rising. We truly rise above all that has happened before, in the past, to start a new life and we have been given a second chance. So I make sure they know that you can have the greatest life after a burn because so many of you care enough to save our life.

Firemen, EMS, doctors, and nurses we would never be standing and walking and doing whatever we do today without all of your help.

When I wrote a book it came out in 2008, I never dreamed that it would do for me what it has done today. And if it has helped anybody, if it has made people see what happened in our town, in giving them a little perspective what happened in that small
building, that was not sprinklered, that was covered in highly toxic foam, if someone will learn from our tragedy, then it has been worth it and I have no regrets.

In 2007 I met someone and we have been married for four years now. Life has taken me in a great direction. My kids are good and healthy. My oldest one graduated from high school last week and he turns 18 on Sunday. My youngest son is now 14 years old and they are living great lives, all because I was given the opportunity to live.

The Bouncer who stopped me at the door, told my family in the hospital, and he did not know who I was or who they were, but he said to my brother and my sister, “she is going to be useless and good for nothing, why are you letting them bother to save her life.” Well someday I will get to meet him and stand in front of him, and I guarantee you he won’t remember what he said, but I will tell him my life was worth saving because I am here today with my children and all of you to show you what survival is all about.

Thank you for letting me speak here today. You have an amazing state and all that you do is just so impressive. Continue to do it, you save many lives everyday – I know it’s hard but continue to do it. Thank you very much. (Thunder Applause) Thank you!

**President Doyle E. Cox:** Thank you so much. Gina, when I first heard this story several months ago, it was a great story then and I think with the audience they have shown you again today that they appreciate everything you have done. It is an honor to present you with a Resolution, also we have a Convention Bag for you. Thank you. Gina is going to be down at the MFRI table to sign books. So sometime today stop by see her and chat with her in reference to her experience. Thank you ever so much.

**Gina Russo:** Thank you.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** Ok. The leaders, the experience, it gives me great honor to introduce these gentlemen this morning. Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

C. Oscar Baker 1978-79 (Applause)
Clarence D. Carpenter, Jr. 1986-87 (Applause)
Robert Cumberland, Jr. 1987-88 (Applause)
Joseph R. Robison 1989-90 (Applause)
Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr. 1990-91 (Applause)
Philip M. Hurlock 1993-94 (Applause)
Richard L. Yinger 1994-95 (Applause)
George A. “Fred” Cross 1995-96 (Applause)
Stephan D. Cox 1996-97 (Applause)
Charles Daniel Davis, Jr. 1997-98 (Applause)
Introduction of Past President (cont’d.)

Robert E. Knippenburg 1998-99 (Applause)
Roger A. Steger, Sr. (2000-01) (Applause)
Charles Jenks Mattingly, III (2001-02) (Applause)
Gene Worthington (2002-03) (Applause)
Terry E. Thompson (2003-04) (Applause)
Robert W. Jacobs (2004-05) (Applause)
Lee N. Sachs (2005-06) (Applause)

Mr. Sachs is downstairs working

Frank J. Underwood (2008-09) (Applause)
Roger N. Powell (2009-10) (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Ladies and gentlemen, the Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. (Applause)

We have several guests with us tonight, morning, whatever day it is. It has been a long morning already.

As we traveled around this year, had the opportunity to proceed to the out-of-state conventions. It was a pleasure to me these gentlemen. Good friend, our neighbor, from the state of Delaware – President Bill Tobin. (Applause) From the state of Virginia, Gary Alred, 1st Vice President (Applause), Jeff Flippo, 3rd Vice President (Applause) and a gentleman we have met several places and we have been meeting up with, a friend will never be forgotten, he is always there to advise – Mr. Allen Brennan, Past President of Virginia & Out of State Coordinator. (Applause)

From the state of Pennsylvania, Glen Thomas (Applause)
Also from the state of Delaware, Mr. Dean Simpson, President of Delaware Valley (Applause)

I can’t see who else is down there but we will get them later on. There several others from the states that are with them. Mr. Sharp. There are several others. With the lights you can’t see who the faces are but gentlemen, thank you for attending our Convention. Most of you were here the other night. It was an honor to have you at the banquet. It has been an honor to work with you over the years. Thank you. (Applause)

At this time I need a motion from someone to accept the minutes of the 2010 Convention. Please come to the mike at the center of the room please. Name and company who is making the motion. Also I need someone to make the second.

(Motion made, 2nd and carried)
At this time we will have the report of the Credentials Committee, Rick Hemphill

Credentials Chair Rick Hemphill: Sorry for the delay. Thank you Mr. President.
Registration of company, individuals appearing, as of 10:00 hours, 17 past presidents, 237 companies in good standing.

Each past president can cast 1 vote. Each registered eligible company can cast 5 votes times 237 equals 1,185 votes added to past presidents votes for a total of 1,202 votes. Thank you.

President Doyle E Cox: I am not going to read the entire report. I think I bored everyone the other night. Anyway my report is on page 33 of the Convention Book. Just to highlight a couple of things. You know. Number 1, I want to thank each and every one of you for the year that you have shown me, the support you have given me, but most of all the support you have given your department, your company, your association, but the bottom line is you are a volunteer. You need to be proud of it. You need to stand up for it.

It has been a lot of fun travelling across the state. Meeting the different people. I hope I’ve represented you in a manner that will give you the recognition that you deserve. Most of all, I hope I’ve helped you to achieve the goals of your own association by bringing your own concerns back to the state level. Yes we’ve been in Annapolis, we’ve worked there and later on either today or tomorrow, whenever it’s on the schedule you’ll hear from Danny and Richard on the success we had in Annapolis this year. The success we’ve had in other areas this year. The committees will report on this.

You know we started the fire prevention life safety grants this year. The first one was a success. The second one which we will announce tomorrow, is a greater success, because there’s over 70 companies that applied for the grants and we’ll be giving out somewhere in the amount of $35,000 which is a great, great second start.

The awards has increased, tomorrow you will see a lot of the individuals across the state recognized for the service they did over the years. But also next year, it’s already in the works; there will some new awards coming out. These will be worked on throughout the year, after the convention the guidelines and rules will be out by the first of the year. So keep an eye on those. Some of the awards will have some monetary value attached to them. Look over, nominate your individuals for the awards and recognize them for the service they are providing.

With that, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the hospitality you’ve shown Cathie and me as we travelled across the state, as we met each and every one of you.

It’s been an honor to serve you. Until we move to the next level, whatever it may be
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Thank you. (Applause)

At this time I’d like to invite First Vice President Dave Lewis for his report. (Applause)

First Vice President David Lewis: Thank you President Cox. Second Vice President Denver, fellow officers, delegates, and guests to the 119th Annual Convention to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

It’s a pleasure to stand before you in celebration of another successful year of operation for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I extend my congratulations to President Doyle Cox on a job well done. I also want to express my personal thanks to Doyle for his friendship and guidance over the past three years as I shadowed him during my own time through the offices of the MSFA.

My final report can be found in the program book on page 37 and 38. On behalf of my wife Gloria and myself, I would like to thank each of you for your support and your friendship as we travelled across the state. The memories that we are accumulating mean a great deal to both of us.

With that, please enjoy yourself in Ocean City. Take advantage of the many activities arranged by the Convention Committee, but most importantly, play safe.

I hope to see many of you around town and around the state during the upcoming year. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: Recognize John Denver, Second Vice President.

Second Vice President John Denver: What a year. In the interest of time, my report is in the Convention Program book on page 39.

I do have to thank several people, first of all Anna Marie, my wife of thirty eight years and my children and grandchildren. Also I’d like to thank Singerly Fire Company, Cecil County Association, the Harford/Cecil Association, and my campaign committee. I’d also like to thank President Doyle Cox and First Vice President Dave Lewis for their help and advice. Lastly I’d like to thank all of you for all that you do for the state association and all the help and support you’ve given me in the past year. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: Recognize Jackie Olson, Secretary.

Secretary Jackie Olson: Good morning and welcome. My report is on page 41 in the program book. And again I just want to thank my assistants, Kristi, Joe Cooper, Richard Snader, and Ron Watkins. Our office is always there and available for anybody so don’t hesitate to ask one of us if you need anything. I hope that you enjoy your
President Doyle E Cox: Ron Siarnicki treasurer.

Treasurer Ron Siarnicki: Good morning. It’s a pleasure to be here and to provide a report from the office of the treasurer. In the convention program book will be a report from the finance team. And as you know over the past couple of years, we’ve been working really significantly as a team on issues related to issues of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I am very happy to report that those efforts have proved positively. We’ve made a lot of success in automating our accounting system and most of all controlling expenditures and ensuring that our association is in the black. It’s a critical piece.

We’ve just completed the financial review for last year. The management report came back very favorably that our accounting process both the Office of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, those activities with our cross checking and our reconciliation processes are in line with generally accepted accounting procedures. It has been a very good process to make sure our finances stay stable.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t so I’d like to acknowledge Fred Cross as our Financial Secretary, Chris Hyzer as our Assistant Financial Secretary, the Assistant Treasurers, Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs, and Mitch Vocke. Of course our budget chair, Steve Cox and his vice chair Wylie Donaldson and the members of the budget committee, Gene Curfman, Danny Davis, Ben Kurtz, Steve Kesner, and Gene Worthington. I want to thank all those individuals who make up the financial team to help us manage our fiscal affairs.

I appreciate the time and I think I’m suppose to turn this to you Fred. (Applause)

Financial Secretary George A (Fred) Cross: Whatever he said, I agree with, we’re done. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: Chief Chaplain John Long.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning again. I’d like to thank all my chaplains who work so diligently for this association. If you need any help you can contact any of the chaplains. Also my report is on page 45. Thank you. Have a great convention. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: Mr. Danny Carpenter, Board of Trustees.

Trustee Danny Carpenter: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates and guests. The trustee’ report is in the program book on page 47.
This past year the Trustees paid benefits to 33 widows, 5 dependent children, 3 line of duty injuries, and sadly one line of duty death.

The Trustees this past year were able to increase the payments to widows and orphans and still stay within budget. I encourage everyone to look into the MSFA.org website. The trustee’s manual is in there on line. Look under Board of Trustees. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Doyle E Cox:** Richard Snader, Chair of the Resolution Committee.

**Chair Richard Snader:** Thank you Mr. President and good morning. The resolutions committee has prepared 17 total resolutions. All of 17 are congratulatory or recognizing actions this year and so the committee does require the body to make a motion to accept. We would prefer to do that without reading 17 resolutions since they’re going to get read again as they are presented. Mr. President I’ll need you to accept a motion for me if you would?

**President Doyle E Cox:** Call for a motion to accept the resolutions. Roger Powell, Pikesville so moved, do I have a second. Second by Tom Mattingly, Leonardtown. Any discussion. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Ayes have it. All opposed. No’s. Motion passes.

**Chair Richard Snader:** Thank you Mr. President. One other thing. We’ve also done 281 certificates recognizing member activity and that kind of thing. Folks I can’t tell you how disappointed I am at how few companies submitted their top responders. Something that simple, to get them recognition, here at the convention. I encourage you to go back and beat on your Chief Officers. There’s no reason that your top responders, your fire fighter of the year, every station has one. They should all be submitted. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Doyle E Cox:** Thank you. The remained of the committee reports are printed in the convention book.

At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce a gentleman, a friend. Mr. Jimmy Rose of Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad.

On December 31, 2008 Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department, tanker 2 was hit head on by a small dump truck while in route to a brush fire in Waldorf, Charles County. Although Jimmy’s injuries from the accident were serious, he is still recovering from them today. He’s a survivor, because he was wearing his seat belt. His story is about the role that the proper use of seat belts play while riding in an emergency vehicle. Mr. Jimmy Rose. (Applause)
Mr. Jimmy Rose: Good morning. My name is Jim Rose and I’m a fire fighter/EMT with the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. Charles County, Md. I’m here to tell you my story, which I hope will bring light to the importance of wearing seat belts while riding and driving on emergency apparatus.

It was New Year’s Eve 2008 and the weather was good. In fact, I remember it was very warm for December. There were pretty strong winds that day. I remember brush fires being dispatched by Charles County all over the county that day. And I decided to leave work early and head to the fire house to help out.

After I arrived at the station, Charles County dispatched tanker 2 at about 12:10 to a brush fire on Popular Hill Rd in Waldorf. Tanker 2 is a pumper tanker and a very large and heavy piece of apparatus that was built in 2003.

I got my bunker gear, hopped on tanker 2 in the officers seat and fastened my seat belt. Will FF Eddie McPhearson as my driver, we left the station with lights and siren activate and drove north toward Waldorf. It’s a very normal response. I’ve experienced that thousands of times before.

We turned on a road called Poplar Hill Rd and as we passed St. Peter’s Church a car heading in the other direction slowed or may have stopped completely, I don’t know which, to allow us to respond. Behind that vehicle Eddie and I saw a dump truck, a small one. We started to skid sideways and it was coming toward us. There was a lot of blue smoke coming from the tires of the trucks. The truck continued to skid out of control until the dump body was heading right toward us.

Eddie maneuvered the tanker to the left in an attempt to avoid the dump truck from hitting us. But he was unable to completely get out of its way. The dump truck struck the officers side about dead center right where I was sitting. I remember an extremely loud bang and then darkness which turned out to be the dirt that pelted me in the face when the tanker struck the large embankment that brought us to a stop.

It was very surreal, a very surreal feeling as I watched the truck come straight toward us. Everything was in slow motion until we struck and it felt like 200 miles an hour with a stop in a millisecond. The noise of the bending metal and the noise of the water in the tank suddenly being thrown forward, and the stressing of the tank mount are sounds that I will never forget.

The force of the crash turned out to be unbelievable and I want everybody to listen to this part. I’m told the kinetic energy from this collision was as if the tanker had hit a solid block of concrete at 100 miles per hour.

When the dump truck hit us it, it stopped in its tracks, overturned it, and sent it back
30 feet the other way. It finally came to rest on the edge of the road near the wood line. The energy from this impact tore off the passenger door, my door and threw it nearly 50 feet in front of the tanker with the windshield directly behind it.

The tanker finally came to rest with the cab completely buried in the embankment at a very large tree. At this point I looked over at Eddie, who was looking at me and I saw the look on his face. It was one of shock and as if he was saying to me; what the hell just happened? I watched Eddie jump up and go out the back of the cab between the cab and the front of the bucket. He grabbed the radio on his way out and after collecting his thoughts, and trying very, very hard not to panic, he radioed Charles County dispatch for help and informed them that the officer was seriously trapped and he had another victim trapped in an overturned truck. At this time I have an audio to play.

Tanker 2 Charles, Tanker 2 Charles, Tanker 2 go ahead. We’ve been involved in an accident Poplar Hill Rd near Gardner Rd, my officer is trapped in the vehicle. I need a couple squads started this way. Tanker 2, Gardner Rd and Poplar Hill Rd? That’s right. 34 to command, John you can have whatever you need. We’ve got this under control with Forestry. 34 to command we’ve got some medical here. Yea bring it. Chief 3 to Charles, I clearing in route to their location. Tanker 2 Charles, I’ve got another vehicle overturned, I’m checking it now. Tanker 12 Charles, I’m assuming command at this time. If you have anything you can just get back with me. Tanker 2 Charles, I got one trapped in the overturned truck also. Ok 2 subjects trapped. Yea, one in the fire truck and one in the overturned truck. Ok. Tanker 2 where are you? If you come in Gardner Rd, make a left heading towards 205. 124 Charles clear of the scene in route to the PI. Charles County Command. Brush Fire Command Go ahead. Ok right now we’re going to be sharing this channel with tanker 2, they’ve been involved in an accident. Ok. Chief 3 Charles put me on the scene. 144 to Chief 3, do we make a right or left on Poplar Hill? Make a left, I don’t have a portable so I’m going to be out of the unit. Copy Chief 3.

Squad 3, location again? Squad 3 Charles, Chief 3 I have a definite priority 1. Ok 3A 121 attended with 6. Ok 121. Attention units responding to Gardner Rd and Poplar Hill Rd, step it up priority 1.

Eddie was transported to this medical center and treated and released. Tanker 2 Charles, Tanker 2 Charles.

As I started to mentally process what had just happened, I began to check myself for injuries, I guess it’s the EMT. I started with my head and worked my way down. I had blood on my face and cuts caused by the flying glass and rocks. It seemed like I escaped and didn’t have any major injuries to my chest or abdomen that I could see or feel. Then I remember saying to myself, I’m ok. As I continued down my legs, I felt extreme pain. My right arm was now beginning to hurt as well. As I began to realize
what the impact of the collision had done, I will admit this, I started to panic. I started
yelling for Eddie. Please get me out.

The collision pushed everything back toward me. Pinned me up against the seat and
the dash board. My legs were pinned between the floor board and the seat structure.
I kept trying to free myself. I thought to myself, If I could just get out and to add to
the seriousness of the situation, the tankers motor was still running. It felt like it was
running at a fast idle. It was running real high. I began to think about it blowing up and
then I became potentially afraid the tanker itself was going to blow up.

The electronic siren was still sounding and making some really strange noises. The
wild scene was beginning to scare me and I thought that I truly might die. I continued
to try to free myself, but just couldn’t. I really have no idea how long I was trapped in
the cab of the tanker. It felt like hours. But actually it wasn’t that long. And I started
to hear sirens approach. I believe it was Chief 3A. I thought to myself, finally, some
help will be here soon.

Things really begin to move fast at this point and I remember there were people all over
the tanker. I don’t remember how many but I remember there were people on the front
bumper, leaning through the opening where the windshield used to be, coming up to
my right and coming up behind me.

Most of this is a blur as I continue to try to fee myself and finally the cavalry came.
Waldorf squad 3 showed up and after a very quick size up, they got their tools, spread
back the door frame and I was out. I remember it took several tries for them to get a
decent grip with the tool, but I was finally free, taken out of the tanker and placed in
ambulance 128.

The pain through that experience was excruciating. After being packaged as a patient
the medics decided I should be transported to P G General because the helicopters
weren’t flying that day due to the high winds. That turned out to be the longest ride of
my life. I felt every bump and every turn.

When I arrived at P G there were a lot of people there waiting for me. They started
poking me, taking x-rays, and quick MRI’s.

Due to technical difficulties in the audio/video taping, a brief section of this presentation
was not recorded.

Sample Standard Operating Procedure

As a template to create an SOP for your department or agency.
Rules to live by: use it as a template to live by:

- Know the laws of your state regarding seatbelt usage.
- Have written policies and procedures in place
- Educate/train members on the policies and procedures.
- Enforce the policy and have set standards for failure to engage the policy.
- Stress accountability of individuals and officers.

We must reinforce the use of seatbelts while the vehicle is in motion. Stress among fire fighters that the urgency of the mission does not lessen safety measures.

The perception of a fire fighter is an invincible risk taker. Riding on a vehicle that appears equally invincible. Each and every one of us must be convinced that our safety is important and we must be accountable for our actions. Every fire fighter should must be seated and belted in an approved position.

Have you signed the international first responder seat belt pledge? It’s as easy as one, two, three. Download the seatbelt pledge from their website, sign the pledge, and when you complete it fax to 410-721-6213 or email it back to seatbelthateveryonegoeshome.com. Your department is recognized with the international seat belt pledge, a certificate and your department will be posted on the everyonegoeshome.com web site.

A 100% seatbelt compliance certificate will be issued by your everyone goes home state advocate. This is a list of those who are currently compliant in the state of Maryland.

Be sure to visit one of these websites to obtain information about seat belt use in the fire service. In closing, I want to thank you for listening to me. Please buckle up and take that extra moment to make sure your fellow responders are buckled as well.

I would like to thank President Doyle Cox, the MSFA Safety Committee, it’s chairman Bobby Balta for allowing me to come up here and tell you my story. Terry Lloyd and the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation, who helped me put this presentation together. And finally I want to acknowledge my department for their support through this ordeal. The MSFA Trustees and especially, especially my wife Karen. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Doyle E Cox:** Jimmy, on behalf of the Association, we understand what you went through. We were there for you. We would like to present you with this expression of our thanks for your efforts and this presentation. It’s outstanding. Thank you (Applause)

Also a token of our appreciation. (Applause)

I’d like to recognize Victor Stagnaro, National Fallen Fire Fighters.
Victor Stagnaro: I’d like to call Jimmy Rose out here one more time very quickly. On behalf of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Everyone Goes Home Program, and the International Seat Belt Pledge, we have a small token of our appreciation for the fantastic job and the presentation you made today. A certificate, Jimmy Rose with the pledge, we are proud to be able to present this to you. Thank you and Karen for the time you took to put the presentation together. Thank you. (Applause)

As we know motor vehicle accidents continue to be the number 2 cause of Fire Fighter Fatalities. Messages like Jimmy’s help us to reinforce that. Recently the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation has partnered with a local celebrity to assist us with this important message.

It’s my pleasure to debut this public safety message right here at the 119th annual convention. If we can roll that video, that would be terrific.

Video show comparing race car driving and fire fighters buckled up safely in the car and the apparatus. Joey Lagono delivered the safety message of Joe Gibbs racing on behalf of National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation.

That video promoting seat belt safety shown here today will be presented to stress the importance of the efforts, now that we’ve announced it here.

Also one other presentation I’d like to make quickly, if I could have, Chief Goddard of the Howard County Department of Fire Rescue Services, Deputy Chief Jeff King, Julie Casey, County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association President and Rich Rule the President of Local 2000 step up. Since I’ve been with the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation, we’ve had a seal of excellence. This is the first time that we’ve presented it in over a year. The award is presented to individuals or groups or fire rescue or EMS departments that demonstrate a commitment to the 16 life safety initiatives and their contribution in reducing the number of fire fighter fatalities and line of duty deaths.

Consideration and selection of the award is based on the contribution and a clear commitment to safety and its members and the fire service at large. The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services has demonstrated its commitment by insuring that every member of its department has receive the Everyone Goes Home, Courage to be Safe course and that every officer is given the Everyone Goes Home leadership accountability culture knowledge course.

Chief Goddard with the assistance of Chief Deputy Jeff King helped us design a new buckle up decal which is specifically designed to go inside the apparatus to remind fire fighters to wear their seatbelt inside. Chief King is retiring from the department after 38 years of loyal and dedicated service to that department and its citizens and we are
delighted that we were able to tap into his talents to help us with the decal.

Chief Goddard on behalf of the Everyone Goes Home program it’s my distinct pleasure to present the Howard County Department of Fire Rescue Services with the distinguished seal of excellence. Through your leadership and collaborative effort to the members of your staff, the volunteer association and the union and I know you are well on your way in getting 100% pledge to the seat belt pledge. (Shakes hand and presents certificate) (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: At this time I’d like to recognize Gene Curfman, Chairman of the Volunteer Company Assistance Trust Fund.

Chairman Gene Curfman: Good morning. Our report is on pages 97 and continued on 99. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank my committee who spent a lot of hours this year rewriting our guidelines. Joe Antoszewski, Jason Baer, Secretary Pat Bowser, Johnny Gatton Sr., Craig Harman, Darren Long, Dave McQuay, Bill Lay Sr. Pete Lott, Steven White, Joe, Robinson, and a thanks to the attorney Mike Farlow, and assistant treasurer Lee Sachs.

One final comment, we have money to loan. And yes it takes a period of time to get through the whole process now with the state, but if you’re considering replacing a piece of apparatus sometime next year, consider it. We’ve got somewhere around $5 Million dollars to loan. This is a way to get some cheap money. Thank you very much.

President Doyle E Cox: At this time I’d like to recognize Dennis Skinner, Chairman of the Constitution and By Laws.

Chairman Dennis Skinner: Presidents Cox, Association Officers, delegates and guests to the 119th annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Our report is on page 47 of convention book. This year there are three questions on the ballot. Question 1 increases the number of members on the Executive Committee and the Volunteer Company Assistance Board from 12 to 13.

Question 2 changes the name of the financial review committee to the financial committee and defines the duties and members of the committee.

Questions 3 removes the standards from the By Laws and places them in Standard Operating Procedures.

A reminder that voting will be conducted for two hours on Tuesday morning starting at 8AM. The committee thanks the association for the opportunity to serve and looks forward to serving the association in the coming year. Thank you. (Applause)
President Doyle E Cox: I’d like to recognize Doug Alexander Chairman of the Sprinkler Committee.

Chairman Doug Alexander: Good morning. I’d like to give you just a quick rundown of the residential sprinkler committee and our activities this year. I’d like to ask for any members of the residential sprinkler committee to please join me on stage as we do have a couple awards we’d like to pass out.

Currently at this time we have 14 counties of the 23 counties in Maryland that have some residential sprinkler requirements in place. We have 93 out of 157 municipalities with residential sprinkler requirements in place. We are making pretty good progress in convincing people in the state on how important residential sprinklers are. I will be the first one to tell you that since the election back in November, we have found a lot resistance from some of the tea party candidates and so forth who don’t understand residential sprinklers, so we do have a job ahead of us in making sure our governmental officials understand the importance of residential sprinklers as time moves forward.

If Past President Lee Sachs, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, Committee Vice Chair Dick Green, if any of these folks are in the room, please come to the stage at this time, we’d appreciate it. I have two awards.

In April this year the residential sprinkler committee was recognized by the National Sprinkler Association and presented the leadership in public safety award. This plaque was received back in April by the residential sprinkler committee and at this time we’d like to present this plaque and a second one we have here to the Association.

The second plaque we have is from the Partners for a Safer Maryland and it is the Community Safety. It is presented to our committee and it’s for the safety of the citizens in Maryland. This particular committee is made up of folks from health departments, kids in safety seats, Mothers against drunk driving, State Fire Marshal’s Office and different organizations like this to support safety amongst the citizens of Maryland.

At this time if we could have one of the presidents to come out, I’d like to present these to them. (President Cox comes out to accept the plaques.) (Applause)

At this time we have several awards we’d like to present. When the residential sprinkler committee was first formed, back in 2005, under Past President Lee Sachs, come up on the stage, State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, I wish you would come up as well. Ok. We have, when the committee was formed we put together a relationship with several agencies across the state, the State Fire Marshal’s Office, the Fire Prevention Committee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, MFRI, FABSCOM, Coalition of Maryland all got together and we went together as a team to start the residential sprinkler concept across the state.
At this time I’d like to present a plaque to the, each of these organizations for their assistance. If we could have a representative from MFRI, FABSCOM, the Fire Prevention Life Safety Committee of the MSFA, Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal and the Maryland Fire Chiefs, if you would all come up, I’d like to present each of you with a plaque of appreciation. (Plaques presented to agency representatives) (Applause)

The Office of the Fire Marshal represented by Mr. Jack Wagner, actually he’s here for FABSCOM, thank you very much.

Do we have anyone here from Maryland Fire Chiefs? I know they have a booth downstairs. Any Deputy Fire Marshal from the Fire Marshal’s Office? We have Chief Roger Steger here to accept for the Maryland Fire Chiefs. And we have Bob Collins, Chairman of the Life Safety Committee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And we’ll have Mark Bilger Deputy State Fire Marshal to accept for the Fire Marshal’s Office.

Stay here for just a second folks. Wayne, Mark can you hold on for just a second? To kind of close out my report, I’d like to thank everyone for your support for the past six years that I’ve been chairman of this committee. I have asked not to be appointed chairman this year and President Lewis has granted that request. We do have what I think is an extremely qualified chairman coming forward and I’d certainly ask that everyone support and assist him as you have me over the past six years. Incoming chairman will be Dick Green from Gamber and Community Fire Department and we certainly thank him for stepping up. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: This morning Lee was kind of late coming up. He was supposed to come up and accept the award that Doug presented to the State Association. Six years ago Lee appointed the first sprinkler committee and from there we see what it’s moved into, over the past six years. I’d like recognize Lee as taking the initiative of appointing this committee for a job well done six years ago.

With that it gives me an honor to, and I guess in another way it’s kind of sad, that he has decided to step down as chairman, but I have a plaque for Doug Alexander recognizing him for the six years he has served as chairman. Throughout his leadership the program has grown to be a model for the rest of the nation. The sprinkler is being contacted by other organizations other states wanting to know how he developed a program, what they are doing, what the success we’ve had over the years. Yes, there have been some down falls, but still it is a very successful program and it will continue to grow. One day we will have a state law that wills residential sprinklers in every single family dwelling.

With that Doug for the six years that you served as chairman, you’ve done an outstanding job. I’d like to present you with this plaque. (Applause)
At this time I’d like to recognize Mr. Jim Seavey, Volunteer Fire Council.

Chairman Jim Seavey: Good morning delegates, alternates and members of the association. Thank you President Cox. I’m probably the only one here today who’s enjoying the fact that it’s raining having been the operations chief at the U S Open for the last 10 days. I wanted to make sure we got through it on Sunday or they would have continued play today and that would have robbed me of another convention day to be down here. It can rain all it wants in my book.

Please look at the report in your convention program book on page 89. It’s an annual report from your Directors from the National Volunteer Fire Council. I don’t want to go over it line item by line item, I’ll just highlight the largest changes in the past year.

The National Volunteer Fire Council in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of medicine, started a Heart, Healthy, and Wellness Program in 12 fire departments and focus groups across state. These groups were given education, additional dietary supplies, and meal altering tips to help them achieve their goals.

The 12 departments have already made remarkable changes in the eating habits and the wellness of the participants. Mind you this wasn’t a diet; it wasn’t some kind of quick scheme. This is a certified program that looks at changing how we eat. Of those 12 departments I am pleased to report that your biggest loser was one of your Past Presidents, Steve Cox who lost 42 lbs in the six months of the program. (Applause)

John Hopkins has done a check of the 12 departments and they are going to come back to see if we maintain our programs and our weights.

There’s a new EMS Section that was started within the National Volunteer Fire Council because it was the opinion of the majority of the council, that the needs of the EMS personnel on the volunteer side were not sufficiently being addressed. Past President Lee Sachs and your Director helped forge that team and that section and it’s now a full stand alone section with its own board that falls under the umbrella of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

The volunteer advocacy committee website which can be found when you go to the home page nvfc.org, is a web site for volunteers in trouble. I reported last year that we were getting numerous requests for assistance on the two hatter issue for those persons within our service that are both career and volunteer. I’m pleased to report that this past year that website, the number of contacts has tripled over the year prior and it’s continuing to grow. We’re very proud of being able to assist personnel with a variety of issues back in their home departments when possible.

The NVFC is the main national advocacy group adding our service in the everyday
volunteer provider. The top five priorities on a National level for the coming year are going to be:

- Preserving assistance to fire fighters funding the AFG grants
- Nationwide broad band communications network issues
- The Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act
- The Volunteer responders Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act
- The Volunteer Fire Fighter and EMS job Protection Act

It is certainly an honor and a privilege for Director Sachs and myself to have served under President Cox and we look forward to continuing to serve your best interest in the future.

Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: I'd like to recognize Ron Siarnicki convention committee.

Chairman Ron Siarnicki: Good morning again. It’s a pleasure to provide the first convention committee report. As you can tell there’s a lot of changes that have occurred this year as a result of what we thought was going to be some construction here at the convention center. That got delayed. The plan is still in changing the south side loading dock after our convention and then begins working on the deck out back. If you’re not familiar what’s going on the convention center is adding an addition of more square footage of exhibit space, both in the lower level and upper level on the bay side of the convention center. That’s probably going to be a two year project that will affect the next two conventions.

They are also planning to turn this hall into a performing arts theatre and it will be two tiered. It may in fact infringe on exhibit hall C which is directly below us, so we’re working directly with the convention center staff in Ocean City to try to keep tabs on the construction process. But while that construction is going on there’s going to be continuing room changes and presentation changes based on the square footage of the exhibit hall and education conference space we have available, so it’s going to be different for the next couple years. But hopefully we’ll get through as we did the construction before when the new exhibit hall was added several years ago. They are working directly with us and we do have some input on the process.

I wanted to bring you up to date on that and I wanted thank everyone who serves on the convention committee steering committee in making things happen. I will have some continuing reports through the next couple days.

The one piece I did want to talk about today is the event tonight. We are scheduled to have our family night tonight at Jolly Roger Amusement Park. I know a lot of people have bought tickets for that already. The current weather forecast is the rain will be out of here by 4 PM. So we are meeting with the park staff today. Our plan is to go
forward unless the park closes due to inclement weather. They will not run the go cart tracks or some of the electrical equipment if it’s raining, so we are looking at options. If we have to, we have a potential of moving the family night to Tuesday night, do it Tuesday evening or we may have to just continue with the food, because of course the food has been purchased and that’s something we can’t return. But we may refund the amusement park ride tickets. That’s still to be decided. There will be a decision this afternoon once we get the updates from the National Weather Service, the mayor has put his staff and public safety office to help us. Right now everything is still set to go but we are looking at other options in case the weather does not get out of here the rain does not get out of here in time for Jolly Roger.

So I just wanted to again say hello and if there’s anything you need from any of us, the convention committee is running around here at all the different work sites with id tags. Just come on and ask us and we’ll be happy to help you. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Doyle E Cox:** Ladies and gentlemen, I guess it’s that time of year again; it’s time to start the nominations for the association. Are there any nominations for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association?

At this time I’d like to recognize Wylie Donaldson.

**Wyle Donaldson:** Thank you Mr. President. On behalf of the Officers and members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, I am privileged and honored to place into nomination the name of David W. Lewis for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

David has very successfully served his terms as 2nd and 1st Vice President of the MSFA. He has travelled the state far and wide learning the concerns and problems of the member companies. He has also sought the advice and knowledge of many people in order to better be prepared to serve them as their President.

David was very active with the Legislative Committee this year working on behalf of the MSFA in these very difficult economic times. While David has worked tirelessly for the MSFA, he continues to remain active in his home company and the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. As the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association, he is often called upon to provide direction and advice on many issues concerning the Association. David is currently leading the effort to redirect the County’s Length of Service Award Program.

David is in every respect dedicated and committed in his endeavor to help the fire service in the state of Maryland. He has the full support of his family, the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, and the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Fighters
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Association for his journey as President. He is prepared and more than deserving of this prestigious position.

I ask that you join me in supporting his nomination and as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you Mr. President. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: At this time I’d like to recognize Mr. Phil Hurlock.

Phil Hurlock PP: Good morning. Officers, Delegates, Past Presidents and guests of the 119th annual convention and conference, I am both honored and pleased to second the nomination of David W. Lewis to the high office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The past two years have given David the opportunity to listen to the concerns of our member companies at various associations and help him as he prepares to take the helm as President. The Office of President can be both a rewarding and learning experience and Dave looks forward to your comments and suggestions on how improvements can be made in the fire and EMS service in the state of Maryland.

In working with President Cox and Vice President Denver during the past year this opportunity has given him a broader knowledge of the Office of President and what the roles and responsibilities will be. I personally feel that Dave will welcome the ideas that are passed along and will take each of those into consideration as he leads the Association into the next year.

During the past two years Dave has worked very closely with our elected officials in Annapolis in learning the legislative process as well as protecting the interest of the emergency services as well as our funding sources. With our current economical situation we must continue this process and work with our legislative committee on bills of particular interest to the fire service.

As the term of President Cox comes to a close, Dave will continue with some of the programs that are currently in existence and ask for your support as he seeks his goals and objectives for the coming year. In closing I’d like to thank you for your support for voting for David W. Lewis as the next President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and we wish Dave and his wife a safe journey.

I would also like to read off the names of other officers, Past Presidents and member of associations that would like to second the nomination as well. In joining me in the nomination are all the current officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, the members of the Executive Committee, each of the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, the entire delegation representing the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, certainly the Officers
and Members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, and most importantly David’s wife Gloria, their two children Tracy and David Jr., grandchildren Ashley, Tina and Noah who are certainly here today to second his nomination for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you.  (Applause)

Westminster band lead the candidate and personnel around the hall.

**President Doyle E Cox:** Are there any more nominations for the Office of President? Are there any more nominations for the Office of President? I’ll accept a motion for the nominations to be closed.

Motion made and seconded. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, opposed none motion carries.

At this time I open the nominations for the Office of First Vice President. Recognize Past President Steve Cox.

**Steve Cox PP:** Thank you Mr. President. I’d ask John Denver, his wife Anna Marie, his son Michael, daughter in law Angela, grandchildren Allison and Austin, and his daughter’s home, she’s a teacher but she’s here in spirit to come out on stage.

Also I ask Bill Caldwell of the Board of Directors of the Singerly Fire Company, Kenny Streets, Deputy Chief of Singerly Fire Company, Eileen Edelin Secretary of the ladies auxiliary to come out and join me on stage.

President Cox, Officers, Delegates and guests of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I have the distinguished honor to represent President Don Hicks and the Officers and members of the Singerly Fire Company today and I take great pride in nominating John Denver for the Office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

John is the third of four generations to serve Singerly Fire Company. John has been an active member of Singerly Fire Company since 1968. He has served on numerous committees, served on the Board of Directors for 19 years and served the offices of 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President of that department. He’s been an active emergency services provider, he’s served as an EMT, driver, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Deputy Chief of that department.

John has represented Singerly Fire Company for many years as a delegate to the Cecil County Firemen’s Association and the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association. He has served on and chaired numerous committees for both associations. John is a Past president of both those associations. John has been inducted into the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame.
John is a member of the Cecil County Firemen’s Association task force and worked with Cecil County officials to establish Cecil County’s apparatus replacement fund. He was appointed to the Cecil County Firemen’s Association Board of Trustees that oversees the replacement program and has served as chair of the Board of Trustees.

John has been a delegate to the Maryland Stated Firemen’s Association convention for many years. He has served on numerous MSFA committees including Legislative and Executive Committees. John has been inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame. He served this association last year as our Second Vice President.

In addition to his activities in the volunteer fire service, John has gained considerable experience during his career in the utility industry. John taught structural fire fighting to employees to a number of east coast utilities for eight years. For eight years John worked in community relations, corporate communications and marketing governmental affairs. His responsibilities included working with community groups, new media and Local County and state agencies, and elected officials. Those skills served him well in the past and served him as Second Vice President this past year.

John retired as a Senior Public Affairs Manager after 37 years. John was a MFRI instructor for many years where he always gained respect from his students both in the classroom and on the practical training ground.

John earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Management from Eastern University. John proudly represents his company and county as did G. Mitchell Bolden over 65 years ago when President Bolden served this association.

It is with great pride that I place the name of John Denver for the Office of First Vice President of this great association. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: I’d like to recognize Buddy Schweers, Vice President Harford/Cecil Association.

Vice President Schweers: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. President Cox, Officers, Delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

On behalf of the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association, President Austin Amos and the rest of the officers it’s my great honor to second the nomination of John Denver for the Office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

John has worked extremely hard this year and has travelled many, many miles across our great state to assist and meet our member companies and their associations. John has show his dedication and I’m asking for your continued support as a leader in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
As previously was stated John was a member of Singerly Fire Department, joined in 68 and held various officers including up to Deputy Chief and administrative offices including First Vice President.

John served on numerous committees and Past President of the Cecil County Firemen’s Association. Served on numerous committees and He is a Past President and member of the Hall of Fame for the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association.

He served on the Executive Committee and Legislative Committee, chair of the recruitment and retention committee and chair of the marketing subcommittee and member of the MSFA Hall of Fame for the state firemen’s association.

At this time I’d like to call the following members to the stage to assist in seconding the nomination of John J. Denver and support him as the incoming First Vice President of this association.


Also Jackie Olson, Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, John Long, Chief Chaplain, MSFA, Hobie Howell PP Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Austin Amos PP and current President of Harford/Cecil Association, Robyn Sheldon Hahn PP LASMSFA, Bill Lay PP Harford/Cecil Firemen’s Association, Bill Caldwell Board of Directors Singerly Fire Co, Kenny Streets Deputy Chief Singerly, Eileen Edelin Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary Singerly Fire Co, also a member there for 30 years and membership chairman for 20, Richard Brooks Parliamentarian of the MSFA, Mitch Vocke Assistant Treasurer MSFA, Ben Kurtz Executive Committee member MSFA, and also I’d like to invite all the members of the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association to come forward and show your support for John.

Thank you very much.

Westminster band lead the candidate and personnel around the hall.

**President Doyle E Cox:** Are there any other nominations for the Office of First Vice President? Are there any nominations additional for the Office of First Vice President? Entertain a motion.

Motion made and second First Vice President be closed. All in favor say aye, opposed none, Ayes have it.
Are there any nominations for the Office of Second Vice President?

At this time I’d like to recognize Dale Fishack.

**Dale Fishack:** At this time I’d like to introduce the candidate for Second Vice President of the 119th convention of the MSFA Glen Fishack. I would like to call Glen’s family to come out and join him, his wife Margaret, his daughter Rebecca, his grandson Chandler, his other grandson Logan and his daughter in law Paige.

It gives me great honor to introduce to you my father whose been a member of the Smithburg Fire Department for over 51 years where he’s held the position of Director, Line Officer, and President for 25 years. He’s a third generation fire fighter in that company.

During his tenure at the Smithburg Volunteer Fire Department, he undertook the building of a new building bringing the department out of debt and brings it into clear financial means in the future. He also updated and purchased many new pieces of apparatus replacing a very aging fleet.

He also currently serves as the President of the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. He is now in his fourth year term. During his tenure as the President he acquired $1.6 Million in funds for the EMS companies in Washington County where they could pay their own personnel to fund the positions which were needed such as medics and drivers.

He is a proven leader, which was proven by his service in the US Army and the Army reserves which he’s retired after 33 years as a Sergeant Major.

He’s retired from Mack trucks of 44 years. He serves as a director on the MSFA Foundation serves as a representative to the MSFA Legislative Committee, he’s appointed to the Maryland State Board of Amusements and Rides by the Governor, he’s chairman of Washington County Water and Sewer Commission, and he’s also a member of the Smithburg, Maryland Parks and Recreation Board.

Glen’s candidacy and platform this year has been a merger of both the youth of this association and elders of this organization trying to bring those together and lead us into the future. Glen’s proven his leadership in the positions he’s held in the past 51 years in the fire and rescue service and has always strived to merge those with wisdom and youth who have the vision of our future.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Glen Fishack.

Now I’d like to ask Jim Seavey to come out and second the nomination.
Jim Seavey: Good morning. It gives me great pleasure and my fellow members of the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Association in seconding the nomination of this great man, Glen Fishack. From his days at the Mack truck company to the recent years of leading the Washington County Fire Rescue Association and moving the fire and emergency services of Washington County forward, Glen is a test proven leader. Glen has what it takes to expand our vision well into the 21st Century. Glen’s been a dear friend for 25 years and I personally along with others have relied on his advice and counsel due to his proven track record in the Smithsburg community and Washington County.

It is indeed an honor and privileged to call the following persons to join me in seconding this nomination. PP Frank Underwood, PP Roger Powell, PP Robert Jacobs, Assistant Secretary Ron Watkins, Trustee Doug Alexander, PP Paul Sterling, PP Terry Thompson, PP Carroll Co Mark Bilger, PP Frederick Co Chip Jewell, PP Montgomery Co Jim Snyder, PP Joe Robison, Bobby Blake Smithsburg Fire Department, PP Anne Arundel Harvey Woods, Executive Committee Dave Keller, PP Washington Co Jason Baer, PP Gene Worthington, President Montgomery County Fire Rescue Association Marcine Goodloe, PP Harford/Cecil Buddy Schweers, Maryland Fire Chiefs Fire Prevention Queen Jennifer Varsey, and from the Washington County Volunteer Association Rick Hemphill, Rick Blair, Eric Goss, Brian Lowman, and Skip Menzes.

Please join me in congratulating our future Vice President Glen Fishack.

Westminster band lead the candidate and personnel around the hall.

President Doyle E Cox: I’d like to recognize Past President Robert Knippenburg.

PP Robert Knippenburg: Thank you Mr. President. Officers, Past Presidents and Delegates it’s a distinct honor for me to introduce to you a candidate from Western Maryland for the Office of Second Vice President. He’s not only a friend; he’s a coworker with me at Chessie Credit Union, as a volunteer and as a brother fire fighter.

I’d like to have John Wolford and his wife Debbie to come out here on stage. John has not only served his county, the state and the country, but he has been a backbone of support for the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department in Allegany County where he’s a member.

John served in the 12 Air Force from 1965 – 1969 with an honorable discharge. John has served on the Board of Directors at Chessie Credit Union for 25 years as a volunteer and during this time has held the positions as Director, Secretary, Vice Chairman, and this year John was elected as Chairman of the Board.

John started his career as an EMT with the LaVale Rescue Squad, again in Allegany
County. John served as EMT from 1970 – 1976. He’s been in Bowling Green Fire Department since 1984. He’s held the offices of President for 3 years, Vice President 2 years, Trustee 3 years, Bingo Committee 10 years, and the ways and means committee for 15 years.

Back in 1985 John was selected as the fire fighter of the year for Bowling Green. He has served as a delegated to the Allegany County Fire & Rescue Association since 1984. He has serve on the ways and means committee and the bylaws and safety committees of our association.

What has he done in the state? Well he had one of those jobs that nobody ever sees. That’s the people that sit here on the left and do the registration and get you started as you walk in the door as a delegate. He served on that since, lost my way here, He served on that and the safety committee since 2009.

What did John do as an employee? Well he served with the Western Maryland Hospital system for 38 years. Now retired, John being retired did not leave the Hospital System, he is a community minded person, he is now a volunteer at the gift shop two days a week to assist the people who have victims or people in the hospital, and so John enjoys spending time with his family and friends. I’ll just give you a list of his family. He is married to Deborah. They have 4 children, Julie Reeves and husband Robie, Paul Dowellman and special friend Tony, Richard, sorry, Kimberly Grabenstein and husband Richard, and John E. Wolford and wife Laura. They are the parents of nine grandchildren.

This gentleman has served as I said in the beginning, a synopsis, he served the county, he’s served the state and it’s indeed a pleasure for me to stand here and introduce John Wolford as a candidate for Second Vice President. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: Recognize John Shuhart.

John Shuhart: It’s a pleasure for me to place my second for John Wolford for candidate for Second Vice President. Also I would not reiterate all that Bob Knippenburg has said about John, it would be repetitious. Seconds are: Pete Walberd Chaplain MSFA, PP Roger Powell, Ron Bowser Secretary Allegany Garrett Firemen’s Association, Pat Bowser, Barbara Knippenburg President Allegany Firemen’s Association, Dona Struntz, Samatha Struntz, Joe Struntz, Lou Jonske, Mike Helsfelder, Ron Grabenstein, Joe Robison, Dennis Bonner, Tim Growden, John Frapp, Harry Clark, Seth Miller, Dave Childs, Linda Horsman, Frank Horsman, Mary Carr, and Miss Fire Prevention Queen Jennifer Varsey.

Any other people from Allegany/Garret present who would like to support John, we are welcome ya to join us.
President Doyle E Cox: Recognize PP Roger Steger.

PP Roger Steger: Good morning. President Cox, Officers and delegates. It is an honor and privilege to nominate my friend Ms. Jackie Olson for the Office of Second Vice President.

Jackie serves as a volunteer fire fighter and EMT at the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company in Anne Arundel County where she’s been for 21 years. She has served the State Firemen’s Association in the following positions: Vice Chair of the Fire Prevention Committee under Carl Edelin 1999 – 2000, member of the safety committee for six years, serving as chair under PP Terry Thompson 2003 -2004. She has served as Assistant Secretary for 7 years under Secretary and PP Leonard King and she was elected in 2009 and reelected in 2010 to serve as our Secretary.

Jackie has served two terms as President of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association and she has served 5 years as Secretary of the Maryland Fire Chief’s Association and 2 years as Assistant Treasurer of the Maryland Fire Chiefs.

I feel Jackie has the experience, the knowledge, and commitment and the leadership skill to lead our association into the future. She’s been approved to run for the office by the Fire Chief of Anne Arundel County who is her employer Chief John Ray. So at this time I’d like to present Jackie Olson for the Office of Second Vice President. Thank you (Applause)

President Doyle E Cox: Recognize PP Steve Cox

PP Steve Cox: Thank you President Cox. It’s a pleasure for me to second the nomination of Jackie Olson for Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

With me today is her husband Jay who is the Chief of the Ferndale Fire Company who also is seconding the nomination. I’d like to call the following people out; PP George Fred Cross, PP Danny Davis, PP Bobby Jacobs, PP Carl Edelin, PP Jenks Mattingly, PP Tommy Mattingly, PP Roger Powell, PP Lee Sachs, PP Gene Worthington, PP Richard Yinger, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Chief Chaplain John Long, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, Chair next year Wylie Donaldson, Balto Co Rosedale Jack Mosda, and I would ask the members of Ferndale to come up please. PP Carl Edelin, President Talbot Co Tom Dam, President Eastern Shore Firemen’s Association Gene Ahrem, Arren, excuse me, Richard Smith Oxford Fire Co and PP Eastern Shore Firemen’s Association, PP Bill Lay, PP Harford Cecil Rusty Leftwich, Executive Committee members Dave Keller, Ben Kurtz, Assistant Treasurer Mitch Vocke and all
others that would like to second the nomination please come forward at this time.

Mr. President its pleasure to second the nomination for Jackie Olson for Second Vice President.

Westminster band lead the candidate and personnel around the hall.

**President Doyle E Cox:** Are there any other nominations for the Office of Second Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Second Vice President? Do I have a motion. Motion made and second. All in favor say aye, opposed None. Motion carries.

Are there any nominations for the Office of Secretary?

I recognize PP Tommy Mattingly.

**PP Tom Mattingly:** Thank you Mr. President. It’s my honor today to stand before this great association to nominate Joseph A. Cooper of the Bay District Fire Department for the Office of Secretary.

Joe has served for 49 years in his home company at Bay District. He has served as its Fire Chief and its Secretary for 35 years. He served as President of the Southern Maryland Firemen’s Association and its Secretary for 10 years. He has served as Secretary for the St Mary’s County Fire Board for 35 years. He has served the MSFA for 12 years as Assistant Secretary preparing the minutes and actions of the State Association. He’s been attending the MSFA convention for over 40 years and has been dedicated to the efforts of the MSFA.

He remains active today in his own home company, Bay District, the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and very active in the MSFA. It is my great privilege to nominate the name of Joseph Cooper of the Bay District Fire Company for the Office of Secretary. Please join me in electing Joe as Secretary. (Applause & Cheers)

**President Doyle E Cox:** Recognize PP Steve Cox

**PP Steve Cox:** Thank you Mr. President. It’s a pleasure for me to stand before you and second the nomination of Joe Cooper for Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

As PP Mattingly told you, Joe has served this Association well over the years and I am pleased to second his nomination. Along with me to second his nomination are: PP George Fred Cross, PP Danny Davis, PP Bobby Jacobs, PP Carl Edelin, PP Jenks Mattingly, PP Tommy Mattingly, PP Roger Powell, PP Lee Sachs, PP Gene Worthington,
Mr. President, the seconds for the nomination of Joe Cooper for the Office of Secretary.

President Doyle E Cox: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary?  Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary?

Do I have a motion?  Nomination made and second to close.  All those in favor say aye, opposed No, So ordered.

Are there any nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Recognize PP Robert Jacobs

PP Robert Jacobs: Thank you Mr. President.  Vice President Lewis and Denver, Officers, Delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association it is an honor and a pleasure to place the nomination before this body my associate and friend Ronald J. Siarnicki for the Office of Treasurer.

Ron has served as Treasurer since 2005 demonstrating his talents, knowledge and determination by maintaining the fiscal affairs of this association to its fullest. Since being elected to the office of treasurer, he has continued to demonstrate the outstanding commitment to the MSFA be serving on many committees and chairing the convention committee for the last several years.

While serving as Executive Director of the National Fallen Fire Fighter Foundation, Ron has worked diligently and has shown great expertise in maintaining the fiscal affairs of this organization and will continue to do so in the future to ensure that all regulations and mandates are met and that this organization is in compliance accordingly.

Ron’s fire service commitment has been well over 30 years as a volunteer, career fire fighter, retiring as the department’s Chief, and currently is an active member of the United Communities Fire Company in Stevensville.

In addition to his fire service duties he has taken the opportunity to get away from his daily duties by relaxing on a small farm in Caroline County. From the fire truck to the tractor, he does it all. And it is done well. As I previously stated, Rom demonstrates commitment, talent, and knowledge that is difficult to challenge.

Please reelect Ronald J. Siarnicki to the office of Treasurer. Please welcome Ron to the stage with a huge round of applause for a job well done. Ron Siarnicki. (Applause)
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President Doyle E Cox: Recognize PP Fred Cross

PP Fred Cross: Good morning. Officers, guests, fire fighters and EMS personnel, it is an honor and a pleasure to stand before you this morning and second the nomination of Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki for the Office of Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Since Ron took over as MSFA Treasurer he has organized the finances and kept the MSFA solvent. It is my honor to be part of that team. In order to save time PP Lee Sachs has polled all the Past President, Trustees, Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Financial Secretary and it was unanimous of their support for Ron. If any are back stage, please come out. Also Fran Crisman wants to come out and anybody wants to come up on stage come up to second the nomination.

President Doyle E Cox: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Treasurer?

Are there any other nominations for the Office of Treasurer?

Motion made to close the nominations. Motion made and I have a second. All in favor say aye, opposed no, petition passes.

Are there any nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain?

Recognizing Jay Olson

Jay Olson: Good morning. The Officers and members of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company would like to nominate Rev. John F. Long Jr. for Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

John has held this office since being elected in 2005 at this convention. His dedication to the members of the MSFA, the fire service and families is outstanding. No matter what time of day, weather conditions, members of the Maryland fire service can count on John Long to answer the call.

John has been a volunteer fire fighter and EMT since 1975 and a dedicated driver with the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. He drives the engine, squad and ambulance each week for a 24 hour shift. Each year since coming to Ferndale, he’s been recognized as a top responded in our company.

John also serves as the chaplain of the Anne Arundel County Fire Fighters Association providing spiritual guidance to career and volunteer fire fighters throughout the county. Besides his chaplaincy qualifications, John is certified as critical incident stress management, a vital asset to our emergency service. He also serves on the Maryland local assistance team for the Maryland Fire Fighters Foundation assisting companies
and families in a line of duty occurs.

He holds the office of Mid Atlantic Director of the American Federation of Chaplains and is a Federation instructor. This past fall at the Federation conference he was recognized for his dedication to the Federation, Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland.

It is with this dedication and the spirit of servitude that makes us feel that Rev. John F. Long Jr. is the right choice as Chief Chaplain for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you.

President Doyle E Cox: Recognize Dennis Skinner, Avalon Shores

Dennis Skinner: President Cox, Officers, Delegates and guests to the 119th convention. It’s my pleasure as the PP of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and President of the Avalon Shores Volunteer Fire Department to second the nomination of John Long Jr. as Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Rev. Long provides many hours of comfort to injured fire fighters and their families and I know how comforting his presence can be at the time of personal loss. Therefore it is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of John Long, a true servant of the fire service and God as Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you.

President Doyle E Cox: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain?

Entertain a motion to close nominations. I have a motion. Do I have a second. I have a second.

All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, opposed no, motion carries.

Open for nominations for Trustee.

I recognize Clarence Carpenter PP

PP Clarence Carpenter: It gives me a great deal of pleasure Mr. President to nominate my son C. Dan Carpenter III for the Office of Trustee of this great association.

Danny is a very hard worker. He works hard for his company, for his county, Southern Maryland, and the State of Maryland. He absolutely deserves another chance, term as Trustee to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

President Doyle E Cox: Recognize PP Danny Davis
PP Danny Davis: Thank you. President Cox, Officers and delegates, alternates and honored guests. I stand before you today to second the nomination of C. Daniel Carpenter II to the Office of Trustee to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Danny has served in this position for the last 5 years. He is an iatrical member of the Trustees. He has developed and maintained a brochure on line of duty deaths and the forms needed and who to contact.

Danny has served this Association over the years as a member of various committees, such as low interest loan, transportation, special activities, standards, as chair of the Executive Committee. Danny is a member of the MSFA and SMVFA Hall of Fame.

He has served the Southern Maryland Association as President and his department as Chief. Danny is a friend and I am asking you to support and elect C. Daniel Carpenter II as Trustee to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Joining me in seconding Danny’s nomination are: MSFA Past Presidents, MSFA Trustees, and the current officers of the MSFA. Thank you.

President Doyle E Cox: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Trustee? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Trustee?
Entertain a motion. Motion to close the nominations for Trustee. I have a motion. All in favor say aye, opposed no, motion carries.

Accepting nominations for the location of the 2016 Convention.

Recognizing PP Roger Steger

PP Roger Steger: Good afternoon. I would like to make a nomination for the 2016 convention would be June 18 – June 22, 2016 in Ocean City. Also Mr. President on the ballot there’s a question that was approved that needs to be voted on the ballot. I make a motion to have it in Ocean City those years too. Thank you.

Richard Yinger PP: I second it.

President Doyle E Cox: Are there further nominations 2016? Are there further nominations for convention 2016?

Do I have a motion? I have a motion. All in favor say aye, opposed no, hearing none motion carries.

I will entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for all offices that
are unopposed with the exception of the Office of Secretary and the President will cast that ballot.

Do I have a motion? I have a motion, motion made and second. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, opposed no, motion carries.

I want to name the judges and tellers. John Spiker, John Rose, Eileen Edelin, Alan Thompson, Skip Menzie, John Shuhart, Jason Miller, Pete Walbert, Debbie Carey, Galif Bender, John Spiker.

The Harford/Cecil caucus has been moved to room 214.

Ok at this time this session will be recessed until 1:00.

President pounds the gavel.
President Doyle E. Cox: I call the 2nd Session of the 119th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to order. At this time I would like to recognize Director Richard Muth of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

Richard G. Muth, Director MEMA: Thank you. Good afternoon everyone. This is actually my fourth time addressing this association and every time it has always been an honor. I appreciate the opportunity to be here. I know many of you may not know what MEMA does as an organization but we probably touch you one way or the other within your jurisdictions any time you would have a large scale event, including large scale fires or building collapse and that type of thing. And that is our role to organize state resources to any type of emergency.

And throughout the past year, it has been extremely busy. We had over 40 activations, including Tropical Storms, incendiary devices, Wildland fires, snow storms, Governor’s Inauguration, etc. So we’re always in the mix and always involved in something.

One of the interesting things I think, for this year specifically, just since April we have had 22 confirmed tornados in the state of Maryland. Generally we have four or five over a period of a whole season. We are not even into summer yet but we have had 22 so I don’t know what is going on but it has been extremely active as far as major storms go.

And this hurricane season is no different. We are looking at possible 12 to 18 named storms with 6 to 10 full-fledged hurricanes. And 32 to 6 of those being major hurricanes of category 3 or higher. So it certainly will be an active year on the Atlantic coast as we go through this coming season.

One of the other things we are doing is working very closely with the Public Service Commission. And how that touches you is that since they regulate the electrical providers and utilities throughout the state, we work very closely with them in trying to shorten the time out outages and to do different things proactively so we don’t have electrical outages, certainly understanding the impact it has on you all.

For those of you into social media, MEMA is very engaged in that now with all the
recent trends in Twitter and Facebook, etc. We realize the generation today is really
driven by that type of media, so we are making use of that and to make sure we get our
messages out. We would also encourage you to go to our website anytime you have a
chance; we have a brand new up-dated website with a newsroom. We are quite proud
of that and want you to take advantage of that opportunity.

The last thing I would like to bring up as far as what we have done this past year
is we have gone very far with what we call our business operations centers. And
what that does is involved private partners in emergencies helping us mitigate those
emergencies and sometimes proactively keeping those emergencies from happening.

One of the last large chains we signed was Target. And Target is providing a lot of
information in public education materials for us. They, themselves, are going out and
a lot of the other opportunities with businesses. So we are very excited about that
moving forward.

The last thing is I would be remiss if I did not talk about the close relationship that we
have had these past few years. This year in particular, with your current outgoing
President, Doyle Cox. Doyle has been a great inspiration to us. He really has taken a
proactive approach in meeting with us regularly. He understands our issues and our
concerns. We better understand your issues as first responders and your concerns.
So he has really strengthened that partnership. And I need to say thanks to Doyle for
providing that leadership and we certainly look forward to the new team coming on
board and the continued leadership they will provide. One last thanks to Bill Hildebrand
who is on your Executive Committee, Bill is one of our regional administrators for the
Upper Shore and does a phenomenal job for us in that regard.

So thank you all very much for your time and enjoy the rest of your convention.
(Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Richard, as you indicated, our friendship has built and I
appreciate working with you this past year. I think we have some things working for us
and we will continue on. I appreciate it very much and thank you.

I have a token of our appreciation presented to Maryland Emergency Management in
recognition of your continued support to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
Thank you. (Applause)

At this time I would like to recognize Mike Robinson of the Maryland Qualification
Board.

Mike Robinson, Maryland Fire Service Qualification Board: Good afternoon officers,
members, delegates and guests of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I am
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honored to be here as the Maryland Fire Service Qualification Board and at this time I would like to call upon any of our delegates and alternates, who are here, please come up on the stage and be recognized.

I present to you a brief version of our annual report.

This year marks the 25th year of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board has been in operation. In May of 1986 a group of individuals representing every fire service organization, every jurisdiction in Maryland, met at the Maryland State House for the purpose of forming an organization that would recognize the credentials of fire service personnel in Maryland. Twenty-five years later I stand before you and I am happy to report we have certified 109,700 personnel. That number by the end of this week, with the certification going on downstairs through MFRI, will likely top 110,000. Never did we imagine that fire service personnel from Oakland to Ocean City would be certified in over 24 levels under the NFPA Personnel Qualifications System. It has become the standard. It has become part of the by-laws of many volunteer companies. It has become a prerequisite for promotion in many career and combination departments. And it has set the standard for fire service excellence throughout Maryland.

This is only possible through the group of individuals, many of whom you see standing here from all the jurisdictions in Maryland. As well as the MSFA, the Maryland Fire Rescue Education Training Commission, the Maryland Professional Firefighters, and the State Fire Marshal – all of these people worked diligently throughout the year to provide a quality certification system.

There are also a number of people that I would like to personally recognize, which are responsible for us being able to do what we do each and every day. First, on a personal note, I would like to recognize the Fire Chief of Baltimore County, Fire Chief John Holman, who is the individual that I work for and Chief Holman has been unquestioned a staunch supporter of certification, both in our department but more importantly, he has allowed me the latitude to travel throughout the state and accomplish the work of the Certification Board. And I sincerely appreciate Chief Holman for that.

At the level of MFRI, Director Steve Edwards has made his staff available to me to the point of daily day to day operations of the Board are affected through MFRI. Larry Preston, who serves as the Manager of Certification, and our daily operations run by our Certification Coordinator Bob Rose and by his assistant Evelyn Graf. Without their untiring efforts, much of the work of the Board would not be accomplished.

As we reach the milestone of our 25 years of certification, we certainly cannot rest on our laurels. We constantly seek new levels of certification and I am pleased to announce, at our annual meeting today, we approved the inclusion of EMS I, which has
historically not existed at the certification level, as a Maryland only certification. What that means is the NFPA has no officer standard for EMS officers and we will be adopting it for state level certification in Maryland which will assist many of the volunteer only companies as well as many of the career departments, those that have a dual career ladder, in that now we will be able to formerly recognize EMS certification.

So again, the Board’s work is not done, we have much to complete. This year we will be working on our accreditation which will be going on the next several years with the two national boards that accredit us. This past year we did over 6,000 certifications.

Finally now what I would like to do is we started two years ago at the annual award, that is entitled the Russell Strickland Award. And I know everyone here is familiar with Russ Strickland, and it is not a memorial award, Russ is still around, although he is tied up in Greece right now – bad place to be tied up in – apparently they would not accept his money, they are having some economic issues over there and he is trying to get a plane out, so he will not be here today. But we created this award three years ago to recognize an individual, who on an annual basis or over many years of service to the Board, has done something significant. And I think it is only befitting in our 25th year, that we recognize the person who is the original leader of our Board. This individual is Chief James E. Heller. (Applause)

And as Chief Heller is coming up to the podium, let me just say a few things about Chief Heller. Chief Heller is the individual who came to Annapolis and in May of 1986 and was chosen by his peers, to serve as the first Chair of the Board. And when you put it in perspective, we had state-wide organizations, we had career and volunteer, and we had many differing opinions. There were a lot of people who wanted to have two different sets of standards – one for career and one for volunteer. But that was not good enough for the Maryland Fire Service because we all operate as one group. And Chief Heller was instrumental, as our initial leader, in setting the course, in setting the tone of the Board and this resulted in us achieving National Accreditation in 1990 and then going on to receive a second National Accreditation and it has resulted in the certification of nearly 110,000 people.

Chief Heller left his mark on the Howard County Fire Service, where he served for decades beginning as the Training Officer, Deputy Chief, and serving as the Chief of the Department for many years. And he now continues to be active working on special projects in Howard County. So let me present to you now our Annual Russell Strickland Certification Award to Chief James E. Heller, awarded in honor of your exemplary efforts in the promotion of certification for the fire and emergency services personnel for the state of Maryland. Thank you for making our system a success. I would like to ask President Cox to come out and help with the presentation. Chief Heller. (Applause)
And in closing, I would like to thank the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the continued support of our efforts. And I would ask each of you, our constituents of our system, please support us during the year; take your training, take your transcripts, take all the experience you have in the fire service and make an effort to recognize your professionalism through Maryland Fire Service Qualifications. Thank you.

1st Vice President David Lewis: It is certainly now my pleasure to introduce the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute who has a special program for presentation today, “Fire Training Fatalities and Injuries”. While emergency response firefighter fatalities and injuries have been reduced, fire training fatalities and injuries continue to rise. This presentation will discuss what strategies we can employ to deal with this issue in a proactive manner. Please help me welcome, the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, Mr. Stephan T. Edwards. (Applause)

Director Steven T. Edward: Thank you. It is certainly a pleasure to be here today. I would first like to start off by thanking you for each of your attendance and thank the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for having these educational seminars and things of this nature. This class today, I will go through rather quickly, allows the opportunity for information exchange and learn more of what I think is a very serious issue nationally in regards to state and national service regarding fire training. And unfortunately an inordinate number of fire service fatalities and injuries.

We’ll start right here; this slide illustrates two of the major issues in fire service injuries and fatalities. If you look at one side, nothing against the Memphis Fire Department, when you title your training program ‘hell night’, which way do you think your program is going to go? The issue there is attitude and behaviors and the psychological aspect that fire and rescue training continues to be problematic and continues to cause problems throughout the country.

The other side is acquired structures. You can do safe burning evolutions in acquired structures. There’s no question about that, unfortunately many acquired structure burns because the building is combustible and it’s not a building specifically designed to conduct fire & rescue training, the potential for something to go wrong, the potential for unplanned events to occur is more prominent than you’ll find in a facility specifically designed and constructed for fire training. Both attitude and behavior in acquired structures continue to be problematic in that regard.

The physical demands of live fire training have been well documented. The Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute in concert with the University of Maryland in 2007 conducted a large scale study of firefighters and what the physiological aspect of being a fire fighter, what your body goes through in a fire training process, the University of Illinois did the same thing and tracked training heart beat by heart beat, breath by breath to determine just how strenuous that is. It’s a very strenuous activity, no question about it. It’s an
activity that highly trained athletes should be going through to be quite honest about it. If you look both in terms of cardiac and thermal stress, inhalation of contaminants, which should not be an issue now, disorientation, panic and physical injury.

Look at fire fighter fatalities. This chart goes back several years. If you look at this chart you see that in 2009 there were 82 fire fighter fatalities in the United States. These are NFPA statistics. You will see different numbers because unfortunately, NFPA, United States Fire Administration and the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation each have different criterion and timelines on what constitutes a fire fighter fatality.

NFPA statistics are probably the most conservative. They just released their 2010 stats last week. For the year 2010, 72 fire fighters killed in the line of duty. That is the lowest number of fatalities since they started keeping statistics in 1977. As you can see in the 1970’s it was not unusual to average 150 – 170 fire fighter fatalities each year. Through the good work of NFPA, NFA, and National Fallen Fire fighters working together on health and safety that number has been steadily declining and reducing down to 2010 to 72 fire fighters killed in the line of duty. That is very encouraging news and it shows that the training, the safety procedures and the accountability and things of that nature are having a desired effect.

Unfortunately if you look at fire fighter fatalities by type of duty, of the 82 fatalities in 2009, 13% occurred in training. Of the 72 fire fighter fatalities that occurred in 2010, 11 occurred in training, 15%.

Now my question is this: Is anybody aware of any profession, avocation, or occupation where 15% of your on duty fatalities occur in training? Could you imagine if that happened in the United States military? Marine Corp? Law Enforcement? I’m not aware of any other occupation in the world that has such a large number of fatalities and injuries. Training’s not doing the job it is suppose to be doing. We certainly have a challenge with that.

Again on this chart if you look at fire training fatalities over several years. Again there were 11 out of 82 in 2009; there were 11 out of 72 in 2010. So again it’s unacceptable. There are a lot of reasons for that; we’ll talk about in a few minutes. There are just too many injuries, too many fatalities occurring in what should be the safest environment we are in.

We control the training environment 100%. Some people when you make that statement say we don’t control the weather. You don’t, but you control whether or not you train in certain weather conditions. Some people say you don’t control the physical ability of students that enter your classes. You do because you control who you allow in a class. You control the level of activity they are allowed to engage in and so on and so forth.
It seems to be a bit of paradox that the fire service controls the training environment the most but we have an inordinate number of injuries and fatalities.

This chart goes from 1978 to 2004. If you look at the beginning of the chart from 1977 to 1985, we were only having about 2 or 3 fire training fatalities each year. In 1985 you see a dramatic increase in injuries and fatalities. Now we have fire training injuries and fire training fatalities continuing to increase while at the same period you show fire fighter fatalities decreasing. That explains the problem we have and sets the tone for that.

Fire fighter training fatalities and fire fighter injuries on a national basis, not in Maryland, Maryland is better than most states, there’s no question about that, especially with regard to training, John Hoglund agrees with me on that. The facts are we have had fire training fatalities in the state of Maryland. We had two in the last six years. It’s an issue here also.

Looking at the leading type of activities; these are activities, not the medical cause that caused the injury or fatality. You can see if it is an apparatus drill, live fire training, that gives you a sense. This was a study from 1996 to 2005 that the NFPA did. It’s a ten year period where over 100 fire fighters died in training evolutions and these are the activities they were engaged in when that occurred.

Looking at injuries, there are approximately 80,000 injuries to fire fighters in the United States each year that require medical treatment. About 7,000 to 7,500 occur in training. You can see strains and sprains, and cuts, wounds, bleeding are the largest categories. If you look at the fire fighting data, strains and sprains, cuts and scrapes, bruises and things like that are the two largest categories. What is interesting about this chart is: If you look at heart attack and stroke, 1.6% of the training injuries are stroke or heart attack related.

If you look at fire fighting, fire ground, fire fighting activity, 1.2% are cardiac, heart or stroke related. What that means is there is a 33% greater chance of having a cardiac event at a training evolution than there is at an actual fire response. Why is that? I don’t know. What I do know is this. What I think regardless to their physical condition and ability, where they were first exposed to a fire or smoke class, so if someone has an underlying medical issue, that underlying medical issue in many cases is most likely to exhibit during the initial stress and strain during fire service training. So I’m trying to think what would cause this. The only conclusion I can come to is the first exposure many people have to this stress and strain is fire service training.

I said earlier when we did the research study an interesting conclusion there, many times we would say we’ll put them in the smoke maze first. We won’t put them in an actual fire; we’ll put them in the smoke maze. The heart rates, the respiration rates, the
physical assault on the human body through the smoke maze, medically, is the same as going through structural fire training.

The activity level, the maximum heart rate and what it causes internally for you to do is the same as going through the smoke maze. We’re starting to understand medically what’s occurring with this training. Looking at this also, again a ten year period of fire fighter fatalities, 57% are cardiac related either stroke or heart attack. If you look at active fire fighting activity, about 45% of the fatalities are stroke or cardiac related; 2009 fire fighter fatalities - 73% were non traumatic causes; 2010 fire fighter fatalities - 74% of the fire fighter fatalities in a single year period were medical causes. Some people are concluding that the safest place to be is on the fire ground or emergency scene. In some regards, issues that are causing fire fighter fatalities, obviously building collapse, flashover, accidents, anything that occurs on the fire ground that is critical, they need the time and attention that we put for them, and we’ve been able to reduce the events down. So we need to correspondingly do the same effort to reduce medical causes.

This chart shows an astounding amount of common sense, we don’t have a lot of fire fighters having heart attacks. You can see on the chart once you get above the age of 40, you get into a training class, the same as with the age above 40 for fire response, your chance of having a cardiac related event greatly increases. Obviously as age increases cardiac events increase. I want you to remember that for a second.

This chart is again from the same ten year period. I want you to know too, NFPA did this study from 1996 – 2005, a ten year period. We have been talking with the NFPA and asking them to now recreate the same study until the year 2010 to see if this holds true. If you look here, you can see that training the average would be 0.6 of fire death rates 0.6.

So if you are age 20 to 40, you’re at average or below. It goes above average in the upper age because of cardiac events. The really interesting thing, I think something we all need to pay attention to, with this chart is, if you are of the age of 17 – 19 it’s 1.2. That means the 16 – 20 year old, or 16 – 19 year old fire fighters in training classes have twice the death rate of the average for all training classes. Are they suffering from cardiac events? No. That’s where your acquired structures come in that’s where your fatalities in fire training in a state and many states don’t allow people to engage in fire training or the fire service until they are the age of 18. Typically you’ll find the age 16 and 17 involved in the fire service are in Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and the upper Mid Atlantic and upper North East United States. It’s not common to find this out west or in the southern United States. So we have 16 and 19 year olds in our classes, support for instructors and other, you really pay close attention to them because on average, over a ten year period the death rate in training evolutions is twice that of training evolutions.
Fire fighter health status; NFPA conducted a study over twenty five years. They have post mortem information as you see on this chart over 700 of the 1,777 sudden cardiac deaths victims. That’s quite a study. On autopsy they found that nearly 85% of the fire fighters who died in the line of duty of a cardiac event already had a cardiac event. They already had a stint, they already had a bypass, they had already been treated for some cardiac related issue and yet they were allowed to stay on duty until they had the fatal cardiac event. Another point to take back to your department it that if they have someone that had a cardiac event they obviously need to be very carefully screened and monitored as to what they are doing with the stress and strain of fire fighting activity. The stats clearly show that. Yes someone can have a cardiac event, yes they can totally recover. There’s no question about that. What this tells us is due to the differences and when you talk 85%, we need to closely follow that.

Heart Healthy Fire Fighter Program: A program of the National Volunteer Fire Council. They have information on diet; they have information on healthy life styles; information on physicals; medical clearance on fire fighters and a lot of great information. If you haven’t been keyed in on National Volunteer Fire Council programs, you should be. At the FDIC, Fire Department Instructors Conference, the International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference over a period of time, they conducted random samples. So someone that walked by their booth, they would take their cholesterol, blood pressure and physical information from them, regarding that. It’s unfortunate what they learned is that the fire service, when you look at this, is considered to be obese nearly 45%. Only about 15% had a normal blood pressure, and about 38% had average cholesterol.

The studies we’ve done at the University of Maryland, the studies conducted at University of Illinois, University of Mexico and other groups, because we are very fortunate that other fire fighter grant programs allows Federal funds to be used to research fire fighter health and safety issues and we’ve learned from that. What we found, and you may not want to hear this, but the average fire fighter population in the United States, on average is in worse condition, than the average citizen not involved in the fire service. With the exception, that female fire fighters are in better shape than the average female population.

There was an article in the 2011 January Fire Engineering magazine. These are statistics they did through analysis of fire fighters. State of Texas, career departments, 81% overweight or obese; Massachusetts, 87%; Washington DC 85% and Memphis 85%. So when you look at the medical issues, one aspect was medical clearance programs to determine underlying medical causes. The other aspect needs to be, we probably all, myself included, need to be in physical condition if you are going to engage in fire rescue activity. The stress and strain of that activity is the event that causes many of these medical events to surface.

Again that’s not a great confidence builder. That’s what the facts are. This is an
astounding chart. Cardiac death rate by occupation: Cardiac 45%, Law Enforcement 22%, the overall general population 18%, construction 11.5%, EMS 11%. In the fire service you should have what’s called a healthy population in that you have people preselected, in many cases they have to take a written examination, a physical agility test, take medical physicals before they are allowed to engage in firefighting and a 45% cardiac rate. What a lot of people are starting to say is this: It’s debatable whether being in the fire service causes you to have a heart attack or not. We’re pretty much on board it is and we know what the rates are here. We don’t know what the cause is. Medical professionals are saying the stress and strain of fire fighting activity is the trigger event. So if you are not a fire fighter, you may be ok, whatever your condition is, cardiac condition, you may be ok in regular life. When you put that gear on, you’re in a fire, your heart rate, your reparatory system and everything else kicks in at that level, that’s the trigger event causing an unusual number of cardiac events in the fire rescue service.

Harvard University just released a study a couple months ago that basically said; no exercise is better that sporadic exercise. If you exercise on a regular basis, great, if you don’t do anything, that’s not great, but if you don’t do anything and you sit home one day and say, damn, I think I’ll go out and run five miles, that’s sporadic exercise, that sudden increase in activity causes the cardiac event. Does anyone think there’s an analogy there between that and the fire service where you’re sitting around and may go a period of time without a call and fifteen seconds later you’re on the apparatus going out the door going to a working house fire.

That may tie in with the cardiac events being the trigger event that causes some of these issues. So, not a pretty picture. I didn’t make these numbers up. I’m just telling you what they are. I think it’s important for each of you to understand what’s going on out there.

The next logical question is; ok, what should we do about it? We know we have some work to do. What is it we need to do to have a better system to protect our members? To have a high degree of basic things we need to do. First and foremost we need to be safe. We need to have a safety program. We don’t need to just have a safety program. We need to have a safety program that is enforced. That’s where some of the fire service has problems to be quite honest about it. I’ve been in the service now for 44 years. It’s not just the program, we have outstanding programs. What’s the accountability and how well are they enforced? As an example, as I saw how Burt Clark had the pledge and everybody was pledging to wear your seat belt. That was a good program. What I actually thought was; why do we have to have a program to have a fire fighter pledge to wear a seat belt when the state law in all 50 states requires it in the United States. What is it in our culture that requires us to have to go to that effort to get someone to follow a safety procedure? It’s not the procedure. It’s not the program. The crust of it is how you enforce the program. Those that enforce it well
do a better job with health and safety.

Educational purpose; again training classes from time to time are not training classes. They are contests. They are tests of endurance to see who can be the biggest, badest fire fighter and so on. Many of us need to be a part of that here from time to time. The training programs need to be educational. They need to have a proper educational purpose and they need to be realistic. I’ll talk more about that in a second.

Looking at safety, and we’ll go through these quickly. First and foremost, follow NFPA standards. National Fire Protection Association has done an outstanding job. If you look at the 1403 committee, John Hoglund is here; John Hoglund was the director of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute and was on the original 1403 committee to establish fire safety standards throughout the country. John we appreciate that very much.

You have 1403, NFPA 1500 the Health and Safety Standard, you have 1583 which is the Fire Service Standard Medical Qualifications Standard, and 1041. When you drop down into the next category you want to have qualified instructors. How many people here are MICRB qualified instructors? Appreciate that. If you take a fire training class, the 1041 standard, how much content is there on being a structural fire trainer? That would be zero. If you take a fire training class under 1041 you are trained to be a classroom instructor and that’s good. I’m glad we do that in the state but there needs to be more than that. That’s why MFRI and other departments throughout the state now you have to be 1041 trained and certified and then you have to go beyond that and take additional training courses on how to engage in and be an instructor doing live fire structural training; whether it’s a structural burn building or an acquired structure. Again Maryland has an outstanding state with regard to instructor qualifications and training. It has served us well and there’s a lot of concept to the thought of; if you have highly qualified professional instructors, you are controlling the training environment. Cause if you look at fire fighter fatalities and training, typically it occurs where you have a lack of structure, an officer in charge who should not be in charge, misguided and not discharging his duties properly.

The training facility; we are blessed in this state. MFRI has six training centers throughout the state. You have the local fire academy where anybody in the state of Maryland who needs to engage in fire training activity can do it first and foremost in a building specifically designed for that. In my opinion, that’s where the initial fire training should occur. Not in an acquired structure. If you want to use an acquired structure later on for Fire Fighter II or for training beyond that and have in-service fire fighters that have training, that may be an occasion for that. But again acquired structures is not a building designed for fire training. It’s a building designed to be a house and it’s combustible and there have been repeated issues with that.
Looking at fuel load, if you control the fuel load, you control the safety involved in fire training evolutions. MFRI has a very specific policy on fuel loads and our buildings and academies have a specific procedure with that, so controlling that fuel load is very important. That’s the issue with acquired structures; you can’t control the fuel load because the building is combustible.

Medical fitness; our program will be beginning a program beginning July 1 that will be very important regarding safety. It will help those engaged in fire training activities and certainly help fire departments have another check to make sure people responding on emergencies at least have a minimal medical clearance with that.

Safety plan and procedure; again under 1403 is not just having a plan but making sure the plan is communicated. Obviously you are making sure the plan in enforced and follow environmental issues and monitoring. In fact we just had a MFRI professional development seminar last month and had over 200 people. Topics were fire dynamics, fuel load and controlling the fuel loads is critical.

Educational purpose; I’ve talked about if you have a fire training evolution, there should be a lesson plan with specific objectives; an order of activities and who is qualified to do what and how. Again when things go astray is where there is not a plan, somebody just makes up a drill and they make it up as they go along, that’s the recipe for disaster. For the academies and departments we have throughout the state that’s not a big issue. On the National level, acquired structures and academies that don’t have a focus continue to be an issue.

Realistically the question is; with the information I’ve shared with you today there’s some opinion that the fire and rescue service and it was debated at FDIC two years ago. Some people are saying we should not train fire fighters using live fire conditions. We should train them in a video room or in an arcade where you squirt the little hose. I don’t know what they want to do. To me that’s ridiculous. If you are going to put someone in a fire condition as a fire fighter you have to first train him or her in conditions similar to that. What it needs to be, I think, in training, the realism needs to be in direct proportion to the ability of the student. So a Fire Fighter I student would only be in a fire appropriate to Fire Fighter I student and Fire Fighter II students in a fire appropriate for Fire Fighter II students.

In service training might be different. Unfortunately I’ve seen the attitude and you’ve probably seen this in the fire service where people think these are new fire fighters, they’re going in the field, we have to show them the biggest fire we can right now, because that’s what they may face next week. That’s not true. There needs to be a gradual progression of ability. There needs to be a gradual progression of fires in order to be safe. We can do training properly. We can make it realistic and we need to do so because we are setting up an individual’s false sense of security down the line if we
don’t progress appropriately with training.

So let me stop with that. And just summarize up as this; there’s a lot of room for improvement on a national basis. I think this state, the state of Maryland, I’m very proud of, I’m proud of the training, MFRI does our faculty and staff, what the jurisdictions do day in and day out, have outstanding instructors and academies. We don’t have as many of these problems, but we have some of them. We do have some work to do, we do make improvement, we’re better off than most, so with that, I can’t take any questions here, thank you for your time and attention, so thank you (Applause)

Shifting gears, they changed the program. Back into my MFRI hat, I want to give you a quick MFRI report, where we’re at.

This will take a couple seconds to run you through the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute report. First off I want to thank the MFRI faculty, staff and field instructors for what they do day in and day out. They really try to do what’s right. They try to do the best job day in and day out. Certainly working with state wide organizations, Maryland State Firemen’s Association and training committee chairman, Johnie Roth and others, we’re able to accomplish a lot. In fact we just finished, I’m not sure if the training committee’s report has it or not but we just finished the ten year plan. Dan Stevens and others did a lot of work with that kind of laying out the future with the direction of training programs. Even though we have a good system, what can be improved and made better from that.

North East Regional Training Center, you probably heard about it, we’ve been dealing with this project for I don’t know how many years but we are moving to the long awaited day which will be September 10th at 10:00 at the new North East Regional Training Center at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, at the Edgewood area of Harford County. It will primarily service Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford and Cecil as needed, obviously Baltimore City and Baltimore County have their own academy but we will work with them. We hope to be there then. It was about an 8.7 Million dollar project. You can see the building is very similar to Southern Maryland. Southern Maryland has a green roof, this has a red roof, other than that the classroom administration building is about the same. The burn building, we have high temperature tiles in two rooms and other burn materials in others.

As you can see here we have storage facilities, forcible entry props, propane props for vehicle fires and so forth. So it is going to be a great center. It’s going to serve our students and the jurisdiction as well. We hope to move in there in July. We did have enough money in the budget to purchase about $500 thousand in equipment, in addition to the capital project. So we move to a new facility, new breathing apparatus, new gear, new nozzles, new appliances, everything, not 100% but most everything will be brand new in that facility so we certainly appreciate that.
The Maryland Instructor Review Board; that group again has done a great job since 1980, looking at instructor qualification within the state. Maryland is the only state in the United States where the Fire Service Instructor Qualifications is part of the law. It’s not a choice. It’s not something MFRI puts together, its actual state law what the qualifications are for instructors. It has served us very well. Every three years the MICRB reviews the instructor qualifications and we make adjustments. Effective June 13th of this year there will be new regulations.

One in which I think will be very beneficial, level I emergency services instructors will be able to teach, if they are level I and evaluator they will be able to teach the emergency service level I instructor program. It used to be only those interested in being an instructor would take an instructor program. Now to be certified as a Fire Officer I or Fire Officer III you have to have the instructor level program, so a lot more people are accessing these programs, so I think having an instructor teach that will be very helpful.

The level II instructor training will continue to be taught by an instructor trainer. The evaluators, previously if you were approved as an evaluator, there was no requirement for you to do an evaluation. We have evaluators that have been an evaluator for 15 or 20 years and they never conducted an evaluation on another instructor. With the new standard, if you are approved as an evaluator you will have to conduct one evaluation in a three year period. In addition to that, you will no longer be able, there was a cork in the law that you can apply to be an instructor and apply to be an evaluator on the same day. That made no sense. If you haven’t been an instructor, why should you be an evaluator? Now you have to be an instructor for at least a three year period, have a successful evaluation as an instructor before you can apply to be an evaluator.

There’s also an issue in the instructor standard that if you took instructor training, there was no time limit as to when you had to certify as an instructor. We’ve had people come in and say I had instructor training like in 1982, now it’s 2011 and I want to be an instructor and the program’s seriously out of date. So under the new standard you can apply within five years with no problem and you have up to ten years and you have to do some additional steps, if you are between 5 and 10 years.

Medical clearance; nobody in this audience should have any questions for the need for medical clearance program for fire training classes at this point in time because we covered that fairly well. The new program will be effective July 1st. My thanks to the statewide fire rescue organizations. They have supported this; they saw the need for it and thought it was the necessary step forward. We’re doing everything we can to make that work. Basically any department physical meets it. If you go to your personal physician and they sign off on the sheet so they know what fire fighters do, meets it, if not, you have a medical questionnaire you can fill out. If you don’t have any issues appear on that you can proceed to a class. If you have an issue, you have to
have that resolved before you can continue with the class. The only student, this is the important thing, the only student not allowed to participate in a MFRI training program is where their own doctor says they are not medically fit to be in fire service training. So if someone comes up here to make a case to me where their own doctor says you can not be in the fire training program, I’d be surprised what you would base that on. That’s where we’re at. So hopefully that will be a major step forward.

The medical questionnaire is on line. All the procedures are on line. The MFRI student zone has the complete process, a flow chart, and we’re trying to work because this is a new requirement this will be effective July 1st.

MFRI simulation center; I won’t say a lot about that other than the fact, we do a lot of training with MIEMSS and Incident Command and Maryland is a state, fortunately for us, it doesn’t have a lot of disasters, California and Arizona do have them. So the question for us is you take all these classes and when do you exercise that. When do you build the experience when engaged in that type operation? Field exercises are very important but they are also very time consuming and expensive so you need something else. The something else is the simulation center that allows you to create single company, multiple company, jurisdictional and multi jurisdictional wide scenarios and be able to exercise the incident command system. We will continue to work with that.

If you look here we continue through our curriculum development section to develop new curriculum that shows you what has been either revised or new programs for the upcoming school year beginning July 2011 – 2012. So with that I will stop the MFRI report and I would like to call the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Doyle Cox forward.

I mentioned several new things going on, several new programs both in terms of medical clearance and the North East Training Center and other things we do at MFRI. The MFRI faculty and staff work hard but the facts are we can’t do it all. We have to have partnerships. We have to have people in leadership positions throughout the state who understand the need for fire and rescue training, understand the importance of it, and understand what needs to be accomplished. I’m proud to say Doyle Cox soon to be past president of the MSFA in that regard, he met with me early on, laid out a number of issues we wanted to work on throughout the year, and I think we’ve been very successful. I’d like to on behalf of the faculty and staff of MFRI present to Doyle Cox. It says in recognition of your term as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association your dedication to the Maryland fire services along with your experience and professionalism is much appreciated, on behalf of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. We wish you success.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** Steve it’s been a pleasure working with you and as he said, it’s been a partnership where we’ve worked together and I greatly appreciate it.
At this time I have a certificate here for you for what you do for us. But most importantly I have the state association seal. Display it proudly because we are. Thank you. (Applause)

**Director Steven T. Edward:** I have one more quick duty. I’m also currently as of sixty days ago chairman of the Maryland Instructor Review Board. I replaced an individual who perhaps is irreplaceable. Joe would you like to come out here as well as members of the MICRB, if you are here please come up.

MICRB, the Maryland Instructor Review Board, began in 1980. There’s only one person left on that board that began in 1980, that’s Joe Weisberger. He’s been an active member, he’s been professional, and he’s been guiding the qualifications of instructors making sure it’s a system that works for program delivery and for the instructors. It’s just been outstanding. In addition to his participation since 1980, Joe has been chair of the MICRB for 13 years. That’s reviewing the instructor qualifications every three years. When people submit to be an instructor, making sure the system is proficient and remains as it is, adjusting the law, adjusting the MICRB standard as appropriate as time goes on and so forth.

Joe is an outstanding individual, he looks like a young man standing up here, but again he’s been on the MICRB for thirty one years. Chair of the MICRB for thirteen years and the MICRB, this is a plaque from Dr. William Kirwain, Chancellor of the University system of Maryland and says: Presented to Joe Weisberger in recognition of your sincere gratitude and the advancement of the state instructor system in Maryland as Chair of the Maryland Instructor Review Board. Your work as an original member of the MICRB and your service as chair for 13 years has been exceptional. That’s absolutely true. All the many fire and EMS instructors in Maryland have benefited from your dedication to educational excellence. So Joe, congratulations and we thank you for everything you’ve done. I might also want to add he’s not finished; he’s staying on the Board. He represents the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I think Doyle wants to say something about that now. (Applause)

**President Doyle E. Cox:** Thank you Steve. Joe also on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, we want to recognize you for the outstanding service you’ve been providing us as a representative on the board. Yes as the last 13 years as chairman of the board. As Steve indicated before, you have done a terrific, outstanding job in the leadership of that organization. Again, thank you. (Applause)

**Director Steven T. Edward:** Thank you.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** At this time I’d like to recognize Lynn Gilroy of the Maryland Fire Rescue Education & Training Commission.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference

Lynn Gilroy, Vice Chair MFRETC: President Cox, Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver, honored guests and delegates on behalf of Interim Secretary of Higher Education Elisabeth A. Sachs and Chairman Michael Clemens, I bring you greetings.

Over the last year the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission has met numerous times to discuss issues that have affected the fire service training needs of this great state.

We have also reviewed and approved several applications by community colleges for new programs.

We have restructured our internal committees to best meet the needs of the commission.

One of the main items we will continue to work on is the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Services Tuition Reimbursement Program. We need to provide a full funding formula or other program modifications that will correct the discrepancy between the programs legislative intent and its funding. The funding for this program this year has been changed from the general fund to the funds generated from traffic tickets surcharges.

We were recently notified that only 50 applications have been received for reimbursement through this program that has seen over 200 applications yearly. We encourage each of you to take back to your members this information and have them apply for the tuition reimbursement before July 1st.

The Annual Report of the Commission can be found on the Maryland Higher Education Commission website at www.MHEC.STATE.MD.US. (The Secretary’s Office also has a copy of this report.)

We look forward to working with President Lewis and the other officers of the MSFA in the coming year.

Finally we wish you a successful balance of your convention

2nd Vice President John Denver: The next presentation is by Fire Marshal William E. Barnard with his report:

William E. Barnard: Fire Marshal: Good Afternoon. I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and Colonel Terrence B. Sheridan, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I extend my sincere congratulations to Presidents: Doyle E. Cox and Sandi T. Lutz. Your terms of office have been exceedingly productive and your leadership is one the entire Association can be quite proud of. Now, it is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
In 2010, 71 Marylanders died in 50 fatal fires, 13% decrease as compared to the 73 fire deaths occurring in 62 fatal fires in 2009. The number of fatal fires in 2010 decreased 19% when compared to 2009. The majority of the fatal fires, 27, occurred during the first half of 2010. Unfortunately, the month of December brought us three fatal fires taking the lives of 12 victims.

As in years past, careless smoking continues to plague Marylanders as the leading cause of fatal fires and last year smoking materials accounted for 24% of all fatal fires. Eighty-four percent of all fatal fires occurred in residential structures. Forty-five percent of those fires occurred between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when Marylanders are most vulnerable — while they are sleeping.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal extends congratulations to each fire department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced a decrease in the number of fire deaths during 2010. Seven counties were fortunate to suffer no fire deaths in 2010; they were Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Queen Anne’s, Washington Wicomico and Worcester.

As you are very aware, the MSFA Leadership and member fire and rescue companies play a critical role in helping make our State safer from the devastating effects of uncontrolled fire.

During the past year, the Office of the State Fire Marshal staff along with MSFA Fire Sprinkler Committee members provided public officials across Maryland with information at numerous meetings, hearings, and events in support of residential fire sprinkler requirements for all newly constructed one and two family dwellings as required by the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC). Many hours have been dedicated to presenting information to key policy makers and citizens to assist them in making educated decisions about this important fire safety matter. Today, over half of the counties and municipalities in Maryland have adopted code requirements which include the provisions requiring residential fire sprinklers in all newly constructed one and two family homes. Local jurisdictions adopting code requirements which included provisions for life saving fire sprinklers in all newly constructed one and two family homes include: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County and Calvert County.

The MSFA and the entire Maryland Fire Service have a lot to be proud of, in particular, your steadfast support for life saving residential fire sprinklers.

As always, the Office of the State Fire Marshal staff and other fire service leaders closely followed the 2011 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The MSFA is to be commended for their leadership, diligence and continued support in working with the Office of the State Fire Marshal and other members of the Maryland Fire
During the 2011 legislative session, the Office of the State Fire Marshal proposed two Departmental Bills. House Bill (HB 849): “Public Safety – Smoke Detectors and Smoke Alarms” which passed and was signed into law by the Governor. The purpose of this Bill was to require that anyone selling or installing smoke detectors, smoke alarms, or specialized smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing do so only in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code. The other Departmental Bill, “Public Safety – State Fire Marshal – Explosives – Definition,” received an unfavorable report from the Judiciary Committee. This Bill would have changed the definition of an explosive to include components to make an explosive when sold together or offered for sale together for the purpose of making an explosive.

Many other bills of interest were monitored throughout the session including the cross-filed Bills (HB 711/SB 581), “Manufactured Homes, Sprinkler System Requirements – Opt-Out Provisions for Local Jurisdictions.” If passed, these Bills would have permitted local jurisdictions to bypass fire sprinkler requirements specified by the Maryland Performance Code for new modular homes. With significant effort by the Maryland Fire Service, both of these Bills died in their respective committees. Numerous fire service agencies provided testimony both in writing and in person at the committee hearings. Unfortunately, cross-filed Bills (SB 112/HB 192) banning of Novelty Lighters both died in the House Judiciary Committee.

Our partnerships with State, local and private prove every year to be extremely beneficial in providing enhanced fire and life safety for all Marylanders and those visiting our great State. Over the past 10 years in partnership with the Maryland Fire Service; PEPCO and Delmarva Power have donated nearly 12,000 much needed smoke alarms for distribution in their respective service areas.

This past year saw the introduction of two new MSFA/OSFM fire prevention support programs: “The Public Fire and Life Safety Education Grant Program”, which provides funds for MSFA member companies to purchase items promoting fire and life safety initiatives. This Grant Program has been very successful in assisting MSFA member fire departments with their fire prevention efforts. Tomorrow morning, a second round of grant awards will be announced.

Additionally, the development of Fire and Life Safety Educational Support Kits, which
include: laptop computers, projectors and portable screens with pre-loaded fire and life safety videos and PowerPoint presentations, are available for signing-out and use at each of the six OSFM Regional Offices and at the Office of the State Fire Marshal Headquarters. Please take full advantage of these programs.

As in past years, the Office of the State Fire Marshal experienced some key staffing changes. Chief Fire Protection Engineer (CFPE) Larry Iseminger was selected to replace former CFPE Dennis Gentzel who accepted a position with the United States Fire Administration. After nearly 40 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the citizens of Maryland, Administrative Aide Donna Towers retired from State service. Every member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, especially her co-workers at Upper Eastern Regional Office will miss her.

I am pleased to report that during these challenging economic times, the Office of the State Fire Marshal staff continues to perform at a very high level. In 2010, the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted over 1,150 fire/explosive investigations. The felony closure rate achieved by the Office of the State Fire Marshals was an outstanding 36.3% and remains 50% higher than the national average of 18%. The Office of the State Fire Marshal staff members completed nearly 17,000 fire and life safety inspections. The engineering staff reviewed over 1,400 construction and fire protection systems plans. The dedication of our personnel is very apparent when observing these numbers. It is through an agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish our mission of protecting life and property. Please join me in thanking them for their outstanding commitment and service to the citizens of Maryland. (Applause)

At this time we will make the presentation of the Deputy Fire Marshal of the Year.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would ask you now to join me in honoring our nominees for Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2010.

Deputy State Fire Marshals:

Paul Schlotterbeck – Upper Eastern Region (Presented certificate)
Thomas Harr – Lower Eastern Region (Presented certificate)
John Nelson – Southern Region (Presented certificate)
Edward Ernst – Western Region (Presented certificate)
Oliver Alkire – Northeast Region (Presented certificate)
And
Brian Quick – Metro Region (Presented certificate)

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

It is important to note, each have risen to this level with the strong support of their supervisors, the administrative staff, and their fellow Deputy State Fire Marshals.

As always, the job of the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year selection committee is extremely difficult and this year was no exception. The letters of nomination were filled with examples of duty and service deserving of much more than this award provides.

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

I now have the pleasure of introducing to you the 2010 Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year.

During 2010, this DSFM excelled in each aspect of the fire marshal profession. He began his career with the Office of the State Fire Marshal in July of 2004 and quickly established himself as a competent professional with a great deal of confidence in his ability. Even though he initially brought very little experience to this profession, his aptitude to learn so quickly pushed him to the top of his class and in the region. Over the past year, his Region has experienced a number of personnel changes that have impacted on-call duty schedules. This deputy has been an important partner with the other staff members in his region flexed his schedule as needed to accommodate additional on-call time in response to short notice schedule changes.

In 2010, he led his region by performing 53 initial fire investigations. Twenty-four of those investigations were determined to be intentionally set fires, 20 were accidental and only 1 was undetermined. He conducted 8 other investigations of which five were criminal in nature. He maintained an outstanding criminal case closure rate of 41%, more than twice the national average and executed nineteen criminal arrests. His code enforcement numbers were a career high of 112 fire and life safety inspections.

For the past three years, he has embraced his assignment as an Accelerant Detection K-9 handler and has established an outstanding reputation for accuracy and reliability. He maintains a weekly call-out schedule for the entire state, many times overlapping his regional on-call responsibilities. His relationship with Prince George’s County Fire Investigators and with the Bureau of ATF&E Baltimore Field Office’s Fire Investigation Team is outstanding. He helps to keep the communication between agencies open and productive.

In addition to his official duties, he continues to be active in his community, serving as the Fire Chief for the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department in St. Mary’s County for the past two years. He has excelled in each and every aspect of his career and
is a model employee. It is my honor to present to you, the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2010 – Deputy State Fire Marshal John A. Nelson. (Southern Region) (Applause)

He is presented a Citation and certificate by Fire Marshal William Barnard. Continuing economic challenges have become part of our daily lives. The Office of the State Fire Marshall staff members continue to perform their public safety mission with pride. With challenges come opportunities. These tight economic times have required us to justify our resources and forced us to rethink current practices in order to position the Office of the State Fire Marshal for the future. We are always seeking potential opportunities to better perform our mission and, with your continued support, move both the Agency and more importantly, the fire service forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the Office of the Fire Marshal has a crystal clear picture of its mission. We look forward to working closely with your incoming Presidents; David Lewis and Teresa Ann (Big Shirley) Crisman. We wish them great success.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the convention!

President Doyle E. Cox: Bill, on behalf of the State Association, we want to express our thanks for a job well-done this year. The partnership that we have built over the years has been outstanding. Again, thank you. Thank you for all the cooperation you provided to me. We have a certificate for that. As one of the partners please display this proudly. It is presented to the Office of the State Fire Marshal in recognition of your continued support to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you.

William E. Barnard: Thank you.

President Doyle E. Cox: Bill if you would please stay here. Over the past few years you have been involved in the Residential Sprinkler Committee. And this morning Doug (Alexander) expressed his appreciation of what you have done to help him out and the committee out over the years, since the committee was started. And at this time we would like to present an Outstanding Service Award for your dedication to the Residential Sprinkler Committee. And one last thing is the Convention Bag. Thank you. (Applause)

Members of the Carroll County Delegation caucus 2:30 - out front & right away.

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I would like to introduce Dr. Robert Bass, Director of MIEMSS.

Dr. Robert Bass, Executive Director MIEMSS: Good afternoon. On behalf of the Emergency Medical Services Board and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, I thank you for this opportunity to provide an update on MIEMSS
activities over the past year. MIEMSS and the EMS Board would like to congratulate and thank President Doyle Cox for his leadership of the MSFA over the past year and for this very successful MSFA convention. We look forward to working with incoming president Dave Lewis and all the officers of the MSFA.

I also want to take a moment to thank those MSFA members who continue to work on the MIEMSS committees and subcommittees that deal with the ongoing projects and issues that are part of our state-wide EMS system. Gene Worthington, Past President of the MSFA, is a member of the State EMS Board, and Linda Dousa is the MSFA’s representative to the Statewide EMS Advisory Council. Other MSFA members who continue to give so generously of their time to EMS issues include: Bill Dousa, Charlie Wills, Rick Udell, Marianne Wareheim, Joan Williams, Stanley Williams, Wayne Tome, Sr., and Teresa Ann Crisman. We thank all of these individuals for their hard work and dedication.

The partnership between the MSFA and MIEMSS is critical to the success of our statewide EMS system. I would like to take a few minutes to update you on MIEMSS’ activities over the past year and highlight some of the statewide EMS initiatives where this important partnership is so evident.

**Ambulance Safety Task Force:** In collaboration with the MSFA, MFRI, jurisdictions and commercial ambulance companies, the MIEMSS Task Force on Ambulance Safety has been formed to consider ways to increase ambulance safety. Ambulance crashes are a significant risk for EMS personnel and for the patients they transport and while many of these crashes are minor, some are not. National statistics indicate that, on average, 10 ambulance crashes occur every day and two ambulance occupants die in an ambulance crash each month. In Maryland, during a two-year period, there were 390 ambulance crashes – more than one per day. Key factors that lead to such crashes include insufficient driver training, driver error, failure to use restraints, and excessive use of lights and sirens.

Our Ambulance Safety Task Force is developing consensus guidelines with recommendations on ways to increase ambulance safety and reduce ambulance crashes across the state. These recommendations will include improved driver education and screening, better monitoring of driver performance, increased use of restraints for both EMS providers and patients, and reduced use of “lights and sirens.” Task Force recommendations will be completed and released at a Statewide Ambulance Safety Summit to be held later this year.

“eMEDS” During the past year, MIEMSS began work implementing Maryland’s new Electronic Patient Care Reporting system, “eMEDS.” EMS providers use eMEDS to document the pre-hospital medical care provided by EMS personnel. eMEDS creates a complete medical record of field care and supports emergency medical care at the local and county level by allowing local commanders and medical directors to report...
on and analyze call data and to help improve medical care rendered to ill and injured patients.

This past February, MIEMSS pilot-tested the new eMEDS system in Harford, Cecil and Queen Anne’s counties. The results of the pilot-test were excellent, with no major problems reported. In the past five months, over 20,000 ambulance calls have been successfully reported in just these three jurisdictions.

MIEMSS has now started the statewide eMEDS deployment process. MIEMSS purchased a statewide license for the eMEDS, which allows each of the State’s jurisdictions to take advantage of eMEDS at no cost. It is expected that the majority of jurisdictions will be converted to the eMEDS system by the end of calendar year 2011, as all but one county in Maryland has expressed interest, at least verbally, in using eMEDS as their patient care reporting system.

MIEMSS is continuing to expand the scope of eMEDS. Grant funds are being offered to jurisdictions to facilitate CAD integration so that PSAP data and call times are linked to eMEDS. A NFIRS module is also being added to eMEDS to allow EMS calls to be integrated back in to NFIRS reporting. In the coming year, eMEDS will be integrated with MSP Flight operations CAD and with HC Standard for patient care reporting in MCI situations. With each passing week more of Maryland’s EMS community is embracing eMEDS. We believe it will continue to be a very successful system.

**Statewide Communications System:** MIEMSS has secured funding to construct a reliable replacement for our cable tie that links MIEMSS with its microwave network hub. The existing cable has been identified as the greatest potential single point of failure in the statewide EMS Communications system. Project completion, which is target within the next nine months, will correct this system vulnerability. MIEMSS is also working with communications consultants to evaluate our existing communications systems and technologies and chart a course for the future. This effort to identify the technology needs for the next generation EMS communications system will help ensure the ongoing effectiveness of our statewide EMS communications system.

MIEMSS has also completed the acquisition and deployment of the UHF base station infrastructure needed to meet the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) Narrow-banding mandate which goes into effect January 1, 2013. MIEMSS’ Narrowband Radio Grant program aids local volunteer and county EMS providers in 100% of the replacement cost, up to $1300 each for the purchase and installation where appropriate, of new narrowband mobile and portable radios that meet the MIEMSS specifications. To date, MIEMSS has committed $266,000 in funding for this program. Radio Grant funds have also been budgeted for FY 2012. MIEMSS will begin migrating our regional communications systems to narrowband operation beginning July of 2012 to insure completion by the federally mandated deadline. In
addition, MIEMSS is actively working with Motorola and its sub-contractors on the statewide 700 MHz statewide radio project (Maryland FIRST) to insure that the needs of the EMS community are addressed by the project. The MIEMSS Communications staff has provided critical technical assistance to insure that the project can meet its goals and timelines.

Finally, during the year, MIEMSS completed the integration of Washington County into the Western EMRC operation hosted by Allegany County. The Western EMRC now provides coordinated communications for Washington, Allegany and Garrett counties. Over the next several months, MIEMSS will be working to complete the Eastern Shore EMRC to ensure similar coordinated communications for the lower shore counties.

Improving Outcome From Sudden Cardiac Arrest: MIEMSS continues to focus on efforts to improve outcome from cardiac arrest. During FY2011 MIEMSS provided $370,000 in matching grant funds statewide for the EMS Operational Programs to purchase AEDs, Monitor Defibrillators and upgrades. These grant funds have also been budgeted in FY 2012.

Also, during this past year, MIEMSS announced the designation of 23 Maryland hospitals as “Cardiac Interventional Centers” and entered into agreements with 3 state hospitals to also serve as Cardiac Interventional Centers as well. As a result, EMS providers who have identified a STEMI patient may transport those patients to the closest designated Cardiac Interventional Center, bypassing non-designated hospitals in accordance with the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers. The designation of Cardiac Interventional Centers, along with effective field treatment by EMS providers, will help reduce the time to treatment for cardiac patients and improve outcome.

Future Challenges. MIEMSS is in the process of implementing changes to bring Maryland into alignment with national standards for EMS education and testing. MIEMSS is preparing to use the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for testing EMTs in Maryland. The NREMT’s computer adaptive testing process allows for a more precise measurement of an EMT’s entry-level abilities in a shorter time than the existing pencil-and-paper method. Funding for the testing is being finalized and additional testing locations are being identified to accommodate the volume of EMT students testing annually. It is envisioned that NREMT testing will be utilized for initial EMT testing only, not for recertification. Currently certified Maryland EMTs will not need to take the NREMT exam to keep their Maryland certification current. There will be no change to the current use of NREMT testing for CRT99s and Paramedics.

Maryland is also preparing to transition to the new national EMS educational standards. These new standards, which will include a greater focus on anatomy and physiology
for EMTs, will align Maryland with the National EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach. Soon, Maryland’s EMS educational programs will begin teaching to the new national standard. Additionally, the NREMT will require that ALS education programs be nationally accredited by 2013.

In order to best meet these challenges, over the next year, MIEMSS will begin the process to update and revise the Statewide EMS Plan. Last updated in 2006, the EMS Plan provides a roadmap for changes and improvements to our statewide EMS system. In drafting updates to the plan, MIEMSS will solicit input from the MSFA, EMS providers, the public safety community, our health care partners, and other stakeholders.

MIEMSS is grateful to the MSFA and its members for the effective partnership that has helped to ensure an effective EMS system for the State of Maryland for so many years. We look forward to continuing to work with you. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this afternoon. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Thank you Dr. Bass. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, I would like to present you with a resolution expressing our sincere appreciation for what you and MIEMSS and the employees at MIEMSS have done. Also, on behalf of the Association, would like to present you with a copy of the State Association Seal, display it proudly. This is in recognition of all your cooperation and your assistance in helping me this year; and our Convention Bag. Thank you

At this time I would like to recognize Karen Doyle, from Shock Trauma.

Karen Doyle, Vice President Shock Trauma Center: Good afternoon. I am Karen Doyle and I am Vice President for the R Adams Cowley Shock trauma Center. And on behalf of the entire Shock Trauma Team, I want to thank you for having us here today to conduct a report.

This is my first year here at the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention and it is a real thrill to be here, so thank you. And I also want to mention, nether John Ashworth nor I was able to attend the Past Presidents Luncheon today, which is an absolute first for Shock Trauma. And we want you to know that since the inception of the R Adams Cowley Center, our relationship with the MSFA has been unwavering. And we want you to know we continue to love and enjoy the relationship that we have with MSFA and we are sorry we missed the luncheon but we look forward to the one next year. So thank you very much. With that I am just going to give you an up-date on the Shock Trauma Center.

As I am sure most of you know our mission for the Trauma Center – we are the core element of the state’s EMS system and shall continue to serve as the state’s primary
adult clinical resource center. And with that mission I wanted to give you an up-date as to our volumes.

For FY2011 I want to tell you a little bit about our volumes. Our building that we are currently in was opened in 1989. And the building was built to receive 3,500 admissions. Today we are going to close our FY, which ends June the 30th, 2011 with seeing 8,300 patients which is unbelievable. We continue to see increasing volumes towards our shock trauma center and I am going to give you an up-date in a few minutes about our new center and our expansion we are building.

Even given the demand for us, we have embarked on a journey that we are not going to say no to any admissions. If given our state mandate, we are going to make sure that we are open and we say yes to every patient that needs us in the state of Maryland. So you can see we have had zero by-passes (on slide being presented) hours. We have been on some capacity alerts in 2011 but it remains minimal as you can see – 7.2 hours.

Part of our mandate is to make sure we provide education. As the PARC, Primary Adult Resource Center, it is critical that we provide an education to the state of Maryland. So I want to make sure that we give you a good up-date as to what we do.

As you can see, we provide ALS airway courses, 13 sessions this year with 171 EMS providers. We do all kinds of observation programs. So through the TRU this year, we had 309 EMS providers and in critical care, 193; with our on-site clinical programs being 42. So please realize that our mission for education is really critical to us. We take it seriously. We make sure that we partner with MSFA, MFRI, MSP and make sure we deliver state-of-the-art clinical educational programs to our partners.

You can see (slide of Maryland on screen) that we are stationed around the state in thirteen areas. We broadcast all around the region; all the way from Cumberland Memorial up in EMS Region 1 all the way to EMS Region 4 & 5. We make sure that we get everywhere in the state of Maryland so that we can touch all of our providers.

So expanding the vision – what are we going to be doing now? I am sure that most of you have heard that in the Fall of 2013, we are going to open a new Critical Care Tower. With the vision of R Adams Cowley, we opened our new building back in 1989. And we are looking to open the current expansion project in the Fall of 2013. You can see that new building there (again referring to slide). We actually have a model of it up finally. You can come see it. We had a tree topping ceremony 2 weeks ago, so we are now just working within the walls of the building. And what we are going to have is an expanded emergency department – adult & peds. And for those of you who have brought patients in on Lombard and Penn Street, we apologize for the inconveniences because it is not pretty out there but we are trying very hard to make it easy on all those coming in.
We are going to have new operating rooms. There are 10 new operating rooms. We will have an expanded recovery area – 14 new recovery bays. We will have 64 additional critical care beds compared to our 72 critical care beds we have now.

We are also going to have a training and simulation center that will be totally dedicated to the first floor of the Shock Trauma Center. And as you can see up in the upper right hand corner, that green area – we will have 10,000 square feet of space dedicated to training and simulation. This training and simulation will be specifically for trauma and critical care so we can continue our educational mission as the primary adult resource center. But it is our goal to partner with MSFA, MFRI, MSP – all of our providers so that we give state-of-the-art training to everyone who requires this training around the state of Maryland.

I am just going to give you a little look as to what the training and simulation center look like. I am sure a number of you have already worked with some training and simulation exercises and here it is (shows slides) and we are conducting some of that.

I am not sure how many of you were able to go to the Gala back in April, but we celebrated a case from Charles County. A young gentleman was on an ATV and got clothes lined and was nearly decapitated. And quite honestly because of the work of the EMS providers in the field, this young man was saved with the skill and effort of the entire EMS community.

And we celebrated that Gala on April the 16th and I want to show you some of your MSFA Leadership that was there. Show the pictures of Doyle Cox and other MSFA leaders enjoying themselves at the Gala. As you know our relationship with the MSFA is critical and so we can’t do it without the entire partnership. And so I want to wish Doyle Cox a great future as a Past President, because I know he was terrific as the President. And I certainly want to wish David Lewis a really fabulous year ahead of him.

And so, on behalf of the entire Shock Trauma Center, thank you for having us. I wish you a great convention and beautiful weather. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Doyle E. Cox:** Karen, last year we met in Western Maryland as the new head. I appreciate you coming up to our meeting up there and doing the presentation as to what Shock Trauma does. We all enjoyed the Gala and it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you. So we have a resolution for you, for the partnership we have with Shock Trauma and we appreciate that. A token of my appreciation, presented to Shock Trauma in recognition of the service and support you have given the Association over the year. And a Convention Bag. Thank you.

**Karen Doyle:** Thank you. I wish you all the best. Thank you. (Applause)
President Doyle E. Cox: OK. I have a couple of reminders: Tonight, Basket Bingo, 6:30 upstairs. Tickets are still available or you can purchase them at the door.

Also tonight is the event at Jolly Roger. There was some discussion earlier I believe, that the event maybe postponed but the weather is great, the sun is shining. Jolly Roger IS on for tonight. Go enjoy yourself. There are tickets available downstairs or you can purchase tickets as you go in. So follow direction there.

Tomorrow morning – Voting, starts at 8 a.m. doors are open and that is when the voting will begin and your delegates can show up to vote. Session 3 will be called to order at 8:30.

Just a reminder: get it out to your members, IF a second ballot is needed, immediately following the report of election judges, if the second ballot is needed, it will be at that time. So please advise and get the word out to all of the members of your associations. Stay around until the tallies have been read also. Please, the possibility is there of the second ballot.

And at this time I would like to recognize Mr. Pete Walbert for the Benediction.

Pete Walbert, Assistant Chaplain: I will ask you to stand please. Let us be in an attitude of prayer.

Our Father, our God, we thank you Lord for being with us at the 119th Convention and Conference of the great Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And Lord as we thank you, for being with the officers, delegates as they presented this conference. And Lord, the activities this evening we ask You to be with us. Put Your arm of stagey around each and everyone. And Lord you told us in John 14:13 ask anything in My name and I will do it. Amen.

President Doyle E. Cox: 2nd Session of the Association stands in recess until 8:30 tomorrow morning.
President Doyle E. Cox: Good morning. Welcome this morning. I would like to open the Third Session of the 2011 Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. At this time I would like to recognize Chaplain Coblentz.

Chaplain David L. Coblentz: Gentlemen, Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please stand as we have our Invocation this morning. Gentlemen removed your hats. Let us pray: Heavenly Father we are so thankful we can be here this morning to continue to conduct the business of this convention. Lord we just continue to pray for safety for the members and the guests. We continue to pray Lord for the wisdom and guidance we need to make decisions this morning. We thank you Lord for those who have travelled the distances and the safety of their travel. And Lord this morning as we present the awards and do the recognition, we thank you Lord also for bringing these fine men and women into our midst to serve their various communities and to volunteer Lord their lives so that they can improve upon wherever it is they live and offer their selves through tireless efforts; which in God’s name we pray these things. Amen. You may be seated.

President Doyle E. Cox: I pledge alliance to the flag of the United States of American and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Thank you and now you may be seated.

Have one announcement to make, reference to a program change. The main program will be changed due to a meeting conflict, “Fire Storm 2011” will be presented today at 10:30 and in its place tomorrow the presentation “Leadership, Accomplishments, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge” will be presented by the National Fallen Firefighters.

At this time we are going to start into the Awards Presentations. And as a lot of you know, the awards are very dear to me in many ways because this is where we get to recognize our individuals for what they have accomplished over the years and last year and so on. Next year, as I indicated earlier, there are going to be some additional awards. Keep an eye out for them because by the time we get the rules written up for them, they will be presented before the first of the year so as to give you time to make the nominations. So next year I hope the awards increase more but at this time I would
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like to recognize Chief Darren Long of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department for the Gladhill – Thompson Award. (Applause)

Chief Darren Long: Morning. As usual it is an honor for me to be here this morning to represent the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department to present the highest award given each year – The Gladhill – Thompson Award. I have a little bit different format to do today than what we have done in the past. We have never had all the past recipients recognized as a group and I thought it would be perfect on my ride to Ocean City. I talked to Doyle Cox, your president, yesterday about it and he thought on it a little bit and I thought a little bit while he was thinking, and I was about to tell him they would not impeach him if he took a little bit extra time. So anyway to start off with the Gladhill Award as it was first started in 1974, which was name after Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill”, in his honor.

In 1974 the Chief of Damascus, my mentor, Chief Leslie B. Thompson, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association from Damascus received the award; in 1975 Chief Ralph E. Small, Past President of Boulevard Heights in Prince Georges County and Past President of the MSFA. If any of the people we call are present, please come up on the stage. The last two are deceased but we are going to recognize everybody the same. 1976, Robert J. Smith, Past President MSFA from West Lanham Hills in Anne Arundel County; in 1977 Chief Lewis C. Grable, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove in Montgomery County; 1978 Chief Joseph R. Robinson Past President MSFA from Laurel in Prince George’s County; 1979 Mr. Edgar Snyder, Manchester in Carroll County; in 1980 Mr. Roy L. Wood, Past President MSFA, from Beltsville in Prince George’s County; 1981, Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President MSFA from Hillandale in Montgomery County; 1982, Chief Gerald A. Glaubitz, Past President MSFA from Morningside in Prince George’s County; and in 1983, William A. Hawkins from Jessup in Anne Arundel County.

And then in 1984 the award changed to the Gladhill – Thompson Award as Mr. Gladhill put Chief Thompson’s name on the award with him. In 1984 Chief Gene L. Worthington, Past President of the MSFA from Level in Harford County; in 1985, Mr. Charles W. Riley, Past President of the MSFA from Abingdon in Harford County; in 1986, Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill from Damascus Montgomery County; in 1987, Past President Chief William J. Fleshman, Past President of the MSFA; in 1988, Mr. William Denver from Elkton, Cecil County; in 1989, Chief J. Donald Mooney from Lansdowne, Baltimore County; in 1990, Anne Hawkins, from Jessup in Anne Arundel County; in 1991 David E. Kirk, Past President of the MSFA from Bowling Green, Allegany County; in 1992, Leonard King, Past President MSFA from Damascus in Montgomery County; 1993, Chief John W. Smith, Past President MSFA from West Annapolis in Anne Arundel County; 1994, Chief Charles B. Burton, Past President MSFA from Landover Hills in Prince George’s County; in 1995 Mr. Charles W. Wills, Potomac Heights in Charles County; in 1996, Mr. John Shuhart, Barton in Allegany County; in 1997, Mr.
Robert Jacobs, Past President MSFA from Citizens Truck in Frederick County; in 1998, Chief Thomas A. Mattingly, Past President MSFA from Leonardtown in St. Mary’s County; 1999, Mr. Lee Sachs, Past President MSFA, Pikesville in Baltimore County; 2000, Chief Ron J. Siarnicki, Prince George’s County; in 2001, Richard L. Yinger, Past President of the MSFA, from Citizens Truck in Frederick County; 2002 C. Oscar Baker, Past President, MSFA from Mt. Airy in Carroll County; in 2003, Mr. Roger N. Powell, Past President MSFA from Pikesville, Baltimore County; in 2004, Mr. Robert W. Saville, Bowling Green in Allegany county, 2005 Wylie L. Donaldson from Odenton in Anne Arundel County; in 2006 Margaret King, Maryland State Firemen’s Association; 2007, Mr. Doyle E. Cox, Past President MSFA, Prince Frederick in Calvert County; in 2008, Mr. Louis J. Jonske, Joppa-Magnolia in Harford County; in 2009 Mr. C. Daniel Davis, Jr, Past President MSFA from Hollywood in St. Mary’s County; in 2010, Chief Benjamin W. Kurtz from Jarrettsville in Harford County.

Benjamin Kurtz please come forward and receive your trophy as last year’s recipient. I also have with me President Ronnie Jarvis from Damascus who is assisting with the award ceremony. Next year I will go back to giving a little history of each one of our leaders in Damascus – Mr. Gladhill and Mr. Thompson. I generally give them a little rundown on things they have done in the past and I will go back to that format next year.

Now I would like to call on President Doyle Cox to name this year’s recipient.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** It is an honor for me to announce this name. He is a friend. Everywhere you see this individual he is always promoting the State Association. He is a Past President of the State Association and he is sitting on the front row today reading a book – Mr. Philip Hurlock. (Applause) President Cox, Chief Long and President Jarvis present the award to Past President Phil Hurlock.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** At this time we would like to recognize the President of Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Van Muir, Jr.

**President Van Muir, Jr.:** Good morning.

On January 15th, 2011 Station 5, Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company was alerted for a rescue at Wilson Landing Trailer Park. Assistant Chief Chris Keene arrived on location in his personal vehicle and advised Somerset Central that two children had fallen through an ice pond. One of the boys was alert and screaming that he could not get free and the other boy was not moving. Keen ran into the water, breaking the ice with his hands as he made his way to the first boy. Keene put his arm around the boy, pulled him to the bank, removed him from the water and passed off to a bystander at the scene. The second child was unconscious, unresponsive, non-breathing and face down in the pond. Keene, once again, entered the freezing water and removed...
the second child. Once on land, Keene began CPR. The child began coughing and expelled water then began to breathe on his own. A paramedic crew arrived on location and took over patient care. Both Keene and the second boy were transported to Peninsula Regional Medical Center where they were treated for their exposure to freezing water.

I thank you for considering Chris Keene for this award. Our department and community are truly thankful to have a fireman who displays such courage and selflessness in our fire department.

It gives me great pleasure at this time to present the Colburn Trophy to Assistant Chief Keene. (Applause) With me is our Chief J.R. Mister. They are joined by the members of the Trustees and the recipient, Assistant Chief Chris Keene.

Chris it gives me great pleasure to present you with this trophy. It is well deserved. Thank you. He is congratulated by the Trustees.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** An announcement for everybody. If you have not received one or would like a convention package, to my left over by the registration area is additional bags containing all the registration information.

Okay, at this time I would like to introduce Mr. Danny Carpenter, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee for the inductions into the 2011 Hall of Fame.

**Danny Carpenter, Chair:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. Officers, Past President and Delegates and guests. The Hall of Fame Committee report is on page 67 in the Program Book. And the remaining part of the report we are doing right here. I would like the Hall of Fame Committee to come out on stage at this time and be recognized. Vice Chairman Ben Kurtz; C. Oscar Baker, Past President; George A. “Fred” Cross, Past President; John T “Jack” Ferguson, 3rd; John O. Gatton, Sr.; Donnie Lee Howard; William “Bill” Lay, Sr.; Charles “Jenks” Mattingly, 3rd, Past President; James T. Riegel, Sr.; and Richard Smith.

This year the Hall of Fame had 34 nominations. Unfortunately, we can only induct ten each year. If your nomination did not get selected, would you please resubmit you nomination next year before April 15th of 2012.

At this time it gives me get pleasure to announce the inductees. Would you please come up on the stage as your name is announced so we can get one group picture. Also if you are not in the audience, would someone from their company please come up on the stage to accept the certificate.

First – Stuart “Stu” Carter, Pikesville VFC; Phillip L. “Pee Wee” Dyott, Easton VFD; Luther E. “Jay” Grimes, Williamsport VF & EMS; Chris Hyzer, Middle River VFC; David
Each year we can induct up to three individuals into the Hall of Fame. This year the committee has selected three individuals, these three individuals you will always see downstairs in the lobby as you first come into the convention center. From set-up on Sunday morning to take down on Wednesday.

The first is Rose Davis, Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee Event Ticket Sales. Excuse me, I got a little ahead of myself. I would like to introduce Chief Ron Siarnicki, Chairman of the Convention Committee to help me make these presentations. The second inductee, Sandy Jacobs, Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Event Ticket Sales, Financial Subcommittee; the third inductee, Dennie Mattingly, Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee Event Ticket Sales. Thank you Ron. (Applause as each name was announced.)

At this time we are going to do the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award. This Award was established by the Rockville VFD and excepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee in 1981 to honor over sixty years of service by Charter Member, Marbury F. Gates of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County, Maryland. The first award was presented to Marbery F. Gates on June the 15th, 1981 at the 86th Annual Convention & Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mr. Gates served on Maryland State Firemen’s Association Board of Trustees from 1969 through 1989.

This year the Committee received 46 nominations, with 5 being postmarked after the deadline of April the 15th. The committee voted not to accept these five late nominations and a letter was sent back to their companies. The Committee accepted 41 nominations for a total of 2,328 years of service. Each individual will receive a Governor’s Citation; they will also receive a MSFA plaque the first year nomination. Any sequential years nominated a certificate from the MSFA.

When I call your name will you please come up on the stage. Or, if the individual is not hear, will a representation of their company please accept for them.

This year’s were: Walter “PeeWee” Glenn of Susquehanna Hose Company, 59 years of service; William W. Olson of the Waldorf VFC, 54 years of service; Robert “Bobby” Conway, Sr., from the North East Fire Company, 51 years of service; John Brothers, Jr., North East Fire Company, 55 years of service; James “Jimmy” Ewing of the North East Fire Company, 55 years of service. William “Bud” Ewing, North East Fire Company, 55 years of service; James F. “Pee Wee” Penhollow, North East Fire Company, 62
years of service; Gene Price, North East Fire Company, 67 years of service. George Rhudy, North East Fire Company, 69 years of service; Charles “Saltwater” Stewart of North East Fire Company, 53 years of service; Vernon Stewart of North East Fire Company, 52 years of service; William D. “Buddy” White, Potomac Height VFD & Rescue Squad, 50 years of service; Herbert Dowell, Jr., North Beach VFD, 58 years of service; Richard “Wayne” Gordy, North Beach VFD, 60 years of service; George Abell, Tenth District VFD, 50 years of service; Clinto B. “Sparky” Duke, Leonardtown VFD, 63 years of service; John O Gatton, Sr., Hollywood VFD, 50 years of service; Burnell Grogg, Lineboro VFD, 70 years of service; Levere M. Kopp, Lineboro VFD, 71 years of service; Jack Stone, Lineboro VFD, 50 years of service; Jack E. Colmen, Joppa-Magnolia VFC, 60 years of service; Rowland Anderson, Community Fire Company of Perryville, 58 years of service; Carl Ewing, Community Fire Company of Perryville, 54 years of service; Larry Perry, Community Fire Company of Perryville, 56 years of service; George E. Ryan, Community Fire Company of Perryville, 54 years of service; Raymond A. Ryan, Jr., Community Fire Company of Perryville, 57 years of service; Clyde Sinclair, Community Fire Company of Perryville, 66 years of service; Wilton Thomas, Community Fire Company of Perryville, 50 years of service; Charles Gosden Todd, Community Fire Company of Perryville, 67 years of service; Edward T. Clopper, Funkstown VFC, 51 years of service; Robert “Cuz” Harding, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove VFD, 50 years of service; James Gregory “Greg” Adams, Second District VFD & Rescue Squad, 57 years of service; Robert A. “Bobby” Lynch, Second District VFD & Rescue Squad, 55 years of service; Robert Earl “Puggy” Russell, Second District VFD & Rescue Squad, 59 years of service; Bill R. Bliss, Upper Montgomery County VFD, 58 years of service; Dan Will, Deal Island-Chance VFC, 60 years of service; Thomas Nevin, Jr., Glen Burnie VFD, 50 years of service; Glenn “Whitey” Brubaker, Urbana VFD & Rescue Squad, 56 years of service; Benton H. Mull, Wheaton VRS, 50 years of service; John G. Rives, Ill, Wheaton VRS, 50 years of service; Herschel C. Armour, Charlestown Fire Company, 50 years of service.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is a total of 2,328 years of service standing up here on the stage. Let’s give them a round of applause.  (Applause)

At this time I would like to call out the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Eric Bernard for a few remarks and the presentation of the Marbery F. Gates Award.

**Eric Bernard:** Good morning. Good morning (had to ear to hear from audience – response – good morning.) I am Eric Bernard, the President and I would like to introduce our Chief – Chief Scott Evans from the Rockville VFD. This morning we are honoring a founding member of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. Marbery F. Gates was a Charter Member joining on March 21st, 1921. He served for seventy continuous active years in the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department passing on our seventieth year anniversary. Marbury held ranks all the way up to and including President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. In his honor the men and women
and officers of the Rockville Fire Department are honoring these men with over two thousand three hundred years of service. I would like to introduce the winner of the 2011 Marbery F. Gates award is John O Gatton Sr. of the Hollywood Fire Department. (Applause)

I also have here a proclamation from the State of Maryland, State of Maryland Governor’s Office. John O Gatton Sr. greetings, be it known on behalf of the citizens of this state in recognition of your selection to receive the Marbery F. Gates service cup award, in honor of your fifty years of continuous and faithful service, with the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, the people of the State of Maryland join in to applaud your extraordinary commitment to the fire service, to the community and to our state. We are pleased to confer upon you this Governor’s Citation, given this day the twenty first day of June, 2011. (Applause)

In 1961 is the year he joined and a lot of things happened in 1961. Chief and I are very lucky to present this because Mr. Gatton and his son do hair and when the Chief and I are in need of a haircut, we would be most appreciative to go to Hollywood to get a haircut. Congratulations, congratulations to all the nominees for fifty years. In the United States the average volunteer serves four hours a year. Members of a fire department do that on a daily basis and these men deserve our honor and our praise. I want to say congratulations for your service. (Applause)

Danny Carpenter: Thank you to the Maryland State Fire Marshal Office for their support to this committee and helping me get these citations from the Governor. Thank you all. (Applause)

John Gatton Sr: I just want to say that I joined the fire department in 1960. When you look at fifty years it seems like an eternity. If you look at it in reverse, it seems like only about a year. I greatly appreciate the Hollywood Fire Department for nominating me the Marbury F. Gates Cup. It is truly an honor and I’ll never forget it. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I’d like to recognize Past President Robert Jacobs to make a presentation of the Robert H. Shimer administrator of the year award.

Robert Jacobs PP: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone. My committee members are in the audience,. I’d like them to come to the stage. Chief Roger Steger, Phil Hurlock, Joe Robinson, and Danny Davis. If those individuals are here, please come to the stage.

First of all I’d like to identify the nominees this year. They are Charles D. Burkins Jr., Level Volunteer Fire Co, Valerie Holmes, North East Fire Company, Charles W. Gardiner, Community Fire Company of Perryville, Bonnie Hurley of Rocky Ridge Volunteer

If any of those individuals are in the audience, please come forward. First of all the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award is for those that aren’t familiar with it certainly you are well knowledgeable of the award. However to inform everyone what this represents, I will read what has been prepared and presented in the past.

It is the request of the Shimer family and with the endorsement of the officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association the award was established in 2004 and with the many years of dedicated and faithful service that was provided by Past President Robert H. Shimer to the fire and emergency services to the state of Maryland. This prestigious award recognizes an individual for achievements, activities and administrative positions that have held within their own community, county and state. The time requirement for the award was not restricted for just this past year, but could have included many years of accomplishments. The intent of this award is to honor Past President Robert H Shimer for his thirty seven years of continuous service to the State of Maryland and the many different roles and responsibilities he held during his career. His passion for the emergency services has touched every one of us over the years. This award is a tribute to him for the deserved recognition he earned over the State of Maryland.

Unfortunately there is no one from the family here today and Phil Hurlock is representing the family and I request him to come to the podium to provide additional comments.

Phil Hurlock PP: Past President Jacobs, good morning. On behalf of the Shimer family, Mrs. JoAnn Shimer, Chris Shimer, and Diane May, I am pleased to have a part in the presentation of the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award. This award as mentioned by Past President Jacobs was created by the Shimer family in 2004 to honor the many dedicated years that Mr. Shimer provided to the State of Maryland. He was an individual noted for giving recognition and praise to others for their hard work and dedication and was not one for receiving it himself. His dedication to his family, church and his community, and especially the fire and EMS service are qualities that you don’t very often and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is pleased to have been a part of his thirty-seven years of exemplary service. The Shimer Award is given to an individual that exemplifies the qualities that the late Bob Shimer had and this individual will join an elite group that has received this award since it’s inception in 2004. The plaque that the recipient will receive may be displayed in their fire or rescue station and is theirs to keep as a small token for work and that they have been nominated to receive this award. There is also a travelling plaque that will have he winners name engraved on it and will also be displayed in their company for a year and
then be returned back to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to be awarded to the next year’s recipient. I will now turn the podium back to Past President Jacobs for the announcement of this year’s winner.

**Robert Jacobs PP:** This year’s recipient of the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award is Mr. Gene Worthington. (Applause)

**Gene Worthington:** I want to thank Level first for the nomination. I’ve know Bob, our entire MSFA careers. He is a person we looked up to. I will certainly cherish this forever. Do what you’re supposed to do and the recognition will come. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**President Doyle E. Cox:** At this time I’d like to recognize John Gatton, Chairman of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award.

**John Gatton Sr:** Thank you. Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Before we begin the presentation, I’d like to recognize the members of the committee. Bill Radish, Vice Chairman, Joe Bradley, Eddie Cross, Jim Jarboe, Bill Lay, Rusty Leftwich, Bill Smith, Jim Snyder, Jeff Thompson if they will come out.

The first part of our report can be found on page 65 of the program book. Again this year we didn’t have a real good response. There’s 360 plus companies in the state of Maryland and we received nine nominations. And we got more than nine fire fighters of the year throughout the state. We encourage you to nominate your fire fighter of the year next year so we can have lots of people on the stage. I’d like to introduce the nominees for the 2010 fire fighter of the year and if they would come forward we have a certificate for you.

First is Erick Clark of the Clarrysville Volunteer Fire Company, Wayne Combs, North East Fire Company, Kyle Eckert, Seventh District Fire Company, Tyler Raley, Mechanicsville Fire Company, Mathew Ridgell of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, Shane Sawyer of the Level Volunteer Fire Company, Jason Sharpe, Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Company, Keith Watts, Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, and Danny Webster of the Deale Island Chance Volunteer Fire Department. If these nominees are not here would someone from their company please come forward to accept the certificate of nominee?

I’d like to read the letter of nomination for this year’s winner and I know when I start reading it they will know who it is but however; not to read it would not do the winner justice.

The Volunteer Fire Department would like to nominate fire fighter of the year. Our nominee has been very active and dedicated to the fire department. He joined at
the age of sixteen as a junior member and continues to be an exemplary member to this day. He demonstrates all the attributes that we require as fire fighters. He takes training and currently is maintaining his EMTB card completing his 2010 MIEMSS protocol changes training. In 2010 he completed 117 hours MFRI courses which included Fire Officer I, Rescue Tech, Fire Operations, Vehicle and Machinery. He’s an active member of the station. Last year he ran 647 calls out of 1179 which equals 55%. He is on several committees, new apparatus, fire prevention and in 2010 he completed 185 collateral duty house doing fire department fund raising and chorus. He continues to get his education and is a student in college in the fire science program. He is currently carrying a GPA of 3.2. He participates in his work force. He is an assistant manager of a retail store, working 25 – 30 hours per week. He is involved in community and charitable organizations, volunteers at a nursing home to take care of the elderly. He helps at the County Fair and participates at career day at the elementary school. He is a muscular dystrophy fund raising participant. He participates in fire prevention and local school day cares. He’s a role model for fire fighters and an active member of station calls. He’s currently a live in. He has received awards from the department, 2 lifesaving, performing CPR and saving two individuals life. He got a blizzard accommodation award and is the fire fighter of the year. As you can see an all around volunteer fire fighter, takes calls, training that is needed to better service his community. A role model and just goes on and on. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we present the 2010 fire fighter of the year to Jason Sharp of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

Jason will receive a certificate. He’d receive a jacket to wear embroiled with the 2010 Fire Fighter of the Year, he gets a shoulder patch for his dress uniform, congratulations. Congratulations to all the nominees. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I’d like to recognize Mr. Bill Dousa to present the Josiah Hunt EMS Person of the Year Award.

Bill Dousa: Thank you President Cox. Past Presidents, Officers, delegates and visitors to this convention. Before I start, I’d like to ask the members of the selection committee to come forward if they are here. Danny Green, Susan Mott, Joanie Williams, Mary Ann Wareheim, Charlie Wills and Linda Dousa. If they are in the audience, please come forward.

Our first effort we have to do is to present a plaque to Amy Smith who was last year’s winner. Amy are you here? Do you see Amy coming? Amy is not here. Thanks to Amy for returning the trophy and this plaque hangs in either her house or the fire house as her year as the Josiah Hunt award winner. Thank You. (Applause)

This year we had six nominees for the Josiah Hunt Award. I’d like the five people who are recognized to come forward. James Edward Breman, Mechanicsville, Catherine
This year’s Hunt award winner has been a member of his fire company for twenty one years. For most of that time he’s served as a paramedic. He’s been a top responder for the last nineteen years. He’s also been a top fire responder during that time. He’s served as an EMS officer for sixteen years. He’s also been chairman of the Board of Directors and has also been Ambulance Captain. This year’s Hunt Award winner is Richard Rick Farrington of the Delta Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

Rick would you come forward please?

Congratulations to Rick and thank you very much.

**President Doyle E. Cox:** At this time I’d like to recognize Doug Alexander for the presentation of the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award.

**Doug Alexander:** Good morning. The Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award is sponsored by the Mt Airy Volunteer Fire Company of Carroll County and awarded each year to a new member of a member of an MSFA fire company meeting a specific criteria. This year is special for us as Oscar Baker is with us today, the name sake for the award and will be celebrating his 89th birthday this week and will also, complete his seventh year of service to the Mt Airy Volunteer Fire Company.

At this time I’d like to call the names of the nominees for this award and ask them to come to the stage to receive their plaque.


If you would please come on stage to receive your plaque and remain on stage for the awarding of the trophy. We have representative for all the nominees on stage.

At this time I’d like to read the nomination letter for the winner. I’ll paraphrase to some degree. On behalf of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department I’m taking this opportunity to nominate Brandy C. Guy for the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. At our annual installation of officer banquet in December, Brandy was honored as the Rookie of the Year for our department. Randy joined our department in June 2009. After serving six months as a probationary member, she became a junior member because he was under the age of 18. Brandy spent many
hours at the station during this time getting the pre basic training completed, helping at events and functions held at the station. Beginning the 2009-2010 school year Brandy decided to join the St Mary’s County career technology program. This program is held in the school and classes are taken at the James Forest Technology Center in Leonardtown, Md. The students begin the class with EMT Basic, and then move into the fire fighting courses. These classes include FFI, FF II, Hazardous Materials Operations, Building Construction and Rescue Tech. As Brandy excelled trough the courses tragedy struck in February 2010. Brandy was involved in a serious car accident on a rural highway in St Mary’s County. A passing motorist noticed the accident and upon arrival of fire and EMS, extensive extrication was needed to remove Brandy from the heavily damaged vehicle. Brandy was transported by helicopter to Prince Georges Shock Trauma. Brandy had several broken bones, facial trauma, and several lacerations. Out of strong will, Brandy was not going to keep her down. After several intense surgeries and long weeks in the hospital, Brandy was released to come home. Not long after being home during a Monday night drill at the station, Brandy came rolling in her wheelchair. She couldn’t stand being home and wanted to come see everyone at the fire station. It wasn’t long until her steps to recovery were even greater. She got out of the wheel chair and into a hard cast for her broken ankle. Brandi wore a cast boot but still came to the station as much as possible to attend meetings and training. In September 2010 Brandy ran her first fire call since the accident. As exciting as this must have been for her, I don’t think she thought the engine would be the first arriving unit on a working garage fire in the Clements area just outside of our first due area and she would have to run the line for a working fire. Through all of her first she managed to complete 289 hours of formal training. She also had 51 hours of collateral duty and 21 hours at the station. Brandy ran a total of 36 incidents in 2010. In the fall of 2010, Brandy decided she wanted to take the paramedic course. She is currently enrolled in the College of Southern Maryland and making great progress in becoming a paramedic. Brandy has been a great addition to our department and through all of her misfortune surrounding the accident, she has bounced back to accomplish great things within our organization. Her training hours in 2101 were more than most other members and her will power is something everyone can learn from. I hope this letter will allow Brandy to be considered for the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award at this year’s convention. Signed by Chief John A. Nelson from the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department. This year’s winner is Brandy Guy of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department. The award is being accepted by the Chief of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause) President Cox.

President Doyle E. Cox: I think it’s already been said, but, Oscar, on behalf of the Association, this Friday is a big day for you, a milestone, I believe, as Doug indicated earlier, you are approaching your 89th birthday. The ladies and gentlemen owe you a standing round of applause for still being so active in your organization. (Applause)
Richard Brooks, MC: Good evening Ladies & Gentlemen. Welcome to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association & Ladies Auxiliary Joint Installation of Officers for 2011. It is a pleasure to be here with you this evening. My name is Richard Brooks. It is an honor for me to serve as your Master of Ceremonies for this evening. This is our time of transition. All of us as delegates, and members of our companies have given our confidence to the officers we have elected here today and who will be installed this evening. It is now their time to come forward and accept the Oath of Office that will establish our leadership for the next twelve months of this great association. Will the Honor Guards of the Greenbelt and Branchville and Odenton Fire Departments please take their place at the edge of the stage.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our two Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association have had an outstanding year. I take great pleasure in presenting to you our outgoing Presidents for this year.

Please welcome the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Sandi T. Lutz from the Glen Dale Firemen’s Association Auxiliary in Prince George’s County. She is escorted by her son, Corky Lutz. (Applause) I take the same great pride in welcoming to the stage Mr. Doyle E. Cox of Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Company in Calvert County, escorted by his wife Cathy. (Applause)

I now ask that all our Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association please proceed to your seats of honor.

Marie Soutar (1998-1999)  
Escorted by: Steve Cox (1996-1997)


Escorted by: Roger Steger (2000-2001)

Rose Pandolfini (2007-2008)  
Escorted by: Roger Powell (2009-2010)
Richard Brooks, MC: It is now my great pleasure to introduce the appointed and elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the MSFA and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Ladies Auxiliary Conference Co-Chairmen:
   Careen Housenfluck
   Arundel Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Anne Arundel County &
   Brenda Harrison
   Juniors Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Frederick County
   Page: Kristi Harmon
   Past President: Kathy Knipple, 2009-2010 and LAMSFA Installing Officer

Color Bearer: Becky Wathen
   Ladies Auxiliary of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, St. Mary’s County
   Escort: Johnny Wathen
   Page: Aggie Owens
   Past President: Leone Gatton, 1985-1986

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee Member:
   Richard Smith, Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, Talbot County
   Escort: His wife, Cindy Smith

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee Member:
   Lee Lutz: Glenn Dale Volunteer Firemen’s Association
   Prince George’s County
   Escort: Granddaughter, Camryne Free

Color Bearer: Donna Struntz
   Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Company, Allegany/Garrett Counties
   Escort: Husband, Joe Struntz,
   Page: Sharon Blank

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee Member:
   James Seavey, Sr.: Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department
   Montgomery County
   Escort: Pres. Mary Morgal, Cabin John Park Auxiliary for 50 years

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee Member:
   William Hildebrand: Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company
   Kent/Queen Anne/Caroline Counties
   Escort: Cindy Flickinger
Guard:  Lori Denbow  
Level Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary  
**NOTE:** Lori could not be with us for the Convention and Conference  
Because she is a deputy for Harford County Sheriff’s Office and was sent to training for Dare for Students.  She will be installed at the Fall Conference.

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee Member:  
Benjamin “Ben” W. Kurtz: Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company  
Harford/Cecil Counties  
**Escort:** Goddaughter, Ashlyn Tapler

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee Member:  
Daniel J. Stevens:  Waldorf Volunteer Fire Company  
Charles/St. Mary’s/Calvert Counties  
**Escort:** Wife, Bobbi Stevens

Historian:  Stephanie Holsinger  
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary,  
Montgomery County  
**Escort:** Kevin Yainkins  
**Page:** Mother, Mary Bladen  
**Past President:** Bessie Marshall Chairman, Elaine Huttenloch 1984-1985

MSFA Executive Committee Member:  
Rodney Bowser: Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department  
Allegany/Garrett Counties  
**Escort:** Wife, Pat Bowser

MSFA Executive Committee Member:  
Glenn “Dale” Fishack, Jr.: Smithburg Fire Department  
Frederick/Washington Counties  
**Escort:** Wife, Paige Fishack

Vice Chaplain:  Marcia Roth  
Sandy Springs Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary  
**Escort:** Husband, Johnnie Roth, Jr.  
**Page:** Son, Eric Roth  
**Past President:** Patricia Deamond 2006-2007

MSFA Executive Committee Member:  John F. Guntow, Jr.  
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department  
Worcester/Wicomico/Somerset Counties
MSFA Executive Committee Member: Mark A. Bilger
   Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company
   Carroll/Howard Counties
   Escort: Wife, Nancy Bilger

Chaplain: Nancy J. Jones
   Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Charles County
   Escort: Husband, Otis Jones
   Page: Granddaughter, Zoey Stokes
   Past President: Lois Hetz 2008-2009

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Stuart W. Carter
   Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company
   Baltimore County
   Escort: Bobbi Stevens

Corresponding Secretary: Vivian M. Boyd
   Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George’s
   Escort: Husband, Ron Boyd
   Page: Candy Mitchell
   Past President: Sharon Worthington 1995-1996

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr., Chair
   Odenton Volunteer Fire Company
   Anne Arundel County
   Escort: Wife, Donna Donaldson

Financial Secretary: Barbara Sue Nelson
   Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, St. Mary’s County
   Escort: Husband, John “Speedy” Nelson
   Page: Barbara Lacey
   Past President: Barbara McWilliams, 2005-2006

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Financial Secretary George A. “Fred” Cross, Jr.
   Past President 1995-1996
   Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Company
   Baltimore County
   Escorts: Granddaughters, Anna Banks and Alissa Kent

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Secretary:
   Joseph A. Cooper: Bay District Volunteer Fire Department
   St Mary’s County
   Escort: Wife, Jean
Treasurer Darby Byrd  
Dentsville Volunteer EMS Department Ladies Auxiliary, Charles County
Escort: Husband, Kevin Byrd
Page: Daughter, Katie Byrd

Richard Brooks, MC: Eloise could not be with us. She would like Darby to know that she is very happy for her and she knows she will do an outstanding job.

Walking with Darby tonight is Past President Barbara McWilliams 2005-2006

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Treasurer Ronald J. Siarnicki  
United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Queen Anne’s County
Escort: Mary Fran Crisman

Recording Secretary: Anne F. Price-Davis  
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Baltimore County
Escort: Husband, Mike Davis
Page: Mother, Cathie Price
Past President: Leone Gatton 1985-1986

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Trustee C. Danny Carpenter III  
Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Charles

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Chief Chaplain Rev. John F. Long, Jr.  
Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County
Escort: Wife, Kathy Long

Junior Vice President: Carol Hayden  
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Montgomery County
Escort: Boyfriend, Bobby Campbell
Page: Marcine Goodloe
Past President: Peggy Zembower 1986-1987

Maryland State Firemen’s Association 2nd Vice President: Jackie Olson  
Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County
Escort: Son, Tyler Olson
Senior Vice President Sherry Soper
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Frederick County
Escort: Micky Fyock, President Frederick Volunteer Fire & Rescue Assoc.
Page: Ruth Martin
Past President: Joyce Thorne 1996-1997

Maryland State Firemen’s Association 1st Vice President John Denver
Singerly Steam Fire Engine and Hook & Ladder Company
Cecil County
Escort: Wife, Anna Marie Denver

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise as we welcome both Presidents - enter with their groups.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for 2011-2012:
President Teresa Ann Crisman, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary, Prince Georges County
Escort: Frankie Nicholson
Pages: Katherine Garner & Goddaughter Kaitlyn Harmon
Past President: Mother, Mary Frances Crisman 1990-1991

Richard Brooks, MC: And now Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Mr. David Lewis

Maryland State Firemen’s Association President David Lewis
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company
Anne Arundel County
Escort: Wife, Gloria

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and Gentlemen, I will now ask that the Combined Maryland Fire Services Honor Guard and the Maryland Fire Services Pipes and Drums to please present our Nation’s colors.

Invocation by Marcia Roth: Lord God, Please bless these officers who are going to take their offices tonight. Please touch them with your grace. Please give them your mercy. Please help them to have a wonderful year. Please guide us through this year so that we can serve you Lord. And I pray this in Your Son’s name. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: We will now have the Pledge of Allegiance lead by President Sandi Lutz and the National Anthem sung by Marcia Roth.

President Sandi Lutz: I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty
and justice for all.

The National Anthem was sung Marcia Roth

Richard Brooks, MC: Honor Guard we ask you to retire the Colors. Would you join me in honoring the Maryland Fire Services Pipes and Drums and the combined Maryland Fire Services Honor Guard (Applause) and a lovely rendition of our National Anthem by Marcia Roth. (Applause) Please be seated.

Good evening to all you on stage. It is a pleasure and we all made it up successfully. And that’s a good thing. Welcome and take a deep breath and enjoy what is about to happen. You all have earned this. You have spent years and some of you many years achieving this goal and we offer our congratulations to each and everyone. But before we swear you in as the new officers of 2011-2012, we have a little bit of outgoing business if you will.

At this time we would like to welcome to the podium at this time and for the last time our outgoing President Sandi T. Lutz and offer her the opportunity to share some of her final remarks and thought. Madame President. (Applause)

President Sandi T. Lutz: Thank you Richard. (Phone rings) Five dollars – Five dollars for the Bessie Marshall Fund. Has it really been a year? It is so hard to believe it’s over. As I have travelled around this great state, I must say how proud I am of the auxiliaries and the support they provide their departments and communities. They are what keeps the LAMSFA strong.

In these past 12 months the LAMSFA has said goodbye to 2 great ladies – Past President Alvera Miller in January and Past President Dolores Monch, they are truly missed.

I want to thank all of the auxiliaries and departments for the many invitations to their banquets, open houses and some fund raisers.

The Bessie Marshall Fund Committee has been busy this year. We paid 59 cases. This fund provides financial assistance to non-LOD injuries and illness. The LAMSFA is proud to provide assistance to our fire service brothers and sisters.

To the LAMSFA Officers, committee chairs and their members, I want to thank you; this year has been a success because of your team work. The officers attended events I was unable to get to and the committees were able to raise funds to keep us going forward. You have done an awesome job.

To President Cox, thank you. Serving with you has been such fun. Your support of the
LAMSFA has been great. And to Cathy, I must once again say thank you for sharing Doyle with me and the LAMSFA.

To the incoming Presidents, Teresa Crisman and David Lewis, I wish you both a successful year. Enjoy the next 12 months because it will go by fast and the next thing you know, you will be here giving remarks.

For all of you, thank you for attending this evening and for the support you have given the LAMSFA and the MSFA. Thank you! (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you so much. We have a special gentleman back stage that needs to come forward and made a presentation. Lee Lutz joins his wife on stage and presents her with a lovely bouquet of roses.

Richard Brooks, MC: I’ve never seen her that jumpy! Next, a few more outgoing remarks and some final thoughts. It is with a great deal of pride and privilege that I introduce to you for the final time the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Doyle E. Cox. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Everybody this is it going to be short and sweet? I don’t know. The other night it was what – 35 or 40 pages? We should be in the 45 to 60 minute range.

Good evening. Good evening to Ladies & Gentlemen. First of all thanks to each and every one of you for the service you have been providing this past year but thank you for the service you will be providing the coming year. Last year on this night, as I took the Oath of Office, I was wondering what is going to take place in the coming months. Let me tell you this, it has been one of the best years of my life. Probably the best was when I married my wife, then our two children came along, but this is up there with them.

The year has passed and it is time to past the leadership on to our President Dave Lewis, 1st Vice President Denver and our newly elected 2nd Vice President Olson. To each of you, the best of luck. And as I have always indicated in the past few days, I will be here to assist you in any area that you may wish, but only if you ask for the assistance.

To my wife, Cathy, Thank you. Thank you for allowing me to take this journey and thanks for being there. From the day we started this climb, she has always been there. She has always indicated to let her be where she needed to be and what she needed to do. She has rearranged her schedule to accommodate me. With that I love her. I have a small token, if someone would escort her to the front of the stage please. (Escorted to stage by MSFA Past Steve Cox.) He presented her with flowers.
To the members of the Association, thank you. To the committee members, committee chairs – thank you for last year for everything.

And, in closing, good luck to all. I wish each and every one of you the best. And my God bless you all real good. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. President on your way over, could you please escort President Lutz and I would ask you to take a position of center stage so that we, the members of the Association, can recognize each one of you one final time as the Presidents from 2010-2011 for a job well done. (Standing ovation) The weight of the world is now off your shoulders. Now here we go.

Richard Brooks, MC: It is now time ladies and gentlemen to install our Officers for 2011-2012 and we are going to make it official. I would now ask our Ladies Auxiliary Past President, Cathy Knipple, to please come forward and present the Oath of Office.

Past President Kathy Knipple: Ladies if you would please raise your right hand and repeat what I say using your name where I use mine. I, Kathy Knipple, do solemnly swear that I will perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and I will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I will abide by and uphold the Constitution and By-laws of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I will keep and maintain all equipment and properties entrusted to my care. At the termination of my office I will hand same to my successor. So help me God. Ladies I am proud of you. These are your Officers for 2011-2012. Thank you.

Past President Sandi Lutz: Calls Teresa to the podium. (Applause) Down to business okay?

President Teresa Crisman: Okay.

Past President Sandi Lutz: Wow this is great – two PGer’s. This is your President Seal that you can hang at your station. It is a little big to wear as a brooch. Here you go Darling and congratulations and I am very proud of you and I am here for you. (Applause)

President Teresa Crisman: Thank you.

Past President Lutz: This is our shadowbox with the original officer’s pins. It has been pasted down from President to President. And it sits very nicely on a shelf or in your firehouse. So Teresa, hang this with pride. You will do a great job. (Applause)

President Teresa Crisman: Thank you.
President Lutz: Here is your gavel, kind of like here’s your ears. You know when to use it and when not to use it. Just plunk anyone on the head with it okay? Congratulations Darling. Proud of you!

President Teresa Crisman: Thank you.

President Sandi Lutz: Ladies please support these officers, they are only as good as you and we are all one big organization. We are one big family and we are all sisters. I am very proud of my sister!

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you ladies and congratulations Madame President.

Richard Brooks, MC: It is a pleasure now to introduce the Installing Officer for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I would ask Past President Roger Powell to please come forward and offer the Oath of Office.

Past President Roger Powell: If the elected officers would please stand. Raise your right hand. Repeat after me, using your name where I use mind. I, Roger Powell, do solemnly promise and swear to uphold the Constitution and By-laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I will faithfully perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected. I will preserve and protect all monies and property in my care and turn same over to my dually elected successor at the conclusion of my term of office. So help me God. Congratulations. I declare you installed. (Applause) Ladies and gentlemen, the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. (Applause) Past President Cox, welcome to the club.

Past President Cox: thank you, if you would join me at the podium. It is with a great deal of honor and a pleasure that I present you with your Past President’s Ring. It’s red! Wear it with honor and pride you have earned the right and your Past President’s Badge.

Past President Doyle E. Cox: Thank you

Past President Roger Powell: Congratulations. (Applause)

Past President Tom Mattingly: It was about 20 years ago that we started presenting the Past Presidents with a framed copy of the MSFA Logo. It is my honor to, on behalf of all the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, to present Doyle with his Past Presidents Plaque. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Past President Mattingly. Now I would like Past President Kathy Knipple to return and make her presentations to now Past President Sandi Lutz.
Past President Kathy Knipple: Hi!

Past President Sandi Lutz: Fancy meeting you here.

Past President Kathy Knipple: I know. Isn’t this wonderful? Sandi, I would like to present you with your Past President Pin for 2010-2011. I would also like to welcome you to the Past Presidents Club and you can come to lunch with us tomorrow.

Past President Sandi Lutz: Oh goodie! I love lunch.

Past President Kathy Knipple: Especially when she doesn’t have to pay!

Past President Sandi Lutz: Yeah.

Past President Kathy Knipple: Sandi, again, welcome to the Past President Club.

Past President Sandi Lutz: Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Mr. President would you please come over and escort Madame President to the center of the stage. Ladies and gentlemen it is my pleasure to introduce to you the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Teresa Ann Crisman and the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, David Lewis. (Applause and standing ovation)

Richard Brooks, MC: And if you could bring her this way Mr. President, I have been waiting for a long time to do this. Ladies and gentlemen it is my pleasure to offer this Podium to the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Teresa Ann Crisman for her remarks. Madame President. (Cheers and applause)

President Teresa Crisman: (Trumpets sound and 2 signs saying “Big Shirley” light up on stage. Cheers and laughing.) That’s right. Couple of days ago that was sitting on top of my hotel I’m at. There are so many things I want to say tonight. But I first have to start with a couple of things.

To my brothers and sisters, thank you for being here. You all don’t know what this means to me. I appreciate everything.

Mom and Dad, you raised each of us to do our very best. You raised us to be honest, brave and true to heart. And most of all to support each of us as a family.

Tonight there are many items here that have been a part of my life that I chose to bring to this Installation. A lot is the 21 year history between me and my Mom. 21 years
ago my Mom took this Oath of Office. She was the President in 1990. So tonight her flowers are flowers she had in her installation. Also with Miss Marie flowers. I wanted her to be a part of it too because her husband, Dave, made a box for my Mom. So every time I need a black-eyed Susan, I go to the box. So that is part of that.

Dad, the boots on the stage, they belong to you. They were yours when you were Chief of Greenbelt. You taught us to walk proud and be there for everybody and stand true to honor. When I was growing up you were Chief of the Fire Department, then you went to work for the County and for 37 years you ran Apparatus Maintenance, a job many people today cannot do. Thank you for being with me here tonight. The cows did call, it is ok. He has 3 cows. Their names are Fran, Jenny and Carol – go figure!

As I stand here before you tonight, I pledge my true allegiance to the Organization. I pledge too, to do my very best. As we begin another chapter, we will work with each other very hard. This is the greatest organization the state has to offer.

I stand before to tonight and welcome the Past Presidents. Thank you for being here for all of us. It’s not just about me and Dave, it is about everybody on this stage. Your support means the most.

I have never stated this office was about a pin, position or going through the chairs. Yes, that is part of the job, but it is our commitment to serve, especially to the fire service. It is a great privilege, a great privilege to lead this organization.

A year ago I was diagnosed with cancer. I would never have thought that I would have heard those words. It is a challenge I have taken on to myself. There are times I don’t want to get up out of bed but I do because I know with my job it is responsibilities that I have; Insuring that the children of this state are safe. One day that lighter bill will pass and it will not be in the honor of the fire service but it will be in the honor of every child that this has. (Applause) Thank you. It is my mission. There are people in Annapolis who don’t understand. Well you know what? I AM Big Shirley and I WILL make them understand. (Cheers from audience and applause.)

Tonight I have a lot of special people here. My Mom, my Dad, my Sister, Jimbo, Tracy, Don Michael, Kenny, Jamie, Jimmy, - I can’t see who is next – some lady stand up. I can’t see out there it is really hard. And back – WAY back, thank you people. We are all family. Tonight I have a very special person on the stage with me – Aunt Careen. I know this week is hard for you. I know Ocean City is hard for you. But I really and truly believe Brian is looking down on us. And I don’t have a fly in my room this year and I really know why. He’s headed over to the house – that’s an inside joke.

As a member of the Prince George’s County EMS Department, I wish to thank my supervisors – Fire Chief Marc Bashore, my boss, very best boss! Mark Brady and
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Susan Taylor. Thank you for allowing me to do a vision, a dream that I have always wanted to do – follow in my Mom’s footsteps as my brothers have followed my Father. Thank you for allowing me to do so many different things for the department. I really and truly enjoy what I do. And I can tell you when I do a car-seat; I know that some child is going to be safe. To Chief Ronald D. Blackwell and Chief Siarnicki, two hired me. You created this monster. (Laughter) You’re welcome. I support both of you, even though Blackwell had to go back to Kansas cause he couldn’t handle Maryland and the church beat in Kansas – but that’s ok. But Ronnie, I truly pledge my support to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. You know I have always done that for you and I will always truly be there.

I have to say one special thank you and this is to the MSFA Convention Go Team. Without those guys, we wouldn’t have a Convention. They are the hardest working people that do all the work here! The hours and everything that comes about it.

Thursday night there will be a Cork Bar Party and you are all welcome to come. Kevin, Hawk – you two are brothers from another mother. I appreciate everything you guys do for me. I do thank you for the “Big Shirley” sign. That is pretty cool. It even had a strobe light at the top of the hotel.

To David and Gloria, it is going to be a fun ride - as you say “Big and large – taking charge”.

Again, to my family – thank you for being with me all these many years, I truly appreciate everything. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Stand here beside me and just stay there for a few moments. We have some presentations for you. Ladies and gentlemen, at this time I would like to welcome to the podium the County Executive, the Honorable Rushern L. Baker and Fire Chief Marc Bashore. (Applause)

Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker: How’s everyone doing this evening? This is a great evening indeed. A nice ride down here and an excuse for me to get out of the county.

I want to start by thanking Past President Doyle Cox and the newly elected President David Lewis for your hard work and dedication and the men and women who are to there for your dedication and hard work. I am exceptionally pleased to be here on behalf of Prince George’s County to congratulate Teresa on becoming the President and making us all proud. Let’s give her a round of applause. (Applause) You are following a family legacy. In these times we are trying to set an example, especially as we go into the 10th anniversary of 9-11. What better symbol to send across this
state and this nation about dedication and hard work and commitment to lives in doing better. You have done that. So I know I speak for myself, Prince George’s County, our Fire Chief Marc Bashore, Director of Homeland Security Brian Moe when I say you have made Prince George’s County very very proud. And we are proud to give you this Certificate to say that we are proud of you. Do a great job, we know you will. You are the best! (Applause and presentation of the Certificate)

Sandi if I could have you come up. If I can say this, yes we are the best in Prince George’s County. We are so proud of the work you did this past year . We are so proud of the work done this past year, traveling the state, showing a fine example of what we are and what we can be. I am privileged to be County Executive and proud to present this to you for your hard work.

Past President Sandi Lutz: Thank you.

Richard Brooks, MD: Gentlemen, County Executive Baker nice to have you here with us.

Next I will ask the representatives of Greenbelt Fire Department to come forward for their presentations.

President of Greenbelt VFD: Good evening Teresa. Do I say Madame President or Big Shirley? As President of Greenbelt Fire Department and on behalf of the fire department and the men and women of the department and ladies auxiliary, we would like to present you with this small token of congratulations.

Also, on behalf of the Mayor of Greenbelt and the City Council, who could not be present tonight, I have a letter of congratulations which I will just paraphrase because of time restraints. “On behalf of the City Council and residents of Greenbelt, we wish to congratulate you on your election of 2011-2012 President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary.

Your thirty years of volunteer service to our community as a Ladies Auxiliary member to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and as current President of the Department and Past President of the Prince George’s County Ladies Auxiliary is to be highly commended.

You have followed the path set by your father, John, a former Chief of Greenbelt and your mother, Mary Fran, also who held the office of President of both Greenbelt and Prince George’s County and State of Maryland President Ladies Auxiliary organizations.

You have received many awards and acclamations too numerous to go into right now. We wish you every success in your position of State President. We are confident that
you will serve the state at the same level of commitment and enthusiasm that you have always shown in your long time service to the Greenbelt community.”

Signed by: Judith F. Davis, Mayor & all the City Council  (Applause)

Member of Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary: Teresa, words cannot express how proud we are of you. I am personally, growing up with you. You have come a long way kid and the Department is proud of you.

I have two tokens of our appreciation and we hope you love them.

President Teresa Crisman: Oh my goodness, I got me a camera Nikki and I got me a bag of my favorite caramel crèmes. I make them bring them to me at all my meetings. We will have them tomorrow.

Framed letter presented by the Auxiliary,

Dear Teresa, we have watched your journey all those years and beam with pride. Your footprints started appearing as a young child around the firehouse. You are definitely from a fire department family.

President Teresa Crisman: I used to fall asleep in the dog bed and then my Dad would yell because he was yelling at Jane Frances for getting in trouble all the time. He’d say, Fran, come get these kids and then they could not find me because I was asleep with Pepper.”

Auxiliary Member continues: We watched you walk through the offices of the Prince George’s County Ladies Offices and then the highest office in your company, the President. We beam with pride for you now. Over the past thirteen years your footprints appear once again going through the offices of the LAMSFA. The accomplishments made that you have attained in and all your goals accomplished, give us reason to be even prouder, if that is possible. You and your mother, Mary Fran, are the first and only mother/daughter duo to achieve being officers not only in the Prince George’s Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary but also for the highest office in the State as members of Greenbelt. Congratulations Teresa Ann for a job well done. We love and support you always while you make lasting footprints in the coming year. Serve all fire department auxiliaries throughout the State of Maryland. We stand tall; we stand with pride for you Teresa Ann Crisman, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Teresa Ann Crisman, President: That is from the firehouse. Thank you very much. (Applause) (Teresa is presented one last gift from her Auxiliary.)
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**Teresa Crisman, Pres.:** Holy crap! Wow! Look at that. I don’t know if you can see it but wow! It is 3 aquamarine surrounded by diamonds! Thank you.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** Just in case some of you were stumped the card, it says “you suc (open card) ced…” (laughter) Nobody laughed before when she read it, I figured I better do this video redo.

Our next presenter is from the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and we welcome Marilyn Stadler. (Applause)

**Marilyn Stadler, Pres. PGVFDLA:** Hi Teresa, On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George’s Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, we would like to present you this little gift and hope it helps your travels all over the state and have a fun year.

**President Teresa Crisman:** (hugs her) Thank you. (opens gift) (reads card) Congratulations enjoy every moment of the special day. You’ve accomplished something that means so much to you, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George’s Co Fire & Rescue Association. Thank you. It’s a check for $2,300.00. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks, MC:** Madam President would you please take a seat for a moment? We’re about to have the video daily double so I direct your attention to the screen in front of you. Please sit back, relax and focus.

**Amanda on Screen:** Aunt Teresa, I’m sorry I can’t be there tonight. I hope you enjoy your installation for the 2011 – 2012 year term. You have many jobs, titles and names; to clarify the dictionary definitions for name are: one or order of words spoken for person place or thing designated to a reputation and thirdly in behalf or authority of. Some of these names you’ve been given are: aunt, sister, friend, godmother, hammer, Trixie, tapped, Big T, Big Shirley, and now your new name in which you are designated by the reputation on behalf of authority is “Madam President” of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary. Hammer, I watched you start this journey many years ago as color bearer of the Maryland State flag carrying the flag and thought how long it would be until you got to this position and although I’ve been told I can be long winded and tend to talk a lot, so I’ve been given a time limit to give you this message.

Hammer to sum this up I’m proud of you and all your accomplishments along the way over the years. You’ve never backed down from a challenge and we both know you will have many of those in this year to come. I wish I could be there to give you this talk in person, but as you know my new partner and I need to go stand our watch to keep you safe tonight. So “Madam President” on behalf of us kids Kenny, Emily, Jim, Tommy boy, John Jr., King Shawn and myself, I’d like to present you with this bouquet of 13 black eyed Susan’s. Just as the 13 pedals of the Susan represent each of the positions you held on the way to the top, and one rose so that this year everything will blossom,
as promising as a rose is surely to bloom. Madam President, congratulations on your newly accomplished position, a dream come true. I Love You. . (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Tissues for everybody. We have the rest of the Crisman family here. We’re going to let them come out.

Crisman Children: On behalf of your brothers and sisters and your nieces and nephews we’d like to present you this gift. Congratulations.

President Teresa Crisman: Diamond earrings, Oh my – cool. Thank you guys.

Mary Fran Crisman: Where are Steve and Nancy Cox, did they leave? These are from them. While I’m here, your dad and I, you know how your dad, no, does the senior sodas and the dollar meal so he could give you this card and give you this gift.

President Teresa Crisman: Oh my God. Are you crazy? When we graduated high we go $1,000. This time its $1,001. We are so going to the Cork Bar now. (Roses presented) From my long lost cousins of Accokeek.

Richard Brooks, MC: And we also have representatives from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department.

Branchville Representatives: Teresa, On behalf of Branchville ladies and men we want to wish you luck. Have a great year and have fun.

President Teresa Crisman: Thank you. That’s my brother Jimmy, he’s a Metropolitan Police Officer. He’s the one that’s on the horse. One check is for $1,000 and another check for $300. We are so living at the Cork Bar.

Richard Brooks, MC: Alright Madam President we have one last thing, I need you to go out to the center square if you would. We just received communications from Western Union that you are to be the recipient of a major award.

Western Union Delivery Person: Package for Crisman, package for Crisman. (Presented a lamp of ladies leg)

Richard Brooks, MC: Oh, I so love that.

President Teresa Crisman: Can I have my mom and dad come back up? Come on dad, where’s mom?

Dad, you know you like your cigars, so we hooked you up with some cigars, there’s a cutter in the back, he has a room at the house, and it’s the cigar room. Mom, these
are for you. A dozen roses for you. Thanks for being there for me. Thanks for letting me buy the house.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** Moving along with the program, I’d like to take this opportunity to invite Senior Vice President Sherry Soper to speak on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary Officers.

**Senior Vice President Soper:** Theresa, could you please come up please? Stand with me, I want you right here. First I want to thank everybody on behalf of the officers for coming out tonight and I speak for my fellow officers, we pledge our support to you. All you have to do is let us know when you need us and what you need. Thank you (applause)

**President Teresa Crisman:** It’s an honor to bestow on our outgoing President a very special, special gift. You’ll like this. My father, when my mom was President said: Nothing could be wrapped, it all had to be plastic, black plastic. I wasn’t doing that to you.

It’s a basket, a Longaberger basket; it’s engraved with her name and LAMSFA President, 2010 – 2011, Sandi Lutz. This, Sandi is a memory book we are working on, your granddaughters have been taking photographs, when you shooed her away the other day, we have many more to fill, this week will be captured, it’s just a start for you, from your officers and committee chairmen.

Now Sandi likes that team called the Ravens, sorry it’s all about the Redskins. So we got you something very special, your own jersey that says LAMSFA 10. (applause)

**Richard Brooks, MC:** Ladies and Gentlemen we’ll now move to the other side of the stage and invite our newly elected President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, President Dave Lewis to come to the podium for his remarks, please welcome President Lewis. (applause)

**President Lewis:** Thank you. Holly crap. Get my glasses. Hey David – two peanuts were walking through the park and one was assaulted. (Points to someone in the audience) he knows my jokes.

Thank you for being here tonight. Forty years ago, a young man graduated from high school. At his young age, he really was not sure what the future held in store for him. He knew that he had been offered a nice job position with the Department of Defense but little else about the future.

That year was 1971 and I was that young man. And tonight, I am not graduating from high school but I feel as though I have been given the privilege of being the class
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valedictorian as I am honored to stand before you as your newly elected President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

It was during that uncertain time in my life that my older brother Bill introduced me to the volunteer fire service. Bill had been a member of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company for several years but was currently living in Herald Harbor and was serving as the Deputy Chief of the Herald Harbor Volunteer Fire Department. He convinced me to become a member of the company that year, and the volunteer fire service has been a part of my life since.

Bill would move back into the Odenton area and in 1972 I followed him by joining the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company in October of that year. Odenton was closer to home for me and I found many new friends at the fire station, many who remain friends today some of whom are in the audience tonight to celebrate my new position with the MSFA. It was also in Odenton that I met my wife Gloria and we were married in 1973.

Two of the people that most influenced my early fire service career at Odenton were; Wylie Donaldson and Tom Tharp. Wylie was President of the OVFC when I first joined and would later become the Chief. Wylie demonstrated the leadership that is necessary to move a volunteer fire company forward and serves as a mentor to many of us who came up through the ranks under his leadership. To this day, Wylie is often my go-to-person when I have an issue that I need someone to discuss with. When I first decided to advance through the offices of the MSFA leadership, I sought Wylie’s advice and advised that I would only seek this goal with his assistance and support.

Tom Tharp set the example for me in developing external relationships and provided me with an incentive to become active with both the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It would be Tom who convinced me to accept a committee appointment to the MSFA in 1978 and to run for President of the AACVFA in 1983.

Tom served as the MSFA President in 1981 and here I am thirty years later following his footsteps as I ascend to the highest office in this great association. My thanks go out to both Wylie and Tom for showing me the way and providing me with the guidance to be where I am tonight.

I would also like to express my thanks and appreciation to Past President Oscar Baker. One evening Tom Tharp called me and said that Oscar baker was going in as President of the MSFA and needed someone to chair the statistical committee. Now at this point, I didn’t know what the MSFA was or even what a statistic was but I agreed to take on the challenge. I thank Oscar for having the confidence in me to give me the first opportunity to serve the MSFA.
Since those early days of my MSFA career, I have served in a countless number of other positions, each of which have given me additional perspectives on the workings of the association that have enabled me to accept the position of President tonight.

As I accept the position of President tonight, I must thank a few individuals who have given me the support and guidance to be here tonight:

First, to President Doyle Cox, I extend my congratulations on a successful year and my heartfelt thanks for being a friend and an advisor as I have ascended the chairs with you. When I first decided to run for office in the MSFA, I sought Doyle’s advice on the right things to do and he has shown me the path to be here tonight. My thanks to Doyle for all of his assistance and support over the past three years.

I have already given thanks to Wylie Donaldson and Tom Tharp for their guidance throughout my fire service career. Without the support and guidance of these two individuals, it is unlikely that I would be here tonight. A special thanks to my extended family, the members of my home company of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary. Several of you have traveled down here today just to celebrate my induction as President of the MSFA and I thank you for being here tonight and for everything that you have done to help me get here.

I also would like to thank the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association who have provided me the support and backing to take on this challenge.

I would also like to thank two people who could not be here tonight to celebrate this accomplishment with me, my Mom and Dad. Mom is currently living in an assisted living center and is unable to travel long distances. Dad left this earth in 2000 but I know he is looking down on me tonight. I was one of five boys in the Lewis family and Mom and Dad taught us to work hard, be honest, and stay true to your value. To Mom and Dad, I know that you would be proud of #4 if you were here tonight and I dedicate my year to you.

And finally, but not least, I could not do this without the support and encouragement of my family: my wife Gloria, our two children Tracy and David Jr., and our grandchildren Ashley, Tina, and Noah. Everyone who has walked this path before knows that you cannot complete this journey without the support of family and I am thankful for the love and support of my wife, children, and grandchildren.

Past President Steve Cox, if you will escort my wife up here? (He presents her with a dozen red roses and a kiss.)

To you, the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, John and Jackie,
I pledge my undivided support and attention over the coming year and make myself available to listen to your concerns and issues, assisting wherever and whenever I can. I thank you for your support and words of encouragement and most importantly thank you for the opportunity to serve as your newly elected President.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** Please stand at the podium a second. (Applause) Mr. President congratulations. We need to send you on your way appropriately and to begin that process, I’d like to begin and ask the Anne Arundel County Fire Chief, Robert Ray to please come up. Chief Ray. (Applause)

**Chief Ray:** Good evening. It’s a very proud moment for me to stand here as the Chief of our Department when one of our members, a long time member of our department is being installed as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. My congratulations to Dave Lewis and also to Terri Chrisman, whom I’ve known for a long time. I’d also like to thank Sandi for her term as President and especially to Doyle for a great cooperative working relationship. Over the last year as we’ve gotten great things accomplished, because of that relationship and I look forward to continuing that with Dave and the other officers of the association. So with that said, I have two certificates to present to Dave, two citations, one from the Anne Arundel County Council and congratulating you on becoming President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and in the interest of time, I’m not going to read all these words on here, their congratulations to you and it’s signed by all the seven members of the Anne Arundel County Council.

I also was asked by our County Executive to please present you with the Executive Citation from County Executive John Leopold in recognition of your appointment as the 119th President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for 2011 – 2012. Congratulations Dave. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks, MC:** As you know this association has a relationship established by your predecessors and certainly a relationship that you will continue to carry on with the Maryland General Assembly. Tonight we have with us a great friend. It’s a pleasure to introduce Senator Roy Dyson. (Applause)

**Senator Dyson:** How are you? Good evening everybody. If I could take one minute, you know this is the day of the year that you’re all my constituents and I am very proud of that. I was particularly proud of the honor you bestowed on me today, so I’ll speak the least up here. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you very much. It’s an honor to represent you. God Bless you.

David, The Fire Marshal, the Governor, myself, about six members of the General Assembly all want to wish you well. I wrote one of them and want to say congratulations to you. I’m not going to read them all. By God, I don’t think we have the time, and I
have to go home at least to my car parked out there and change into my pajamas. But, David, congratulations. (Applause)

Can we have the other two Vice Presidents, please come up, John Denver and Jackie Olson. Essentially it’s the same, we offer our congratulations and say that we are very proud of you and thank you for taking this on. (Applause)

Doyle, come over here. Doyle is my constituent. If Louie Goldstein were still alive today, he would say, he’s my boss. You’re all my bosses and I’m proud of that. I’m particularly proud of Doyle. God bless you. Thank you for a great year. (Applause)

Teresa Ann Crisman, if we did not know who she was, you know I’m sitting over here with the St Mary’s contingent here, and we’re rolling along with the program, this thing comes down, next the lights come on, I don’t know if it was Jenks, or Keith, Johnny Gatton, I’m blinded. God Bless you. This is from the State Fire Marshal, from the Governor, I don’t know where he is, but he sends you his best wishes, and this is from Roy Dyson, here I am, I promised you how many years ago I would be here tonight. Congratulations. (applause)

Sheri come over here, Sheri and Carol, we got Senior and Junior Vice Presidents.

Sandi Lutz, get over here, Doesn’t she deserve a lot? Hasn’t she been wonderful? (applause) This is for her. I have one further thing to say and I think we’re done. You know your legislative team in Annapolis camps out in my office. Because most of them are from St Mary’s county, anyway, they camp out in my office. I had a conversation today with Rose. We identified a couple of lobbyist that get paid over a $1,000,000 a year to lobby us and I don’t think quite frankly they are worth that and I’ll leave that word up to Teresa, anyway, your lobbyists for the fire service are just phenomenal. We have a good system in Maryland and it’s because of them and because of each and every one of you. I’m so damn proud of you I don’t know what else to say but thank you, thank you, thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and gentlemen we’re pretty darn proud of this Senator. What do you think? (Applause)

I’d like to ask the chair of the transportation committee Mr. Tom Flint to make his presentations to both Presidents at this time.

Tom Flint: Good evening everybody. If the Presidents would please come forward. You know we started doing this about 10 years ago – giving out the tags to the ladies and men’s Presidents on stage because they thought it would be more appropriate, which is fine. But I never thought I expect a first. I mean this is a child! John and Mary Fran have been friends for many years but I don’t remember when I joined in 1961 the
President being this young. I know they are very proud. And I know she will do a good job because of what you do here every day.

So Madame President please get your tag and Mr. President your tag. It is an honor to be able to do this, they work hard to get to where they are and they both are going to do a good job, I know that. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: It is a pleasure to bring to the podium Past President Tom Mattingly.

Tom Mattingly, P.P.: This is the last one by the way folks. (Applause) As I mentioned earlier, about twenty years ago, Noah Callis of the Waldorf Fire Department, hand painted a copy of the MSFA logo to be passed on to the active President in the Association. It is my pleasure to present that to Dave. Hang it with pride in your Station. (Applause.)

Richard Brooks, MC: Officers and leaders of this great Association and Ladies Auxiliary, it is a pleasure to pass you on so that you may embark on your journey. Each one of you has the initiatives that you would like to accomplish and each one of you certainly will achieve many of those goals. For each member of this Organization, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, we dedicate ourselves to assist you and to accept your guidance. Be strong. Be assertive. Be gentle when you need to. Most of all enjoy your year. Have a great time. It is our pleasure.

Ladies and gentlemen we will have a receiving line outside of room 209 at the conclusion. And in an hour, we would ask you all back if you would like to. There is a little festivity here call the “Pajama Parade” and you are welcome to attend.

Please remain seated. I am going to ask Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. to come forward and offer a special blessing over our officers.

Deacon Charles Barnhart: Thank you Richard. Before I call the newly elected President up with me, I would like to have Past President Doyle and Past President Sandi if they would join me at the podium. Okay. Let’s do it like we did last year, one on each side.

Sandi and Doyle, as you leave as officers of the MSFA, we wish to bid you farewell. When you came as officers to this Association, we rejoiced and welcomed you into the mission we share as the people of the fire service. In this community you have come to share God’s loving purpose for all of us and for all creation. God has blessed us in this community and God has blessed us through you. Let us pray;

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants Sandi and Doyle
who have enriched this community and shared their gifts with all of us. We ask you now to bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Day by day guide them and give them what is needed. Friends to cheer their way and a clear vision of that which you are now calling them. And by your Holy Spirit, be present in their pilgrimage. That they may travel with the one that is always the way, the truth and the light. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. And now may the blessings of all mighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit go with you now and forever more. Amen. (Deacon Barnhart thanked both Sandi and Doyle.) (Applause.)

Ok their done! Now it gives me great pleasure to ask President Lewis and - how do we address her? It is madam Big Shirley or what. Would you two join me at the podium for a blessing as they begin their officership. You have taken on a great responsibility to this Association. And I am here tonight to give you a special blessing. That you will go with the grace of God and that an Angel will be sitting on your shoulder for the next 365 days and that they will keep you safe and that the blessings of God will be with you always. And we give thanks for that. Let us pray;

Heavenly Father, for Teresa and Dave we give you thanks for their election to the high offices of this Association. We ask your blessings to be upon them. Grant them safe travel as they travel from place to place throughout this great state of Maryland for the benefit of the State Firemen’s Association. And Heavenly Father we ask that you be with them in their work. And we also ask you to grant them rest when needed. And again, we ask for that Heavenly Angel to be riding on their shoulders each and every day of their lives for this year and every day of their lives. Again we thank you for giving them strength and courage to lead these organizations and we ask your blessings to be upon them and upon on us. For it is for this our prayers we ask through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Deacon Barnhart. And now would you all please rise, as I invite the Vice Chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Nancy Jones, for the Benediction.

Nancy Jones, Vice Chaplain: Lord, this joint installation has occurred and we wish the new officers of both the MSFA and the LAMSFA. Give them your guidance as they go through this year. May everyone have a safe journey home and hope to see you tomorrow. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you all for taking time to be here this evening. I would ask please keep the center aisle clear and I would ask for the escorts to escort the officers out. Thank you all and good night.
President David W. Lewis: It gives me great pleasure to call the 4th Session of the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention to order. At this time I ask Chaplain Harvey Dixon come forth and deliver the Morning Prayer.

Rev. Harvey Dixon: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. The Psalm is said, I will lift mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made Heaven and earth. Let us pray.

Father we bow our head this morning to say thank you for this new day. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of it. As we open this 4th Session of this convention, we pray that You will give wisdom and guidance thinking. Help us to make some purpose in our hearts that we are going to serve not only our respective communities, but that we will serve You in doing so. Father for the way you will help us to make wise decisions, strengthen and give guidance to each of our officers, especially our new officers. Strengthen us, guide us, make us a blessing to one another and to the up-building of Your kingdom. We ask each of these blessings today for our good and Your glory. Amen.

President David W. Lewis: You may be seated. At this time I will call on the Safety Committee Chair for 2011-2012, Mr. John Fisher to deliver a safety message to the convention.

Mr. John Fisher, Chair Safety Committee: Good morning everyone. We have made it to the third day; however, we do not want to forget safety. The heat today is suppose to be 93 degrees, so those participating or watching the parade, you want to keep hydrated and remember to be careful downtown. We have temporary traffic normally on Philadelphia – we have one-way traffic but today it’s going to be 2-way. So you need to be cognoscente of that as you are driving and walking. Have a safe day and thank you.

President David W. Lewis: At this time we have one additional resolution that was not read the other day. This resolution we could not do until today because it is a resolution recognizing the years of service given to us by now Past President Doyle E.
Cox in recognition of his year of successful service to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and its’ member companies. So at this time I would like to ask Past President Doyle Cox to please come forth and accept the resolution.

President Lewis presents Past President Cox with the above mentioned resolution.

At this time we call for any communications and announcements. Secretary’s office advises they have none. Are there any communications or announcements from the floor? Hearing none, at this time it gives me great honor to introduce to you the newly elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Will the ladies please come into the hall? The President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association - Big Shirley, Ms. Teresa Crisman. (Applause)


Well good morning everybody. Now I just want you all to know Ripley’s called – I didn’t go out last night, I was a very good girl. Some people don’t believe me but you can ask my Mother!

It is a great honor to stand before you today as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It is truly an honor. I am here today with all my officers and we stand before you to support you and be there and fill every in-box of any legislator you feel necessary. And we will do our very best, VERY best, to make sure that the efforts work together.

Dave I cannot wait for this year. It started. (Gives Pres. Lewis a hug and a kiss – Applause)

Today with me I have my Senior Vice President Sherry Soper, Junior Vice President Carol Hayden, Recording Secretary Ann Price-Davis, Treasurer Darby Byrd, Financial Secretary Barbara Sue Nelson, Corresponding Secretary Vivian Morgan Boyd, Chaplain Nancy Jones, Vice Chaplain Marcia Roth, Historian Stephan Holsinger Dalton, Guard Lori Denbow from Level VFC is a deputy sheriff and could not be here today, she is learning to be a resource officer in a class in Frederick; Color Bearer Malea Daughton sorry it’s Donna Struntz, and Color Bearer Becky Wathen, Malea will be here next year. Two very special people to me – Conference Chairman Carene Housenfluck and Co-Chair Brenda Harrison one of the most important people in my life also. Elaine Huttenloch Bessie Marshall Chairman, please support this. This (Bessie Marshall Fund) we cannot do alone. This is important to help the firemen of the great state, so please when you get those tickets in the mail, think one day YOU may need this resource. And with us, out-going President Sandi Lutz. (Applause)
I wanted to do something special for my officers – my senior officers and Sandi. Every year we go to a memorial in Annapolis and if you have never been to it, I ask that you please go. I ask that you find ways to send people to the Gala on September 24, 2011. We need to honor the people who have come before us and have given their lives so that others are protected. This flag (she hold up a picture) is from that service. I made Doyle, John and Dave a copy. So I would like to present this to Doyle, first and then John. And to my “big and large pal,” President Dave Lewis. (Applause)

Every year the officers go to St. Clemens Island and I am a huge advocate photographer, I love doing that. So I took a picture of a bunch of Black-eyed Susans, which is very special to us (Auxiliary). (She shows the picture she took from St. Clemens Island) So this is for you Sandi. These are the original Black-eyed Susans of the state. This is where we get our Black-eyed Susans from. And to Sherry, I also have one for you. We really work hard.

Elaine, do you want to come up and tell them how much money we are going to turn in today?

Elaine Huttenloch, Chair Bessie Marshall Fund: Good morning. I would just like to thank everyone for their support for the Bessie Marshall Fund. This past year we paid 43 cases for over $35,000. That’s why when you get those lottery tickets it is most important you return them with a check preferably, so that we can keep this fund going. This fund is for disabled firemen NOT in the line of duty. It really started in 1931 for firemen who became destitute when they got sick and Aunt Bessie – that’s who it started with, started this fund and you got $15 a week back then. We are now up to $150 a week for up to 5 weeks which is up to a total of $550. It is not a lot but it is a lot. So if you will keep that in mind when you get tickets from me – I feel like I am a vendor always sending tickets – but if you will please remember that – it is NOT for ladies auxiliary members – it is for firemen NOT in the line of duty. We greatly appreciate your help this year. At convention this year we have raised over $21,000. It was through your great efforts we have been able to accomplish this. (Applause) We are all one happy family. And we work together to provide for you, our fellow firefighters. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Pres. Teresa Crisman: Again, thank you for allowing us to be part of your meeting today. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Gentlemen, if you would please escort the ladies. At this time we are still setting up for the presentation. So I am going to ask Past President Doyle Cox to come forward and deliver his final remarks to the convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Past President Doyle E. Cox: Thank you Mr. President. It’s a joy I guess, It’s happiness,
be honest with you I haven’t prepared anything for you this morning because, Oh, it’s an honor to stand here as the immediate Past President to give remarks and I guess to go from here. During the year last year, it was a wonderful year and as you’ve heard me say over the weekend and throughout the year, the work that was performed, was by you the members. From the day I started in this, not knowing where I was going, unfortunately there was a Past President at his first Executive Committee said you’re the chair now. Keep going.

Ben and I was talking about this the other night, he was the Vice Chair, and that was probably one of the hardest meetings I’ve ever had because, you expect things but you’re not sure where they’re going to happen. Just like last year, yes, the night I took the oath of office last I wasn’t sure where we were going the following year, throughout the year, last year was one of the best years of my life.

As I told Cathy last night from here, yes, it was one of the best years of my life because, she was the best thing that happened to me but Jenks when you, when you gave me the honor of serving, serving as your chair, that was a stepping stone. From there I guess the bug hit me that there’s more to this. There’s more that can be done. You as the members of the association, especially the Past Presidents have guided me to this level. I hope I haven’t let you down. But I think last year is a true proven point that we all can work together and get things accomplished.

From the committee chairs, again back to you as members of this association, to the elected officials that we worked with, Danny, Richard, under your leadership in Annapolis, was superb. We accomplished some things. Dan Stevens Chairman of the Executive Committee, yes when Dan was chosen for this position, there was a lot of people had a hand in it, of selecting him. There was several names thrown out, but his name always came to the top as a true leader. He was well respected in Southern Maryland, but most of all he was well respected across the state. He was a person that could get things done. He was a person that knows how to coordinated that always been talked, at least that what I’ve heard, if you want to get something done, you go to the busiest person there is because he or she knows how to manage his time to get the amount of work done that has to be done.

Last year we started a program that was dear to my heart. Bobby Collins, Chairman of the Fire and Life Safety Program, yea, we started a grant program for Fire Prevention. As you saw yesterday during the awards ceremony that the number of people, we had over seventy companies apply for the grant program giving away over thirty five thousand dollars.

You know, this is where it’s at, giving back to the association. Where the money needs to go to. We’re here to help you. Other programs were started. Yesterday you saw a large group of individuals receiving awards. Again, it’s a program I’ve always been
working on since I came into the association. We need to recognize our individuals. Recognize them for what they’ve done and recognize them for what they are doing. Two good words that are always spoken and everybody understands, thank you. This is what we need to do. We need to thank the people for the service they are providing.

I tried to do that this year as I attended each of your banquets. There was a certificate, we started a program, just a piece of paper, but it meant so much to many departments. To thank the members for what they are doing. To thank the organizations for what they are doing. Again, two words thank you.

As a lot of you know I could keep on going and going on a lot of things. You know, I think I, the other night at the banquet, I went too far too long. We’ll cut it off here, but you know, from the Ladies Auxiliary, we had a great working relationship with Sandi. But going back to the men and women of Southern Maryland, they were there for me, they stood beside me, my own department, Prince Frederick Fire Department, they were there.

I will always be indebted to that group of individuals. But again, Thanks each and every one of you for what you are doing, what you will be doing, and what you have done. Thank you. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Thank you President Cox.

At this time it gives me pleasure to introduce this morning’s program main speaker. Chief Donald Heinbuch, Operations Chief, Baltimore City Fire Department. The topic this morning is Discussion of recent multiple-alarm fires in Baltimore City. During 2010 three multiple fires occurred in groups of row houses in West Baltimore City and in the downtown area along Baltimore Street and Mt. Vernon. This program will discuss the challenges faced by these major fires and the department’s response to these incidents.

At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Chief Donald Heinbuch.

Chief Donald Heinbuch: Thank you and good morning. (Applause) I have a power point presentation for you. It’s a real pleasure for me to be here with you. I have forty one years in the Baltimore Cite Fire Department but I really started out at the Lombardi Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Les Helfrich who is sitting right in the middle there, he might remember Lombardi Beach along with some of the older members of this association. It’s a great pleasure for me to be here with you.

Last time I was here in Ocean City to talk from the podium to this group, I was talking about the Howard Street tunnel fire which occurred July 18, 2001, several months before the tragedy in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington DC when this country
was attacked. The Howard Street tunnel fire made the news nationally, this presentation by the way has a lot of personal aspects because I’ve been involved with most of the incidents. And some of the programs we’re undertaking in Baltimore.

But in 2001 just two months before the New York incident the Howard Street Tunnel Fire gave our department and other departments around the country a chance to look at what we are geared up to deal with long term emergencies, our command structure, communications and all of that. If you remember the Howard Street Tunnel Fire, this is a shot of the south end of the tunnel, just adjacent to Camden Yards, we ordered an evacuation of Camden Yards at that time, here’s a shot of the north end, if you recall, several hours after the tunnel fire and derailment, a large water main broke over the burning tank cars and eventually extinguished it like a large sprinkler system would.

This actually is my aid. This is Jim McCaferty, he helped to put this presentation together which is kind a cut down from the longer version which we presented the other day at one of the breakout sessions. This is a shot of one of the tank, burning combustion cars. One thing we’re doing in Baltimore City is adopt the use of NIMS with common terminology that our mutual aid partners use. We’ve embraced the National Incident Management System; another theme you’ll find in some of the aspects of this program is that we are relying more and more on mutual aid. We have to work with our mutual aid partners and they rely on us more to provide them with back up and as we get into an enhanced mutual aid program with Anne Arundel County, which is basically an automatic mutual aid program, we’re going to have to work closely and we’re going to have to communicate.

This is just a shot of one of the operational briefings of the Baltimore Street Fire you’ll see later on in this presentation. Budget cuts, every day we rotate three companies closed, so we start off short three companies every day. Our ability to respond in the city and to provide mutual aid coverage when our partners call has been compromised. Again, I mention the mutual aid not only to cover our stations as you will see through this presentation. We rely on them to actually come into the City and put out fires.

This is a slide of Baltimore City Engine 6 at the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department on what I call Big Fire Day. I think you had a presentation on the challenges faced in Prince George’s County but on this particular day, we a, we looked ahead for one or two days and we saw there would be a tremendous demand for resources in the state so we went ahead in Baltimore City and we staffed additional apparatus. It cost us some money, and we’re always looking at the budget, but we called back people on overtime and we staffed reserve apparatus just in case we got the call. In this case we did get the call we transferred to Laurel Fire Department, we sent Squad 47 to another station down in Laurel.

This is from Memorial Day, just passed, in the city of Laurel, where in 1898 a Baltimore
City Fire Fighter was killed in the line of duty when we sent a steamer and a hose wagon to Laurel to assist them with a big fire. So again this was in 1898 we had a very nice presentation at the cemetery inside the city. Again this happened in 1898 we just sent apparatus back in February and I told the Mayor and I told the Fire Chief to stop calling us all the time, we’re getting tired of going to Laurel. That was a joke. It was a nice ceremony and we really appreciate the fact Laurel recognized that line of duty death.

A lot of the situations we run into this year have a weather component on them. Again this was the big snow we were faced with back in 2010. During these events we called upon the Military and National Guard to come in with vehicles. At one time we had twelve humvees and we had six heavy support units which were six and nine ton Army trucks. We outfitted these trucks with five inch hose, ladders, hoses, nozzles and just about everything except a tank of water and a pump.

In this case this truck, Army truck, laid a five inch hose from Frederick Avenue about a block and one half to this fire. And again, the personal touch, I had the, I guess the memorable experience to order a Military vehicle to establish a water supply from a hydrant to a fire. I don’t think too many Chiefs have done that in their experience.

Weather was a real component last year, over the past years, this is a tornado. A tornado came through Baltimore, North East section of the city and it created a lot of destruction and it was called the Dutch Village Area off Northern Parkway. And just up the line this tornado created a pretty bad situation in Baltimore County too. So we were working on each side of the Baltimore City, Baltimore County line dealing with the effects of this tornado. A lot of people were displaced. This is another shot and this is what it did to one of the poles in a shopping center there.

An in this, this is an example where we used the Unified Command to bring in all the City stakeholders where we had an incident that impacted a large area of northeast Baltimore and a lot of the City agencies had to get involved to relocate the families, and we had to do search and rescue, we used our special operations team to get in there and check every building to make sure there weren’t any injuries or anyone trapped.

Another thing in Baltimore we have thousands and thousands of vacant buildings and a lot of those vacant buildings are dangerous, dangerous to fire fighters. This is a very expensive proposition to buy these signs if you want to go by code; they require white strip and reflective material. They’ve gone ahead; this is a row house, fire fighters, with a little bit of money to buy some of the reflective material went ahead and attached several thousand signs, because we have thousands and thousands of vacant buildings. So many of them are very dangerous to fire fighters.

I always get asked about our department profile and compared to when you may remember when Baltimore City had a lot of fire trucks and a lot of them were concentrated in the down town area. We have a Chief, I’m the Assistant Chief, we work
four shifts, ten and fourteen, with at least two on, two days and two nights and we’re off. Thirty six engine companies where Les and others can remember when we had fifty eight engine companies, four hose companies, thirty trucks, now you see we have eighteen ladder trucks. We had four large fire boats, eleven Battalions at one time and we have one heavy rescue, twenty-four ALS units which are twenty-four/seven. We have six Battalions, we actually have seven, and we have a Battalion just set up just for EMS. We have four EMS districts. The city is basically broken down into quadrants. We have marine units; we’ll show you a slide of our marine units. With the forty-eight miles of waterfront we have four boats.

This MAC Car, you see two MAC cars where instead of sending four fire fighters on a fire truck to do a medic assist or a medic standby we send two person, one is ALS so we see where they are going to save us thousands of dollars in funds that instead of sending four people on a big fire truck, we send two people in a SUV so you can figure out there is a lot of savings there. It makes our fire trucks more reliable since we have rotating closures. Those fire trucks are available more often to respond to like a real fire. We have two air units and almost eighteen hundred employees. We use an 800 MHz digital radio system, Motorola just upgraded. That gives you an idea of some of the call volume in 2010. And I actually can’t see that slide. Oh that’s the population of the city.

And this is the MAC car, this is my car, the MAC car looks like this. Again we have two cars, one outside downtown and the other for downtown. Again they are doing thousands of runs and they are saving on the heavy apparatus.

This is the Thomas Delasandro which Chief Helfrich knows a lot about is a 12000 gpm unit. This is the John Fraizer I believe it’s a 9000 gpm it was purchased by grant funds, it’s a seaburn vehicle. We have two fire rescue boats. The staffing on the bay, we have four personnel on two small rescue boats. Another fire rescue boats in reserve just like that.

You see the fire fighter here with the yellow helmet. That’s a new initiative here to put more focus on the probationary fire fighters, so they actually have to wear a yellow helmet and have to do that for a year and have to complete a work book and then become a full fledged fire fighter. So after a year when the workbook is completed and they have a good evaluation then we give them a black helmet.

We have a lot of history in Baltimore, we have some tragedies. We always like to look back and see what happened. What happened? What can we do to prevent deaths and injuries? And again there are a lot of efforts on a nationwide basis and the state basis, a very robust group of people trying to identify lessons learned and preventive measures to keep this from happening again. But when we go back to history we do see a lot of things that just keep coming around.
This is an interesting thing, this is a fire, from I believe back in the 1920’s. Now the firefighters are standing on top of the station of engine 20 which is on Saratoga Street and you have these big powerful hose streams focused on the building in the back, and you can see where it’s pretty much involved, you can see where the fire was extending into from the context of this picture from left to right. Howard Street on the left and Saratoga Street on the left.

Now New Year’s Day night the building next door was on fire and we pulled four alarms on that. So as we go through these it’s typically on the way we used to fight fires in downtown with master streams across the street. We would get an angle into the floor so the hose streams would penetrate in the length and depth of the buildings. I’m not sure if you can see that, my screen is a little compressed, but these streams from ground level are being directed up to four, five and even six floors. Now this stream to the right, fire fighters were standing on the old fire house.

This is squad 47, we use five inch. Every engine in the city has at least 600 feet of five inch hose. Twelve hundred feet of three inch hose and we’re evaluating the use of four inch hose to eliminate the three and five inch to at least put four inch on hose tenders, that’s a new concept. But if we do have a need or if the County has a need for five inch hose we can get out. So that’s the way we set up on the big fires downtown. We haven’t had a lot of big fires downtown, back in the 40’s, 50’s, 60’s and some of the 70’s there were fires downtown and what would typically happen is as an officer I can remember driving up the street and the street would be full of heavy smoke, you really couldn’t see which building was on fire, you would drive through the smoke and you might hear the crackling and might see the glow. We haven’t had too many of those thank God, but as we go through the slides you’ll see one fire that really took on that aspect.

News from Detroit, now I’m going to show some slides from what I call a mini conflagration in West Baltimore, but in the city of Detroit, the day before we had our mini conflagration they experienced this situation where the mayor actually called it a natural disaster. Where a wind storm came through and at one point there were eighty five fires burning in the city of Detroit. They used mutual aid up there to the extent that they had never used before. It was quite the talk at least in my department, man that wind storm is coming this way. So I think we actually suspended our rotating closures which we can do if we anticipate unusual activities and the next day we had a series of fires on Carey/Calhoun Streets. (Played dispatch of units for smoke at 1300 Calhoun Street).

The typical response in Baltimore for a box alarm is five engines, five trucks, two Battalion Chiefs, a medic unit and if the report of a building fire or structural fire in the downtown area we send the heavy rescue. The third engine company assigned is the RIT Company. Our second Battalion Chief is the incident safety officer until we have
shift safety officers, a lot of times, they’re tied up with investigations. Upon dispatch the second Battalion Chief is the Safety Officer.

Here’s a shot of the fires, I call a mini conflagration on Carey and Calhoun Streets. The first fire, again, vacant building, actually two vacant buildings, was through the roof when units arrived and the fire jumped across the street to site two. Now site two is burning and the wind picked up some of the embers from that fire and extended to a church and church grounds but the church never really was affected, there were embers burning on the church roof and then the fire extended across the street downwind to Carey Street which is fire number 3. I’m sorry that was fire number 4, I’m seeing it from where I am.

During the fire we set up an area command. Originally we broke the site one fire and site two fire down into branches and there was discussion whether or not that was the proper thing to do in terms of NIMS, but that’s as we did because it was working.

The third fire at the church we really didn’t do anything because it was quickly extinguished and as I mentioned I have a personal involvement in this, I pulled an 1 ¾ line off a company that was in the rear or side C of the site two fire and I just went to town putting out brush fires until another company could actually relieve me.

Showed a news video from WBAL TV Channel 11.

Now take look at that shot. The fire fighters are right on the ground cannot see that fire on the roof. They only see smoke. We’ll see through some of the slides. Eventually we got a report from down the street, hey you guys got to look around the back, the whole back is off.

Now on this fire, I ended up taking command of the fire on Carey Street. We ended up with Baltimore County as you can see their engines, engine 13 and truck 18; we had some units from Howard County coming in; Anne Arundel County units, AACO unit 181 and truck 31. I know for the most part Howard County was probably going to be volunteers. The other units you see there were basically paid companies. Now I’ve been a Chief Officer in Baltimore City since 1984, an Officer since 1975. I have experience as I mentioned at Lombardi Fire Dept., a volunteer fire department which is no longer in existence. But when I’m commanding a fire and I’m calling for resources, a volunteer company to me is just as good as a career company. I don’t get into it. To me I’ve been a volunteer; I know how dedicated volunteers are, so to me I don’t distinguish between paid and volunteer.

All the mutual aid partners, they came on the scene and they followed orders and did more than expected to do under the direction of the Chiefs who were in charge. Here’s a few more shots of the Carey Street fire, actually theses are shots of site one and site
two. Going from the left side of the street to the right side of the street, that’s a good shot where you can see at site 2 the rear is pretty much involved and it’s going through the roof.

Water supply was pretty good up there although it’s an old grid. We have some 12 inch and some 20 inch mains in the area, we were in pretty good shape as far as water. It was we were out of resources to get from site 1 to site 2 or to site 3.

This is a ground shot looking up at site 2 with heavy fire to the rear. That’s a good shot of the rear on site two. We’re still on site of site 1 and 2. You can see how the smoke is coming from the roof toward site 3 and 4.

So we made a decision to basically do the best we could, not implement an interior attack, do an exterior attack and try get some lines to cut off the fire from going from left to right. Most of those buildings were vacant.

This is the Charlie side of site 1. This is site 4 and that’s me pretty much out of breath running around trying to set things up. I kind a thought it was interesting, I mentioned about ordering hose to be led off of Army trucks, I just thought it was pretty interesting giving direct orders to County trucks. That’s something when I came in the Fire Department we rarely ever did, maybe the Great Baltimore Fire or some other events in the early 60s and some of the 70s when we were running out of companies because we had a lot of fires downtown during the renaissance downtown we were calling in county companies to cover up our stations.

There’s a ground shot. This is on Carey Street. I kept this in there because Dennis Rubin, Denis Rubin was talking to Chief Clack during the height of this. Chief Rubin from DC said hey I can bring you some apparatus and Chief Clack said oh yea come on up, instead of going through our normal mutual aid; Processes which would have gotten us more resources out of Prince George’s, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, and Howard. They just made that direct connect and that was the first time since the Great Baltimore Fire when we called DC to come up and help us out. I kind a think that was an exaggeration. But when Denis Rubin asked Chief Hinebuck where’s the command post and I took the radio and said right here. In essence the area command was set up about a block and a half away.

In the fire on Carey Street, again was very difficult to fight because as you notice it was vacant buildings up in the roof going left and right and very difficult to fight and get a handle on it. It went all the way into the night but we finally got it out. It’s not burning now.

Ok a little story now 400 E. Baltimore Street, known as the block, we have a lot of strip clubs, gentlemen’s clubs I think they call them now. Our headquarters building
is right adjacent, just several feet away from the side Charlie side of the building, the side I’m going to show you now. I’d gone home for lunch late, I knew I’d have a late evening so I left around 2:00 and came back around 3:00 and as I was coming around Baltimore Street heading towards headquarters, I’m looking down at the block and I saw some smoke coming out of the door. I see these girls scantily clad some not at all running across the street and you know sometimes when you’re on the fire ground, unh, the streets blocked and there’s a lot of fire trucks in the street and someone rolls the window down and says, hey what’s going on, well I pull up in front of this building and the doors are opening and the door men are trying to get the girls out and I say, Hey what’s going on? And the man said this place is on fire and the girls are trapped in there. So I’m saying what is the first thing I’d do, because I’m trying to get to the radio because I haven’t heard anything on the radio. I’m trying to figure out where to put my car. So the story ensues. I’m car 2.

Plays dispatch of call. This is the building to the right; the flagpole is the building on fire. It actually looks a lot now like it did then, course it’s all burnt out now. But the building next door, which is the one closest to us is basically the same as it was then. This is probably in the 1900’s. this is a shot which would be the west end, bravo, the billowing smoke out of the Baltimore Street side and there’s an alley about six feet wide that butts up to the headquarters building. News cast video from WMAR Channel 2 shown.

This was a very dramatic fire. At one point the smoke was very low in the street and it was very difficult to see from one end of the block to the other end of the block. This is like the fires we used to get downtown when the ordinary construction had a lot of stored up combustible material. This building fortunately was not loaded up with ordinary combustible material, it was basically some of the construction, some ordinary construction, some peep shows set up. That’s just a great shot of fire fighters going down to put this fire out. We had a good water supply. We were able to get lines around the building to keep it from extending into headquarters. You can see the fire to the left of the photograph impinging on headquarters. It actually broke a window and set off a head. A lot of water damage in the building.

The smoke as far as my car was concerned it put a black tarry material on it. I think this was a video. In this picture you can see a tower, our reserve truck 51. That’s the only tower we have in our fleet. We’re looking at getting a new tower. Any vendors in here? Anyway, we don’t have the money right now. But we’re going to try to get a tower in the next year or so.

This actually shows the roof of the building. What happens in these buildings and these closely built up structures, when the roof goes in the thermal column goes up. And we’ve had problems in the city every year where the fire extends from one building to another when the roof does go. Showed video.
Again we had a pretty good water supply, large mains in the area. We used a lot of five inch hose and we gave orders instead of using a 1 ½ tip to take it up to 1 ¾ tip, or 2 inch tip. So that happened just as the shift was changing that day so most of the night shift was on this fire. The investigation of the fire included resources personnel from ATF, Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office, the Baltimore City Fire Marshal’s Office and the City Police. They never determined the person who set it but they declared it to be incendiary. They just haven’t caught anyone. It was a pretty good investigation; it lasted about a week and a half. Right here is a shot of our special operations team sealing the building and making it safe for the investigators to go in.

This is truck 1 kind a coated with that tarry substance from the fire. As I mentioned the night shift was in and this was the second five alarm fire that occurred this day. I’m running out of time. Two minutes, I’m wrapping it up now.

This occurred at Madison Street and Charles Street with the occupancy on the first floor; A restaurant with apartments on top. This fire was on a very cold night, ice was a factor, so we had to be very careful working on the roof. This was a fire where we did a pretty good interior attack but we couldn’t get it so we had to pull them back out. Then we thought we had it contained to the point we could start another interior attack so we, this is what I call a hokey pokey fire, we went in we went out we went in we went out, and finally we just had to contain it the best way we could the fire went into the night. The Tower from Baltimore County, the Texas tower, I think that’s tower 17, and it went all through the night into the next morning.

So, I’m just about to the end, my friend and I this was taken on the set of Ladder 49. We extend greetings to you all and we want you all to be safe. Keep up the good work that you all are doing around the state. I really appreciate that the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and some of your members, you might not know it but as a kid growing up in the inter city of Baltimore to me are heros. Mr. John from MFRI, that’s a guy there, I love him to death and I think people like him are some of you sitting here today. Old guys like me and those coming up behind us owe a debt of gratitude. We do go out and give presentations on the tunnel fire and some of the fires that we’ve had over the years and some of our initiatives and John sometimes shows up.

Before I close I’d like to say one thing. On January 27th two inches of snow and some ice, had a little ice storm, a little snow storm hit the city of Baltimore, and the surrounding areas and we had a second alarm in the city, a working fire, Baltimore County had some fires. But what happened was people were stuck on the Beltway for hours and hours. They were running out of gas, people needed to get home. People were running out of medications, all the things people needed to get through from hour to hour and in the city of Baltimore we had the same thing. I 83 was just jammed packed. So I went back and looked at the CAD. We were out of companies because there were wires down, people falling down. We had five engines and two
trucks left in the city of Baltimore, so I call Anne Arundel, they don’t have anything, I called Baltimore County, they didn’t have anything, and we were all stretched. What do we do in something like that? Well I got to tell you, I’m not sure because if some type of ice storm hits we need to know there’s some place we can go and calling back shift people and putting reserve apparatus in service in Baltimore takes a few hours. And going to the Counties in this situation so I think the more we work together, the more we know what our resources are, communicate and plan for a big weather event because that’s what’s hitting us.

How many tornadoes have we seen this year, so I think the more we work together the better off we’re going to be. Again, be safe. I’m off, Thanks again and good luck. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Chief we thank you for travelling down here this morning, sharing with us the experiences of Baltimore City and these major events. As a token of our appreciation we do have a resolution expressing out thanks to you. We won’t read the whole thing, we read one the other day, it’s a resolution on behalf the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, its members thanking you for coming down to the 119th convention and delivering this address. Again, thank you Chief.

Now we being to go into the reports of the newly elected officers and we will begin with mine as your newly elected President.

It is both a pleasure and an honor to stand before you today as the newly elected President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This is a journey that actually began 33 years ago in 1978 when Past President Oscar Baker first gave me my first opportunity to serve the MSFA as Chairman of the Statistical Committee.

Since serving in that initial position with the MSFA, I have had the opportunity to serve on a multitude of committees of this Association and gain a greater understanding how the organization functions and how it interacts with its various state partners to achieve its mission.

Throughout those early years with the MSFA, I can still hear the voices of Charlie Burton, Pierce Damewood, Ralph Small, John Smith, and others suggesting that I move upward in the leadership chain of the MSFA. I repeatedly told them that it was “not my time”. Well guys, you aren’t here with me today, but my time has finally arrived.

Three years ago, I first decided to seek election to a leadership position within the MSFA. In the past three years, I have listened to many of you to learn of your issues and concerns so that I am better prepared to support the member companies of this organization in the coming year. With your continued cooperation and support, we
will move this association forward despite the challenges that lie ahead. I view each challenge as an opportunity and with your support; we will overcome those challenges and move forward.

Last night, I had the opportunity to take the oath of office for this great organization and give thanks to several individuals who helped me achieve this personal goal of mine. With your permission, I would like to thank those individuals once again.

First, to President Doyle Cox, I extend my congratulations on a successful year and my heartfelt thanks for being a friend and an advisor as I have ascended the chairs with you. When I first decided to run for office in the MSFA, I sought Doyle’s advice on the right things to do and he has shown me the path to be here today. My thanks to Doyle for all of his assistance and support over the past three years.

A special thanks to my extended family, the members of my home company of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary. I especially want to give thanks to Wylie Donaldson and Tom Tharp for their advice and guidance throughout my fire service career. Without the support and guidance of these two individuals, it is unlikely that I would be here today.

I also would like to thank the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association who have provided me the support and backing to take on this challenge.

And finally, but not least, I could not do this without the support and encouragement of my family: my wife, Gloria, our two children Tracy and David, Jr., and our grandchildren, Ashley, Tina, and Noah. Everyone who has walked this path before knows that you cannot complete this journey without the support of family and I am thankful for the love and support of my wife, children and grandchildren.

As we begin the new year for this association, I have established the following goals for my administration to achieve:

- First and foremost, consider our members and their role as volunteers in each and every decision that we make as an organization.
- Second, improve communication from the Association through increased use of social media and network technologies.
- Next, bring organization to the organization
  - Adopt and implement the goals of the MSFA Operational Plan that establishes a roadmap for the future of the MSFA.
  - Make each committee accountable by establishing goals for the coming year and reporting programs against these goals at each Executive Meeting.
• Continue to identify financial support opportunities for our member companies by strengthening the funding available via the Amoss 508 program, the VCAF program, and the Federal AFG grant programs.
  o Recognize the impacts of reductions in state and local funding support to volunteer fire companies and take actions as needed to replace these cuts in support to local funding.
• Make safety a priority for our membership
  o Injuries and LODDs should not be a part of our business but an exception.
  o Safety cannot be considered an option but a part of the way we do business.
  o We will modify the safety culture of Maryland’s emergency services by:
    • Strengthening the operation of the MSFA Safety Committee
    • Synergize the efforts of the MSFA, MFCA, Metro Chiefs, MIEMSS and others to encourage the adoption of safety programs and practices.
• Finally, we will initiate the following new programs in the coming year:
  o Cancer Support Network: provide information to our membership and their families on cancer support programs. Join with the national level efforts to provide a support network for our membership.
  o Wills for Heroes Program: develop a program that will provide free legal services for volunteer members for the preparation of a simple will.

To you, the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, I pledge my undivided support and attention over the coming year and make myself available to listen to your concerns and issues, assisting wherever and whenever I can. I thank you for your support and words of encouragement and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your newly elected President. (Applause)

I will now ask First Vice President John Denver to please come forth with his remarks.

First Vice President John Denver: Good morning President Lewis, Second Vice President Olson, Officers, Members and Guests. I would like to start off by thanking a number of people. First of all, my wife, Anna Marie, and my children Tracy and Mike and their families. I also need to thank my fire service family; Singerly Fire Company, The Cecil County Firemen’s Association, The Harford Cecil Firemen’s Association, my campaign committee and all of you. I would also like to thank Past President Cox and President Lewis for all the help and guidance given me this past year.

But to truly thank you for the friendship and confidence that you have shown me. I need to do much more than just thank you, I need to serve this organization the
very best way that I can and that is my pledge to you. I will work tirelessly, support this organization, support President Lewis and his programs, move this organization forward and to serve this organization and you, the greatest people I have ever known. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Thank you Vice President Denver. Now I call on the newly elected Second Vice President, Ms. Jackie Olson.

Second Vice President Jackie Olson: Good morning. Officers and members of the MSFA, I stand before you today in ah and very humbled. And as many of you know me, speechless which does not come around a lot.

I want to thank you for your support and I pledge to you I will do my best to make your voices heard when it comes to issues and I will work towards finding a solution that benefits all of us.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to all for making the 1st step of a lifetime dream become reality. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if you need anything. And again, thank you so much for your support. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Thank you Jackie. Secretary Joe Cooper.

Secretary Joe Cooper: Good morning. On behalf of the Secretary’s Office, I would like to thank you for support so far this year – which has been a darned short one so far. I look for your support and help this coming year. If you have any problems at all, call me or call one of the Assistant Secretaries and we will certainly try and help you in any way.

Right now we need the following companies to pick up your Fire Prevention Books: Ridge Fire Department, Bel Alton, Indian Head, New Midway, Jefferson, and Leonardtown Fire Department. Any questions call me. Thank you. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Thank you Joe. Our Treasurer, Mr. Ron Siarnicki.

Treasurer Don Siarnicki: Good morning. It is a pleasure to stand before you as your elected Treasurer. To have been serving in that role is a real treat and I am pleased to be able to do it for two more years.

I had the opportunity to meet with the banks this morning. We are working on things like signature cards and all those other pieces related to the change in the officers. I reported of course in the Program Book for our closing report on our finances for the last year. Our financial review was completed successfully and all of that is due to the great team that we have working within the Finance Section.
So I would be remiss if I didn’t thank my assistant treasurers: Bob Jacobs, Lee Sachs, and Mitch Vocke for making it all work. And then I guess it would be the one who I consider my partner, Fred Cross the Financial Secretary – he’s back there somewhere – and his assistant Chris Hyzer. We are excited to work with the Budget Committee which Steve Cox heads up, and continue to move forward with the business of this association.

We are excited to work with the newly elected officers. We pledge to continue to keep our finances in control and to provide the best physical responsibility we can as members of the State Firemen’s Association. Thank you for electing me and trusting in my efforts and that of the team. It’s time for us to get back to work, so thank you.

(Applause)

**President David W. Lewis:** Your Chief Chaplain, Rev. John J. Long, Jr.

**Chief Chaplain Rev. John J. Long, Jr.:** Good morning from the Chaplain’s Office. We are here to help you but we can’t help you if you do not call on us. So anytime anyone is sick or injured, please let us know. We are willing to come make visitations, help with services, anything you have. Have a great week. Thank you. (Applause)

**President David W. Lewis:** Elected member of the Board of Trustees, C. Danny Carpenter III.

**Trustee C. Dan Carpenter III:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning Officers, Past President, Delegates and guests. I would like to thank everyone for the confidence in allowing me to serve for this office for the Trustees for another term in office. It is a great pleasure, an honor for me to serve this great association. I have the will, the dedication and the commitment to do a good job for all of you. I would like to thank my home company, the Potomac Heights Fire Department and Rescue Squad, the Southern Maryland Firemen’s Association, and the campaign committee for all their support and help these past few years. I thank you all. Thank you Mr. President. (Applause)

**President David W. Lewis:** Thank you Danny. At this time I would like to call Ron Siarnicki back to the podium for the final report of the Convention Committee.

**Convention Committee Chair Ron Siarnicki:** Thank you Mr. President. Should have done both at the same time. Anyway to give you an up-date on the Convention Committee, as you can tell we are almost done as far as the business sessions go.

I want to give you some numbers, this has been a pretty good year related to some of our activities.
For any of you who were at Jolly Roger, our family event, we had 1,107 people participate in the amusement park on Monday night. We had 1,100 people take part in the food. So that was a nice experience for all of us. We had just about 700 people do the lunch yesterday and we had 250 people at Prayer Breakfast this morning. So I guess we need to work at getting people to bed earlier at night for the prayer breakfast on Wednesday morning.

There is a lot that has been happening here at the Convention Center related to some of the changes. I talked about that earlier on Monday. We have met with the Convention Center Staff earlier this morning and even with the construction that is going on, they are very confident that they are going to accommodate us. So as a result of the balloting yesterday, we have reached out to the Convention Center to sign the contracts for the facility here in Ocean City through 2016. Those dates that were on the ballot passed so we move forward with executing a contract and what we intend to do is negotiate a rate now so that we get something locked in so we know budgetary what it is going to cost for the facility.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the entire Steering Committee, the Convention Committee and everyone that has helped me. They make the Convention the success that it is. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scene. We are constantly refining activities. But one of the things we need your help with is, there are Convention Survey Sheets placed out at the Registration Tables and downstairs in the Lobby. This is your opportunity to tell us what you think needs to be adjusted or changed or new added to the convention. So please, they were in the packets as well, so I would appreciate your getting them filled out and mail them to me or any of the Steering Committee, or Convention Committee. You can get on the web. We’ll have Data Systems; Richard Snader put it on the MSFA web site. But what we need is information from you as to how your Convention went. So I would appreciate you taking the time to do that.

One other thing I want to do is bring greeting from Chairman Emeritus, Past President Leonard King. I have talked to him several times over the course of the Convention. He wanted to come out this year but due to his health and some medical conditions, he was at the doctor’s again yesterday. So he wanted to extend his greetings to everyone and his wishes for a successful convention which I think we have been able to accomplish. He wanted to let everyone know he is thinking about us.

I do have one piece – a thank you – apparently the VFIS, one of our significant partners, provided funds to support the Fire Prevention Awards. And they need to be acknowledged for doing that. So I wanted to take a second to acknowledge this.

And the other piece I want to mention, we were talking about the finances of the convention. We have a Corporate Partners Program, so if you know of someone who wants to support the convention, please, that information is on the website.
Just a tidbit, we did a lot of our sales over the website and that has been a big increase in getting some of our ticket sales incorporated. I know I have just a little bit around there but thoughts I wanted to say including thank you. I appreciate your trust in me and I will now pass it back to the President. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Ron I want to thank you on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And I would like you to take back to your committee our expression of thanks. Whether you realize it or not, it takes a small army to put on this convention. And they do an outstanding job. Ron is a great leader but he has a great team behind him. There are dozens of people back here that you do not see. Part of the go team keeps this running, the folks downstairs that keep the exhibit halls running, tickets sales, the registration team that sits back there all week long and takes care of us over there and there is a small army there. On behalf of the MSFA please take back our appreciation to the entire team.

At this time I will introduce your Executive Committee for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the coming year 2011-2012. Let me begin with the Chairman for the coming year, my friend, my mentor Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr. representing Anne Arundel County; (Applause) Vice Chairman Ben Kurtz representing Harford and Cecil Counties (Applause); Mark Bilger representing Carroll and Howard Counties (Applause); Stuart Carter representing Baltimore County (Applause); John Gunter representing Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties (Applause); Bill Hildebrand representing Kent, Queen Anne’s and Caroline Counties (Applause); Glen D. “Dale” Fishack, Jr., representing Frederick and Washington Counties (Applause); Rodney Bowser, representing Allegany and Garrett Counties (Applause); Lee Lutz representing Prince George’s County (Applause); James P. Seavey, Sr., representing Montgomery County (Applause); Richard Smith representing Dorchester and Talbot Counties (Applause); Daniel J. Stevens representing Charles, St. Mary’s and Calvert Counties (Applause); Ex-Officio Member, your Past President, Doyle Cox (Applause).

This is the Executive Committee charged by the By-laws to operate the business of the Association between Conventions. Please, anytime you have an issue or challenge, please make sure your representative is aware of it and bring it back to take before the leadership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. These members were installed last night so we do not need to install them today. We do need to thank them for being here this morning so we could have the opportunity to introduce them to you. Thank you gentlemen. (Applause)

At this time it is my pleasure to introduce the Assistant Officers. You elected the officers of the Association by ballot yesterday and offices as large as those of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association so does require some assistance, so each of the offices are entitled to assistants. At this time we would like to have the assistants come up. We are missing a few but that is okay we will do the ones we have here. Assistant Secretaries: Kristi Reppe, Assistant Secretary Ron Watkins, Assistant Secretary Rick
Hemphill. Assistant Treasurers: Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs, probably downstairs, Mitch Vocke, and Assistant to the Financial Secretary, Chris Hyzer. Chaplains Corp, Chief Chaplain Emeritus, Harvey Dixon, Chaplains Deacon Charlie Barnhart, Rev. Frederick Bahr, Rabbi Kenneth Block, Rev. Dave Coblentz, Rev Harry Hetz, Rev. Marvin Jackson, Deacon George L'Heureux, Calvin Pete Walbert. Office of the Attorney: Michael Farlow, Office of the Parliamentarian, Richard Brooks, John Keyser, Sr., William Wagner III, and Andrew White. At this time I’d like to call on Past President Roger Powell to do the installation for the assistant Officers.

Roger Powell PP: Ladies and Gentlemen if you will raise your right hand, repeat after me using your name where I use mine. I Roger Powell do solemnly promise to up hold the bylaws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I will faithfully perform the duties of the office to which I have been appointed. I will preserve and protect all monies and properties in my possession and turn same over to my duly appointed successor at the termination of my office, so help me God. Congratulations. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Again your newly appointed officers for 2012.

At this point we have a special program presentation as you know we did the firestorm 2011 that was previously in this time slot. At this time we’ll be presenting Victor Stagnaro from the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation to give us a program on the leadership, accountability, culture and knowledge program of the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. Many Fire Departments across the US lack the right stuff to reduce significance of line of duty deaths. Through education and training fire departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of fatalities and talking these principles with special emphasis on the fire service culture. This compelling presentation by the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation examines the root causes of fire fighter deaths and the role of leadership in the culture and knowledge as it impacts the end result. This program will provide information on how to incorporate this learning into structural presentation. Please join me in welcoming Victor Stagnaro from the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation.

Victor Stagnaro: Thank you Mr. President. Congratulations to all the newly elected leaders. Leadership accountability Culture Knowledge as mentioned, how does this affect our ability to save lives? Over the last several days you’ve heard fire fighter Rose, and couple days ago you heard Chief Edwards talk about training and the number of fatalities and injuries that occur during training exercises.

FF Rose spoke about the need to wear your seat belt and the fact that he was wearing a seat belt and that actually saved his life. Every three days, approximately every three days a fire fighter is killed in the line of duty in the Unites States of America.
Do you ever have those moments where you wish you could just rewind? Something so bad has happened that you wish you could rewind that particular moment and take it back. Leadership Accountability Culture and Knowledge, this course and the ability to consider the actions you take; hopefully will put you in a position that you don’t need to rewind and you don’t have to experience a line of duty death.

Nobody is exempt as you can see in the slide here, throughout the United States it doesn’t matter what part and actually that number eleven on the west coast is the areas that are least populated. So it’s really affected by population and certainly Maryland is no exception to the fact of line of duty deaths. The northeast, a highly populated area is certainly among the highest number of fire fatalities on a regular basis.

“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting different results”. How often are we accidently successful in what we do? How often do we continue to do the same operations and because we are successful, even though we may not have laid hose or done certain things appropriately and we continue to be successful so we think that’s the routine, that it’s ok to do that. And we keep thinking that still these types of activities, these types of behaviors, on a day in day out.

How often do we just disregard safety because of the culture? It honestly takes leadership to be courageous and do the right things and to buck the culture that it’s ok not to wear your seat belt, its ok not to wear all your bunker gear.

What does Lack mean? A state of needing something that is absent or unavailable there is a problem. What do we lack? What is lacking in our culture that allows us to continue to operate unsafely?

I might need you to click that video real quick. Just put the mouse over it and see if it will run. Back it up. We’ll move on.

Top down leadership: Leadership, Accountability Culture, and Knowledge. What is it really? How about the fire fighters that are leaders within your organization? Do they have any responsibility? Do they have any responsibility to affect the culture that’s around them? Are they accountable and who’s holding them accountable? We’d like to think that this is another means in which we should operate its leadership from the bottom up. Leadership should be supporting and holding people accountable and affecting the culture and asking those people that are leaders within your organization, whether they are chief officers or fire fighters to lead in the area in that they are responsible for. To lead appropriately.

The National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation, many things we are doing like Leadership, Accountability, Culture, Knowledge we have of course Courage to be safe, a course called Taking Care of our own and of course our main mission is to take care of the
families of Fallen Fire Fighters with our survivor network. The one thing we do know out of all the things that kill fire fighters, most of the things that kill them, heart attacks, over 50% are something we can control. Taking physicals, being physically fit, and making sure we are heart ready to perform the functions we need to perform.

Do we drive safely? Do we instill that safe driving habit? Do we understand the effects that poor driving habits will take on for us? A couple examples of some fire fighters that were killed. Do you think these drivers had that moment that they wish they could just take it back? They wish they could hit the rewind button and relive a particular moment? These are the things we need to do ahead of time.

How many people remember seeing this video? If you are like me you probably chuckled a little bit when you saw it coming. How about this? Consider the affect that our poor driving habit have. I’ll tell you, I could be one of those as well. That maybe doesn’t always drive safely. Real people are really affected and they really die.

What do you think about this driver? Do you think he had a moment where he wished he could just rewind, hit the button and try this over again? Once it’s out it’s done. You can’t take those things back.

Rollovers, Vehicle accidents continue to be our number 2 cause of fire fighter fatalities in the nation. These numbers are a little off, the NFPA just put out their report. Seventy two fire fighters less in fire fighter deaths. The lowest number since the 1970’s. Seventy two, a great tribute of the work of the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. The Everyone Goes Home program and I Chiefs and organizations like this that are really pushing the safety message.

We do and have come from a culture that if you burn your ears, had sustained some burns and some injuries; we wore that as a badge of honor. We finally I think turned the corner on that. We should be ashamed when a fire fighter gets hurt. We are the only industry that for many years accepted that and thought that was an honorable thing. We should actually be ashamed when a fire fighter gets hurt or injured in the line of duty.

It doesn’t matter if you are career or volunteer, these are interesting numbers, but the fact is, every time we go on an incident, every time the bell rings, every time we go on and serve our citizens, it can be dangerous. We do it appropriately the right way.

How often do we accidentally end up successful? Look at an incident and just operate without really paying attention to what’s really going on?

Tell me about this slide. What goes through your mind when you see it? Evidently
the fire is out. What are these fire fighters doing? Is anybody paying attention to the potential here? Did you notice the fire fighters on the downstairs part of this building? Is anybody paying attention? We really need to stop and consider every aspect of what we do from the time, actually before the bell rings we should be prepared and when the bell rings, putting on all our gear, putting on our seat belts, driving safely, operating safely on the fire ground.

We have plenty of instances in which a fire fighter has been killed. We can do the studies. We can read the studies. How often do you read those and say, I would never do that. That wouldn’t be the way I would operate, that wouldn’t be the way I would do it.

I can tell you I was just in Grand Junction, Colorado where they recreated the incident that in 1994 that killed 14 wild land fire fighters. They put you in a position where you have to make decisions, they give you the scenarios and you make the decisions and amazingly even though everybody had read the reports, under the stresses, many people were making the same decisions.

Do we take into account the impacts we have when we behave poorly, when we are not operating safely? Fire fighter injuries, the short term affects, the life altering affects, and you’ve heard some of that already in the last couple days, of course our line of duty deaths and the hardships the families undergo.

In February of 2005 Fire Fighter Grady Burke was killed, a warrior that died senselessly. We all know that when you raise your right hand and you pin the badge onto a fire fighter, essentially they’ve made the decision. We trained them, we’ve taught them what to do in a particular situation what to do. Are we stopping to think about the impact of going into a vacant building? Even the pastor of Grady Burke understood. This was a warrior. He was a father, a member of his community, but he died senselessly.

I can tell you about this incident. Fire Fighter Chip Almony from the Prince George’s County Fire Department. He’s one of those fire fighters who had made a decision as to what he was going to do when he was confronted with a particular situation. He received a Silver Medal of Valor for this incident. It’s actually a house that sits between Beltsville and Laurel. It’s actually a non hydrant area which is unusual for that particular area. I can tell you that because I was assigned there many many years ago. I can tell you that in our map books we have listed where we would lay out, where we would lay dual lines, because we knew it was a non hydrant area.

This was an organization at the time, which has changed a lot since then, that as a matter of culture accepted the fact understaffed was ok. The officer for this particular company that day left the station to take care of other business, leaving the station...
under staffed. When the call came out, it was a non hydrant area, but somehow that information that had been historically known by fire fighters and officers from that station before, had not passed that information to newer folks.

When the engine company arrived, they were confronted from citizens and some off duty fire fighters from Montgomery County who had put up a painters ladder and were saying there was a child trapped in that home. Fire fighter Almony did what we all would have done. He did what he decided to do many years before when he went through recruit school. He was confronted with a situation and he dove in to try to make a rescue.

No fire fighter should die unless he’s trying to put hands on somebody who may be trapped. Chip did that, he did not die fortunately; he spent many days in the burn center, and appropriately received a medal of valor. However the system failed him here. A system that allowed understaffed. A system that did not pass on critical information about that area that he should have known that would have helped him in that situation.

We know that for every three hundred of so unsafe acts, there are thirty injuries and one fatality. For every three hundred thousand risk behaviors, every time we behave risky, three thousand near misses, about three hundred reportable injuries, thirty lost days of work, and one fatality.

We know that training and education can reduce that, if we do the training and education appropriately and we heard from Chief Edwards just a couple days ago about the risk of training. No fire fighter should die in a training exercise where it is completely controlled.

Let me end with this: If for no other reason, who should we do it for? We should do it for those family members that rely on us to do the right thing. I was fortunate enough to be in Howard County when we taught this course Leadership, Accountability, Culture, and Knowledge to all the officers of the Howard County Fire Department. As Chief Goddard pointed out, No Fire Fighter, No Fire Fighter’s family is ok with a Fire Fighter losing his life that particular day. They didn’t sign up for that. There’s no reason a Fire Fighter should die, certainly senselessly. Are you able to put this video for me please? Video shown about Fire Fighter Paul Smith of Greenville, South Carolina.

Real People really die. How often when you think of that scenario, his crew, the Chief, the way they managed that incident. The way they managed the family afterwards, would like to hit that rewind button. We must instill in every Fire Officer and every Fire Fighter, don’t be in that position where you want to hit rewind.

Put that seat belt on. Drive safely. Do a three sixty, consider the actions before you take them so we don’t have experiences that put other people through that type anguish.
Let me end with one more piece; A little commercial. This June at Fire House Expo we will be honoring the three hundred forty three Fire Fighters. The entire expo is dedicated to FDNY and the events of 9-11. We’ll be holding a climb a stair climb at the Hilton on the 12th of July. It would be a great showing to have 343 Fire Fighters represent the 343 Fire Fighters that were killed on September 11th. Right now we have sixty people signed up for that. It would be a great thing for Maryland to have the full 343 people represented at that particular climb. You can do that through our web site or you can go downstairs to our booth and register there.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for your time. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: Victor thank you for coming down. Again on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association we certainly appreciate the safety message you brought with us. We do have a resolution on behalf the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, in appreciation and like all other presenters, you get our gift bag. Convention bag and we thank you for coming here today.

Now it gives me great pleasure to introduce a friend to the fire service, Delegate John Bohannon. Delegate Bohannon, whether you know it or not he was actually one of our go to people down at Annapolis when we needed help. Certainly helped us out on some of the legislative issues we worked out last year. And we certainly thank him for his help. He’s kind a here wearing another hat today. He’s an aid to Congressman Steny Hoyer and he’s here with a special presentation from the Congressman.

Delegate Bohannon: Mr. President thank you very much and good morning. I hope everyone is having a good time. The sun is out in Ocean City. You’re all here in a meeting but I know you’ll all be out a little bit later. I know there’s a lot of good business getting done, but I also know that you’ll have a lot of good times tonight, You’ve already had a lot of good times.

I am very pleased to be here to recognize and make a presentation to your new President. Before I do that, let me just mention a word about your outgoing President Doyle Cox. I had the great opportunity to work very closely with Doyle, not just the past year as President, but prior to that in many different capacities.

Congressman Hoyer allowed me to go be a member of the Maryland State Legislature and go do that for ninety days. I serve as the chairman of a work group called the EMS work group. One of the things we’ve worked very hard on is providing the funding for the Medevac helicopters. We’ve been able to come up with enough funding now for the replacement, for the cost to replace all of the fleet of the current Medevac helicopters. So over the course of the next several years we’re going to totally revamping with a new version of the Medevac helicopters. I thank each and every one of you for your support, because without the work that you provide, without the dedication, without
the volunteer service that you provide, those very expensive assets would frankly be useless. Thank you for what you do each and every day year after year.

Doyle Cox has been a tremendous leader, not only on that issue but on so many issues on your behalf. Let me just say how fortunate it was for me to have the opportunity to work with Doyle and I am very proud to call him my friend and you were very well served as his tenure as the President. Doyle, I don’t know if you are back there, but congratulations, we don’t have a presentation for you, just a hand shake. I think we gave you the citation on the way in.

So with that Mr. President if you want to come up, on behalf of Congressman Steny Hoyer, a certificate of Congressional recognition to be presented this day to David Lewis as you become the new President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the year 2011 – 2012, signed by Steny Hoyer the Democratic whip, US House of Representatives.

Mr. President thank you very much, we look forward to working with you. Good to be with all of you. Have a great time here and we’ll see you back in the community. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President David W. Lewis: John thank you for coming today. We do have a convention bag with some tokens of our convention. We welcome you to our convention today and thank you for coming.

At this time I open the floor for any unfinished business. Is there any unfinished business? Is there any unfinished business from the floor? Third and final call.

Hearing none is there any new business? Second call new business? Third call new business? Hearing none let me just give you a few announcements.

Remaining activities for the convention. Remember the parade starts today at 1:00 sharp. Starting at the inlet down Baltimore Ave, our last year in the downtown area. Please pay attention to the information in your delegate packet concerning changes to the parade route next year. But again we will be in the downtown area this year starting at 1:00. Trophies will be given out at 5:00 or as soon as the judges get done their deliberation. Reminder the location change; we will be at the front loading dock, where the flea market was earlier this week. Let’s get used to it because the construction will be here next year and we won’t be able to use the back area, so we’ll be at the front loading dock area.

Tomorrow morning at 9:00 the Executive Committee will be meeting at the east hall where the ladies are meeting now. Again you’re welcome to attend there if you like. And of course Friday we’ll have the golf tournament. Some of you will be out for the
golf tournament. I know you’re waiting for the raffle. Somebody wants to take home $10,000.

So at this time, it’s certainly my pleasure to call out the $10,000 raffle committee to tell us who the winners are. Lou Jonske chairman, the ways and means committee with the $10,000 raffle.

**Lou Jonske:** Ok guys all the half price tickets have already been sold so we’re going to draw this thing today. I’ve got a couple things to say before we draw. Thanks to President Dave Lewis for reappointing me to this committee next year. I don’t know what I’d do without it. And as always, Harford County sold the most chances. (cheering from the audience) We’re responsible for thirty seven thousand chances sold. A few more people I’d like to acknowledge here before we draw. We have a few special people, Chuck Austin from Earleigh Heights, he sold $800 worth, Chris Coins from Joppa $700, David Lewis from Odenton $700, Betty Pilkerton from East Port $800 worth of chances. This lady, she just gets out there and pounds the payment. Jarrettsville and Joppa together we sold 6,500 tickets. (Applause)

I’d like to thank my committee for an untold amount of hours. We spent times at Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Bel Air Bar B Q Bash, Darlington apple festival, the Spring Fest and Sun Fest not to mention being down here at Ocean City.

On a sad note we still have several companies that turned in ZERO. Shame on you. So far this year and we don’t have a final count yet we are $53,400 turned in. That’s about $1,000 over last year. That was good because we came down here about $2,500 short so we did well here at the convention. Ok are you guys ready. This is what everybody’s been waiting for.

Go to the bottom the man said. The ladies arms aren’t that long. But we’ll try. Get one on the corner he said. If one of them girls falls in there, we’ll never get them out.

Ok here it is, the $10,000 winner Cheryl Wade from Severn Md. It’s your sister. I’m sorry, you’re not getting the money, I got to give it to her. You going to call her or what. Is it a toll call? She’ll pay for it. Oh she’s here. Two in a row. Tell her to come on up and we’ll only charge her $100 and we’ll give her the money today. I have a whole bunch of tickets for next year, I’ll give her.

The $1,500 winner: Lonnie Klahr of Indian Head Md, are you here? Is your sister here? Here comes the $500 winner. Tim Martin. He evidently is from Pennsylvania, 717. All the rest of you guys are winning $100 which is still good.

District 16 VFD Cumberland Md, Steven McKinney North East Md is he here? $100 winner Kenneth Starr 443, two of them, next $100 winner Chris Slovill 410, one more,
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last winner Kevin Clipp Fairplay Md.

I want to thank everybody that’s participated, are you wanting your money? She won’t believe you. Who is this, Cheryl Wade, what do you want? Is this your sister calling you? She’s been in the bottle too early today. We picked your name for the $10,000 winner of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association drawing. I’m serious, yes madam. (Applause) My name is Lou Jonske and I’ll trade it to you for a half gallon of Captain Morgan. She’ll be right here. Get the money ready guys (Applause) She’s at Dumsers eating. Don’t forget to pay your check.

I want to tell everybody that we already have tickets printed for next year. And the prizes are increased, we’re adding an extra $4,200 to the prizes so we have to sell more this year guys. Next year we hope to have 100% participation, that way I don’t have to say shame on you to any companies. Thanks to everybody. Thanks to my committee for all the hard work that they do. Thank you

President David W. Lewis: Lou I want to thank your committee for everything you do. This is a yearlong project, not just when you get to Ocean City. Lou will be downstairs today getting your tickets for next year already. As he said we’ve increased the prize money by authority of the Executive Committee so more prizes to be awarded. Get your tickets early. Buy plenty, buy often. Again Lou thanks to your committee. He says he’ll be waiting for his Captain Morgan.

Ok anything for the good of the order. If not. I’ll ask Rev. Charles Barnhart to come forth and give us the benediction.

Before we do that because I know you’re going to rush out afterwards, could I have a motion from the floor for adjournment?

Got a motion and I got a second. All in favor say Aye, opposed don’t hear none. Carries. Charles.

Rev Barnhart: Let us pray. Gracious God we give you thanks for this time here at this convention. We ask your blessing today as we prepare for our parade. We ask your blessing tomorrow on our Executive Committee as they meet. We ask you to be with all those participants who will be in the golf tournament. For us who will be staying we ask that you give us refreshment and rest, for those that are going home safe travel and as we go back to our respective companies, we ask you to be with us as we serve our communities. Now may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

President David W. Lewis: (President pounds gavel); I declare the 119th annual convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention adjourned.
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

First Vice President Lewis, Second Vice President Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, Members, Delegates and Guests to the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The year is over and what a year this has been! It has been a great honor to serve you as your President. I have enjoyed every meeting, special events and every banquet that Cathy and I attended, unfortunately we were unable to attend each and everyone that we were invited to. As we entered the different events, we were welcomed with open arms and we have made so many new friends. As we traveled across the state attending the various County Association Meetings, Banquets and MSFA Committee meetings, I listened to the concerns and needs of the member companies, committee members, and individuals. What I learned over the years I hope that I put the information to use as I served you as your President.

This year has also had its sad times, with the Line of Duty death of Firefighter Paramedic Mark Falkenhan who was a member of both Lutherville and Middle River Ambulance. We continue to lose some of our senior members as well as Ladies Past Presidents Ms. Alvera Miller and Ms. Delores Lowman Monch. Each of these individuals, will be missed, because they have given so much and they were still giving. Not only did we lose several senior members of our committees, many of the county associations also lost several members that were past presidents and senior committee members as well as senior advisors. My deepest sympathy goes out to each and every family member that has lost a loved one, to the organizations on the loss of your member and leaders.

On a brighter note, special congratulations are extended to: Manchester VFD on their 125th Anniversary; Berlin Fire Company 100th Anniversary; College Park VFD 85th Anniversary; Odenton VFC 80th Anniversary; Pleasant Valley Community Fire 80th Anniversary; Riviera Beach 80th Anniversary; Clear Spring VFC 75th Anniversary; Clinton VFD 75th Anniversary; Harford-Cecil Counties Volunteer Firemen’s Association 70th Anniversary; Volunteer Fire Department of Brandywine 55th Anniversary and the Seventh District VRS 50th Anniversary and to all of the other organizations that celebrated an anniversary.

There were many challenges this year, which were handled successful and I want to thank Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver for the assistance that they provided during the year. As each of you continue to move to the next level, you will be faced with additional challenges, I will be there to provide you with the support that may be needed. The friendships that we have developed are second to none. Secretary Olson I thank you and your assistants for the many hours of hard work you continue to provide to the association. A Special Thanks to Mr. Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer; Mr. Fred Cross, Financial Secretary and the Financial Team for all of your work in keeping our finances
in order as well as all of the work that Mr. Lee Sachs, Assistant Treasurer continues to put into the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund.

To the members of the Chaplain’s group for the work you are providing, I thank you. For the any hospital visits that each of you make and especially for the ones that I have requested you to make. Again thanks for a job well done.

To the members of the Executive Committee, I want to thank each of you for the many hours you have committed to this association. There have been some issues this year, but with the leadership of Chairman Stevens and Vice Chairman Donaldson, all issues were resolved in a professional manner.

To the many Committee Chairs and Members, I thank each of you for your commitment and being the individuals that play a major role in the success of this association. Each of you are to be commended for your hard work that you have completed in your committee. Such as the Training Committee completing their Ten Year Plan; the Safety Committee with their involvement, Ambulance Safety Taskforce as well as promoting the use of Safety Belts; the EMS Committee is also involved with the Ambulance Safety Taskforce, the replacement of EMAIS with eMEDS. There is still a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done by all of the committees to keep this association moving forwarded, which can only be done with your help.

Special Thanks as always goes to the Past Presidents, thank you for your support over the years, several of you have been the sounding board and you provided me with valuable advice and guidance through many difficult situations. There has been several of you that have tried to keep me on the right track. I guess time will tell if you were successful in your task, hopefully, I have lived up to expectations of many of you. Again, thanks for all that you have done to make my term a successful one.

Congratulations to Chairman Douglas Alexander and the members of the Sprinkler Committee for another year of hard work. There was some success stories over the year, however there were some disappointments. After the election in November it seemed that some of the local elected and the members of the committee, not all was lost. A victory was gained with the defeat of SB 581 and HB 711, Manufactured Homes, Sprinkler System Requirement, which had provisions year.

Congratulations also go out to the Fire Prevention Committee under the leadership of Bobby Collins, along with Fire Marshal William Bernard, Treasurer Ronald Siarnicki and PIO Bruce Bouch, of the Fire Marshal’s Office for establishing the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Grants Program. This is a program that is designed to assist member companies with financial aid to support their Fire Prevention and Life Safety Programs. The first round of applications were from approximately 10% of our member companies and the last round had approximately 20% participation.
This year in Annapolis was another eye opener, how the legislative process takes place, such as the legislative meetings, and testifying before the committees during the hearings. Knowing what the economy was like, the hope was if we could hold onto funds that we were receiving from the state would be great. However when the request was sent to the Governor, I requested the fund remain the same as the previous year, with the exception of the Trustees, where additional funds were requested. However as all know, we did not receive the additional funds, however we did retain the funds that we had been receiving. When the budget bill came out as well as the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act for 2011, funds were being taken from the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund as well as from other sources to fund the Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Fund. With the help of Delegates John Bohanan, Norman Conway, and Guy Guzzone, the situation was corrected. Special Thanks also goes to the members of the Maryland General Assembly Fire Caucus and the members of the General Assembly that provided support for fire rescue and EMS legislation that they sponsored or that came before them during hearings.

A Special Thanks goes to Chairman Davis and Vice Chairman Yinger of the Legislative Committee for their hard work in Annapolis this year. No one knows how much work goes on behind the scene, where discussions are held with Senators, Delegates and or staff on legislative issues that will have some effect on the fire, rescue and EMS service. Again I want to thank these two individuals for the outstanding service they provided to this Association. We must not forget the group of ladies that traveled to Annapolis each day during the session to provide secretary support to the Legislative Committee. I cannot tell you how many hours that Rose Davis; Carene Housenfluck; Candy Mitchell; Marie Soutar; Betty Radish and Barbara McWilliams have logged in as they provide a service to this association.

Special thanks to Director Steven Edwards and his staff at the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute; Director Richard Muth and his staff at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; Dr. Robert Bass, Executive Director of Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System and his staff; Col. Terrence Sheridan, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; Major Mark E. Gibbons, Commander, Maryland State Police Aviation Division and his staff; Fire Marshal William Barnard, and his staff of the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal; Vice President Nursing and Operations Karen Doyle, and her staff, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. The working relationship that has been developed between these individuals and the Maryland State Firemen's Association is outstanding. Meetings were held throughout the year with our partners where discussions were held on legislative matters as well as funding for the organizations as well as other issues that are facing the fire, rescue and EMS service across the state. To each of you, it has been a pleasure to work with you and your staff, as we attended the various meetings and hearings.
As we traveled to Hancock last August to attend the Cumberland Valley meeting, as well at the Five State Presidents meeting, where each of our partners gave an update on the activities within their agencies. Again I would like to thank each of you for taking time out of your busy schedule and for the support you are providing to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This past year, Officers and several Past Presidents had the pleasure of attending the various state conventions in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware. I would like to thank each state president for the hospitality and the warm welcome. It has been an honor and pleasure to represent the Association at these events. Again, there have been many friendships formed at these events.

Throughout the past year, it has been a honor to attend and participate in the METRO Chief’s meetings. I thank each that attend the meetings for the friendship that has been formed and for allowing the Association to share in the information that is provided by working together.

I had the pleasure of serving in the Office of President, however it was also a pleasure of having a person in the Office of the Auxiliary President that was full of fire, joy and eager to assist where needed. President Sandi Lutz, it has been a honor to serve with you and your officers! It has been fun, and there are memories that will never be forgotten. Thanks for being part of the year as well as the President’s personal photographer, I will have some history in prints. Thanks to your officers and to the members of your association for making me feel at home. Thanks to the members of the Auxiliaries across the state for accepting Cathy and I as part of your family.

Special Thanks go to the following companies for hosting the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive 37 Committee Meetings this past year. The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department; Aberdeen Fire Company; Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association and the Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. I cannot thank these organizations enough, the service they provided for the different weekend was outstanding. Each one in their own way, went above and beyond what was expected to make the weekend the best. I would be remised if I did not include the Auxiliary of each organization for preparing and serving the food during these meetings. Each one of you did an “Out Standing Job”. To the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department, I thank you for your support in hosting the 2010 Christmas Party, again a job well done.

To the members of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, you are an awesome group of individuals that has gone out of your way to help me to the level that I have reached. Each of you have helped in a way that will never be forgotten. The Campaign Committee under the leadership of John O. Gatton, Sr. and C. Dan Carpenter III, I do not know what I would have done without you. To the members of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, my home company, thank you for your support and understanding. To the members of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
and Ladies Auxiliary, Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, and the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department, you are great. And a group that I cannot leave out is the Southern Maryland Ladies Auxiliary, this is another group that goes out of their way to provide support.

To my wife, Cathy, my friend, my companion, my advisor, and my supporter. This is the person that is by my side when ever and where ever needed. She goes out of her way to support my needs, but she looks at it another way also, what is the best for the organization. Through the years, she also has become friends with so many of you. She has dropped things or rearranged her schedule to be with me on special occasions. From day one, she has always said to just let her know when and where. Thank You for being the person you are, I could never have done this without her support and being one of my advisors and friend.

I look forward to the next level, whatever will it be? I am sure there will be challenges that will be facing the association as I move out of the office and the new President takes over. As always, I am here for the new officers to assist if needed on each and every challenge. I look forward in returning to the Executive Committee for one last year, under the leadership of Chairman Donaldson.

In closing, I must say thanks to all of you for the support, advice, friendship, but most of all for being a volunteer that provides a service to your department, your association, your community and your state. To Vice President Lewis, Vice President Denver and the newly elected officers in the future, I will be there if you need and ask assistance. Good Luck to each and every one of you and as the late Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein would always say, “God Bless you all real Good”, and thanks for the opportunity you provided me, to serve you, the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS Service of this great State.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, President

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

It is indeed an honor and pleasure to submit this report to the 119th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as your First Vice President. I am humbled to serve this great organization and honored to follow the footsteps of so many great individuals that have walked this path before me. This past year has been especially rewarding as my wife Gloria and I traveled across this state and have been welcomed into your firehouse families and offered your hospitality and support. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family.

I continue to be amazed at the accomplishments of the volunteer personnel across
this state. For the past two years, my wife Gloria and I have attended many awards banquets and we are always impressed by the hours that many of you dedicate to your fire companies. Thanks to each and every one of you for the work that you do to make your community a safer place to live. I would like to extend my congratulations to President Doyle Cox on a successful term of office this past year. Under Doyle’s leadership, the association continued to move forward in a period that has promised to provide an extended downturn in our nation’s economy. We were successful in retaining our funding support in Annapolis despite severe budget cuts across portions of the state budget. I am especially grateful to Doyle for his friendship and advice over the past three years. Since I first made the decision to seek office within the MSFA, Doyle has been my constant source for advice and guidance. To Doyle and his wife Cathy, I extend my sincere thanks on behalf of my wife Gloria and I for your friendship and support over the past three years and I hope that our relationship continues for many years to come.

I would also like to extend my congratulations and thanks to President Sandi Lutz and all of the Ladies Auxiliary members. I learned a long time ago to appreciate the role of the Ladies Auxiliaries because of the support that I have seen in my own home company. I continue to be impressed by the ladies auxiliaries across this state as I witness first hand their participation in fire prevention, fund raising, and administrative activities of their company. To all the ladies auxiliary members out there, I say “Thank you”.

Serving as your First Vice President has given me a greater appreciation for the amount of work that occurs behind the scenes to make this association as successful as it is. Thanks to the Past Presidents for your continued advice and leadership, to my fellow officers for your participation as a team to enable the association to move forward, and to the Executive Committee members under the leadership of Dan Stevens for your continued leadership of the association in between conventions. Thanks also to each of the committees of this fine organization who are the true workhorses of this association. We could not execute our mission without the countless hours expended by our committees in fulfilling their duties in support of the state’s volunteer fire and EMS services. While it has indeed been a great honor to serve this association over the past year, it would not have been possible without the support of my loving wife Gloria, my family, the members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary, the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and Ladies Auxiliary, my friend and close advisor Wylie Donaldson, and Director Steve Edwards and the faculty/staff of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. Each of these individuals serve as my support team and have provided me the support and motivation to do the best job that I can on behalf of the state’s emergency services providers. I extend to each of you my sincere gratitude and hope that I am living up to your expectations as I continue to move up the leadership ladder of this association.
As we continue to move forward during this coming year, I pledge my full support to the association and each of its member companies. By the time that we travel to Ocean City for this convention and you read this report, I will have traveled over 25,000 miles and attended over 350 meetings/events during the past year representing you as First Vice President. Each and every visit to each and every fire station has been a joy and I thank each of you for this opportunity, your hospitality, and your support. Enjoy your time in Ocean City this week but play safe. Good luck on a successful 119th annual convention and I hope to see many of you around town or on the boardwalk.

Respectfully,
David W. Lewis
First Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

President Cox, First Vice President Lewis, Officers, Delegates, and Guests; It has been said that the year served as Second Vice President is a year of learning. For me, this was absolutely true. For learning to occur, knowledgeable, competent, and involved teachers are required. I have been blessed with many such teachers.

First and foremost were President Doyle Cox and First Vice President Dave Lewis. We traveled many miles together, and attended numerous meetings and other events. Doyle and Dave could not have been more helpful. In addition to providing me with the expected information on the subject of the meetings, and groups we were meeting with, they also helped with things as small, but still important as the “dress code” and driving directions. An old friend and MFRI Field Instructor, Pierre Lebrun, used to say that the most important responsibility of any officer was to prepare his successor. Doyle and Dave have both worked hard to prepare me, and I thank them greatly.

In the last year, I have spoken with many Past Presidents and received information, advice, and support. In that group of men rests incredible experience and wisdom. I sincerely thank them all, and will continue to call on them in the coming years.

I have attended many committee meetings since last June. At each meeting, whether it be the Executive Committee, or any of the other standing or special committees, I have been impressed with the knowledge, ability and commitment of the committee chairs and members. These individuals, and the appointed and elected officers, do the real work of the association and deserve more credit and thanks than I can give.

I have also attended many regional and county association meetings in the last year. While it has required extensive time on the road, it was time well spent. These meetings gave me the opportunity to meet face to face with volunteers from all areas of the state.
I was able to talk with them and learn about their concerns and issues first hand. I was also able to thank them for all that they do for the state association, their county or region, and their department.

I have had the privilege of representing the MSFA at numerous banquets since the last convention. I have immensely enjoyed each and every one of them. These banquets give the departments an opportunity to celebrate their successes, honor their volunteers, and tell their story to their community and elected officials.

I also owe thanks to the officers and members of the Singerly Fire Department, the North East Volunteer Fire Department, the Cecil County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association for their unwavering support. Without their help, this year would not have been possible. Their efforts on my behalf have been truly inspiring, and I will always be in their debt.

So many people have helped that it is not possible to list them all. But, I would like to specifically thank Ben Kurtz for agreeing to serve on the Executive Committee, and Past President Steve Cox for all of his advice and support. I would also like to thank Hoby Howell, Buddy Schweers, Bill Lay, Past President Gene Worthington, Bob Hahn and LAMSFA Past President Robyn Hahn, and Eileen Edelin and Past President Carl Edelin for all of their help in my campaign.

In the past year, I have felt a wide range of emotions from elation at the convention to sorrow at the many funerals and memorial services I attended. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, MD is quite moving. I was also proud of the strong Maryland involvement in this very important event. The Line Of Duty Death of Mark Falkehan reminded us all how dangerous firefighting is. I would also like to note the passing of Herschel Armour, Past Chief of the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department and Alan Zentz former Maryland State Fire Supervisor. Both served Cecil County for many years. They were also long-time friends and will be sorely missed.

My reports at the Executive Committee meetings have included detailed itinerary information. In summary from June through mid-April, I have traveled over 27,000 miles and attended:

- 53 Partner Agency meetings
- 47 County Association meetings
- 18 Regional Association meetings
- 4 Neighboring State Conventions
- 24 MSFA Committee meetings
- 18 Funerals/Services
- 5 Parades/Celebrations
- 11 Banquets
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

President Cox, Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver, Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Friends and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: It has been an honor to have served you during this past year as Maryland State Firemen’s Association Secretary and thanks for your support.

I would like to Congratulate Doyle Cox on his successful year as MSFA President and wish him well in his future endeavors. The 2010-2011 Executive Committee Meetings were held at the following locations and dates listed below and all correspondence and business from those meetings was transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

June 18th, 2010 - Ocean City (Convention Center)  
August 28th & 29th, 2010 – Hollywood Volunteer Fire Company (St. Mary’s County)  
November 13 & 14th, 2010 - Aberdeen Fire Company (Harford County)  
February 19th & 20th, 2011- Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Assn (Talbot County)  
April 9th & 10th, 2011 - Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department (Garrett County)  
June 19th, 2011- Ocean City (Convention Center)

The Members of the Secretary’s Office have attended all of the Executive Committee Meetings and other functions that required our assistance and all items of correspondence have been properly handled and all necessary paperwork and records have been handled in an efficient manner, as required by the Constitution and By-laws of this Association.

As Secretary Emeritus, Leonard King always stated “The Secretary’s Office is very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals that provide a vital service to this Association and without their willingness and hard work, this job would have been that much harder to accomplish.” My sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks goes out to all of them.

Thank you to Secretary Emeritus, Leonard King for his support and friendship over the years, he is always there to support me. I would also like to recognize Assistant
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Secretary Joe Cooper, who will be leaving us this year after 12 years. Joe dedicates countless hours to recording, transcribing and preparing the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings and does an awesome job. He will be missed and we wish him all the best! I would also like to thank Assistant Secretaries Ron Watkins and Kristi Reppe for their distribution of the reports for each of the meetings and for being available to make the necessary copies that are sometimes needed by a particular Committee or Officer. Their role in the Secretary’s Office as Logistics is very important and they both do a great job keeping us going at the Executive Committee meetings. Thanks to Richard Snader for keeping us informed and up-to-date on information regarding our organization.

To the many individuals of this Association that have contributed to the Secretary’s Office to help during the meetings and annual convention/conference and other occasions we say thank you. I am very fortunate to have so many great individuals with the readiness and motivation that each of them have to help carry out the duties and responsibilities of this office and to serve you the members, departments, organizations and individuals of the volunteer fire, rescue and emergency medical services of Maryland.

I would like to thank my husband, Jay and my son, Tyler and my, mom, Flo for their love and support and my home company, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company for their assistance during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline M. Olson
Secretary

REPORT OF THE FINANCE TEAM

To the Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

On behalf of the Finance Team for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), representing the Office of the Financial Secretary, Office of the Treasurer and the Budget Committee, we would like to extend to all in attendance at the 119th Annual Convention sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable experience here in Ocean City. As we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, let us not forget the long hours and many miles our officers have expended all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

Over the past couple of years, you have heard mention of the MSFA Financial Team on numerous occasions and it is imperative that you know that as a direct result of
our team efforts the MSFA is in a much more solid financial status than we were just a few years ago. The Financial Team will continue to work on addressing every fiscal issue we, as an organization, face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to us. In an effort to make this team a permanent function of the MSFA, a proposed by-laws change is on the ballot for your consideration this year. The proposed change consolidates several offices within the MSFA and joins those offices with several of the fiscal committees that have been utilized in the past. I hope to have your support with this by-law change as I wholeheartedly support what it does and most of all makes the MSFA a stronger organization.

For the past twelve months, the Finance Team has worked very hard to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of managing the finances of this association. As elected and appointed officers, we are appreciative of the opportunity to serve the organization and assist in its growth. While growth is critical to our survivability as an organization, the challenge of ensuring the financial stability of the MSFA must be on the forefront of our efforts and work products. Having gone through some tough times in the past, we have progressed well with the revamping of our organizational financial matters helping to build a stronger financial plan for all of us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank President Cox, Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver along with all of the officers of the Association including Secretary Olson, and her assistants for their help and support all year long. Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Fred Cross, Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurers; Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs and Mitch Vocke, Budget Chair Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Jr., and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, C. Daniel Davis, Benjamin W. Kurtz, Steve Kesner, and Gene Worthington are all committed to maintaining a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility in this office. Each has helped make a real difference to the end result and for that we can all be grateful. As a team, we would be remiss if we did not extend thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Dan Stevens, helped greatly to manage the financial affairs of our organization. We would not be where we are today without their help, guidance and support.

We look forward to another year of hard work to ensure that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purpose of this great Association. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful. Thanks again and remember to “Be Safe” in all you do.

Respectfully Submitted
The MSFA Finance Team
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. There’s an old saying: When the going gets tough, the tough get going. But the expression begs the question: Where do the “tough” get their spiritual energy to “get going?” The question is a part of the spiritual assessment designed to help us articulate the source of our spiritual energy or strength. It serves as a spiritual inventory of sorts, which helps us focus on our spiritual resources. Some will answer with traditional references to established religions. They will name a religious book such as the Bible. Others will specify Jesus, while others take a more generic route and simply say, “prayer.”

Yet there are many, and I hope you’re not one of them, who cock their head like a dog listening to a high-pitched sound and have no earthly idea what I’m talking about. It’s really the same question Delilah asked the strong man Samson in the book of Judges. You may remember the story of this long-haired muscle man who likely looked more like a Venice Beach muscle head than a Bible character. With all that charm, he hooked up with Delilah, a woman from the dreaded Philistines. With the subtlety of a bazooka, Delilah drilled Samson as to the secret of his strength. Samson concocted some crazy answer and Delilah called her Philistine bruisers to take Samson down. Each time Samson defeated the Philistines. This repeated three times until Samson finally told Delilah that it was his hair, the hair that had never been cut, that gave him his strength. His strength would leave him if his hair was cut.

The Philistines then descended on Samson, buzzed him, bound him and blinded him. Alas, all seemed lost for our hero. But here’s the rub in the story. Samson didn’t really get his strength from his hair. Samson was a Nazirite that took a vow before God not to cut his hair. He didn’t get his strength from his hair. He got his strength from the integrity that came to him from keeping his promises. When he lost the integrity, he lost the source of his real strength.

The story ends with God restoring Samson’s strength, and in a suicidal burst of energy, he literally brought the house down on himself and his enemies — not your typical hero ending, but Samson died, in touch once again with the source of his real strength. So where does your strength come from? Psalm 121 points us to where we might look for that strength: “I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from the mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.” When you are down, physically, and mentally, lift up you voice to the Lord and ask him for strength.

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

John Long
Chief Chaplain

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association had another busy year where several issues were resolved with electronic polls of the members. Members of the Committee also attended other functions and meetings as required or requested to conduct the business of the Association.

I would like to thank all the Committee Chairs and responsive committee members that performed the hard work of the Association and reported their activities at the Executive Committee meetings throughout the year. The Committees are the key to the success of the Association and you came through again.

It was also a busy year for our State Partners and we value the work they do on an ongoing basis. We appreciate them taking the time to appear and report to the Association to keep us up to date on the important work they do and for allowing us to offer guidance.

To the members of the Executive Committee I offer my thanks for your dedication to the counties you represent and to the Association. You are the link to our membership that keeps us on track and grounded to the people we serve – the volunteer fire, EMS and rescue providers of Maryland. I would also like to thank the Officers of the Association for your teamwork and for your support to the Executive Committee. Presidents Cox, Lewis and Denver, a special “thank you” for your support and guidance during the year.

I have personally enjoyed my year as Chairman of the Committee and thank President Cox for giving me the opportunity to lead the Executive Committee during 2010-2011. As I pass the gavel to Wylie Donaldson I know we are in good hands for the 2011-2012 year.

Daniel J. Stevens, Chairman
Wylie L. Donaldson, Vice Chairman

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President Cox, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty three (33) Widows/Widowers, five (5) Dependent Children, three (3) Line-of-Duty-Injury and one (1) Line-of-Duty-Death. We are saddened to report a Line-of-Duty-Death this past year. Please keep the Falkenhan family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Trustees did increase benefits again this year. Benefits for Widows/Widowers from $475.00 to $550.00 per month (effective 7/10). Benefits for Dependent Children from $300.00 to $400.00 per month (effective 7/10). Education for Dependent Children from $2,500.00 to $4,000.00 per year (effective 7/10). The Line-of-Duty-Death Benefit is $7,000.00. Line-of-Duty Disability Benefit is $525.00 per month.

Please remember to visit the MSFA.org web site and look under the Board of Trustees for the updated manual with all the forms and procedures you will need.

Lastly, I would like to thank Vice Chair C. Dan Carpenter III, Secretary Gene Worthington, PP, Terry Thompson, PP and Douglas C. Alexander you’re very dedicated Trustees. Thanks, for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen V. Hales, Chair

REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

President Cox, Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year. Our committee along with the financial team continues to make positive changes in the financial management of this organization.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer’s Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. We continue to operate as a “Financial Team” that improves communications and operations which makes us a stronger organization and more responsive to those we serve.

The continued use of the Budget Request Forms by all committees has provided beneficial information and has been very helpful. After the Budget and Revenue Committee reviews the requests and approves the submitted budget, a copy of the
request form is returned to the committee verifying the approved budget amounts in which the committee must operate. Budget requests received after the budget has been established, continue to diminish. Committees have been extremely prudent with spending and have monitored their approved budget and stay within the established amounts. The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively maintained a watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. All officers and committees are to be commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

As expenditures of this Association continue to increase, it becomes increasingly problematic to balance the income versus expenses and requires complete cooperation, prudent spending, and communications from all officers and committees. The Committee would like to thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this Association in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Committee met once this year on January 8, 2011, at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department to discuss and review the three (3) amendments which will appear on the ballot at the 2011 Convention and Conference. The questions are as follows:

**Question One:** Increases the members of the Executive Committee and the Volunteer Company Assistance Board from twelve (12) to thirteen (13) by giving Washington and Frederick County each a member on both boards instead of one member representing both counties.

**Question Two:** Changes the name of the Financial Review Committee to the Financial Committee and redefines the members of the Committee and their duties.

**Question Three:** Removes equipment standards from Sections D~J of the By-laws and places them into eight (8) Standard Operating Procedures.

The Committee appreciates all the assistance from the Officers and Executive Committee and looks forward to serving the Association in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Skinner, Chairman
REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

President Cox, Vice-Presidents Lewis and Denver, Ladies Auxiliary President Lutz, Vice-Presidents Crisman and Soper, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary: I am pleased to report that through the tireless efforts and hard work of many individuals, the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA is being provided in support of our association, its membership, their families and the State of Maryland’s Fire and Rescue Services as a whole.

As with last year, changes continue to occur with the Convention Committee and the convention as a whole. With the Convention Center construction now underway, several adjustments to the program and facility layout have occurred, but with proper planning, we feel that the Convention is even better than years past as we work though this multi year project. This construction will be most likely on going for the next two convention cycles and we will make the most of it as we arrange programming and events to fit into the construction schedule. We have been through this in the past and were able to learn from those experiences to make the best of it. I would be remiss at this time, if I did not take a moment to thank my predecessor Chairman Emeritus and Past President Leonard King for all he did to bring our convention to what it is today and how he managed previous construction projects at the Convention Center. His leadership helped make the Convention what it is today.

Since last year’s event, the Steering Committee: Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, Bill and Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Danny Davis and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration, (Co-Chair Past President Lee Sachs, Vice-Chair Secretary Jackie Olson); Exhibits, (Co-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Vice-Chair Past President Rodger Steger); Finance, (Co-Chair Past President Robert Jacobs, Vice-Chair Past President Fred Cross); Production, (Co-Chair Past President Tommy Mattingly, Vice-Chair Bill Hildebrand); and Program, (Co-Chair Ken Bush, Vice-Chair Ben Kurtz); have been hard at work preparing for our week at the beach. We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year’s Convention and Conference experience. Behind the scenes are a group of special individuals who work on the production of this program book every year. They solicit the ads, layout the reports and ensure that the information being provided through this document is accurate and very professionally composed. They often times go unnoticed and I want to thank each of them personally.
for all they do. Leading the group is Past President Tommy Mattingly who has been working on the book since 1992, along with Dennie Mattingly, Danny Carpenter, Elaine Huttenloch, Ginny Wilhite, Danny Davis, Rose Davis and Fred Cross. Also, helping is the Leonardtown VFD who provide their facilities for the book layout, the staff of The Printing and Shirley Copado. Thanks guys for a job well done.

Each year the Joint Officers Banquet starts our convention activities as a very well planned and enjoyable event. This year is another fine example. A special thanks to Rose Clark and her team (Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Chris and Lisa Tona, and Tim Clark for their extra attention to details provided with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the banquet guests, Elaine Huttenloch and Audrey Thurston for the banquet program presentations and Richard Brooks for serving as the Master of Ceremonies. This year the Banquet has been sponsored by Phillips Seafood and the Town of Ocean City, we are appreciative of their support.

New this year will be a major scheduling change to the Miss Fire Prevention Contest. The interviews will occur on Sunday morning and the actual contest; Sunday afternoon starting at 2 PM. The location of the contest will be changed to the East Hall and our appreciation goes out to Kristi Reppe and Tom Collins for making this work. Special thanks to John Gatton, Sr. and his team for pulling together the annual Convention Flea Market. This year the location will be the North East Loading Dock on the Coastal Highway side of the building starting at 11 AM.

The “Joint Memorial Service” has always proven to be a most memorable experience for all in attendance and one of the more important parts of the overall convention and conference activities. Chaplain Long, Chaplain Hetz, the Chaplain’s Office, along with Elaine Huttenloch and other team members are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program. Again, this year you will see that the start time for the event is 5 PM with an intention to allow more family time that evening after the service.

Assistant Secretary Joe Cooper, Rick Hemphill and the entire registration team have put in many hours taking care of all the credentials listings, delegate check-ins and of course the voting activities and are to be thanked for their efforts. This process will continue to occur in a very smooth and efficient manner.

The Program Team has been working tirelessly to ensure that some of the most up-to-date informational topics will be featured in the numerous seminars and main program presentations at the convention this year. Scheduled seminars will only occur on Sunday and Monday afternoon. Please take some time to review the schedule to ensure you do not miss any learning opportunities. Special thanks goes out to the Program Team under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and Dr. Bass at MIEMSS for their devotion and assistance.
Our opening ceremonies on Monday morning will be a most fitting tribute to all who serve the State of Maryland and especially our entire first responder community. Our continued theme of Honor, Tradition and Courage will be exemplified with the presentation of the colors accompanied with special video presentations. Thanks to Dennis Beard, Bob Ryan, Ken Bush, Tom Mattingly, Johnie Roth, Paul Sterling and others on their team for the work completed in this area, especially the talented members of our convention go-team and special operations crew. Without these hard working and committed team members, the audio-visual, program support, logistics and back stage needs of the convention would never get off the ground. They truly are a major component of the backbone of this conference crew. In addition, a special thanks to the Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Pipes & Drums and all the Honor Guard members and committee chair J. Franklin Hawley, who continue to bring a high level of ceremony to our events. They make the program that much more special.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, a keynote presentation will occur followed by the first general business session to include special recognition activities, the presentation of reports and nomination of officers to take place before the lunch break. The second session that day will include reports from our partner state organizations and a special program presentation midday. Monday afternoon will conclude with more partner reports. Do not forget about the Basket and Bag Bingo Monday Night since Matt Heard, Doyle Cox and Jackie Olson have been working hard to make it an excellent event. Bingo will start at 6:30 PM.

The Ladies Auxiliary will begin their business session on Monday afternoon at 1 PM and the location of their meetings will be different this year. The Ladies will be using East Hall in the Convention Center all week for their activities. This will allow for all of the food service events to be in Ballroom 2 and 3, which is where the ladies met in past years. This new room assignment schedule is due somewhat to the Convention Center construction and early preparations for when the Performing Arts Center is added to the building footprint.

We will again be offering the special Family Activities on Monday night at The Jolly Roger Amusement Park, located at 34th Street. The event will feature food, entertainment and open access to the park for our membership. Come out and enjoy the amusement rides, play a round or two of miniature golf and hit the go-cart tracks all for one very low special MSFA price. Gates open at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday Morning will again start with voting by the membership followed by the MSFA Awards Ceremony. Special thanks to the awards committee, especially Evelyn Graf, Doyle Cox, Past President Bobby Balta and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. A buffet lunch will again be served at the Convention Center, but this year inside the Ballroom 2 and 3.
Following the Joint Installation of Officers, starting at 8:00 PM, The Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association will be sponsoring a special Movie Presentation on the Beach for our membership. The Movie will be shown near the Boardwalk and the feature presentation will be “UP” directed by Pete Docter and Bob Peterson, starring Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer and Jordan Nagai. Admission is free, bring your blankets, beach chairs and snacks.

Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, along with the entire delegation from his office, the Prince George’s County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, the Anne Arundel County Fire and Rescue Department, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, MFRI, MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, Governor’s Office and all the individual volunteer departments and associations who work behind the scene all week to help make your experience here at the beach enjoyable, a hearty thank you is given.

Individuals such as Chris May and the entire audiovisual group put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events run smoothly and deserve a special note of gratitude. Jeff Thompson; thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this week long event. Jim Hall, Bill Huttenloch, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, John Spiker, Jimmy Atkinson, Bob Cumberland, Jen Underwood, Ben Kurtz, Bill Hawkins, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Jim Brown, Laura Woods, Harve Woods, Richard Snader, John Guntow, Kent Whalen, Donna Whalen, Bruce Bouch, Matt Tobia, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Jenks Mattingly, Chris Hyzer, Marcine Goodloe, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Woods, Charlie Phillips, Brad Childress, Jenna Davenport, AJ Papa, Leigh Papa, Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy Hinton, Joy Hinton, John Gatton, Sr., J. Franklin Hawley, Greg DeHaven, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, John Guntow, Steven Scheinin, Laura Woods, Past Presidents Worthington, Preston, Cumberland and Underwood, Teresa Crisman, Fran Crisman, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center, back stage and logistics areas for all events during the week. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor, PGFD for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and managed without a flaw.

Each year in the Exhibit Halls, the displays of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services proves to continue to be very beneficial to our membership and even with the down turn in the economy, we have been able to bring some new vendors to display their goods and services.

Through our convention, you will be able to visit more suppliers and equipment dealers during this one week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet their technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions, just by visiting the exhibit booth area. We owe a big “thank you” to all of the
exhibitors for supporting our convention and conference and a special thanks to Exhibit Chairs Wylie Donaldson, Lee Sachs, Ladies Past President Rose Pandolfini and their team for another year of great exhibitors.

For all the folks who sell the event tickets, offer bus passes, handle the mad rush in the lower foyers and provide information and guidance to conference attendees, my personal thanks for a job well done, often under very trying times. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your constant delivery of those friendly smiles is greatly appreciated. That team includes Dennie Mattingly, Sandy Jacobs, Pat Cross, JoAnne Robison, Rose Davis, Chris Yinger, and Nancy Cox.

Again this year, in a joint effort, several events, activities and ceremonies will be conducted jointly with the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA. My personal thanks go out to Flo Collins for coordinating our joint ventures and for serving as the official liaison between our two organizations. Best Wishes to President Lutz and her entire leadership team as they conduct their events this week as well.

Our Convention and Conference continues to provide this association with opportunities to bring needed revenue streams in support of our programs and activities. My personal thanks to Margaret Gouty and her team who manages the Special Activities Booth along with Lou Jonske, Mitch Vocke and their crew for the tireless effort put forth all year long managing the $10,000.00 Raffle program.

Again, this year we are planning an array of social, networking and ceremonial events that include the Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony, Past President Lunches and many more which require a lot of planning, coordination, logistics and hard work. Thanks to all of the individuals who make them possible for their dedicated work in producing these various events. A special thanks to Acquest Title Services, Inc. & Maryland Emergency Products, LLC., and the Town of Ocean City for sponsoring the Prayer Breakfast. Mayor Meehan and the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce had a lot to do with bringing us these means of support and for that, we are grateful. A special thanks to Fred Cross, Jackie Olson, Tom Mattingly and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing. Good job guys.

Our annual parade continues to require many hours of preparation and work. Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hildebrand, Paul Sterling, Bruce Surette and your entire team for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Town Transportation Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Town Government including the Mayor, Town Manager and Town Council for all they do to make it the biggest and best parade throughout the State of Maryland. We continue to look for ways to improve our parade activities and are looking to make a substantial change to next years Parade. In cooperation with the Town of Ocean City,
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the parade route will be different next year. The parade start will move to 16th Street on Baltimore Avenue and end at 30th Street. This move will involve a lot of logistics and so we are looking to bring it to your attention now so that you can prepare for it, including the impact it may have on your selection of lodging for next year’s convention.

Finally, the Convention Committee extends a special thank you to Mayor Meehan for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year, ensuring that everything he can help with is successful in support of the convention and conference. City Manager Dennis Dare and the entire Town Council have stepped up to the plate to help and it seems that every single town employee has contributed in some way. We really do appreciate that. Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center management and staff, including; Director R.J. Hamilton, and of course David Swift, Reatta Tate, Regina Brittingham, Amanda Evans, Centerplate and the entire Convention Center Staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication they demonstrate during the planning process and throughout our annual event.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Chairman and working with a great team of individuals on the Convention Committee. We are already talking about things we would like to do next year to make the convention even better. Looking forward to seeing you in Ocean City.

Respectfully Submitted;
Ronald J. Siarnicki
Convention Chairman

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

President Doyle Cox, Elected and Appointed Officials, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), greetings on the occasion of the MSFA’s 119th Annual Convention. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee held four full committee meetings and several Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) subcommittee meetings last year. These meetings were also attended by representatives from the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), the Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Four major efforts of the Committee include the following topics.

ELECTRONIC MARYLAND EMS DATA SYSTEM

One of the top priorities this year was working with MIEMSS on selection and implementation of the replacement for the Electronic Maryland Ambulance Information System (EMAINS). The MSFA EMS Committee assisted MIEMSS in identifying many of
the shortfalls of the EMAIS system and identified the key features that jurisdictions and providers requested in a new system. MIEMSS identified funding for the new system, sent out requests for proposals and received several bids on a replacement system to be called the Electronic Maryland EMS Data System (EMEDS). Members of the EMS Committee spent several weeks at MIEMSS assisting their staff on evaluating the technical features of the proposed systems and setting up user demonstrations and evaluations of the competing systems. This effort resulted in the selection of the Image Trend reporting system. The Committee assisted in setup of a pilot program in three adjoining jurisdictions with large volunteer components to test its viability and develop modifications to meet provider’s needs. While the successful pilot program is still ongoing, numerous other jurisdictions, some of whom have never used an electronic reporting system, have expressed interest in using it. Committee members are assisting MIEMSS in developing a plan for the expansion of the system to several other jurisdictions and expect nearly all Maryland jurisdictions to be using it by the end of the calendar year. The Committee is still supporting submission of patient care reports within 24 hours of completion of the call and is working with MIEMSS to simplify the delivery of initial and final reports to the hospitals to replace the current system of initial report “cheat sheets” and either completing final reports at the hospitals or faxing them to the hospitals. The Committee would like to see expanded use of the Image Trend “Hospital Dashboard” system to assist in delivery of both initial and final reports.

**PROVIDER PROTOCOL UPDATE COMPLETION VERIFICATION**

Since the inception of the MIEMSS online Maryland Medical Protocol updates, many of the member companies of the MSFA have struggled with insuring that all providers have completed this required training appropriately. Individual providers can complete the training on any computer with internet access. Therefore, company and even jurisdictional leadership have no independent method of insuring that the training was completed. In addition, there were several issues with MIEMSS’ ability to appropriately credit providers for their training. While most of these issues have been resolved, there are still concerns over credentialing providers who have not completed their annual protocol training. Based on discussions at the MSFA EMS Committee meeting we requested that MIEMSS provide all EMSOPS with timely, accurate lists of providers who have not completed the yearly protocol training in early June and again in early July of each year so we can take action to encourage these providers to complete the training and to set in place a mechanism for withholding the re-certification or relicense of any provider that has not completed their yearly protocol update training. MIEMSS is in the process of developing a process to meet these requirements and will test it on the upcoming protocol update training due on June 30, 2011.
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The EMS Committee chaired the “EMS Dispatch & Transport with Non-Red Lights and Sirens” sub-committee of the MIEMSS Ambulance Safety Committee. The subcommittee reviewed a large body of data to linking EMS use of Red Lights and Sirens to an increased number of ambulance crashes and reviewed and compared four other state’s policies on the use of red lights and sirens. They identified the two EMS system components that must be modified to effectively limit Red Light and Siren use by EMS units: 1) the Emergency Medical Dispatch component that directs the level of response of EMS units to the scene of a call, and 2) the decision to use Red Lights and Sirens while transporting patients from the scene of the call to the hospital. While these two call portions can be addressed in the same effort, the providers responsible frequently function under different jurisdictions and protocols. (Emergency Medical Dispatchers in the case of EMD and Emergency Medical Technicians in the case of EMS). Two key findings were the need for the provider in charge must be clearly identified as the decision maker in Red Lights and Sirens use and have an articulable (capable of being expressed in coherent verbal form) reason to believe that emergency operations may make a difference in patient outcome and, when transporting the patient utilizing red lights and sirens, the need for immediate medical intervention should be beyond the capabilities of the ambulance crew using available equipment and supplies. The subcommittee also addressed the impact of significantly reduced red lights and sirens use on the attitude of patients, the public and providers.

Based on their efforts the sub-committee felt strongly that each jurisdiction should generate and enforce their own emergency Response Guidelines that clearly address a well defined set of topics and are based on their jurisdiction’s unique characteristics of response. The Committee generated a draft set of guidelines to be considered by the Ambulance Safety Committee. This effort culminated in a briefing to Dr. Bass on November 19, 2010.

ALS SUBCOMMITTEE

The ALS sub-committee working primarily on two efforts: 1) Certification of ALS Instructors where they endorsed that all ALS instructors be Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board (MICRB) certified. In response, MFRI has begun an MICRB training track and 2) The ALS subcommittee continues to work on Cross Jurisdictional Skills Recognition (standardization of skills recognition across the state). This issue will be addressed at the Medical Director’s symposium in April of this year. In summary, the MSFA EMS Committee continues to work closely with its partners in enhancing Maryland’s EMS system which is acknowledged as a leader for providing the highest quality patient care while maintaining a strong volunteer cadre of EMS personnel.
Good Morning, I would like to thank President Doyle E. Cox for re-appointing our committee to address our emergency vehicle issues during the year. Our committee has addressed questions/concerns by e-mail, as everyone’s schedule is busy and we perform our duties, without traveling.

Questions/concerns we discuss during the year as we received from our member companies/departments were:

Procedures/polices for red lights on private vehicles for fire/EMS officers and fire police authorized operations, we recommend each person authorized to use red lights, complete the authorization form and print on their company/department letterhead, then place a copy in their vehicle and company/department file. Maryland Fire Laws “TR 22-218 (3) Audible and Visual Signals on Vehicles”. Forms are available on www.msfa.org.

1. Driver’s license requirements to drive/operate Class A or B emergency vehicles in the State of Maryland, which can be done with one of the following:
   
   A. Non-commercial class A or B license,
   B. Commercial class A or B license with current DOT physical card and endorsements for the type of vehicle (air brakes, tanker, etc),
   C. Current Maryland class C or equivalent other state license, completion/passage of MFRI or VFIS emergency vehicle operator course and emergency vehicle operator card authorized by your Fire Chief or his designee, Maryland Fire Laws “TR 16-102 (12).”

2. Can we continue to take a Class A and/or B emergency vehicle to the MVA office to test for a non-CDL or CDL license?

“Yes, the non-commercial Class A and B skills are still being administered at the MVA offices to operators of Fire Apparatus. The trucks may be used for either non-CDL or a CDL, providing the applicant holds the appropriate learner’s permit. Those applicants utilizing the equipment to obtain a CDL will be required to show a valid DOT card. Any Fire Department that is a participant in the ETP (Employer Testing Program) will need to administer their operators the skills test in accordance with their EPT agreement.”

3. Is the DOT physical card required for vehicles over 10,000 GVW?
“No, DOT cards are only required for operators of commercial motor vehicles (CMV) over 10,000 lbs. GWWR however, if the driver has a CDL they will be required to have a valid DOT card in their possession.”

4. Is a DOT physical card required for Class A or B emergency vehicle operators with a non-CDL license or Emergency Vehicle Operator Card?

“No, the driver does not need a DOT card.”

5. Operators wishing to obtain an Emergency Vehicle Operators Card issued by the Fire Chief or his designee needs to complete a learner’s permit while meeting the required training before the Chief can present the card, we received approval and placed the learner’s permit with instructions on our web, www.msfa.org. You need to complete and print on your department/company letterhead and it must be signed by the Chief or his designee.

The intent of the EVOC was to allow emergency vehicle operators to drive the fire apparatus on their noncommercial class C license.

We were asked about fire police and their authority, you can go to the Maryland Fire Laws article PS 7-302 and 303. Fire police are appointed by the Sheriff and work under the auspices of the fire company or the Sheriff’s Department. You should read the complete section to better understand the duties and powers while operating on emergency or non-emergency functions of your company or the Sheriff’s Department.

I would like to thank our committee for serving with commitment and dedication for the betterment of our membership and we look forward to continuing our service to our association.

Sincerely,
Roger A. Steger, Sr., Chairman
Dan Stevens, Vice Chair
Eddie Bilger, David Cohen,
Danny Davis, Bill Huttenloch
Earl Moore, Richard Yinger

**REPORT OF THE FEDERAL LEGISLATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

President Cox, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; With the start of the 112th Congress, the new focus is on fiscal responsibility. Both the President and Congress are leading efforts to reduce the federal deficit by cutting federal spending. This and the budget battle are closing in on a shutdown of the federal government and this is not good for fire service programs.
The FEMA’s Fire Grant Portal moving as of April 1, 2011. The website where first responders apply for all Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants Programs change to FEMA’s portal at www.fema.gov/FireGrants.

On March 10, 2011, Senator Joe Lieberman (I-CT) introduced the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2011 (Senate Bill 550) along with original co-sponsors Scott Brown (R-MA), Thomas Carper (D-DE), and Susan Collins (R-ME). The bill would reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and the Staffing the Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs through 2016, by authorizing the grants through 2016 would eliminate the year to year fight of passage.

Many fire service leaders have been concerned about the level of funding that the USFA and NFA receive, and whether they will be able to fulfill their missions and respond to emerging challenges. The FY 2010 U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill included $45.59 million for the agency and President Obama proposed $42.54 million in FY 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Robison, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE

President Cox, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guests, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 119th Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference. My committee has been working for the past two years on developing and printing the next edition of the book. The newest edition contains all the information from the previous book along with various pieces of new and amended legislation that was passed by the State Legislature in Annapolis and signed into law by Governor Martin O’Malley.

Respectfully Submitted,
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 Terrence B. Sheridan, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), I want to congratulate your outgoing Presidents Doyle E. Cox and Sandi T. Lutz. The entire Association can be quite pleased with your productive demeanor and dedicated service. It is my distinct privilege to present you the report from the OSFM. In 2010, 71 Marylanders died in 50 fatal fires. Those fire deaths represent a 3% decrease as compared to the 73 fire deaths occurring in 62 fatal fires in 2009.
The number of fatal fires in 2010 decreased 19% when compared to 2009. The majority of the fatal fires, 27, occurred during the first half of 2010. As in years past, careless smoking continues to plague Marylanders as the leading cause of fatal fires and smoking materials accounted for 24% of all fatal fires. Eighty-four percent of all fatal fires in Maryland in 2010 occurred in residential structures. Forty-five percent of those fires occurred between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when the highest numbers of Marylanders are most vulnerable—while they are sleeping. In 2010, Baltimore City reported 20 fire deaths, which is substantially lower than the 26 fire deaths reported in 2009. Prince George’s County reported seven fire deaths in 2010, while 11 perished in 2009.

The OSFM extends congratulations to each fire department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced a decrease in the number of fire deaths during 2010. Seven counties were fortunate to suffer no fire deaths in 2010. Those counties are as follows: Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Queen Anne’s, Washington, Wicomico and Worcester. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies play a critical role in helping to ensure the safety of all Maryland residents and visitors from the devastating effects of fire and other emergencies.

During 2010, OSFM staff along with MSFA Fire Sprinkler Committee members provided public officials across Maryland with information at meetings, hearings, and events in support of residential fire sprinkler requirements for all newly constructed one and two family dwellings as required by the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC). Many hours have been dedicated to presenting information to key policy makers and citizens to assist them in making educated decisions about this important fire safety matter. Today, over half of the counties and municipalities in Maryland have adopted code requirements which include the provisions requiring residential fire sprinklers in all newly constructed one and two family homes. In 2010, local jurisdictions adopting code requirements which include provisions for life saving fire sprinklers in all newly constructed one and two family homes include Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County and Calvert County.

The OSFM followed the 2011 Session of the Maryland General Assembly along with the MSFA and other members of the Maryland Fire Service Legislative Working Group. The MSFA has continued its long held leadership role by effectively addressing, monitoring, and quickly reacting to the introduction of or changes to legislation. Experienced MSFA Legislative Committee members carefully tracked fire service bills and provided updated information for members during the entire legislative process. By keeping Maryland’s citizens as its highest priority, the MSFA continues to fight hard to protect and preserve important fire and life safety programs. The MSFA Legislative Committee continues to be vigilant on key issues, share information on important topics, and communicate with stakeholders both inside and outside the Association. It is because of these distinctive qualities, the MSFA is so well respected and exhibits tremendous
influence even during these difficult fiscal times.

The OSFM proposed two Departmental Bills this year. House Bill (HB 849): “Public Safety – Smoke Detectors and Smoke Alarms” has passed both the House and Senate; should be signed into law by the Governor in a few weeks. This Bill specifies that a person may sell or install a smoke detector, smoke alarms, or a specialized smoke alarm for the deaf and hard of hearing only in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code. The other Departmental Bill, “Public Safety – State Fire Marshal – Explosives – Definition,” received an unfavorable report. It would have changed the definition of an explosive to include components to make an explosive sold together or offered for sale together for the purpose of making an explosive.

Many other bills of interest were monitored throughout the session including the cross-filed Bills (HB 711/SB 581), “Manufactured Homes, Sprinkler System Requirements – Opt-Out Provisions for Local Jurisdictions.” If passed, these Bills would have permitted local jurisdictions to bypass fire sprinkler requirements specified by the Maryland Performance Code for new modular homes. With significant effort by the Maryland Fire Service, both of these Bills died in their respective committees. Numerous fire service agencies provided testimony both in writing and in person at the committee hearings.

Unfortunately, cross-filed Bills (SB 112/HB 192) banning of Novelty Lighters both died in the House Judiciary Committee.

Our partnerships with State, local and private entities prove every year to be extremely beneficial with providing fire and life safety to all Marylanders and those visiting our great State. Over the past 10 years in partnership with the Maryland Fire Service, PEPCO and Delmarva Power have donated nearly 12,000 much needed smoke alarms for distribution in their respective service areas.

This past year saw the introduction of two new MSFA/OSFM fire prevention support programs: The Public Fire and Life Safety Education Grant Program, which provides funds for MSFA member companies to purchase items promoting fire and life safety initiatives, and the development of Fire and Life Safety Educational Support Kits, which are available for sign-out and use at each of the six OSFM Regional Offices and at OSFM Headquarters.

The theme for the 51st Annual Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference was, “From the Ashes: Survival – Struggle – Success.” Over 250 attendees gathered to hear Ms. Gina Russo speak of her near death experience in surviving “The Station” Nightclub Fire in West Warwick, RI, attend various workshops and embrace networking opportunities with other fire and life safety professionals.
As in past years, the OSFM experienced some key staffing changes. Chief Fire Protection Engineer (CFPE) Larry Iseminger was selected to replace former CFPE Dennis Gentzel who accepted a position with United States Fire Administration. After nearly 40 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the OSFM and the citizens of Maryland, Administrative Aide Donna Towers retired from State service. Every member of the OSFM, especially her co-workers at the Upper Eastern Regional Office will miss her.

During these challenging economic times, the OSFM staff continues to perform at a very high level. In 2010, the OSFM conducted over 1,150 fire/explosive investigations. The felony closure rate achieved by OSFM Deputy State Fire Marshals was an outstanding 36.3% and remains 50% higher than the national average of 18%. OSFM staff members completed nearly 17,000 fire and life safety inspections. The engineering staff reviewed over 1,400 construction and fire protection systems plans. The dedication of our personnel is very apparent when observing these numbers. It is through an agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish our mission of protecting life and property.

Although we remain challenged by current economic conditions, together, we continue to make progress with our progressive fire and life safety agenda. We must continue to be creative with our delivery of our life saving programs. With your continued support, I look forward to embracing opportunities the upcoming year may bring. Together, we can continue to move our fire and life safety prevention efforts in a positive direction. We look forward to working side by side with your incoming Presidents, David W. Lewis and Teresa A. Crisman. We wish them great success and know they will achieve a tremendous amount of progress during their terms in office.

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION / LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

President Cox, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 119th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, our committee continues to promote fire prevention / life safety through our great state of Maryland.

Our committee took on three more challenges this year. Two of these challenges were in partnership with the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office. They are the Public Fire and Life Safety Education Program and the Fire and Life Safety Educational Kits.
Our grant program was offered twice this year, one in October and in April. The two available grants equaled $50,000.00. A 20% match was required to facilitate the grant process. In order to take full advantage of the $500.00, you had to show the amount being spent was a minimum $600.00. This was a great success.

Our fire and life safety educational kits have been made available in six regional offices and at headquarters office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal. These kits consist of a Toughbook laptop computer pre-loaded with fire and life safety videos, power point presentations, projector, 48”x64” portable screen, and an accessory bag containing a 25′extension cord, speakers, power adapter and a power strip.

This equipment is available for all M.S.F.A. member companies to sign out of the regional office and provide fire and life safety training for the communities they serve. The regional offices are located in Hagerstown, Bel Air, Westminster, Easton, Salisbury, Prince Frederick, and OSFM headquarters in Pikesville.

Maryland State Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch has done an outstanding job getting these two projects together and available.

Emmons Horner continues to distribute visual smoke alarms over on Easton Shore. So far Emmons has given 480 alarms away.

Our third project this year was displaying fire/life safety messages on van-go in Frederick County. This was taken on by Sherry Soper bringing information to our committee. Sherry did a good job on this project.

This past year Tom Collins continued to work with our billboard project. Tom displayed fire prevention/life safety messages targeting areas with the most fire deaths and injuries.

Theresa Ann Crisman, Marie Warner-Crosson and Cynthia Wright-Johnson continue to do an outstanding job with the Risk-Watch Program. This year they put together Risk Watch/Life Safety Traveling Displays. These kits can be used at school events, community training and parent education messages, materials for senior adult communities, and educational programs. These kits are located at the State Fire Marshal’s office. Again this year at Ocean City, they will have a display and handout materials on the second floor of the convention center.

Kristi Reppe has continued to do an outstanding job with Miss Fire Prevention Contest held at Ocean City. If you get a chance, try to attend the contest this year on Sunday, June 19, 2011 at 1400 in the Convention center.

Miss Fire Prevention, Elyssa Cool, and 1st Runner-up, Katie Norman, have both done
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an outstanding job promoting Fire Prevention/Life Safety activities throughout the state.

I would like to thank Jane Huffman, Chair of the M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Prevention Committee, and William Bernard, State Fire Marshal, for their continued support and attendance to our meetings.

Thanks to President Cox, and all the officers for working with us throughout the year and providing guidance and input to our committee.

My thanks to all of the M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention/Life Safety committee members for your support and hard work in promoting fire prevention/life safety throughout the year. For information on what our committee is doing, check MSFA web site.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert E. Collins, Sr., Chair

REPORT OF MISS FIRE PREVENTION

It seems like yesterday I was packing my bags and leaving Ocean City beginning my year as Miss Fire Prevention. It’s hard to believe that my year has come to an end, but I have come to learn that no matter how many miles you travel, or hours you attend at each event, it’s about what you learn and what you are able teach others. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.” I feel I have succeeded in promoting the word of fire prevention throughout the past year. The life of a fire prevention queen is sometimes hectic and busy, but in the end the opportunities and relationships that are made, outweigh the difficult times.

The MSFA and its many members have become a second family to me. I am so grateful to have these individuals in my life and I am glad to know that there are others who enjoy promoting fire prevention education as much as I do.

Some of the events I attended this past year were, The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference, MSFA executive meetings, banquets, numerous queen contests, open houses, fund-raising events and lastly the MSP Polar Bear Plunge. During the MSP Polar Bear Plunge I was able to raise $800.00 and jump in the chilly water of the Chesapeake Bay, all proceeds from this event went to the Maryland Special Olympics, a very worthy cause.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some people who have made my year as Miss Fire Prevention successful. First off I would like to thank the Frederick County
Volunteer Fire Rescue Association and Vigilant Hose Company, for their continuous support and allowing me to represent them during the last 2 years. Penny and David Stonesifer, for pushing me to pursue my goals in promoting fire prevention education and always constantly supporting through everything! Mr. Wayne Powell, for always being there when I need a question answered or help with any fire prevention project I was working on.

The Soper family for always offering a helping hand whether it came to needing a ride somewhere or providing a “body guard” at events. My mother and family for taking time to come and support me at events throughout the past few years and always understanding when I was unable to spend time with them.

The MSFA and LAMSFA for the endless amount of support and serving as a second family to me throughout the travels. My partner throughout the past year, Katie Norman; it has been a pleasure to spend the last year with you traveling throughout the state. I wish you all the best in school!

Lastly, all the fire prevention queens and educators throughout the state of Maryland, you have truly become family to me; I am grateful for every moment I have been able to spend with each and every one of you. I wish you all the best in the upcoming years and to next year’s queens, take every opportunity you are given and run with it, travel the state and just have fun! I apologize if I have forgotten anyone and THANK YOU for a wonderful year as Miss Fire Prevention!

Respectfully,
Elyssa R. Cool

REPORT OF THE FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

President Cox, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 119th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; Once again, it has been a pleasure for this committee to continue to serve you and this great Association.

This year, we again took the same approach as last year. In January, we sent out all of the various awards and contest rules in one mailing. This packet was sent to every Member Company of the MSFA 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. Most 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 2010 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 Fighter’s 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 Cox 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 2010 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor. Enjoy your convention and PLEASE NOMINATE for this and all awards contests next year. Good Luck to all the nominees.

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Gatton, Sr., Chairman
Bill Radisch, Vice Chairman
Joe Bradley James Jarboe
Eddie Cross Rusty Leftwich
Bill Lay Jim Snyder
Bill Smith Jeff Thompson

REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

President Cox, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

This was the 3rd year the deadline for submitting nominations was April 15. This was done to give the Chair more time to make copies and get them to the committee members. Next year nominations will be closed April 15, 2012.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee received thirty four (34) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and forty six (46) nominations for the Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award.

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

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for fifty years (50) or longer. These individuals should be nominated for the Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award in recognition of their years of service. There are many members in the departments/companies that have reached this stage of life. They need to be recognized for their service to the department/company, community, county and the state. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame or be selected to receive the Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award, these are among the highest awards presented by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Remember that nominations are not held over from year to year. If your nominee does not get selected, please submit the individuals name again the following year.

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee Report will be given during the presentation of awards on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, during the awards ceremonies.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
C. Dan Carpenter III, Chair

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FIRE AND EMS CAREER TECH COMMITTEE

The High School Career Tech Committee continued to monitor the programs around the state and offer assistance when asked. The Committee looks for trends that may identify strengths and/or weaknesses in the various programs and we have a standing offer to assist any county that wants to start a program or revitalize an existing one.

During the past year the Committee participated in a series of meetings between MFRI, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and MSFA to discuss current issues with the Cadet Programs statewide. MFRI submitted a proposed MOU and the MSDE presented a revised Application/Agreement for the program. The issues
that were addressed included student selection and assignment to the classes, the minimum class size, discipline, removal of students, and the responsibilities of each of the partners. The meetings were extremely positive and resulted in two documents that are being presented to the schools in the various counties in April 2011. One of the items incorporated in the agreement is a suggested criteria for the selection of students for the programs. This will give the individual school systems a sense of the rigor of the program – both physically and academically. Also the requirement for a medical evaluation of the participants was agreed on and MFRI drafted the guidelines. Director Edwards agreed to develop a tri-fold brochure that could be used in the recruitment process. It will be generic enough to be used by any county.

The Committee also monitored the programs statewide and among other things learned that the programs had a combined total of 176 students as of early April 2011. The following paragraphs outline several of the issues with the programs.

The problem with the recruitment and assignment to classes may be that the High School Counselors don’t understand the programs and underestimate the difficulty of the material – especially EMT. The new EMT program will likely exacerbate this problem when anatomy and physiology are introduced. Students are often assigned to the Fire/EMS programs with little regard for their ability and probably more important – their desire and drive to be EMTs and Firefighters. This is why the fire and EMS service needs to be actively involved in the recruitment process. If we don’t make the 15-student goal we need to pay for the class, find non-high school students to supplement the class, or skip a year and actively recruit during the off year.

Another challenge is that the Fire and EMS Companies need to involve the cadets in the department activities as early as possible. This will allow them the opportunity to evaluate and make a determination as to the cadet’s desire and motivation to complete the program. It is also imperative that the cadets be assigned a mentor to help them through both the maze of Department probationary requirements and the MFRI challenges presented with the intensive class schedule they will have. The best mentors may be younger members who recently completed the high school program and the probationary process. It is also important to assign an officer to each member and hold that officer accountable to insure the cadet has the necessary tools to make it through the demanding 9 months of the program while satisfying his/her other Department obligations. The Officers should be empowered to adjust the department demands on the student as necessary to ensure their success in the cadet program. MFRI has the responsibility to assign instructors to the classes that have the skills and patience to work with the younger students. Often the high schools will offer a short course to help the MFRI instructors work with high school students. MFRI also needs to continually evaluate the exams. Even the adult classes have issues with some of the course exams.

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The next issue is the counseling and discipline of the students. This has to be a joint effort that includes the MFRI instructors, the county Program Coordinator, the fire and EMS department officers, and the high school counselors and principals. These problems need to be identified early and handled effectively. If it means removing the student from the program this needs to be done promptly to prevent disruption of the class. The school system needs to be able to accommodate the removal of the student and place the student back in the school. Work-study may be an alternative.

Finally the student must have a serious briefing explaining the advantages of the program and the challenges. They also need to be briefed by the school officials to stress the ramifications of failure. Because this is often a “completer” program, failure may mean they will not graduate and will be held in high school another year. It also needs to be stressed that school rules apply even when they are not on school property.

A unique feature of the Maryland program, and one of its main strengths, is the autonomy the counties have to tailor their programs to work in the individual county environment to meet their needs. It is important that we preserve this feature in the program.

We would like to thank Director Edwards and the staff at MFRI for their continuing support of the programs around the state. The recent series of meetings held at MFRI Headquarters between MSDE, MFRI and MSFA to address some of the issues with the programs, demonstrated the commitment all of these agencies have to the programs. MFRI and the regional training centers make these programs possible and the Volunteer Fire and EMS Service needs to express appreciation for the support.

We will continue to monitor the programs through-out the state and encourage county representatives to communicate issues and challenges to us. It may be that we have seen an issue in another program somewhere in the state and can provide some guidance.

We have been in discussions and or meetings with Prince George’s, Dorchester and Garrett Counties as they attempt to start programs. We participated in a meeting with the Prince George’s County Public School system, the Volunteer Fire Association and the Career Chief. All the parties were enthusiastic about the program and are anxious to revive it in the County. We also met with Garrett County and they are well into planning a program that will involve the two high schools meeting at the Community College. They will use the burn building at the WMRTC for the practical exercises. Garrett County has plans to start their High School Cadet program in fall 2012. Dorchester County hopes to start their program in the fall of 2011.

In April we conducted a brief survey of the counties that have programs to determine
the number of students in each. The total of 176 students is a testament that the program statewide is alive and well. Generally the programs are doing well around the state. Frederick County has decided to take a break because of lack of students and take a year to regroup. Prince George’s County has apparently put their program on hold to work on other priorities. The budget in Montgomery County makes the program there questionable, but officials believe it will be funded for next year.

We encourage all counties with programs to intensify their recruitment efforts. These programs are one of the best recruitment tools the volunteer fire and EMS service has. We believe recruitment is a major component to achieving a successful high school cadet program. The counties that invest time at this stage of the program and aggressively recruit have very successful programs. The County Coordinators should also use the recruitment time to visit with the guidance counselors at the high schools and educate them on the programs and the need to be strict in the selection process. Harford County takes the current cadet class to the high schools to do the recruitment. Alumni of the program are also a good recruitment resource.

We stand ready to advise and assist any county that wants to discuss an existing or future program.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Stevens, Chairman
Bobbi Stevens, Vice Chairman

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The Historical and Archives Committee continues to promote the artifacts and history of the MSFA from throughout the state. Under the direction of Vice-Chairman Frank Underwood, the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room continues to be maintained.

A history of the MSFA has been compiled for use on the MSFA web site and will be added to the home page. With the opening of the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum in Emmitsburg, artifacts and pictures of the early MSFA are on display for public view.

The committee continues to work on compiling video histories to archive the memories of many of our fire service leaders.

Respectfully Submitted, Clarence “Chip” Jewell, Chairman
Frank Underwood, PP, Vice Chairman
John Spiker, Vice Chairman
Mr. President and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; The Convention and Conference in 2010, went much better for the Honor Guard Committee, than it did in 2009.

On Saturday evening, the Baltimore County Fire Department, provided a Color Guard for the Officer’s Dinner, as requested by President Roger Powell. Also on Sunday afternoon, the Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Association Honor Guard attended the walk thru for the Joint Memorial Service. This was a time for them to practice a Flag Folding ceremony, as MSFA Secretary, Jackie Olson, read the meaning of the folds, using a fire service meaning, as written by, Past President Gene Worthington.

The MSFA Honor Guard Committee held a Color Guard Workshop on Sunday afternoon at the Convention Center. Presenters for the workshop were, MSFA Honor Guard Committee Vice Chairman, Tom Miller and Committee Member, Bill Lippincott. Both of these committee members are with the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services Honor Guard. We had requested their assistance with the Joint Memorial Service and other Honor Guard duties. Due to some issues, their Honor Guard Commander advised, that they would only have permission to present the workshop and not permitted to assist with other committee duties while at the Convention.

Sunday evening for the Joint Memorial Service, the Baltimore County Fire Department Honor Guard, handled the Color Guard duties for the Presentation of the Colors. The Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Association Honor Guard, served as escorts for the families receiving special honors and performed the Flag Folding ceremony. With Vice Chairman Tom Miller unable to perform his assigned duties to line up the Sea of Blue, Dennis Beard was asked if he could assist with the line up. He was unable to assist due to other obligations for the Memorial Service and advised that committee member David Kline, could handle the line-up. David was requested to line up the Sea of Blue. I later found out that there had been a problem with the line-up. We will do everything in our powers, to keep this from happening again in 2011.

Also on Sunday evening, Mike Quade, from the Southern Maryland Honor Guard, was requested to serve as Commander, for the Combined Color Guard, on Monday morning at the Opening Ceremonies.

On Monday morning for the Opening Ceremonies, the Combined Color Guard, was completely comprised of members of volunteer companies, as no career department Honor Guards were in attendance.

Southern Maryland’s Honor Guard was assigned to provide a Color Guard and personnel for President Doyle Cox, at the Joint Installation of Officers on Tuesday evening. On
Tuesday afternoon, Mike Quade, Commander for Southern Maryland contacted the MSFA Honor Guard Committee Chair and asked if Harford County’s Honor Guard could assist them with two to three additional personnel for that evening. The Harford County Honor Guard assigned three personnel to assist Southern Maryland. A Combined Southern Maryland / Harford County Color Guard Presented the Colors. Members then worked together to provide escorts. This combined Honor Guard was Commanded by Mike Quade and worked very well together.

The MSFA Honor Guard Committee held a meeting at the Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Association’s Office on Saturday, October 9, 2010, with Chairman Hawley, Vice Chairman Kurtz and Committee Member Bill Lippincott present. We discussed what effects the construction at the Convention Center may have on our activities, as well as the events of the 2010 Convention and Conference, as they applied to our committee and what we needed to plan for the Convention in 2011.

The attendance for the workshop was discussed and if we should attempt to hold another at the 2011 Convention and Conference. It was suggested that we request a move from Sunday afternoon to Monday afternoon, because Sunday has not been a good day for such events or workshops.

Contact was made via e-mail, with Convention Committee Chair, Ron Siarnicki, to request the change to Monday afternoon. Chief Siarnicki advised that the change was approved.

The workshop will be held on Monday afternoon, June 20th, from 1400 hours to 1600 hours, in Halls 2 & 3 in the Convention Center. This year the subject of our workshop is “Performing a Casket Watch”. The workshop is open to all, especially those departments without Honor Guards. We would like to have an announcement on the MSFA Web Site. This announcement usually goes out in e-mails as well to a larger number of people.

Our plan is to build upon our workshop and to continue to keep them geared more towards the departments/companies, that do not have Honor Guards. Once again we plan to have MSFA Honor Guard Vice Chair, Tom Miller and Committee Member, Bill Lippincott serving as the instructors. A letter was sent to Chief Bowers from Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services, to request both Tom and Bill be detailed to assist with the workshop, Joint Memorial Services and Opening Ceremonies.

The Honor Guard assignments for the 2011 Convention and Conference were requested as follows:

**Saturday evening** – President’s Dinner:
Southern Maryland Honor Guard
Sunday evening – Joint Memorial Service:
Color Guard – Combined *
(also request Southern Maryland be available for this if needed)
• Commander for the Combined Color Guard:
Southern Maryland – Mike Quade

• Escorts for families receiving Special Presentations *
Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Honor
Guard & MSFA Honor Guard Committee
• Sea of Blue Line up: Vice Chairman Tom Miller

Monday morning – Opening Ceremonies:
Color Guard – Combined *
• Commander for the Combined Color Guard –
Chairman Hawley

Tuesday evening – Joint Installation of Officers:
Color Guard / Honor Guard*
• Personnel to be requested from the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company.

The Honor Guard Committee chairs and members, wish to thank President Doyle Cox,
for our appointments and re-appointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to
serve the Maryland State Firemen’s Association during the 2010 – 2011 term.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Franklin Hawley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Cox, Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, members
of the Executive Committee, delegates, and guests. This year has been a very busy
year for the Legislative Committee. Chairman Davis, Vice Chairman Yinger along with
the Presidents, and Past President Sachs met on numerous occasions with Delegate
Conway and members of the Military Department to address concerns and problems
associated with the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and the Senator Amoss Fire,
Rescue, and Ambulance Fund. We believe that progress has been made in regards to
these funds and their administration.

The 2011 Legislative session started on January 12 and concluded at midnight on April
11. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 2353 bills. Of these, 42 Bills
were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency
Medical Services. The breakdown is as follows:
Support: 5       Oppose: 2       Monitor: 12       Local: 14
Budget: 6       Misc: 3
Bills the MSFA opposed were defeated.

**HB70** – Budget Bill – This bill contained the funding for the MSFA Appropriations and the Widows and Orphans Fund. We were able to keep both funds at the same level of funding from last year.

**HB72** – Budget Reconciliation Act of 2011 – Was amended in the Senate to take money from the “Moving Violation Surcharge” to fund the Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Fund, divide the remainder between the VCAF and General Fund, and then only provide funds to the VCAF through FY12. Working closely with Delegate Conway the senate amendment was removed. Final wording stated that money from the “Moving Violation Surcharge: will be used to fund the Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Fund, provide $8 million to the VCAF for FY12, provide $2 million to the VCAF in FY13 with the remainder going to the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF). This was agreed upon by the Conference Committee and passed both houses.

**SB581** and **HB711** - Manufactured Homes – Sprinkler System Requirement - Opt-Out Provisions for Local Jurisdictions. These bills if passed would allow local jurisdictions to amend fire sprinkler requirements for modular homes out of the Maryland Model Performance Code. The MSFA and Maryland’s Fire Service strongly opposed the bills. Through our combined efforts both bills were defeated in their respective committees.

**HB192** and **SB112** - Criminal Law – Sale of Novelty Lighters – Prohibition – This would ban the sales of Novelty Lighters in Maryland. SB112 passed in Senate Committee, but failed in the House Judiciary Committee. HB192 also failed in the House Judiciary Committee. The MSFA and Maryland’s Fire Service was a strong supporter of these bills.

**HB83** and **SB154** - Health Insurance – Ambulance Service Providers - Assignment of Benefits - Both bills passed.

**HB61** and **SB321** - Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services Entities - Resale of Admission Tickets – Both bills failed in Senate Committee.

**HB215** - State Emergency Medical Services Board - Emergency Medical Services Providers – Passed. Bill was requested by MIEMSS.

**HB1145** - Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Systems - Prepaid Service - Collection of Surcharge – Failed, received an unfavorable report out of House Committee.

**HB1193** - Volunteer Company Assistance Fund - Reporting Requirements - Military Department - Passed.
No local Fire Department sponsored gaming or bond bills passed.

The annual MSFA Legislative Reception was held on February 22. The affair was well attended by members of the House and Senate. Special thanks to Sharon Worthington for preparing and serving the food. Thanks to the ladies that help setup and serve the food; and the Carroll County group for serving the refreshments.

The Committee especially thanks the following for their efforts on behalf of the MSFA: Senator Barry Glassman, Senator Roy Dyson, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, Delegate John Bohanan, and Delegate Guy Guzzone. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Fire Caucus; and all the other Delegates and Senators who supported us throughout the year. Special thanks are extended to Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and their staff for their support this year.

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 Rose Davis, chairperson of the LA-MSFA Legislative Committee. Rose, you and the other ladies did a tremendous job. We are proud to have the following ladies as a part of the team; Rose Davis, Betty Radish, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Barbara McWilliams, and Carene Housenfluck. We are sorry to see Marie Soutar leave us. She is moving to Kansas. Heartfelt thanks to President Sandi Lutz for her assistance and support during the year. I would like to thank Richard Snader, 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 maintenance of the building. Both of these committees were only a phone call away if a problem was encountered.

I would like to thank Doyle, Dave, and John for their support this year. Your presence in Annapolis for hearings and meetings was greatly appreciated.

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
REPORT OF THE INCENTIVES PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

President Cox, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 119th Annual Convention.

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)
The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. One county has had a change in its program since our last convention. Charles County increased the basic monthly payment. After many ups-and-downs and a lot of hard work, Allegany County now has a LOSAP.

There are four counties, Dorchester, Garrett, Somerset, and Wicomico, without a LOSAP. The committee has offered assistance to these companies.

No requests for the LOSAP Information Manual were received this past year. All requests for the LOSAP Summary Sheet were filled. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Sheet may be kept current. Please refer to the LOSAP Summary Chart located on the facing page.

TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)
Since this convention report is due prior to the date the lists of qualifying members are received from the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2010 is unavailable. A total of 13,309 volunteers qualified in Tax Year 2009. In 2008, 12,974 volunteers qualified.

There has been a lot of confusion with the 36 months in the last 10 years for 25-year members. No changes have been made in the legislation. Until Administrative Release No. 29, Revised September 30, 2009, and the legislation are changed, we will continue to follow them. That is to qualify for the subtraction modification, a volunteer with less than 25 years of service must have been active in 2010 (that is a member must have a minimum of 50 points and those points must be earned in at least two categories) and have at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member with 25 or more years of qualifying service need not have been active in 2010; however, the member must still qualify with at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member who has served 25 years or more as an active volunteer does not receive the TIP based on this status alone. Everyone must have 36 months in the last 10 years. All 25 years does for a member is that member does not have to qualify in the tax year. A copy of Maryland Income Tax Administrative Release No. 29 issued by the Comptroller of Maryland is available on the Comptroller’s website.

MISCELLANEOUS
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.

The committee would like to thank President Doyle Cox for our appointments and for his support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve the MSFA another year. We congratulate President Cox on a successful year and wish him a successful and productive convention. We offer our congratulations to the incoming president, David Lewis, and all of the newly elected officers and wish them a successful and productive year.

Incentive Programs Committee
Joan Robison, Ken Bush;
Gary Crampton, C. Douglas Bostian;
Stuart Carter, Anne Hawkins;
Patricia A. Bowser, Donald Lee Howard;
Joseph Cooper, Donald M. Phillips;

County Point System Coordinators
Allegany - Cheri Llewellyn; Howard-Steve Fleming;
Anne Arundel - David Lewis; Kent- Robin Spielman;
Baltimore - Stuart Carter; Montgomery- Linda Dowdy;
Calvert- Mona Marsico; Prince George’s - Joan Robison;
Caroline - William Cooper; Queen Anne’s - Marie McHugh;
Carroll - Douglas Bostian; St. Mary’s - Joseph A. Cooper;
Cecil - Shirley Herring; Somerset - Donald Lee Howard;
Charles - Wm. R. (Skip) Massey; Talbot - Ken Bush;
Dorchester - Vernon L. Hurley; Washington - Skip Menzies;
Frederick - Dianne Sears; Wicomico - Michael Farlow, Esq.;
Garrett - Patricia Bowser; Worcester - Norman Cathell;
Harford - J. Alan Thompson

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

As always, we want to thank Wylie, Lee and the convention committee for giving us space for the display at convention. It is the best location and one that invites many folks to stop by and talk. We appreciate the great partnership we have with the MSFA. We are again having several fund raising events during convention week and look forward to seeing you at those. These fundraisers are of great financial benefit to our operational needs and we want to thank those businesses allowing us to be a partner for the events. Special thanks goes to Ron Siarnicki and the NFFF for their support and allowing us to be part of the boot drive during the parade.

Again our July meeting was hosted by the Baltimore City FD at the boat dock near Fort
McHenry. We were treated to great hospitality and a ride on the John Frazier into the harbor. We conducted a small business meeting allowing time to enjoy the evening. This has become an annual event and certainly we look forward to it.

We wish to thank all who assisted with our GALA this year. Thanks to the MSFA for sponsoring a table. We had a great program, good music throughout the evening and a profitable silent auction. Again, thanks to all who helped. We will be returning again this year to Turf Valley. Many thanks to the Certification Board for their generous donation of $10,000 to go toward our annual budget expenses.

Plans are going well for the upcoming annual service to be held Sunday, June 5, hope to see all of you there starting at 2pm. We are anticipating a crowd of 250-300 folks to attend. We will be dedicating an area as “Circle of Remembrance” to honor those folks who have given their time and talents to the Foundation. We have ordered a plaque to be placed on site.

Unfortunately, we have lost a fallen firefighter this past year Mark Falkenhan. We have met with his wife Gladys and extended our condolences. We will be placing his name on the wall at the ceremony.

We are expecting our brick order to be delivered in May allowing placement in the ground before the service. We will also be doing some repair of the brickwork at the bottom of the light fixtures and the Red Knights will be doing their annual spring cleanup.

We have a proposal on upgrading the lighting on the site. These lights have been a constant problem since installation. We are reviewing three different proposals and evaluating them. Hopefully, this will be completed sometime this summer. We have signed the maintenance contract proposal for this summer to maintain the grounds.

The Foundation always recognizes the organizations that make up our group. Their commitment and dedication continues with outstanding support. We also would like to recognize our state elected officials who also continue to support the Foundation.

We always want to remind you that we are still selling memorial replicas, bricks, pictures and DVD’s. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to again thank the MSFA and specifically the convention committee for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. Stop by our booth for a firsthand look at our items. And yes, we want to thank those that regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings and chair the various committees. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation. See you at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington, Chairman
President Cox, Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2010 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s Annual Report. I hope it is useful to the association and the fire service community as a whole to highlight our activities this past year and moreover to strengthen the relationship that exists between our two organizations. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff we wish you a most successful annual conference and convention.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation was created by Congress in 1992 with the mission to honor fallen firefighters and assist their survivors in the rebuilding of their lives. Since its inception, the Foundation has developed many programs to fulfill this mandate.

The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and registered as a corporation in the State of Maryland. Donations from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations fund many of the Foundation’s programs. A grant from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance supports programs for survivors and coworkers of firefighters killed in the line of duty. Another grant from the U.S. Fire Administration provides support for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held in October of each year. The Everyone Goes Home® Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives program is funded by a Fire Act Grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

Reorganization and Growth. In 2010, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) reorganized in order to provide better service to our constituents. The programs and services offered by NFFF are now classified as Survivor Programs, Fire Service Programs and Financial Programs. Additional staff positions of Director of Fire Service Programs, Business Manager and Accountant were established and filled. With these changes the Foundation is better prepared to meet the demand for expanded programs and to broaden its efforts to prevent firefighter fatalities.

Survivor Programs
The Fire Service Survivors Network. The Fire Service Survivors Network is a group of family members of fallen firefighters who volunteer to assist newly bereaved families and help the Foundation with projects throughout the year and during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. There were 69 new Fire Service Survivors Network members added in 2010. There are now a total of 385 Network members from 45 states. Members of the Fire Service Survivors Network were involved in all phases of the Foundation’s programs. During the year, they:

° Contacted newly bereaved families and provided emotional support. Survivors of 2010
fallen firefighters were carefully matched with Network members. These matches took into account similarities between the newly bereaved survivor and Network member. For example, widows who were pregnant when their firefighter died were matched with widows from previous years who had been pregnant when their firefighter died. This outreach provided peer-to-peer support for fire service survivors.

- Sent Remembrance cards to all survivors on the date of their firefighters’ deaths. Network members wrote personal messages and mailed a specially designed card to other survivors to arrive immediately before the anniversary date of each firefighter’s death. In 2010, 2,985 survivors received cards sent by 122 members of the Network.

- Assisted with activities in support of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. More than 150 family members returned to assist, provide support, and network with families of fallen firefighters being honored.

**Scholarships.** Since 1997, the NFFF’s scholarship program has given spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Memorial the opportunity to pursue their personal, educational and career goals. In 2010, there were 86 scholarships totaling $253,902 awarded.

**Grief Support Resources for Survivors.** Staff responded to requests for grief resources or counseling from families and coworkers. The Foundation’s grief specialist contacted the families to determine what grief resources were needed—often the widows were concerned about how their children were dealing with the loss or they needed help themselves. Local resources were found and that information was then provided to the family, with follow-up by the Foundation to see if further assistance was needed.

**Research and Disseminate Information on Survivor Benefits.** Benefits for the families of fallen firefighters were researched and updated in the State Benefits section of the Foundation’s website: [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org). Updated information on benefits was also provided in newsletters and special mailings.

**Fifth Fire Service Survivors Conference.** The 5th annual Fire Service Survivors Conference took place May 9-14, in Schaumburg, Illinois. The conference was held in conjunction with the Foundation’s Local Assistance State Team (LAST) training, so survivors and LAST members had a chance to meet. More than 80 survivors and 40 LAST members were in attendance. Workshops ranged from the practical—home repair, technology 101, and self-defense—to more serious topics, including grieving the death of an adult child and resilience after loss.

**Develop and/or Update Publications and Reference Materials for Survivors.** Six issues of *The Journey*, a publication of articles written by survivors, were published and mailed exclusively to survivors. Each issue included a section authored by Department of Justice staff, “Did You Know,” with information on the Public Safety Officers Benefits program. Prepared and disseminated three issues of the Foundation
newsletter, *Facing Tomorrow Together*, to over 6,000 survivors and members of the fire service. Continued sponsorship of *The Link*, a special biweekly newsletter for the immediate next-of-kin of FDNY firefighters killed at the World Trade Center. *The Link* reaches 960 households and more than 2,400 FDNY survivors and members of the FDNY community.

**Fire Service Programs**

*Taking Care of Our Own®*. The Foundation continued delivery of its *Taking Care of Our Own®* class. During the class, a survivor speaks about the loss of their firefighter and how important it is to have support from their department. Attendees receive information and resources to create plans and procedures to manage a line-of-duty death.

*Local Assistance State Teams (LAST)*. The Foundation continued training to establish line-of-duty death state response teams. Teams consist of a chief officer in the fire service who has experienced a line-of-duty death; a fire service chaplain; an honor guard commander, a fire service survivor, and a behavioral health specialist. LAST members helped survivors apply for Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) in a timely manner and provided information on how to access benefits at the State and local level. Assistance with 59 firefighter fatalities was provided in 25 states.

*Memorial, Tribute and Remembrance Conference*. When the United States Congress created the NFFF it charged our organization with leading a nationwide effort to honor and remember our nation’s fallen firefighters. This included working with other fire service organizations to ensure that our country never forgets the sacrifices these heroes have made. In an effort to carry out this congressional mandate, the NFFF conducted an educational and networking conference on memorializing fallen firefighters. Attendees were those who were instrumental in establishing their own state or regional memorial, those responsible for memorial services, or those who wish to establish a memorial in their state. The focus of the conference was workshops to provide information useful to both those who already have memorials in their state or those who are working to build memorials. It also provided time to exchange ideas and information and to brainstorm on how the NFFF can foster and be of assistance to individuals and groups working to honor those who have died in service to their communities.

*Line-of-Duty Death Prevention*. The predominant NFFF program that deals with LODD prevention is the highly recognizable and successful *Everyone Goes Home®* (EGH). Funded through the Fire Act, EGH is a multifaceted program that takes the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives as a blue print to prevent LODDs and provides the fire service with tools to implement the initiatives.

*Advocates Program*. The Foundation established an Advocates program to help
promote awareness of the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives and act as a conduit for resources to enable departments to implement and advocate them. Working with consultants, NFFF leadership enhanced the outreach program to guide Advocates in their promotion of the Life Safety Initiatives. Through this effort, target populations within the fire service were identified and prioritized.

**Regional Focus Groups.** A series of ten focus groups (one in each of the ten FEMA regions) began. The purpose of these focus group meetings was to: measure the impact of EGH programming; evaluate the effectiveness of the training programs; identify gaps that may exist in current programs; understand any specific regional differences; and identify ways to improve the quality, relevance, and delivery of these programs. The information collected in these groups will be used to modify existing programming and training efforts and will be presented in a summary report shared with the Regional and State Advocates and the fire service community.

**Expansion of the EGH Research Database to Include AFG Programs.** As a part of the EGH Project, the NFFF has been developing a searchable database containing listings of fire research, articles, and reports tied to the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. This database was created and housed on the EGH web site (www.everyonegoeshome.com) and has been utilized by thousands as an informational source for working on individual projects and efforts nationwide to reduce line-of-duty deaths.

**Firefighter Burn Injury and Death Advocacy.** EGH has partnered with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, the leading national burn survivor support organization, and the International Association of Fire Fighters to explore strategies to develop a peer support program for burn-injured firefighters and their families. Focus groups of firefighters and their families were conducted at the Phoenix Society’s World Burn Congress and needs and key strategies were identified.

**Behavioral Health Project.** After Action Review (AAR) is the military system of ensuring that all projects or engagements are reviewed and lessons learned noted, beginning at “ground level.” The first step in the process is often referred to as the “hot wash,” taking place at the unit level as soon as practicable following engagement. The project that was developed this year will adapt the military AAR process for the fire service, with first and foremost emphasis on establishing the “hot wash” as a basic element of company management for every turn of call that is run. The project includes developing and disseminating a basic curriculum on the AAR process for critical levels of fire service organizations, promoting its adoption and utilization, and using it to enhance the EGH databases for close calls, lessons learned, and safety.

**Fire Prevention Demonstration Project in Conjunction with Vision 20/20.** With the assistance of twelve fire departments with successful fire prevention programs, EGH was able to identify resources and provide strategies for other departments
to initiate similar programs. A handout is being prepared based on the output from the twelve demonstration departments—these address five crucial elements of a fire department’s Community Risk Reduction Management System: Engineering, Enforcement, Education (internal & external), Economic Impact, and Emergency Response.

**Health and Traffic Safety Partnerships.** Heart attacks and strokes remain the leading cause of LODDs, followed by motor vehicle crashes. EGH is developing an educational program focused on highway safety for the fire service. The program consists of developing practices for the deployment of advanced warning or Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) devices for motorists upstream of a highway/roadway where firefighters are working on an emergency scene.

**Leadership, Accountability, Culture, Knowledge (LACK)** EGH has completed a training program to follow up on its highly successful *Courage to Be Safe®*. This compelling presentation examines the root causes of LODDs and the role of Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge (LACK) as it impacts the end result. Through education and training, fire departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of firefighter fatalities and tackling these four elements with special emphasis on understanding fire service culture.

**Everyone Goes Home® Firefighter Safety Summit.** The Safety Summit held in March 2010 provided an excellent opportunity for members of the Advocates Program to meet and interact with their colleagues from around the country, share experiences and ideas, and trade success stories. There were over 150 participants at the Safety Summit.

**Vulnerability Assessment - Firefighter Fatality Cases.** The NFFF has partnered with the USFA and Honeywell in an effort to create a Vulnerability Assessment tool for fire departments to evaluate their risk for having a firefighter line-of-duty death or significant injury. This project, which will be a multi-year program, is assembling and cataloging historical data relative to firefighter fatalities. The Vulnerability Assessment Project will assess numerous issues within organizations, including equipment, staffing, policies and procedures, training, and will ultimately contribute to a reduction in firefighter deaths and injuries, as well as fires.

**The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.** The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on October 2-3, 2010, honored 80 firefighters who died in the line of duty during 2009 and 25 who died in previous years. Among those from previous years were military firefighters who died performing firefighting duties. Both the Candlelight Service and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service were televised and streamed live over
the internet and were viewed nationwide and around the world.

**Public Awareness and Line-of-Duty Death Prevention Initiatives.** The Web site was enhanced by including more resources and information for survivors. The site includes a special Family Programs section, online forms to request information and peer support, specialized grief materials, and links to other resources and organizations. There were 9,935,157 page views of the FireHero.org site during the year. A “widget” featuring 2009 fallen firefighters, which changed each day to feature a new firefighter, was created and added to the web site. It was accessed and downloaded by numerous fire service organizations and publications. After the 2010 Memorial Weekend, the widget was revised to show information on firefighters honored in previous years. The original widget had 6,183,956 page views on our site. Staff continued to promote initiatives to reduce line-of-duty deaths by focusing on the impact on the survivors and communities. Presentations at fire service conferences during which survivors told the audience how the loss of their firefighter impacted their lives and their communities provided a powerful tool to promote firefighter safety. This was combined with information on how to reduce line-of-duty deaths. Presentations were very well received by the audiences.

I am pleased to submit this annual report and encourage all of you to consider getting involved with one or more of our programs. The Board and Staff of the Foundation appreciate all of the support we have received from the Maryland Fire Service and hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 14, 15 and 16, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted
Ronald Jon Siarnicki
Executive Director

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**REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL**

The NVFC continues to aggressively represent the volunteer fire, rescue and, formally as of this year, EMS providers across these United States. It offers and manages more than a dozen programs year-round, including Fire Corps, the National Junior Firefighter Program, International Outreach, the Volunteer Advocacy program (which has expanded because of demand to mediate some local adversarial issues), and the Johns Hopkins Health and Safety program. The work of the Council is funded with a balanced budget of $2.6 million, much of which is contributed in the form of grants by various corporate partners and government agencies.

Its Legislative Committee and Staff monitor and lobby all federal legislation that is relevant to the Association’s mission. There are a host of publications, both periodic
and subject-specific, that are published. The volunteer provider community can always be up to date on the news and other information that pertains to our chosen avocation via:

- [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org)
- [www.firecorps.org](http://www.firecorps.org)
- [www.healthy-firefighter.org](http://www.healthy-firefighter.org)
- [www.nvfc.org/juniors](http://www.nvfc.org/juniors)
- [www.healthy-firefighter.org/putitout](http://www.healthy-firefighter.org/putitout)
- [www.soundthealarmtoday.org](http://www.soundthealarmtoday.org).

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The newly created EMS/R Section is up and running, and will be involved in many of the national EMS projects that are under way or will be introduced in time. The top five legislative priorities established by the NVFC are:

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
- Nationwide Broadband Communications Network
- Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act
- Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act
- Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Job Protection Act

The Council is the “go to” organization when legislators and administrators want input from the volunteer fire and EMS service. The stature of the NVFC continues to grow, and the Board is committed to steady forward progress!

We are proud of the NVFC’s progress in recent years, and proud of the role Maryland has had in the teamwork necessary to achieve that progress!

Respectfully,
Lee N. Sachs, Past President
James P. Seavey, Sr.

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

President Cox, Officers, Members, I would like to take this time to thank my committee members for filling in for me this past year. Due to my health I have not been able to attend any of the Executive Meetings. After 27 years of setting up the system I have had to turn to three special persons to fill in full time. Harry Hetz, Frank Underwood and Mike Davis have been there each meeting hauling the equipment from place to place. They also assisted Richard Snader with the purchase and assembly of the new
wireless system. My best wishes to the new committee. I will miss being part of it. My thanks also to President Cox for my appointment. It has been my pleasure and honor to have served for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Huttenloch, Chair

REPORT OF THE RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER COMMITTEE

The Residential Sprinkler Committee continued to work throughout the year in educating the citizens and fire service personnel of Maryland on residential sprinklers. There are currently requirements for residential sprinklers in new homes in fourteen counties, and 93 of 157 municipalities in the state. There are several areas within the state that are still working toward requirements for residential sprinklers in new one and two family homes. These efforts are ongoing by the local fire service in those areas. Our committee is providing support whenever requested or invited to assist.

We wish to thank our partners in this effort, the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office, Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, MSFA Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee and the many county fire service associations that have assisted with this mission.

Our Position Paper on Residential Sprinklers is available on the MSFA website. This clearly defines our position on residential sprinklers and how important we feel that they are to the safety of our citizens and firefighters. We appreciate the support of the MSFA member companies for their endorsement and recognition of the importance of this life saving concept.

The Residential Sprinkler Committee was very pleased to be presented the Leadership in Fire Safety Award from the National Fire Sprinkler Association at their annual convention in April. This award is given in recognition of vision, dedication and substantial contributions to the protection of the public from the threat of fire through support of the fire sprinkler concept.

Our committee was able to stay well within the budget confines again this year. We realize that our treasury is not in as good a shape as we would wish, so we have attempted to find funding from other areas to support our efforts. We have kept within our means.

In conclusion, our committee members have been working very hard for six years now. With the adoption of the 2009 IRC by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community development, counties and municipalities have chosen to accept or amend
out the residential sprinkler requirement for new one and two family dwellings. Our efforts have been generally effective. We will continue to work towards requirements for residential sprinklers in all new homes across the entire state. Our committee needs help from some new, motivated fire service personnel to continue our mission. Please step up and volunteer your assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

**REPORT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Risk Management Committee continues to monitor the Injured Workers Insurance Fund (IWIF) workers compensation program to assure the program remains viable and profitable. In recent discussions with IWIF loss control representatives, the committee has requested copies of all loss runs and claims to assure adherence with our program objectives.

The question of stipends paid to volunteer members has also been referred to the committee for review and possible legislative actions in the 2012 session. Also, we have continued to have discussions with California Casualty to implement a group property/casualty program for members. As this carrier does not maintain Maryland licensed representatives, we have suggested the Marketing Committee pursue the program as a member benefit.

Respectfully Submitted, Clarence “Chip” Jewell, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE**

The Rural Water Supply Committee has had a very successful year. We have assisted with three drills in the state. Drills were held in Lewistown, Frederick County in the fall of 2010, Denton, Caroline County in the fall of 2010, and in New Market, Frederick County in the spring of 2011. All of these drills were well attended and many tried and true concepts were practiced as well as many innovative concepts tested. We have received many compliments, and many ideas and suggestions for future drills. We are still in need of a host for a fall 2011 drill.

Our committee has grown this year with several new faces becoming involved and active right away. These folks have taken the initiative to get out and participate in planning, setting up, and conducting training exercises and drills. Our drill participation has been extraordinarily good as we again trained over 300 personnel this year.
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We want to recognize and thank Richard Snader for his support and assistance again this year with making our certificates to present to participants in our drills. We also wish to thank the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company, Denton Volunteer Fire Company, and the New Market District Volunteer Fire Company for their assistance and efforts in holding the drills this year. These groups did an outstanding job as hosts for the exercises.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

President Cox, the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Safety Committee congratulates you on a very successful year as MSFA President. We wish you the utmost success in the upcoming years wherever circumstances lead you.

I wish to thank the members of the safety committee for their dedication and commitment to improving the safety of the members of the MSFA. I commend Dan Stevens for his leadership to the committee as President of the Executive Committee.

The Safety Committee has been active this year projecting the use of seat belts by our members. The committee has provided the TRUMPET with articles promoting safety and has posted articles of interest on the Safety display at the Executive Committee Meetings.

Committee member Jimmy Rose is working with National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Everyone Goes Home® coordinator to have a presentation at this year’s Convention and Conference depicting his personal experience of being in a major apparatus accident. There will also be statistical information concerning the use, or not, of using seat belts.

Committee members have been active promoting the Everyone Goes Home® First Responder Seatbelt Pledge. As of April 1, 2011 there were 21 departments in the state that have signed the pledge.

Chairman Balta served on a MIEMSS Task Force studying the safety of ambulances. The study includes all aspects of response and apparatus safety and actions of personnel at incidents. The study also included the various county requirements for operating an ambulance within their jurisdictions. The date for the study to be published is TBD.

The need for firefighters to have physicals was discussed and the committee agreed that physicals should be a part of anyone entering into the stressful environment of
interior attack firefighting. MFRI is now requiring that any student entering a physically stressful class fill out a questionnaire concerning their health. This will be reviewed and if any areas of concern appear the prospective student will be asked to seek a physician’s concurrence that the student is capable of entering the class.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul R. “Bobby” Balta Jr. P.P.
Chairman

**REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

This year the scholarship committee was divided into two smaller work groups to accomplish two tasks. The first of these tasks was to complete a rewrite of the guidelines and applications of the scholarship committee. A revision that has been long over due, the last time a revision was done was nearly 10 years ago. All of the updates are currently available for viewing on the scholarship link on the Maryland State Firemen’s Association web site.

The second group was assigned the task to expand the newly established mentoring program. This new program partnered a committee member with a supported student. This enabled the committee to not only support our student financially but we also were able to assist with many of the challenges a college student is facing ranging from housing, job seeking, and encouragement during mid terms and finals.

I am also pleased to announce the year’s statistics for the 2010-11 school years.

Total students supported . 10
Amount of money distributed $26,000.00
Schools that our students are attending:

- University of Maryland Baltimore Campus
- University of Maryland College Park
- Hagerstown Community College
- Howard Community College

I would be remised if I didn’t take this opportunity to thank all of our supports: MSFA member companies, MSFA Foundation, Ms. Heimer, Bill Olsen, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, and Connective Power. Without their support this committee couldn’t provide support at the level demonstrated above.

Finally, I wish to thank President Cox, 1st Vice President Lewis, and 2nd Vice President Denver for having the confidence in me to serve as Chairman. I wish to thank each member of the committee for their outstanding work this year.

Respectfully Submitted:
G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman
The past year activities of the SIEC have been extremely beneficial for the Maryland emergency services. The Maryland Board of Public Works has approved projects that will have a tremendous positive effect for the interoperability in Maryland. The contract for the long awaited state wide radio communications system was awarded to Motorola with the Phase 1A completion date of 18 months. The 700 MHz system will ultimately provide direct communications for all counties with most of the state public safety agencies. The initial phase build out will occur along the I-95 corridor and the toll facility areas.

Another major step for Maryland has been the awarding of a statewide computer aided dispatch system contract. Though the primary agency to benefit from this project will be the Maryland State Police, all jurisdictions will have an opportunity to purchase the system. Additionally, system specifications require compatibility with existing CAD systems to share data. I am also pleased to announce I have been reappointed to the SIEC by Governor Martin O’Malley to serve an additional 2 year term.

Respectfully,
Clarence “Chip” Jewell,
MSFA Representative to the SIEC

REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

President Cox, 1st Vice-President Lewis, 2nd Vice-President Denver, Delegates, and Guests to the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, the Training Committee continued our goal from last year to visit all the training regions to solicit input not only from our MSFA partners but also from the regional companies. One of our main goals was the update of the MSFA 10 Year Training Plan. We have met 6 times since our last convention at the following locations:

Charles County, Maryland July 25, 2010
Princess Anne, Maryland August 22, 2010
Centreville, Maryland September 19, 2010
Prince George’s County, MD November 7, 2010
Centreville, Maryland January 23, 2011
Montgomery County, Maryland March 27, 2011

Attendance from the regions’ membership was not what we had hoped it would be but we continued to receive updates from our active partner agencies of MFRI, MIEMSS, MEMA, MFC, DNR, and the MSFA Safety Committee. Much of the time spent was going over and making the appropriate changes in the 10-year plan. It is our hope that
agencies will give input to the training committee not just when the plan is reviewed for changes but on a more frequent basis so the changes or corrections are made to make this a true living and working document.

As this report is prepared for the Ocean City, Maryland convention the committee has made its final adjustments and recommendations and distributed that draft to President Doyle Cox and the MSFA Executive Committee at the February 19, 2011 meeting in Cordova, Maryland. It is our hope that it will be approved at their meeting on April 10th and 11th, 2011 in Friendsville, Maryland in time for printing for distribution at the convention.

We continue to update the MSFA Training Committee portion of the website weekly with future training opportunities throughout the state. Please contact the training committee chairman if you have a training opportunity that you would like shared with the fire and rescue community.

As this report is being prepared for the 119th Convention and Conference the Training Committee has proposed adjustments to the Zembower Training Award rules to the proper MSFA leadership members for approval to update, change, and add training courses and hours to make this a more updated document. Our goal is to have this in place by the end of this year’s convention for implementation.

I would like to thank the committee members and liaison partners, and the member companies that hosted our meetings as well as the officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Many hours have been spent traveling the state, listening to regional issues, and updating the MSFA 10-Year Training Plan, but it’s all for naught if the information that we’ve placed in the member companies hands isn’t practiced or even read.

The MSFA Training Committee looks forward to the training issues and challenges that lay ahead of us, but are determined and ready to assist YOU and all the member companies of the Great State of Maryland to move forward and we will with YOUR help.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnie F. Roth, Jr.
Chairman
REPORT OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

During the past year, the committee has worked to update the current tag data-base to reflect the many changes resulting from the 2008 recertification. There are still 25 companies that have not responded to the recertification. The County Coordinators have been advised that until a response is received from these companies, new tag requests will be denied.

The recertification is a requirement for member companies that are part of the MSFA and have MSFA logo tags. If a company no longer has MSFA logo tags, we need to know that by a letter from the President of that company. This would meet the requirement and those members that no longer possess the tags would be deleted from our data base. However, it is very important that the information provided in the letter is accurate, because MVA will be notified to flag the tag. This means when the tag renewal comes up, the member would receive a letter from MVA stating that their tag can not be renewed.

The procedures to obtain MSFA logo tags was revised in November 2010 and placed on the MSFA website to include replacements of worn/damaged tags.

Several meetings and phone calls to MVA have provided us with a current data-base of active MSFA tag holders in the State of Maryland. We will receive an updated listing every 6 months going forward. This will be very helpful to the committee. The number of active tags is now 7,199 as of February 2011. The MVA has also provided a listing of all Black/White active tags. In February, letters were sent to all individuals on the list with proper forms to transfer to a Red/White MSFA logo tag. There were 122 individuals. As a result, 50 have responded in a positive way and transfers on these have been completed. The Black/White tag has been an ongoing issue for a number of years. We now have a positive resolution to this issue going forward.

The committee discussed with MVA the possibility of creating a new MSFA logo tag to include EMS. With the current budget cuts within the State, it was recommended that we not pursue the matter at this time. There were approximately 350 tags issued this year. This number is also down from previous years. I feel this is due to the economic conditions that exist today with fewer people purchasing new or used vehicles.

I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. I wish to extend a special thank you to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Dorothy Schultz, Past President Underwood and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint, for the work done this year.
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I wish to extend my thanks to President Cox 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 Cox, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Members and guests to the 119th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

The MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Board will have met four (4) times since our last convention at the following locations: Joppa-Magnolia VFD – August 15, 2010; Friendsville VFRD – October 24, 2010; Arbutus VFD – January 30, 2011; and Parsonsburg VFD – May 22, 2011.

During the course of the year, the Board reviewed and drafted the VCAF Guidelines for both loans and grants. After numerous attempts at creating a final draft suitable for forwarding to the Dept. of the Military and the Board of Public Works, PP Lee Sachs was given the approval to forward a draft copy of the updated guidelines to DMIL and BPW’s by the Executive Committee at their February 20th meeting at Cordova.

Within the drafted guidelines, for apparatus loans, it was agreed to add Baltimore City, who has been a 10 year member of the MSFA, specific to the language within the law, as they are in the first due territory. The VCAF is not a need based program, thus any company can apply. Therefore, it will read: “and any other companies eligible pursuant to applicable law would be considered for a loan application.”

It was discussed and later agreed that this Board can institute requirements and it would behoove us to require a minimum number of bids. It’s our fiduciary responsibility to assure the state’s monies are used with due diligence. A motion was moved and seconded to require a minimum of three bids for grant and loan requests. The motion passed. It was noted that a company may choose not to accept the lowest bid received, provided there are no special circumstances with justification of a higher bid. But it was also noted that this Board reserves the right to base an award on the lower bid.

It was important to note that if a bridge loan is secured after the MSFA/BPW approval, there would be no penalty for pre-payment.

It was agreed by all that the Pre-closing and Closing Checklist would be part of the application package so all applicants would know what documents would be needed for the Pre-Closing and Closing agreements for loans and grants.
Two proposed checklists for the VCAF Representative and any company applying were presented. The VCAF Representative Checklist would be helpful for the Board members when meeting with an applicant to assure that all necessary paperwork is included within the application. The Checklist for companies will assist them in securing the required documents.

It was noted at the August meeting, the Secretary had the annual report completed and copies were distributed to several members to assure delivery to the various officers and department heads within the state.

The 3%-to-2% interest rate issue is being finalized. The documents for each of the affected Companies to sign, confirming the change, in the process of being signed. One of those loans is a problem, however, and we are all working on getting it resolved.

At the October meeting, Application # 02:2011 Mardela Springs VFC, Wicomico County, was approved. The application was in request of a new Engine-Tanker at a project cost of $593,416.64. The loan request was for $430,000.00.

All companies are to have the following newly required policies in place; the whistle blower policy; the conflict resolution policy; and the document retention policy. Total funds available after the Mardela Springs Application approval were reviewed:

**Loans Available in FY 2011**

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The Board had several pending applications to be heard at their May 22nd meeting, which will be reported in next year’s annual report of the VCAF Board.
Our thanks are extended to our host companies for their willingness to host our meetings and for their generous hospitality. Special thanks is also extended to Past President Lee Sachs for his ongoing support and work as the liaison between this Board, the MSFA, the DMIL, and the Board of Public Works, as well at the MSFA Assistant Treasurer who exclusively handles the financial accounts of the VCAF.

The Board is still accepting loan and grant applications from all companies. All 16 copies of your loan and/or grant applications must go through your county representative and be in the hands of the Board secretary at least 30 days prior to a pending meeting of the Board. It must be noted that the law requires that each company must apply to their local county government for a loan or grant before being submitted to the VCAF Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Curfman, Chairman
Patricia A. Bowser, Secretary
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
CONVENTION
PROGRAM
LADIES AUXILIARY
OF THE
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011
6:00 Joint Officers Banquet - Main Ball Room- By Invitation only

SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2011
8:00am Exhibitors Registration - Convention Center-Ground Floor
9:00am MSFA Executive Meeting - Convention Center-Room 208
10:00-12:00 Convention Registration - Foyer 2 Floor
10:00-12:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
10:00-2:00 FREE BUS PASSES - Lower Level
10:00 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - Upper level Rooms 215-217
Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational worship service for the
entire family
10:00-5:00 Education and Training Seminars - Convention Center - East Hall
11:00-2:00 Flea Market - Rear of Convention Center-Free Admission
5:00 Joint Memorial Service - Convention Center Main Ballroom-
Dress Uniforms Sea of Blue Line up in the East Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011
8:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
8:00-2:00 Free Bus Passes - Lower Level
8:30 CALL TO ORDER - President Doyle Cox - Convention Center Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES - Ladies are excused after the opening is complete
9:00 Exhibits open

FIRST SESSION
12:00-12:45 REGISTRATION
1:00 CALL TO ORDER - President Sandi Lutz
Presentation of Colors - Color Bearers Lori Denbow, Donna Strutz
Invocation by Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson (due to illness of Vivian Boyd)
Pledge to the Flag – President Sandi Lutz
Conference Song  Music Chairman Bonnie Kabara
Welcome  Convention Chairman Flo Collins
Greetings  Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nomination of Officers  2011-2012
Reading of Election Rules  by Corresponding Secretary Barbara Sue Nelson
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests
Recognition of MSFA President  Doyle Cox
Report of the Credentials  Chairman Fran Fusco
Approval of the Minutes  Recording Secretary Carol Hayden
Report of the Treasurer  Ann Price-Davis
Report of the Financial Secretary  Darby Byrd
AWARDS CEREMONY
  Jane Todd Award  - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
  Hall of Fame induction Chairman Leone Gatton P.P.
  Honey Award  - Leonard King, P.P. MSFA
REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS
REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Communication and Bills  Corresponding Secretary Barbara Sue Nelson
Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawings  - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Benediction  - Vice Chaplain Nancy Jones
Recess
4:30 Exhibits Close  - No entry into exhibits areas after 4:15pm
7:00 MSFA Family Night at Jolly Rogers Amusement Park:
Music, Food, Fun and Rides. Menu: 1/4 lb burgers, all beef hot dogs, Italian sausage w/peppers and onions, Italian pasta salad, red skin potato salad, soda and water. Four hours of unlimited amusement park rides, miniature golf and go cart track usage included. Ticket required
7:30 LONGABERGER BASKET & VERA BRADLEY PURSE BINGO
Convention Center-Ballroom C (Doors open at 6:30) Ticket Required

SECOND SESSION

TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2010
8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION and BALLOTING  - Only the person with the Chair of Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chair’s badge.
9:00 CALL TO ORDER  – President Sandi Lutz
Invocation by Chaplain Vivian Boyd
Recognition of Guests
Report of the Fire Prevention Chair Jane Huffman
Report of the Election Committee:
FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Ads and Patrons- Chair Traci Lamar
Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund - Chair Elaine Huttenloch P.P.
Pins and Badges - Chair Marian Nicholson
Safety - Chair Catherine Price
Ways and Means - Co-Chair Gloria Schaeffer
Hall of Fame - Chair Leone Gatton P.P.
Report of Credentials Chair Fran Fusco
Benediction - Vice Chaplain – Nancy Jones
Meeting of the 2010-2011 Officers, Past Presidents and Pages
in the front of the room with Installing Officer Lois Hetz P.P.

Recess

12:30-3:30 ALL YOU CAN EAT CONVENTION CENTER LUNCH BUFFET
EAST HALL - Menu: Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fried chicken, Italian Sausage
w/peppers and onions, carved Steamship of Beef, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad,
Cucumber and onion salad, lots of sides, fixings and beverages. Cost $11.00

4:30 Exhibits Close.

6:00 JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Main Ball Room
Presentation of Newly Elected Officers- Upper Foyers
8:00 Bonfire and Movie on the Beach – Boardwalk at 17th St. – Presenting the
movie “UP”
10:00 PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST - Main Ball Room

THIRD SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2011
7:30 PRAYER BREAKFAST- Convention Center-East Hall Rooms 2 & 3.
8:30-9:00 Registration
9:15 CALL TO ORDER - President Teresa Ann Crisman
Invocation Chaplain Nancy Jones
Dismissal 2009-2011 Committees Accept Ads/ Patrons by P.P. Sandi Lutz-
OFFICER’S REPORTS
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS President Teresa Ann Crisman
New Business
Good of the Order

Door Prizes - Ocean City Auxiliary

Adjourn Convention Meeting – President Teresa Ann Crisman

Benediction - Vice Chaplain Marcia Roth

Retirement of Colors – Donna Strutz and Becky Wathen

11:30 Past President’s Luncheon- Convention Hall (by Invitation only)

1:00 Exhibits Close- No entry after 12:45

1:00 FIREMEN’S PARADE-DOWNTOWN OCEAN CITY-RAIN OR SHINE

5:30 Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies-Rear of Convention Hall

THURSDAY JUNE 23, 2011

9:00 M.S.F.A. Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Hall

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2011

7:30 M.S.F.A. Golf Tournament - Eagles Landing Golf Course
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Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor to serve as President of the LAMSFA 2010-2011. I have enjoyed the year and can hardly believe it’s time to turn things over to the next President.

I have traveled approximately 6,800 miles and have loved discovering Maryland and the locations of many auxiliaries and their departments.

I attended numerous meetings, open houses, fundraisers and banquets and would like to thank all of you for your invitations and hospitality. Lee and I have enjoyed meeting you and your members. Thank you for giving me the honor of installing your auxiliary officers. All the auxiliaries do an outstanding job for their departments and your communities. Thank you for making the LAMSFA a strong organization.

Thank you to President Doyle Cox and the MSFA officers for including the LAMSFA Presidents in the MSFA Executive meetings and Legislative Reception in Annapolis. Thank you for attending the LAMSFA Conferences in October 2010 and March 2011.

I enjoyed the Maryland Fire Rescue Service Memorial Foundation Gala. It is great that we continue to honor those that gave their life to protect others. It was great to have witnessed the passing of the helicopter purchase and the press conference that followed. I truly enjoyed the Shock Trauma Gala in Baltimore what a special night that was.

To President Doyle Cox, I find it hard to express how much I have enjoyed this year with you. You are an interesting, fascinating and dedicated person to the volunteer fire service and I am so proud that we traveled this road together and the friendship we have established. You and Cathy will always hold a special place in my heart and in my family.

To my family, Lee, Lesa, Corky, Mike and Camryne, you guys have been awesome and I have gone through the offices of the LAMSFA. I know I have missed a few family events and you have been gracious in working around my schedule… THANK YOU!

To the Auxiliary of the Glenn Dale Fire Association and the Glenn Dale Fire Association thank you for your support over these past many years. To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association thank
you for your support and words of encouragement. To the LAMSFA thank you for giving me the privilege of serving the LAMSFA. There are not enough words to express how I feel about this honor. And my Past President, Eloise Healy, thank you for hanging in there with me. I am so happy I got to know you and Russ.

I must thank all the ladies that took charge and chaired many of our committees this year and the members that served with them. All of you have done an outstanding job and I thank you for serving with me. You made 2010-2011 a successful and prosperous year for the LAMSFA.

To the 2010-2011 officers it has been an honor to have served with you. You are a great bunch of Ladies! To the 2011-2012 Officers I wish you the best in the coming year.

Respectfully,
Sandi T. Lutz
President

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

This past year you allowed me an opportunity to represent this organization as the Senior Vice President to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I cannot say thank you enough for allowing me this opportunity.

The position of being an officer is not a task that a person takes likely. I fully give my time and dedication, commitment and promise in being the best officer to each and every one of you. I feel this is not a given right, that undertaking 13 years of someone’s time should not be taken as if it is an automatic lead to the presidency of this organization. You become an officer to be a part of an organization; you bring your talents and support. I feel that you must be willing to support an organization to your best ability and I have truly followed that creed.

This past year I’ve again worked very hard on prevention matters for the state. I attended many hearings on the Novelty Lighter Ban for the state. I walked the halls of both the Senate and the House to meet each of the committee members to educate them on the importance of such an important ban. BUT when the votes came in it once again showed that the efforts of our work could not show a profound means. So it is with great sadness that I announce again that there will be no support in banning such a dangerous product. As always there is next year. So I wish to thank you all for your support in sending letters and calls to your respective Delegates and House representatives. As in the fire service we
have important messages that we can spread to educate our communities in
the dangers that a novelty lighter possesses. Please, if you find them at your
neighborhood stores ask them not to sell them and if they do have them taken out
of reach of anyone. It really doesn’t matter how old a person is, the effects that are
posed with having these devices in the market are the same. There are created
with no safety concerns in mind. There is no secondary release to the lighter,
anyone can engage the device and a flame will engage and could ignite and a
more dangerous situation could come about.

I would like to thank everyone that has invited me to your meeting, auxiliary
celebration, installations and events featuring your department. There are some
that say Maryland has nothing to offer them and they move away. I say just open
your eyes and look around. From the mountains of Allegany/Garrett counties to
the shores of Ocean City to the big cities and to the small towns we have so much
to offer. Maryland is as so many can say the Jewel of the Eastern Seaboard. I
have traveled many miles and I really never count as I drive around. I find that no
mile can be counted when you reach your destination filled with friends awaiting
your arrival.

To my home auxiliary of Greenbelt I cannot say thank you enough. To Mrs. Bordas
and my Aunt Marnie thank you for your support and your many words of wisdom.
To Branchville my home away from home thank you especially to Mrs. Gardiner
and Kitty and Shari, thank you cannot be said enough for you all have been there
for me. To my County Auxiliary of Prince George’s County I would like to thank
you for all your support this past year. To Sandi and Doyle thank you for a great
year. Sandi we have had a great year. Ever since I was little you have been a
great friend. You are a good friend and I thank you for everything that you have
helped me do.

I wish to thank some very important people that have helped me this past year.
To Aunt Marian and Aunt Careen thank you for your help and assistance. Thank
you for being there when MOM could not be. I truly thank you both for everything
you do. To Elaine Huttenloch thank you for helping me and with the phone calls of
support. Mrs. Radish thank you for everything I really appreciate it.

To EMMA, KITTY and FRANKIE and MY MOM and DAD, thank you for your
support this past year. Emma thank you for the sidebars when I needed it. Frankie
thanks for being my escort. When you first started with me so many years ago I
have seen you grow and you’re a great friend and father. MOM and DAD I know
that you live so far away but a phone call just brings you both very close to me.
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MOM and DAD I haven’t said enough “Love you both, thank you for everything.”

As I close this report, I wish the incoming officers much support and I let you know that I am always there for you and I am only a phone call away.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Ann Crisman
Senior Vice President

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

I am honored to have served as the Junior Vice President this past year. I consider it a privilege to represent the great organization of the LAMSFA and its membership. Over the years I have met so many dedicated men and women of the MSFA and LAMSFA and value their friendship and hospitalities greatly.

This year I attended the LAMSFA Fall and Spring Conferences, the MSFA Executive Committee meetings, Fire Prevention Committee meetings, many County Auxiliary meetings and any and all functions that I was invited to and able to attend. The courtesy and hospitality shown to me as well as all Officers of the LAMSFA is overwhelming.

The Junior Vice President serves as Membership Chairman for the LAMSFA. As of today, I have contacted one Auxiliary about joining our LAMSFA family, but have not heard back from them and also am working on contacting another Auxiliary about joining our LAMSFA family. Hopefully by Convention in Ocean City, we will have a new Auxiliary member.

I wish to extend congratulations to LAMSFA President Sandi Lutz and MSFA President Doyle Cox, on an outstanding year representing the LAMSFA and MSFA. Together you have worked together that has taken your offices to a new level.

I look forward to working with incoming Presidents Teresa Crisman and David Lewis and wish them the best for their coming year. Also, I look forward to working closely with incoming 1st Vice President, John Denver.

I would like to THANK my Auxiliary members of Ruth Martin and Kay Ensor for their continued support and my Auxiliary of Woodsboro. They are a small, but very hard working group of ladies and men. To the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and its President Micky Fyock, THANK YOU for your continued support, as well as the Frederick County Ladies Auxiliary.
To my immediate family, thank you so very much for all your support and help this year. I love you all!

To all the incoming officers for 2011-2012, I wish you all the best in your new offices and look forward to a very productive year.

Respectfully,
Sherry Soper
Junior Vice President

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

This year I proudly served as the Recording Secretary to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (LAMSFA) for the year 2010-2011.

I attended many banquets and represented the LAMSFA and also attended them in place of Sandi Lutz, LAMSFA President and enjoyed all of the festivities each time. I want to thank all of the auxiliaries for their invitations to their banquets, installations, meetings and parades. I traveled throughout the State of Maryland and met so many nice people, old and young.

I would like to thank my Past President, Peggy Zembower, the members of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Auxiliary, the members of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary and, of course, my Mom and Dad for all of their support during this year. Thanks to all of you for your support and friendships.

To my fellow Officers, thank you for your support and friendships and let us have a successful year and look forward to working with each of you.

Respectfully,
Carol Hayden
Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Treasurer of the LAMSFA for 2010-2011. In this role I have seen firsthand how many individuals benefit from our Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund. Thanks for supporting all of our raffles and fundraisers so that we may in turn support your members in their time of need.

Thank you for all your support as I climb the chairs of the LAMSFA. I cannot truly
express my appreciation to my Past President, Leone Gatton, my Page, Cathie Price, my county auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and my home auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company. Your support and guidance are cherished. I have traveled over 3,000 miles across our great state representing our organization at banquets, memorials, fundraisers, and fire prevention events.

Best Wishes to the 2011-2012 officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA. Feel free to call on me with any assistance you might need. I look forward to serving you in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann F. Price-Davis
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN

I have been honored and humbled to service as Chaplain to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for 2010-2011. I thank everyone for all you have done for me and it has been wonderful to receive so many invitations to various events throughout the state. I appreciate all of the cards and calls I continue to receive wishing me well and thinking of me. I truly enjoy all the fellowship and the continued friendships.

As chaplain you hope that your services will not be needed except to open or close a meeting with prayer or bless a meal. This year has caused me to extend the services of Chaplain and participate in many funeral services, two of them being Past President Alvera Miller and Past President Dolores “Dee” Monch.

On Saturday, January 1, 2011 Past President Alvera Marie Miller quietly passed away. Alvera served as LAMSFA President from 1965 to 1966, she was placed in the Hall of Fame in 2002, and she served as the Chair of the LAMSFA Judges and Tellers Committee until her illness. Alvera was also known as Mrs. By-Laws, always keeping us in line with what was correct. Alvera was a dedicated hard working auxiliary member to the Jessup Volunteer Fire Department and the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters’ Association of which she served as its President from 1962-1963.

February 2, 2011, Past President Dolores “Dee” Lowman Monch passed away peacefully. Dee, as she was affectionately known, served as LAMSFA President from 1967-1968. Dee was named President Emeritus for her service and love
of the LAMSFA Past President Club. Dee served the Eastport Volunteer Fire Department and it’s auxiliary for 72 years. Dee served as the Ladies Auxiliary to the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and President from 1960-1961. When Dee entered a room you knew she was there, with her matching hats and outfits. She was the “Lady of the LAMSFA.”

We will greatly miss all of the members of the many auxiliaries that have passed away in 2010-2011. The LAMSFA Officers and membership offer their deepest sympathy to all the auxiliaries, to their family members and friends.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate LAMSFA President Sandi Lutz for a job well done. Also to my fellow Officers, my sisters, my friends – you are a wonderful group to work with, learn from and have fun with, I love you.

I must say this year would not have gone as smoothly as it has for me if it were not for the help of President Sandi Lutz, Past President Kathy Knipple, Junior Vice President Sherry Soper and Past Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson, Vice Chaplain Nancy Jones and Past President Lois Hetz. They stepped in to make sure my Chaplain duties were performed when I could not be at the Convention due to illness.

Many thanks to MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long and the MSFA Chaplain Corp for all their help rendered. It has been my pleasure.

A special thanks to Reverend Harry and Lois Hetz of whom I am eternally grateful for all they do for me – Love ya.

Thanks to my Past President Sharon Worthington, she is always there to support me. I also want to thank my Page Candy Mitchell for being ready to be my Page this year and willing to be my Page in the future. Although you are in heaven, thank you Mary M. Russell for having been my friend and now my Page Emeritus.

I would like to thank the LAMSFA, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, my home auxiliary, the Ladies Auxiliary Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Department and the Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Department for their continued support and believing in me.

Love always to my husband, Ron and my sister Inell Morgan and the rest of my family, I could not do this without them. They are always there for me with support and love.
Father in the name of Jesus; protect us all as we go about doing things that are pleasing to you.

Listed are the names of the deceased auxiliary members received as of March 1, 2011. May we always remember them – God is pleased with his children.

I love you and all there is nothing you can do about it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vivian M. Boyd
Chaplain

DECEASED AUXILIARY MEMBERS FOR THE MEMORIAL BOOK

Allegany
Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company - Betty M. Puffenbarger
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary – Betty J. Patton
Barton Hose Company #1 – Geraldine P. Frenzei
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department - Donna A. Eror
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department - Mae Helmstetter
Bowman’s Addition Volunteer Fire Department - Rosalie W. Cowgill
Clarysville Fire Company Shirley Rita (Carter) Schurg
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Company Mary P. Winter
Ladies Auxiliary to the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – Jeanetta M. Pritts
Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department – Victoria L. Hartstok
Shaft Volunteer Fire Department – Mary M. Smith

Anne Arundel
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company Rose M. Wingo
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Dolores L. Monch, LAMSFA Past President 1967-68
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Alvera M. Miller, LAMSFA Past President 1965-66
West Annapolis Volunteer Fire & Improvement Company Ladies Auxiliary – Alice G. Guy

Baltimore
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley’s Quarters & Vicinity – Violet R. Martin
Ladies Auxiliary of Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Bettie L. Frederick
Ladies Auxiliary of Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Lillian M. Howard
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Catherine Dunkes
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – May Birckhead
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Rita Ludwig
Long Green Volunteer Fire Company – Velma I. Eyre
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary &
Citizen Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary (PA) – Calvin “Squeakie” Pfeiffer

Cecil
Northeast Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Sara J. Blake
Northeast Fire Company – Korrine K. Clement
Northeast Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Delma Jean Forrester
Northeast Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Stephanie Reynolds
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City Auxiliary – Barbara Green
Ladies Auxiliary to Water Witch Fire Company – Virginia LeBrun
Ladies Auxiliary to Water Witch Fire Company – Mary Jean C. Valdiva
Ladies Auxiliary to Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Catherine Norman
Ladies Auxiliary to Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Mildred Sharick
Ladies Auxiliary to Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Audrey Sickles
Ladies Auxiliary to Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Margaret Woodward

Charles
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Thelma Lyon
Dentsville Volunteer EMS & Auxiliary – Brenda Skinner
Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary –
Marianne M. Canter
Ironsides Volunteer Rescue Squad – Mildred Barrett
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Alicia C. Olsen

Frederick
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Ruth E. Gordon
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – M. Laverne Heffner
Urbana Volunteer Fire Company – Helen G. Cubitt
Urbana Volunteer Fire Company – Lydia C. Geisbert
Garrett
Bloomington Fire Company Auxiliary – Villian V. Fazenbaker
Bloomington Fire Company Auxiliary – Lucinda Suite
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Harolene F. Glotrelty
Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department – Mildred M. Dropplemon

Harford
Aberdeen Fire Department – Ruth J. Storey
Abingdon Fire Company – Rev. Janet Brewer
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company & Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – Jean E. Cantler
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Margaret E. Mullaney
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Catherine L. Smithson
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Shirley O. Fruhling
Level Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Leona E. Dorbert
Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company – Joyce M. Rohrbaugh
Susquehanna Hose Company – Doris W. Glassman

Howard
Ladies Auxiliary of Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department – Charlotte A. Foard

Kent
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington Auxiliary – Edith L. Benton
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department – Norma A. Dempsey
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Mae E. Taylor

Montgomery
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margaret J. Duvall
Auxiliary to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – Thelma A. Russell
Auxiliary to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – Dorothy M. Jenkins

Prince George’s
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Evelyn Deskins
Baden Volunteer Fire Department – Anna Riess Receveur
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Helen Smith
Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad Department Auxiliary – Ruby Hancock
Ladies Auxiliary to Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Evelyn Mockabee
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Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margie Jacobs
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Edyth Neale
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary - Jean West
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Auxiliary –
Virginia Belle
Auxiliary of Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad –
Audrey L. McDevitt
Auxiliary of Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad –
Margaret E. Thompson

**Queen Anne’s**
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Kimberly A. Blades
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Joanne T. Cooper
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Rachel J. Gibson
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Ruth A. Gibson
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Eleanor K. Reynolds
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Beverly E. McNeal

**Somerset**
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Jan Will
Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Dorothy M. Fisher

**St. Mary’s**
Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – Cyrilla Beck
Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – Pearl Callis
Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – Joan M. Dean
Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – Mary A. Huntt
Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – M. Edith Wood
Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Mary M. Dean
Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Agatha T. Stokel
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary E. “Elaine” Guy
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary A. Bailey

**Talbot**
Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary – Daisy Newman
Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley M. Harris
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Ruth M. Asmussen
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company – Jean Lacey

**Washington**
REPORT OF THE BESSIE MARSHALL BENEFIT FUND

The Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund would like to thank everyone for their continued support to this fund. As of this date we have paid 40 cases for a total of $33,600.00. This year was the second year we have increased the payments. As of now you may receive up to six weeks ($900.00). Remember this fund is for FIRE/EMS members only. We do not pay for ladies auxiliary members. This fund, started in the early 1930’s, and was established for disabled firemen not hurt in the line of duty. But please remember this is not an insurance policy for when you get sick. It is supposed to be for FIRE/EMS when they are really in need of some financial help. It is our part of contributing to the support of our volunteer FIRE and EMS members.

The ladies auxiliaries and fire departments continued support of the annual lottery and the convention raffle and along with the other raffles held at the conferences has been very helpful in keeping up with the demand. As of this date we have not had to take any funds out of our savings account. That is what that savings account is for but we do not want to drain it. Please remember this when you receive your lottery tickets. It takes all of us as a “Family” to be here for our FIRE/EMS members. Thanks in advance for your support to these raffles.

For the first time we had to mail out IRS Form 1099 to all who received over $600.00. This requires you to submit your social security number to me. I would like to thank everyone for your cooperation in returning these numbers to me as required so that I was able to mail out forms by the required date. Please go to the web-site and use the form there as it calls for you to enter your number on the form. In the future this will be required when you receive over $600.00 in case
money or a raffle.

My sincere thanks for all of the auxiliaries and fire departments for your continued donations to the fund. We have received thousands of dollars this year in honor or in memory of a member. This is a good way to support your member and the Bessie Marshall Fund.

My thanks to my committee members for working all of the fund raising events. You have made my job much nicer. My thanks to each auxiliary that sent me invitations but due to my commitment of my husband’s health I have not been able to attend many. I miss all of your special events and look forward to attending more next year. A special thank you goes to my daughter, Ginny. She kept the requests for payments for cases coming to me while we were in Chicago for my husband’s heart surgery. My thanks to President Sandi Lutz for my appointment. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve this association.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Huttenloch
Chair

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Lutz, Officers, Members and Guests, it has been my pleasure serving as Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary Legislative Committee again this year.

The office at 17 State Circle is always a hum of activity. The ladies read 2,353 bills that were presented this legislative session, assess any impact on the fire, rescue and EMS service, and filed each bill. We were watching 42 total bills. We knew funding for all agencies would be extremely limited this year. However, the fire, rescue and EMS services budget remained in tack. The office produced and emailed 12 Bulletins this session. It has been a goal of the MSFA Legislative Committee to mail no Bulletins. This was accomplished this year. Please take the time to read the MSFA Legislative Report in the Program Book.

I would like to thank the Legislative Committee, Carene Housenfluck, Barbara McWilliams, Candy Mitchell, Betty Radisch, and Marie Soutar for all their dedicated labor keeping the office running smoothly. You have always been very professional in your jobs. Three months is a lot to ask of your time and expenses. Not everyone will be returning to the office next year, so I would be remiss if I did not thank you for your many years of service to the MSFA and Ladies Auxiliary
Legislative Committees.

Thank you to Richard Snader for providing us with new computers and programs this year. We have the same programs on all three computers and network capability. This has been a tremendous help.

Over the years working at 17 State Circle, I have learned so much about the process of our government in Annapolis. I have had the chance to sit in the gallery of the State House witnessing the passage or failure of bills presented to the Senators and Delegates that affect all Marylanders. I had an opportunity to testify at a Senate hearing. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine I would have the opportunity to meet Governors and observe bill signings. Sometimes we think the wheels are spinning to slow, but I have come to understand that behind the scenes a great deal of work is accomplished in committee hearings. Last year, I discussed with Sandi and Teresa that I would not be able to chair the Legislative Committee after the 2011 Session. I am grateful for having the chance to work with such a wonderful group.

As a committee, we extend our thanks to the MSFA leadership, Legislative Chairman Danny Davis and Vice-Chair Richard Yinger. It has been our pleasure working with you again this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Davis
Chairman
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ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS LIST OF 2011 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

ACTIVE MEMBERS
(Code: ** Registered at 2011 Convention)


**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: Charles Williams; Vice President: Donna A. Laird; Secretary: Linda Dousa; Treasurer: Tom Schultz; Chaplain: Nancy Pherson; Chief: Steve Pennington. Delegates: Donna Laird, Linda Dousa, Mark Foster, Charlie Kranz, Colleen Finkle. Alternates: Bill Dousa, Joe Tolliver, Jared Franz.

**ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 50, 109 - 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 Saturday; Treasurer: Alva Rexroade; Chaplain: Alva Rexrode; Chief: Richard Carlson. Delegates: Allen Bach, Mike Simmons, Donald Ringer, Hobe Bowser, Alva Rexrode. Alternates: Paul Custer, Dean George, Paul Miller, Richard Carlson, Derrick Bender.

**ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 226, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607; Prince George’s County. Telephone: 301-283-2730 Fax: 301-283-3024; President:Glenn Sherman,Vice President: Elana Sherman, Secretary: Julie Hill,Treasurer:Darlene Grimsley, Chaplain:,Chief: Kathryn Fortgang; Delegates:James Deskins,Jennifer Gheen,Glenn Sherman,Kathern Fortgang, Alternates:None.
**ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 128, Allen, MD 21810; Wicomico County. Telephone: 410-546-3515 Fax: 410-546-5053; President: Arthur Widdowson; Vice President: William Buckholtz; Secretary: Sam Brannock; Treasurer: Jacob Malone, Jr; Chief: Jason Stimis, Delegate: Arthur Widdowson. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Ronald Auston; Vice President: Lori Roser; Secretary: Heather Walzel; Treasurer: Yvonne Jones; Chief: Nicholas Finamore. Delegates: Nick Finamore, Darrell Francis, Stephen Cizewski, Rich Scott, Ron Austin. Alternates: Yvonne Jones, Annette Childress, Ed Baylor.

**ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 113 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County. Telephone: 301-733-3334 Fax: 301-733-9385 Website: www.antietamfirecompany.org; Organized:1808; Chartered: 1818; President: Jeffrey L. Snyder, Vice President: Charles Cunningham, Secretary: Jamie Barkdoll, Treasurer: Robert Daveler, Chaplain: Chief: James Sprecher, Jr, Delegates: James Sprecher, Jr, Dave Sheppard, Travis Barkdoll, Corey Sprecher, Jamie Barkdoll; Alternates: 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: John McDowell; Vice President: Steve Gower; Secretary: Gina Birsner; Treasurer: Joseph O’Melia; Chaplain: Steve Owens; Captain: Douglas Simpkins, Jr.; Delegates: John McDowell, Doug Simpkins, Joseph Antoszewski, Sr, Lew Harvey IV, Donald Gutberlet. Alternates: JJ Lynott.

**ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 5415 Arcadia Avenue, Upperco, MD 21155; Baltimore County. Telephone: 410-887-1576 Fax: 410-374-6238; Organized: 1910; Chartered:1950; President: Roland Davidson; Vice President: Gary Snyder; Secretary: Mellissa Pollack; Treasurer: Hope Hale; Chaplain: Mike Adams/ Rev Melvina Strickland; Chief: Gerald Krause. Delegates: Barry Stocksdale, Gary Snyder, Tammy Buosh, Gerald Krause, Mike Rill, Alternates: None listed.
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: Kevin Knussman; Vice President: Heather Green, Secretary: Wayne Handshur; Treasurer: Tom Best; Chief: Charles Kennedy. Delegates: William Schriefer, Kevin Knussman.

**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: Stephen Race, Vice President: Julie Peterson, Secretary: Stephanie Jamieson, Treasurer: Joanie Seegar, Chaplain: Laura Woods, Chief: J David Ayers, Delegates: Bob Coughenour, Julie Peterson, Harvie Woods, Laura Woods, Carene Housenfluck, Alternates: Steve Race, Dave Ayres.

**AVALON SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO BOX 528, 6270 Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20764; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-3141 Fax: 410-867-6862; Organized:1943; Chartered:1944; Joined MSFA:1944; President: Thomas Ladd; Vice President: Kenneth Harrison; Secretary: Dennis Skinner; Treasurer: Dennis Skinner; Chief: Career Captain. Delegates: Dennis Skinner, Thomas W. Ladd. Alternates: None listed

**BADEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-888-1888 Fax: 301-888-1526; Organized:1955; Chartered:1955; Joined MSFA:1956; President: Roy Hall; Vice President: Robert Boswell; Secretary: Mary Summers; Treasurer: Cora Goldsmith; Chaplain: Nancy Mandragos; Chief: Wendy Baden. Delegates: Paul Harris, Ray Pierce, Shirley Boswell, Buddy Boswell. Tony Hall. Alternate: None listed.
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**BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 15010 Baltimore Pike, NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-4170; E-mail: co4@allcomet.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; President: Shelly Woodson; Vice President: Edward Rice; Secretary: Sheila Ware; Treasurer: Beth Evans; Chief: Beth Evans; Delegates: Wayne Evans, Beth Evans, Bucky Hardman, Donnie Ware, John Harr. Alternates: Shelley Woodson, Levi Kniesley, Wayne George, Eddie Rice, Donnie Pryor.

**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: John Shuhart; Chief: Wayne Rounds. Delegates: John Shuhart, Wayne Rounds, Bill Lamberson, Stanley Broadwater, Marilyn Rounds; Alternates: Gene Foutz, Kevin Rounds.

**BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1440, 46900 Shangri-la Drive, California, MD 20619; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-737-0654 Fax: 301-737-0353 E-mail: bdvfd@bdvfd.org. Website: www.bdvfd.org. Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944; President: Wayne Johnson; Vice Presidents: Patrick Stanley / Doug Medley; Secretary: Joseph A. Cooper; Treasurer: Bruce Theden; Chief: Joe Gould. Delegates: Wayne Johnson, Keith FairFax, Joe Gould, Joseph A. Cooper, Les Hansen. Alternates: Doug Medley, Joseph Zienda, Melvin Tennyson, Emory Taylor, Pat Stanley.

**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: Seth Miller; Vice President: Justin Bean; Secretary: Geena Kile; Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter; Chief: Dereck Crippen. Delegates: Seth Miller, Tim Growden, Mike Helmstetter, Geena Kile, Dereck Crippen. Alternates: Debbie Helmstetter.

**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: Anthony Coliano, Sr; Vice President: Eddie Hopkins; Secretary: Tom Fry; Treasurer: Cleat Resh; Chaplain: Rabbi Kenneth Block; Chief: Bill Snyder. Delegates: Russel Eyre, Joe Price, Gary Kadolph, Mike Lochary.
**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: Donald Simms. Vice President: James Thompson; Secretary: Thomas J. Hutchinson; Treasurer: Billy Robertson; Chaplain: Julian Hayden; Chief: John Hackkley, Jr. Delegates: Thomas Hutchinson, Tommy Albrittain, Billy Robertson, John Hackley, Jr, Donald Simms. Alternates: Bobby Presley, Clyde Forsee, Larry Graves, Hoover Thompson, Lauren Cusic.

**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: Margie Dickey; Vice President: Michael Schaffer; Secretary: Samantha Schwartz; Treasurer: Garry Snider; Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Al Schwartz; Delegates: Harry Hetz, Margie Dickey, Al Schwartz, Steve Flora, Billy McNeel. Alternates: Brian Hart, Janice Gardiner, Tony McCall, Matt Tomlins, Lucy McDonald.

**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: Brian Cusick; Vice President: Joseph O’Neil; Secretary: Destiny Cusick; Treasurer: Colleen Hill; Chaplain: Katie Van Sluyke; Chief: Rue Hill. Delegates: Brian Cusick, Rue Hill, Colleen Hill, Destiny Cusick; Alternates: None Listed

**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 Fitzgerald; Vice President: Phillip Bloxom; Secretary; Treasurer: Gino Carozza; Chaplain: Bill Tilghman; Chief: Bryan Trimble. Delegates: David Fitzgerald, David Bloxom, Joe Pylipczuk, Bryan Trimble, Derrick Simpson. Alternates: Phillip Simpson, Duane Phillips, David Bradford, Jeanne Feltes, Bill Bounds.

**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: Edgar Burton; Secretary: Lucinda Frend; Treasurer: Paul Martein; Chaplain: John Hess; Chief: Charles Fusco. Delegates: Peter Isaacson, Charles Fusco, James Ward, Ryan
Wagner, Paul Martein. Alternates: James Hurley, Shawn Dwyer, Benjamin Ross, Brant Woodhouse, Dollky Gomez.

**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: John Murgolo; Vice President: Virginia Miller and Jerry Morenoff; Secretary: Cliff Cohen; Treasurer: Grant Davies; Chief: Lawrence Gaddis. Delegate: Lawrence J. Gaddis, Michael Kay, Nat Finkelstein, Peter Frank. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Kenneth Yazge; Vice President: Kenneth Rehebn Robe; Secretary: Kenneth Holden; Treasurer: Barbara Bryniarski; Chaplain: Chief: Edward Sherburne, Delegates: Kenneth Holden, Kenneth Yazge, Edward Sharbern, Robert Gollan, Jack Hartley, Alternates: Johnie Roth, Barbara Bryniarski, Regina Osburn.


**BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 27, 76 Brenneman Road, Bittinger, MD 21522; Garrett County; Telephone 301-245-4414; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1982. President: Joseph Stanton; Vice President: Dennis Yoder; Secretary: Jeff Beitzel;
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Treasurer: William Buckel; Chaplain Leon Beitzel; Chief: Paul Yoder. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Donald Wells; Vice President: Robert Pakel; Secretary: Jason Brynes; Treasurer: William Rose; Chaplain: Roger Rhinehart; Chief: Linda Kenzile. Delegates: Donald S. Wells, Jane Wells, John Aryes, Tom Flint, Randa Kuenzli, Alternates: Robert Pickel, Roy Edwards, Christopher Moe, Jason Barnes, John Wells.

**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: Orie Sweitzer; Vice President: Lynn Sweitzer; Secretary: Gerald Abernathy Jr; Treasurer: Jonathan Dowden; Chaplain: Chief: Daniel Bever. Delegates: Danny Bever, Kathy Bever, Kristine Fritz, Matt Fritz, Paul Wilson, Alternates: Jon Dowden, Barbara Carpenter, Shari Forney, Greg Forney, Shane Bosley.

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; Chaplain: 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.* – PO. Box 15, 14711 Old Hanover Road, Boring, MD 21020; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-429-5200 E-mail: ca0420@bcvco.org; President: Logan Woodard; Vice President: Walter Devilbiss Jr; Secretary: Robin Freeman; Treasurer: Sam Wesley; Chaplain: Mindy Coates; Chief: Jimmy Bosley. Delegates: Logan Woodard, William Cowan, Walter DeVilbiss Jr, Samuel Wesley, Jimmy Bosley. Alternates: Thomas Miller, James Bosley, Chris Huffman, Jacob Larkins, Henry Horner III.

BOULEVARD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, 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:

**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, Glenn Locker, John Fealy; Secretary: Timothy Daly; Treasurer: Shirley Meadows; Chief: Lee Havens. Delegates: David Levy, Owen Tucker, Jason Bloom, Jonathon Bigony. Alternates: Denise Bloom, Mary Bigony, James Bigony.

**BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** 14625 McMullen Highway, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone:: 301-729-1522; email: bowlinggreen@hereintown.net Website bowling-green-vfd.org; Organized:1947; Chartered:1947; Joined MSFA:1947; President: Ray Bradley; Vice President: Scott Flashcamp; Secretary: Lance Adams; Treasurer: Rick Ross; Chaplain: Joann Bradley; Chief: Shannon Adams. Delegates: John Wolford, Donna Struntz, Rick Ross, Mary Carr, Ray Bradley. Alternates: Joann Bradley, Lance Adams, Shannon Adams.

**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: Mark Blacker; Vice President: Travis Broll; Secretary: Carole O’Baker; Treasurer: Sue Blacker; Chaplain: Carole O’Baker; Chief: Dennis Bonner. Delegates: Justin Blacker, Aaron Blacker, Mark Blacker, Denny Bonner, Sue Blacker. Alternates: Carole O’Baker, Barry O’Baker, Travis Broll.

**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: James Crisman; Vice President: Thomas Tanner; Secretary: Emily Sze; Treasurer: Frank J. Underwood; Chief: Michael Burrier. Delegates: Frank J. Underwood, Richard Leizear, Thomas Parks, Raymond Briscoe, Jeff Dickey. Alternates: Jennifer Day, John Gardiner, Jennifer Wilbanks.

**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: Diane Daniels; Treasurer: Kenneth Rose, Jr; Chaplain: Kenneth Rose, Sr.; Chief: Heath Bowman. Delegates: Ronald Wilkinson, Michael Lantz, Kenneth Rose, Sr, William Brierton, Larry Wilkinson. Alternates: Ken Rose, Jr, Chad Lallier, Carol Lantz, Andrew Carr, Glenn Johnson.


**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: Charles Doegen; Vice President: Joseph Laumann; Secretary/Treasurer: Norman Ray; Chief: Charles Doegen. Delegates: Charles Doegen, Norman Ray, Lester Helfrich, William Ray, Joseph Laumann. Alternates: John Anderson, William Gibson, Phillip 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; Joined MSFA:1910. President: George Clary, Jr; Vice President: Thomas Watson; Secretary: Lyndi D’Amico; Treasurer: Kevin Myers; Chief: Roy Lipscomb. Delegates: George Clary, Jr, Kevin Myers, Kenny
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Nicewarner, Dave Nalborczyk, Dave Young. Alternates: Jim Dixon, Clarence Webber, Lyndi D’Amico, Todd Webber, Roy Lipscomb.

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: Donna Snoots; Chief: Nelson Smith. Delegates: Geri Reynolds, Susie Nicol Kyle.

**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; Joined MSFA:1963. President: Michael Walko; Vice President: John Allison; Secretary: John Gallagher; Treasurer: Paul McCormick; Chaplain: John R. Gallagher, Sr; Chief: David McCormick. Delegates: Elvan Hedges, John Gallagher, Sr, Paul Tackish, Dennis Tomlinson, Michael Walko. Alternates: Ronnie Willett, Gary Crampton, David McCormick, Clifford Montgomery, Charles Allison.

**BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY – P. O. Box 264, 3716 Rhode Island Ave., Mt. Ranier, Maryland 20712; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-985-5400, Fax: 301-985-5405; Website: www.bhvrc.com. President: John R. Hines; Vice President: John Mutchler; Secretary: L. Tramum; Treasurer: B. Miller; Chaplain; Chief: J. Fisher. Delegates: Opal Benoit. Alternates: None Listed.

**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: Craig Baker; Vice President: Tamera Bulla; Secretary: Andrew Tarbell; Treasurer: Harry Sava; Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Robert Ryan. Delegates: Tami Bulla, Harry Len Newman.

*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;
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**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: James Hunter; Vice President: Michael Harting; Secretary: Jason Goldberg; Treasurer: Mark Livingstone; Chaplain: Fr Dimitrios Antakos; Chief: James P. Seavey, Sr. Delegates: James Seavey, Sr, Paul Sterling, Jr, Jonathan Shim, Jason Goldberg, James Hunter. Alternates: Edward Tamulevich, Christina Mage, Harrison Wilson, Kathleen Donahoe, Holly Miller.

*CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, INC – P.O. Box 1909, (60 Industry Lane, 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: Brandi Elliott; Vice President: Denise Tschupp; Secretary: Kelly Zimmer; Chief: John Hassler. Delegates: Brandi Elliott, John Hassler, Denise Tschupp, Bruce Kaufman, Kelly Zimmer. Alternates: Eileen Jenkins, Todd 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: Ryan Dixon; Secretary: Charles Karnbach; Treasurer: George Ryan, Chief: Drew Mutch. Delegates: Jim Mekins, Jr, Bob Seibel, Carol Mekins, Drew Mutch, John Sorrell. Alternates: Ryse Dixon, John VanArsdall, Dave Nibeck, Charles Karnbach.

**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: Dwayne Frost, Sr; Vice President: Mark Washington; Secretary: Robert Russell; Treasurer: Charles E. Miller; Chaplain: Dwayne Frost, Sr; Chief: James E. McClelland, Sr. Delegates:

CAROLINE COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. – PO Box 117, 11077 Garland Road, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-479-0488; E-mail: afroghollow@hotmail.com; Organized: 1988; Chartered: 1988; Joined MSFA: 1990. President: Bryan Ebling; Vice President: Bryan Alexander; Secretary: Patti Gordy; Treasurer: Cathy Toomey. Delegates: Bryan Alexander, Bryan Ebling, Judy Sullivan, Renee Bounds, Susan Tiffany. Alternates: Cathy Toomey.

*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: Steven Shook; Secretary: Linda A. Johnson; Treasurer: Ida E. Young; Chaplain: Doris Simpson; Chief: Edward Johnson. Delegates: A. Edward Arnold, Sr, Ed Johnson, Patrick King, Lauren King. Alternates: Carolyn Arnold, Ashley Johnson, Dan Mason, Andy Arnold, Jesse Springirth.


CHAPEL OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 31309, (5544 Sheriff Road) Capitol Heights, MD 20731-0309, Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-925-4438, Fax: 301-925-4950; E-mail: volchief38, Website: chapeloaksfire.com; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1973. President: Cathy Walker-Pekrs; Vice President: Gerald Ford; Secretary: Brenda Smith; Treasurer: Deneen Lewis; Chaplain: William Gressen; Chief: Johnathan Bolden. Delegates: Johnathan Bolden, Cathy Walker-Pekrs, Gerald Ford, Deneen Lewis, Hubert Walker. Alternates: James Felder, Ronald Gill, Jonathan Johnson, Brenda Smith, Eric Dunmore.

CHARLES COUNTY DIVE RESCUE INC. P.O. Box 13, Pomfert MD, Charles County. President: Sue Phonitts; Vice President: Lisa Myers; Secretary: Chris Keating; Treasurer: Donna Porter; Chief: William Porter. Delegates: Chris Garrett, Chris Keating.


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@iximdx.com; Organized:1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Tom Bicking; Vice President: Mike Varady; Secretary: Kenny Schockley; Treasurer: Rosie Bott; Chaplain; Chief: Ronnie Daniels. Delegates: Ronnie Daniels, Mike Starling, Gary Bott, George Stanko, Jeff Fronheiser. Alternates: Mike Varady, Kenny Shockley, Mike Walsh, Don Stanley, 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: Trey Blackiston; Secretary: Cindy Morris; Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney; Chaplain: Rick VaNance; Chief: Bruce Neal. Delegates: Buster Blackiston, Jeff Thompson, Bruce Neal, Marion Townsend, Donald Hodges. Alternates: Trey Blackiston.

CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 12080 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-262-
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference


**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: Scott Fickes; Vice President: Charles Larkin; Secretary: Louise Davis; Treasurer: John Guyton; Chaplain; Chief: Charles Aldridge. Delegates: Scott Fickes, Charles Aldridge, Charles Wacken, William Radisch, Robert Jacobs. Alternates: None.

**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: Michael McWilliams; Vice President: Rusty Hurley; Secretary: Tina McWilliams; Treasurer: Karen Tolley; Chaplain; Chief: Rusty Hurley. Delegates: Barbara Stiner, Guy McWilliams, Tina McWilliams, Rusty Hurley, Tony Kapela, Alternates: None.

**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: Robert Mansfield; Vice President: Tyler Williams; Secretary: Holkly Collins; Treasurer: Sandra Reed; Chaplain: Rev Tina Blake; Chief: Charles Jester. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Holly Collins, Bret Vanzart, Steve Hurlock, Kevin Carson. Alternates: Robert Mansfield, Edie Mansfield, Andrew Middleton, Tyler Willkiams, Chuck Jester.
**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 III; Vice President: Thomas Larson; Secretary: Robert Rogers; Treasurer: Robert W. Jacobs; Chaplain: Tim May; Chief: Fred Enos. Delegates: David Keller III, Jeff Wisner, Robert Jacobs, Tim Ganlkey. Alternates: Allen Wachter, William Nichols.

**CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY –** P.O. Box 31, 171 Market Street, York County, Fawn Grove PA 17321; Telephone: 717-382-4432, Fax: 717-382-4454; Website: www.citizensvfc.com; Organized:1996. President: William Kurtz; Vice President: Kirk Webb; Secretary: Bonny Burns; Treasurer: Suzanne Yowell; Chaplain: Douglas Winward; Chief: Scott Dickson; Delegates: Laura Taylor, Douglas Shanberger, Stacey Shanberger, Daniel D. Blake, Daniel L. Blake. Alternates: James Williams, William Kurtz, Thelma Blake, Stacey Shanberger.

**CITY OF CUMBERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT** – P.O. Box 1702, 20 Bedford Street, Allegany County; Telephone: 301-759-6480 Fax: 301-759-6494; Website: www.ci.cumberland.md.us; Organized:1906. President Donald Dunn; Admin Officer: Julie Davis. Delegates: Donald Dunn, Julie Davis.

**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: Justin Ritchey; Vice President: Bobby Dick; Secretary: Peggy Michaels; Treasurer: Sharon Blank; Chaplain: Carl J. Blank, Sr.; Chief: Eric Cloark, Sr. Delegates: Carl J. Blank Sr, Eric Clark, Sr, Bobby Dick, Shawn Dick, Justin Ritchey. Alternates: Steve Michaels, Will Gomer, Jesse Ritchey, Cody Sivic, Loretta Emerick.

**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: Scott Wolfe; Vice President: Christine Muir; Secretary: Lori Irvin; Treasurer: Brenda Keefer; Chief: James Miller. Delegates: Walter Irvin, Sr, Grace Irvin, Tom Altman, Lynn Hunsberger, Richard Blair. Alternates: D. Irvin, Jr, Lori Irvin, James Miller.

**CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone:


**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: Jean Roberts; Vice President: Chris Roberts; Secretary: Ciara Gee; Treasurer: John Dixon; Chaplain: Helen Banister; Chief: Tom Jeffers. Delegates: Clarence Tracey, Jack Roberts, Tom Jeffers, Katherine Walker, Michael Davis. Alternates: David Crumbie.

**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; Vice President: Carl Cimino; Secretary: Matthew Chibbaro; Treasurer: Art Schloss; Chaplain; Chief: Ty Dickerson. Delegates: John Crisman, Ken Bush, Robert Ryan, Jesse Walter. Alternates: None.
**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 248, 309 S. Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD 21090; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-859-0244; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1928. President: Joseph Delisle; Vice President: Joan Reese; Secretary: Jason Pippen; Treasurer: Joseph Delisle; Delegates: Jean Reese, Jason Pippen, Joseph Delisle. Alternates: David E. Reese III.

**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: Daniel Mahan; Secretary: Kimberly Jones; Treasurer: Dale DeWeese; Chaplain: Susan Hornbarger; Chief: Ray Ryan, Jr. Delegates: Ray Ryan, James Fayer, Dale Brown, Harold Riale, Jr. Alternates: John Jones, Charles Gardner, John Reinhart, Daniel Mahan.

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN, INC.** – PO Box 699, 300 Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-658-5115 Fax: 410-658-9899. President: Walter Funk; Vice President: Steven Ewing; Secretary: Amy Davis; Treasurer: Suzanne Wehry; Chaplain: Wayne Ingerson; Chief: Karl Reichenbach. Delegates: Walter Funk, Karl Reichenbach, Ken Morris, Stacy Ewing, James Kyle. Alternates: Kristin Batz, Larry Underwood, Bernie Cundiff, Eric Simpkinsd, Cuz Curry.

**COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** – PO Box 21, 110 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, MD 21741; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-1113 Fax: 301-739-6015; E-mail: camos@xra75.org; Organized: 1998, Chartered: 1998. President: Chris Stockslager; Vice President Terry Gearhart; Secretary: Patricia Keller; Treasurer: Scott Draper; Chaplain: Melvin Smith; Chief: Christopher Amos; Delegates: Joe Ralls, Terry Gearhart, John Shaw.

**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: Wayne Starkey; Secretary: Angel Clark; Treasurer: Paige Hickman; Chaplain: Kevin White; Chief: Marshall Ellsworth. Delegates: CJ Morales. Alternates: None listed.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY DISTRICT 12, INC.** – PO Box 97; Fairplay, MD 21733; Washington County; Telephone: 301-582-0099 Fax:
**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: Paul Cusic; Vice President: Frederick Fischer III; Secretary: Wendy Stallings; Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic, Jr; Chaplain: Roy Elder; Captain: Eric Baumgart, Sr. Delegates: Jerome Cusic, Lawrence Grannas, William Stockum, Paul Chase, Eric Baumgart. Alternates: Joseph Walters III, Bernie Eckert III, Paul Cusic, David Brown, John Ritz.

**CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS 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: Richard Faulkner; Secretary: William Dulin; Treasurer: Bill Behrens; Chaplain: Robert Cheezum, Sr.; Chief: Mark Secrist. Delegates: Vernon Dulin, Thomas Diem, John Keyser. Alternates: None listed.

**CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 187, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-7418; Organized:1939. President: James VanMeter; Vice President: Richard Burley; Secretary: Brittany Porter; Treasurer: Brigette Oaster; Chaplain: James Dermer; Chief: Jeff DeHaven. Delegates: William VanMeter, Doug Kiser, Lloyd Troutman, Robert Emerk. 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: Wayne Parker, Vice President: Keith Schenk, Secretary: Diane Schmidt, Treasurer: Fred Hull; Chaplain; Chief: Howard Ewing. Delegates: Steve Parker, Jimmy Pilkerton III, Michele Bunce, Keith Schenk, Diane Schmidt, Alternates: Chip Ewing, Herb Bartlett, Steve Schmidt.
**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: Chris Cage; Vice President: Pete Walbert; Secretary: Sheri Rotruck; Treasurer: Sue Clark-Cecil; Chaplain: Pete Walbert; Chief: Steven Kesner. Delegates: Steven Kesner, John Pratt, Calvin Walbert, Steven J. Kesner, Jeremy Athey. Alternates: Robert Rotruck, Sue Clark-Cecil.

**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: Steve Marshall; Secretary: John Dize; Treasurer: Randy Laird, Jr; Chaplain: Russell Ward; Chief: Frankie Pruitt. Delegates: Russell Ward, Louis Hickman, Danny Tyler, Carl Tyler, Charlie Tyler. Alternates: Larry Rettic, Maurice Davis, Randy Holland, Jay Pard, Frankie Pruitt.


*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: Tim Dayton; Secretary: Cheri Llewlyn; Treasurer: Jerry Frantz. Delegates: Richard DeVore, Steven Kesner, Tim Dayton, Wayne Rounds. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Ronald German; Vice President: Allen Rea; Secretary: Mitchk Shon; Treasurer: Patricia Taylor; Chaplain: Bob Braider; Chief: S. Darron Long. Delegates: Ron Watkins, Leonard King, Ron German, Darron Long, Gary Hilton. Alternates: Roger Runkler, Thomas 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: Michael Vincent; Vice President: Ralph Borden; Secretary: Angie Gullion; Treasurer: Carolyn Phillips; Chaplain: Ralph Borden; Chief: John Singleton. Delegates: Alan Thompson, Samuel Sauers, Willard Evans, Donald Cassett, Harry Lee. Alternates: None listed.

**DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 165, 10090 Deal Island Road, Deal Island, MD 21821; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-784-2612; Organized:1954; Chartered:1954; Joined MSFA:1956. President: Charles Jacobson; Vice President: Jimmy Corbett; Secretary: Jimmy Muir; Treasurer: Daniel Webster; Chaplain: David Webster; Chief: Donald Ford. Delegates: Donald Ford, Jim Muir, Charles Jacobson, Ryan Evans, George Mister. Alternates: Jim Corbett, Danny Webster, Benny Bozman, Stan Hudson, Pat Holland.

**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: Karen George; Secretary: Shannon Rohr; Treasurer: Rebecca Lare; Chaplain: Robert Wilkerson; Chief: Carl Nutwell. Delegates: Raymond Mudd, Gayle Moreland, Karen George, Bernie Phipps, Heidi Mudd. Alternates: Carl Nutwell, Shannon Rohr, Rebecca Lare, Russel Lancaster Rusty Norfolk.

*DEEP CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.* – PO Box 419, 1906 Deep Creek Drive, McHenry, MD 21541; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-387-5252; Fax: 301-334-2803; Organized:1965; Chartered:1966. President: Steve Bittinger; Vice President: Russell Sines. Secretary: Larry Scholssnagle; Treasurer: Michael Phillippi; Chaplain: Russell Sines; Chief: Jason King. Delegates: Michael S. Phillippi. 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: Jay Hammerer, Vice President: Steve Twilley; Secretary: Ken Kordek; Treasurer: Marty Skarson; Chaplain: Bob Jones; Chief: Joe Morris, Sr. Delegates: Bob Jones, Jack Morris, Marty Skarson, Joseph Moris. Alternates: None.

**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: Doyglas Farrington; Vice President: Thelma Bloake; Secretary: Sandi Kennedy; Treasurer: Duane McLaughlin; Chaplain: Gale Parthree; Chief: Jeffrey Griffith. Delegates: John R. Williams, Laura Taylor, Rick Farrington, James R. Williams, Daniel Blake. Alternates: Dean Colvin, Gale Parthree, James Wilson, Thelma Blake.

**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: Thomas Trice; Vice President: John Webster; Secretary: Rhonda Jordan; Treasurer: Gary Geisel; Chaplain: Bill Davis; Chief: Glenn Makowski. Delegates: Wayne F. Fretterd, Sr., Tom Trice, Donna Fretterd. 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: John Earle; Vice President: Greg Thompson; Secretary: Sandy Sherman; Treasurer: Sherry Williams; Chief: Gary Anderson. Delegates: Guelda Farrall, Darby Byrd. Alternates: John Earle, Sandy Sherman.

**DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12100 North Branch Road SE, Cumberland, MD 21520; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-4444; E-mail: co7@allconet.org; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942. President: Alan Robey, Sr; Vice President: Chris Robinson; Secretary: Richard Minnik; Treasurer: Jeff Grabenstein; Chaplain: Ron Grabenstein, Sr; Chief: Gregory Boyd. Delegates: Ronald Grabenstein, Sr, Jim Decker, Ron Grabenstein, Jr, Greg Boyd. Alternates: None Listed.
**DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** 5900 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-516-7530 Fax: 240-838-3429; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942. President: Harold Fletcher; Vice President: James Boyd; Secretary: Joan Fletcher. Treasurer: Charles A. Norris; Chief: Kirk Ingram. Delegates: Harold Fletcher, James Boyd, Charles A. Norris, Thomas C. Stommel, Kirk Ingram. Alternates: Jamaal Brooks, Joan Fletcher, Mark Jackson, Timothy Tharp, Terry Brown.

**DORCHESTER EMS** – PO Box 738, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; - NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.

**DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 86, 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone: 301-855-8895 Fax: 410-286-2890; Email: mwells@dunkirk5.com Website: dunkirk.com; Organized:1974. President: Jerry Johnson; Vice President: Mike McLaughlin; Secretary: Erin Stinnett; Treasurer: Howard Kelly; Chaplain: Randy Smith; Chief: Toby Sealey. Delegates: Howard Kelly, Eric Holzberger, Richard Meader, Toby Sealey, Jerry Johnson, Alternates: Randy Smith, Wayne Ward, Jr., Erin Stinnet.

**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 Disney; Vice President: Andrew Condor; Secretary: Paul Demasky, Jr; Treasurer: Victor Henderson; Chaplain: Keith Zucco; Chief: Ed Detwiler. Delegates: Charles Disney, Paul Demasky, Ed Detwiler, Rob Reed, Dwayne Gorman. Alternates: None listed.

**EASTERN GARRETT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 401 Finzel Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-689-8388 Fax: 301-689-0554; Organized:1967; Chartered:1967; Joined MSFA:1967. President: James Raley; Vice President: Marsh Smith; Secretary: Mark Medidin; Treasurer: Dwayne Kitis; Chaplain: David Kitis; Chief: Tim Clark. Delegates: Dwayne Kitis, Charon Overstreet Jim Raley, Justin Clark, Tim Clark. Alternates: Nick Wiland, Marsh Smith, Steve Durst.

**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
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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: Timothy McNeal; Vice President: Barry Slaughter; Secretary: Becky Caldwell; Treasurer: Kenneth Bush; Chaplain: Andrew Jensen; Chief: Jamie McNeal. Delegates: Lyle Fuller, Leonard Rieck, Fred Ireland, Rose Miles, Ed Mullikin. Alternates: None listed.

**EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-6133 Fax: 410-798-9018; Organized:1886; Chartered:1930; Joined MSFA:1930. President: Albert Kirchner; Secretary: AJ Wilder; Treasurer: Daniel Monch. Delegates: Betty Pilkerton, Thomas Newquest, Dan Mouch. Alternates: Albert Kirchner.

**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: Albert Kirchner; Secretary: AJ Wilder; Treasurer: Daniel Monch. Delegates: Betty Pilkerton, Thomas Newquest, Dan Mouch. Alternates: Albert Kirchner.

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: Barry Lord; Vice President: Butch Lord; Secretary: Shirley Breuil; Treasurer: Brenda Lord; Chaplain: Gerald Keen; Chief: Robert Murphy. Delegates: Barry Lord, Ed Colquhoun, Bob Murphy, Butch Lord, Brad Murphy. Alternates: Rose Murphy. Brenda Lord, Debbie Whreitow.

**ELKRIDGE 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; Joined MSFA:1942. President: Julianna Casey; Vice President: Keith Summers; Secretary: John Christoffel; Treasurer: Gene Poligardo; Chief: Don Watson. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Vince Glorioso, Steve Butler. Alternates: None listed.

**ELLSERLIE 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: Scott Williams; Secretary: Denoma Stallings; Treasurer: Robert D. Johnson III; Chaplain: Jennifer Christner; Chief: Scott Williams. Delegates: Frank B. Clark, Wayne Shriner, Dave Christner, Jen Christner, Cameron Pressman. Alternates: Scott Williams, Mark Williams, Dee Stallings, Tom Logsdon, Rob Johnson.


**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: Mary Lou Little; Vice President: Diane Kelly; Secretary: Pam Seabaugh; Treasurer: Pam
**ENGLISH CONSUL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS’ ASSOCIATION, INC.** 2827 Michigan Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0972; Fax: 410-636-3540; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1945. President: Donald Condon; Vice President: Otts Hoffman; Secretary: Helen Nally; Treasurer: Jerry Mathison; Chief: Franki March III. Delegates: Robert Bury, Sr, Robert Bury, Jr, John Campbell, Savoy Miller, Donald Condon. Alternates: Mary Condon, John Emkey, Nick Hannigan, Otts Hoffman, Joe Mederitt

**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** – PO 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: Roger Olsen; Vice President: Bob Becker; Secretary: Scott Bissit; Treasurer: Franklin Lusk; Chief: Jim Koons. Delegates: John Mori. Alternates: None listed.

**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: fvf.ac.org. President: Christopher Gibbons; Vice President: Scott Golly; Secretary: Christine Sullivan; Treasurer: Kim Weber; Chaplain: Richard Gatto; Chief: William Rosenberg. Delegates: Will Reinecke, Chris Gibbons, Steven Scheinin, Edwin Geisendaffer, Cathy Pilechowski. Alternates: Ed Benesch, Mark Pilachowski, Christine Sullivan, Kim Weber.

**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: Susan Tiffany; Vice President: Wendell Merrick and Todd Garvey; Secretary:
Thomas Blades; Treasurer: Glenn Merrick; Chief: Gerald Ramey. Delegates: Thomas Blades, Janet Blades, Kevin Mowbray, Bill Collins, Susan Tiffany. Alternates: Doug Ramey.

**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: Erika Hibuera; Vice President: Joe Wojtiowycf; Secretary: Richard Meise; Treasurer: Craig A. Bidinger; Chaplain: John Long. Chief: Jay Olson; Delegates: Jay Olson, Erik Higuera, John Long, Jackie Olson, Clifton Dhal III. Alternates: Gerard Varner, Jacob Slusher, Ron Dillon, Sr, Mark Balonis, Del Haley.

**FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 51, 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; Chief: Patrick J. Marlatt. Delegates: John McNeece, Butch Hipp. Alternates: Terri Taylor, John Taylor.

**FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3339 Fax: 301-733-3154; Website: engineone.org. President: Blaine Snyder, Vice President: David Stevens / Robert McIntyre; Secretary: Ray Lushbaugh; Treasurer: Gerald Saum; Chaplain: Robert McIntyre; Captain: Brian Stallings. Delegates: Blaine Snyder, Robert McIntyre, Brian Stallings, Stan Bryan, David Stevens. Alternates: Richard Stallings, John Miller, Fran Marshall, Gerry Saum, Debbie Shuster.

**FIRST HOSE COMPANY OF BOONSBORO, INC.** - 5 St. Paul Street, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2348; Fax: 301-432-2438; Organized:1832. President: Don Shumaker; Vice President: Vern Wachter; Secretary: Jacki Bussard; Treasurer: Jen Mohl; Chaplain: Rev. Jim Jones; Chief: Oley Griffith. Delegates: Vernon Brown, Vern Wachter, Danny Bussard, David Lewis. Alternates: None listed.

**FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 105, 21701 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone, MD 21530; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2311 Fax: 301-478-3324; Organized:1943; Chartered:1944; Joined
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference


**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: Joe Gray; Secretary: Ed Thurston; Treasurer: Paul Thorne, Jr; Chaplain: Chief: Robert Wilhite. Delegates: Joseph Gray, Ed Thurston, Robert Wilhite, Mark Worth, Paul Thorne, Jr. Alternates: Jeff Thorne, Anne Shepherd, Keith Daniel, Helen Kulle, Joe Gray.

**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: Rodney Bowser; Vice President: James Lininger; Secretary: Patricia Bowser; Treasurer: Craig Umbel; Chaplain: Robert Sisler; Chief: Terry Spear. Delegates: Rodney Bowser, Wayne Anderson, Patricia Bowser, Terry Spear. Alternates: None listed.

**FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE – PO Box 75, 86 West Main Street, Frostburg MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3356/57 Fax: 301-689-1679; E-mail: co53@allconet.org; Web: frostburgambulance53.bravehost.com; Chartered:1975; Joined MSFA:2005. President: Wayne Lewis; Vice President: Dorothy Turner; Secretary: Linda Rase; Treasurer: Shelley Drees; Chaplain: Valerie Vrieze; Chief: Scott Flaskamp. Delegates: Wayne Lewis. Alternates: None listed.

**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 Brumage; Vice President: Harry Wolford; Secretary: Emily Finch; Treasurer: Megan Blubaugh; Chaplain: Harry Foor; Chief: Nathan Blubaugh. Delegates: Ed George, Nathan Blubaugh, Megan Blubaugh, Dana Kesner. Alternates: None listed.
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: Dale Hill; Vice President: Larry Iseminger; Secretary: Judy Bowers; Treasurer: Joan Kotanko; Chaplain: Dan Fraley; Chief: David Fraley. Delegates: Edward Clopper, Dale Hill, David Fraley, Jean Clopper, Kyd Dieterich. Alternates: Eric Fraley, Steve Dorsey, Dave Johnston, Larry Iseminger, Steve Pifer.

**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: cuzzgw@juno.com; Website: gwgvfd.com; Organized:1900; Chartered:1927; Joined MSFA:1927. President: Steve Hayes; Vice President: Daniel Henkel; Secretary: Leslie Cohen; Treasurer: Garry Walker; Chaplain: Fr Joseph Catrambone; Chief: John Luper. Delegates: Ann Hughes, Joe Bradley, Greg Graves, Austin Netson, Steve Steinberg. Alternates: None.

**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: Richard Koch, Sr; Vice President: Jack Duhamell; Secretary: Ray Long; Treasurer: Ethel Duhamell; Chaplain: Larry Haniufee; Chief: Chris Powell. Delegates: Dick Powell, Chris Powell, Joyce Powell, Robin Powell, Rick Koch, Sr. Alternates: Carol Pisapia, Joyce Powell, Dylan Powell.

**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, Terry McAllister, Raymond Hardesty. Alternates: Carol Sherbert, Douglas Parks.
**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: gamservfd.org; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964; Joined MSFA: 1964. President: Dale Bollinger; Vice President: Dennis Brothers; Secretary: Jeannie Green; Treasurer: Clay Myers; Chaplain; Chief: Charles Green, Jr. Delegates: Robert Klinefelter, Richard Green, Dennis Leppert, Calvin Brothers, Lionel Stickers, Alternates: None.

**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. Chief: James Dawson, Sr. Delegates: Barbara Knippenburg, James Dawson, Sr, Dennis Youngblood, Harold Nicol, Betty Dawson. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Erica O'Leary; Secretary: Caren Springer; Treasurer: Joy Pilpel; Chaplain: Solveig Petersen; Chief: Joseph Chornock. Delegates: R. Scott Colvin.

**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: Brad Hauck. Delegates: Virgil Dukes, Kenny Dukes, George Pruitt, John Merritt, Brad Hauck. 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: Paul McGinnis; Vice President: Edward Branham; Secretary: Michelle Davis; Treasurer: Paul G. Cogswell; Chaplain: Earl Lowe; Chief: Robert Galante. Delegates: Thomas Nevin, Jr., Paul McGinnis, Richard Wengert, Edward Branham, Thomas Umberger. Alternates: Robert Galante,
**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: Diane Pitts; Vice President: Jane Callen; Secretary: Mark McCaffrey; Treasurer: Marc Hersh; Chief: Herbk Leusch. Delegates: None Listed.

**GLEN 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: Lee Lutz; Vice President: Laura Woods; Secretary: Erin Becraft; Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee; Chief: Robert Mooney. Delegates: Laura Woods, Lee Lutz, H. Edward Woods, Sr, Hugh Owens, Sandi Lutz. Alternates: Ardythe Peters, John Benjamin, Katie Owens, Robert Mooney, Harry 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: Paul Wilhelm, Jr; Vice President: Kathy Reitz; Secretary: Crystal Wilhelm; Treasurer: Richard Stem, Sr; Chaplain: Chief: Scott Warner. Delegates: Richard Stem, Sr., Tim Edwards, Frank Corasaniti, William Gideon. Alternates: Richard Stem Jr.

**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: Joel McGinnes; Vice President: David Wothers; Secretary: Edna Talley; Treasurer: Vincent Ebling; Chief: J.T. Bartz. Delegates: Shelly Gray, Chrissy Bartz, Bryan Cahall, Ron Dixon, Courtney Utberg. Alternates: Robin Cahall, Paul Gray, George Elliott, Jack Reed, Wayne Durham.

**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: Charles Burton; Vice President: Lester Downes III; Secretary: Gene Thomas; Treasurer: Donald Dawkins; Chaplain: Rev. Mark Farnell; Chief: Nathan Powell IV. Delegates: Alfred
Britton, Butch Kaufman, Dan Tabler, Mark Whitby, Charles Britton. Alternates: Melvin Turner, Donald Dawkins, Ralph Starkey, Gene Thomas, Marie McHugh.

**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: Gerald Cook; Chaplain: Thomas Morgan; Chief: Robert Ritchie; Delegates: John Shockley, Sr, Alex McAlpine, Clarence Broadwater, Gary Holshey. Alternates: John Smith, Tim Conner, Greg Nicol, Andrew Droll, Joseph Inskeep.

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: Sue Steyer; 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: Louis Powell, Jr; Secretary: Crystel Willard; Treasurer: Pam Forrest; Chief: Wayne Wachter, Jr. Delegates: Brian Boller, Wayne Wachter, Jr, Louis Powell, Crystal Willard, Beth Wachter. Alternates: Pam Forrest, Carol Boller, Wayne Wachter, Sr, Chris Willard, Anthony Weddle.

*GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.* – PO Box 248, 178 Springs Road, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5200; Organized:1928; Chartered:1936; Joined MSFA:1930. President: David Stein; Vice President: Charles Yommer; Secretary: Menno Yoder; Treasurer: Herman Yoder; Chaplain: Wesley Yoder; Chief: Duane Stein; Delegates: Jeff Yommer, John Vought, Adam Rounds, Keith Durst, Tony Bittenger. Alternates: Doug Wilburn, Charles Yommer, Andy Folk, Steve Miller, Steve Smith.

*GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.* – PO Box 457, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-827-8100. President: Ray Stokes; Vice President: John Wenkeider; Secretary: Jessica King; Treasurer: Phyllis Black; Chaplain: Jon Rediger; Chief: Jason Anthony; Delegates: Ray Stokes. Alternates: Matt Counsey.
**GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 35, 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, 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: Kenneth Stair; Vice President: John Wynkoop; Secretary: Wayne L. Lewis; Treasurer: Edward Hughes; Chief: Thomas Ray; Delegates: Chris Ranson, Randall Mangum, Robert Tripe, Kelly Lawson, Adam Pyndsell. Alternates: Jeremiah Voigt, Jason Morgal.

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: Rick Faust, Billy Biddle, Shawn Starkey, Fletch Gowen. Alternates: Curtis Harvey, Ed Stoner, Chip House.

**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: Larry Duble; Secretary: Robert Oxendale; Treasurer: Russell Schantz; Chaplain: James Hamrick; Chief: Christopher Kinnaird. Delegates: Clarence White. Alternates: Judith White.


**HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 231, 1341 North Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-4280 Fax: 410-239-0523; Organized:1899; Chartered:1900. President: Robert R. Rill; Vice President: Brian Crumbie; Secretary: Gary Wheeler; Treasurer: Dennis Rhoten; Chaplain: William Allenbaugh; Chief: Jeffrey Carroll. Delegates: Leon Fleming, Mark Bilger, Gary Wheeler, Susan Fleming, Edgar Stegar. Alternates: None listed.
**HANCOCK FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-7739 Fax: 301-678-6072; Organized:1928; Chartered:1928. President: Keith Kinley; Vice President: Thomas Leach; Secretary: Graham Snow; Treasurer: Mike Stewart; Chaplain: Graham Snow; Chief: Greg Yost. Delegates: Steven Barnhart, Graham Snow, Greg Yost, Ernie Truaz, Mike Stewart. Alternates: Bob Hoopengardner, CJ Barton, Ronnie Van Metre, Danny Shirley.

**HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 416, 57 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-6774 Fax: 301-678-5399; Chartered:1969; Joined MSFA:1998. President: Ernest Truax; Vice President: Josh Unger; Secretary: Elizabeth Fields; Treasurer: Douglas Shaw; Chaplain: Bobby Madison. Chief: Stephen Barnhart. Delegates: Stephen Barnhart, Ernest Truax, Greg Yost. Alternates: None.

**HARFORD COUNTY FIRE 7 EMS FOUNDATION** – 343 – Granary Road Suite C, Forest Hills Maryland 21050; Telephone: 410-638-4700; Organized:2004; Chartered:2004; Joined MSFA:2010; President: Dorothy Arnold; Secretary: Linda Dousa; Delegates: None listed.

**HARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 5130 Harney Road, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-756-6464 Fax: 410-756-2879; Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA:1958. President: James Waybright; Vice President: Charlie Blocher; Secretary: Richard Yingling; Treasurer: Leonard Bowers; Chaplain: Jennings Martin; 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.

**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: Rich Robbins; Vice President: Donald Phippin; Secretary: Lauren Collins; Treasurer: Wayne White; Chaplain: Charles Smith III. Chief: David Beach. Delegates: Bert Owens, Donald Phippin, Donnie Phippin, Din Beach. Alternates: David Beach, Curt Cantwerll, Dean Beach, Rich Robbins.

**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: John Storm; Secretary: Rose Conrad; Treasurer: Alex Graham; Chaplain: Billie Armstrong; Chief: Dennis McDonald. Delegates: Kathy Gies, John Storm, Marty Orndorff, Ruth Orndorff, Shermeen Collins. Alternates: Lynn Storm, Joe Larson, Sr, Joe Larsonh. Jr, Dennis McDonald, Bob Jones.

**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@heredordemsrescue.org; Website: heredordemsrescue.org; Organized:1952; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1955. President: David E. Crow; Vice President: Deborah Sellman; Secretary: Cindy Humphrey-Elwood; Treasurer: Steve Wilcoxson; Chaplain: David Dell; Chief: Paul Demme. Delegates: Hope Bilger, Richard Bilger, Kenneth Welsh, Robert Pierce, Paul Tice. Alternates: Gery Simms, Walt Meyers, Steve Wilcoxson, Timothy Schneeman.

**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: Peggy Lang; Treasurer: Christina Baldwin; Chaplain: Deborah L. Bollinger; Chief: Kenneth Bollinger III. Delegates: Richard G. Bilger, Kenneth Bollinger, Chris Klapaska, Justin Kinsey, Wayne Smith. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Mark Lamb; Secretary: Maura Ardike;
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Treasurer: Betty Phifer; Chaplain: Chief: Frank Gaegler, Delegates: Joseph Weiserb, Russell Artinol, Mark Lamb, Shaw Muller, Dino Pignatino, Alternates: Kelly, CT Jones, Steve Dubiak.

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, Samuela 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: Thomas Thompson; Secretary: John Gatton, Sr.; Treasurer: Steve Facini; Chaplain: Charles Mattingly III; Chief: Dennis Brady, Jr. Delegates: John O. Gatton, Sr, Charles Mattingly III, Danny Davis. Alternates: John O. Gatton, Jr, Tammy Sweeney, Dennis Brady, Jr, Albert Johnson, David Facini.

**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: Thomas Dean, Jr; Vice President: Kelley Rhodes; Secretary: Olivia Lenahan; Treasurer: Tim Lenahan; Chaplain: Richard Williams; Chief: William Ridgel. Delegates: Joan Williams, Barbara Wible, Tommy Dean, Willie Ridgel. Alternates: Natalie Himes, Stanley Williams, Earl Newton, Tim Lenahan.

**HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3311 Fax: 410-397-3024; Email: hivfc@safe.quik.com; Organized:1953; Chartered:1953. President: Mark Flowers; Vice President: Jesa Lewis; Secretary: Teresa Flowers; Treasurer: Rosemary Dean; Chief: Chuck Davis. Delegates: Richard L. Yinger, Mark Flowers, Rosemary Dean, Teresa Flowers, Jesa Lewis.

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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: Steve Cook; Vice President: Mike Roberts; Secretary: Donna McPherson; Treasurer: Jimmy Rose and Patricia Therres; Chief: Mike Carroll. Delegates: Jimmy Rose, Beverly Jarboe, Steve Cook, Patty Therres. Alternates: Richard Burch, Mike Carroll, Caryn Moreland, Duane Svites, Jimmy Herbert.

**HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPTAMENT & 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: Eugene Farrell; Vice President: Ricky Ward; Secretary: Sarah Jirdan; Treasurer: Sheila Mann; Chaplain: Robert Hahn; Chief: Jon Riffe. Delegates: Jonathan Riffe, Mike Montgomery, Brian Thrasher, Phil Morris, Eugene Farrell. Alternates: Bo McKennhy, JT Borden, Josh Buckler, Dena Tschupp, Ricky Ward.

**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: John Stichberry; Vice President: Brian Tolley; Secretary: Dorothy Stichberry; Treasurer: Ward Higgins, Chief: Marlon Parker. Delegates: Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, Jerry Rhue, Marlon Parker. Alternates: Heather Coulbourne.

**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.hvfd.com; Organized:1888. President: Matt Davy; Vice President:
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Tommy Falcone; Secretary: Lori Hook; Treasurer: Chris Herbert; Chief: David Hang. Delegates: Matt Davy, Scott Hudson, David Cooksey, Chris Herbert, David Hang. Alternates: Thomas Falcone, Lori Hook, Brian Gray, James Hook, Donald Moltrip.

**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: George D. Clark III; Chaplain: George Clark, Jr; Delegates: Robert Grollman, Reginald Chambers III, George D. Clark, Jr, Anthony P. Capezio. Alternates: George Clark, Jr, Robert Rawls, Lewis Jackson.

**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: Martin Fuller; Vice President: Greg Fulmer; Secretary: Terri Foreman; Treasurer: Richard Morgan; Chaplain: Tim May. Chief: Rodney Masser. Delegates: Martin Fuller, Charles Handley, Clarence Rinehart, Steve Hurst, Sr, Ronald Wachter. Alternates: Buck Wisner, Ryan Fuller, Carol Fuller, Richard Morgan, Walt 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: Woody Morris; Secretary: Terry Smith; Treasurer: Henry Ingram; Chaplain: Marcina Taulton, Chief. Delegates: Charles Elgin, Woody Morris, Terry Smith, Henry Ingram, Marsi Taulton. Alternates: Brian Elgin, Robert Chaney, Sherry Smith.

**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: Richard Bowie; Vice President: Donnie Chappell; Secretary: Cindy Collins; Treasurer: Larry Johnson; Chaplain: Mike O’Neill Chief: Jeff Williams. Delegates: Richard Bowie, Jeff Williams, Mike O’Neill. Alternates: Wayne Higdon, Joanna Simpson.

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**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 Wakkeys; Vice President: Alshan Paquet; Secretary: Bubby White; Treasurer: Howard Wiedman; Chaplain: Joan Paquet, Chief: Joe Tamberine. Delegates: Curtis Dean Wiggins, Sr., Howard Wiedeny, Joe Tamberine, Steve Stelmack, Steve Wakkeys, Alternates: None.

**JARRETTSVILE 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: Ted Burkhardt; Vice President: John Lassack; Secretary: Denessa Fruhling; Treasurer: Laura Barwick; Chaplain: Terry Murphy; Chief: John Simpson. Delegates: James Bair, Ben Kurtz, Mitch Vocke, Bill Poole, Ernie Tracey. Alternates: None listed.

**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: iufc20@aol1phia.net; Organized: 1955; Chartered:1960; Joined MSFA:1960. President: David Remsburg; Vice President: Ronald Ahalt, Sr; Secretary: Thomas W. Arnold; Treasurer: Susan Corun; Chaplain: Amos Ahalt; Chief: John Elden. Delegates: William Nichols, Donna Gosbee, Mark Lakin, Mike Ambrose, Ed Lapole. Alternates: Michael Rimel.

**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: Margaret Gouty; Vice President: Marvin Bladen; Secretary: Delota Priest; Treasurer: Joseph Miller; Chief: Stephen Maceiko. Delegates: Margaret Gouty, Delta Priest, Stephen Maceiko, Dorthy Dean. Alternates: Stephen Maceiko, Jr, Mark Hartz, Kathy Morgan, Teresa McGill.
**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: Robert Russell; Vice President: James Lyons III; Secretary: Ron Sollod; Treasurer: Gary Skillman; Chaplain: Margaret Bullock; Chief: Derrick Lloyd. Delegates: Louis Jonske, Bill Lay, Jim Younger, Ron Solod, John Byrne. Alternates: None listed.

**JUNIOR FIRE COMPANY NO.2, INC.** - 535 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-663-4870; Organized:1838 Chartered:1840 Joined MSFA:1893. President: Todd Johnson; Vice President: John Hahn; Secretary: Keisha Brown; Treasurer: Grayson Abrecht; Chaplain: Rev. Barbara Danel; Chief: Ronald Eury. Delegates: Keith Brown, Charles Abrecht, John Hahn, Lisa Abrecht, Ron Eury. Alternates: Mike Rogers, Rodney Scites.

**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: Heather Miller; Vice President: Clint Mills; Secretary: Patricia Scott; Treasurer: Mark Dixon; Chaplain: Vonnie Paxton; Chief: Phillip Lott. Delegates: Heather Miller, Danny Quinn, Patti Scott, William Scott. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Steven R. Semler; Vice President: Ronald Dowdey, Jr, Secretary: Lynn M. Tantardini; Treasurer: Robert M. Arnold; Chaplain: F. Tom Claxton; Chief: James Stanton. Delegates: Andrew B White, Stephen Semler, Marcine D. Goodloe, Arthur M. Hawkins, James P. Stanton, Alternates: Ronald Dowdy, Jr, Frank Kaleyias, Christopher St John, Juan M. Bofill, Donald M. Phillips.

**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 Gardner; Treasurer: Grace Gardner; Chaplain: Paul Jennings; Chief: Tracy Schulz. Delegates: Tracy Schulz, Buddy Thomas, Paul
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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: kgars@verizon.net; Organized:1961; Chartered:1961. President: Allan Schauber; Vice President: Mary Grussing; Secretary: Raye Jones; Treasurer: Jim Johnson; Chaplain: Leonard Miller; Chief: Allan Schauber. Delegates: Allan Schauber, Larry Hastings, Kathy Hastings, Bill Lobley, Kevin Kerr. Alternates: Mary Grussing, Alex Dolgos, Jim Johnson, Lanreu Jones, Travis Nelson.

*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. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Stuart Miller; Vice President: Stephen Belkoff; Secretary: Rita Sayler; Treasurer: Victoria Clayton; Chaplain: Ronald Cassett, Sr; Chief: Michael Berna. Delegates: Stuart Miller, Dennis Eyre, Gary Weer, Rita Sayler, Ronald Cassett, Sr. Alternates: Ronald Hale, Michael Berna, Timothy Berkeridge, Seth Torbit, Jeff Weer.

**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: Sharon Paugh; Vice President: Jim Browning, Jr; Secretary: Missi Nesselrodt; Treasurer: David K. Burrell, Sr.; Chaplain: Shirley Coleman. Delegates: Jim Browning, Jr, Sharon Paugh, Shawn Nesselrodt, Missi Nesselkrodt, Shirley Coleman. Alternates: None.

**LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1057, 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-2401; E-mail: jflongjr@yahoo.com; Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized:1940; Chartered:1941. President: Jerry White, Vice President: Rob
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Curley, Secretary: Debbie Kartub, Treasurer: Ellen Thursby, Chaplain: Bobby Belford, Chief: Timothy Hall, Delegates: John Spiker, Sr, Michelle Bell, Jane Huffman, Tim Hall, Alternates: Mary Bell, Lisa Hall.


**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: Dawn Rowe; Vice President: Vacant; Secretary: Brenda Sarmiento; Treasurer: Nancy Roberts; Chaplain: Vacant; Chief: John R. Roberts. Delegates: John Roberts, Dawn Rowe, John Sellerds. Alternates: Nancy Roberts, Brenda Sarmiento.

**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: Donna Kern; Vice President: Krystal Fabian and Dawn Brinkley, Georgette Airey; Treasurer: William Kern; Chaplain: Kristi Kunkle; Chief: Vaughn Kazak. Delegates: Bernard Smith, Donna Kern, Ray Gill. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Luther Della Jr; Vice President: William Frazier; Secretary: Mary Gilroy; Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy; Chaplain: Joe Gardiner; Chief: Jason Moore. Delegates: Lynn D. Gilroy, Mary Gilroy, Matthew Gilroy, William Frazier, Robert Hutchins. Alternates: Ronald Talley, Luther Della, Jr, Bruce Bridgett, Jason Moore, Joe Gardiner.

**LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC. – PO Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD. 20725; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-
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776-3600; Fax: 301-725-2026; Website: www.laurelvfd.org; Organized: 1902; Chartered: 1902. President: Victor Whipple; Vice President: Robert Grant; Secretary: Rose Maher; Treasurer: Steve Benton; Chaplain: Warren Litchfield; Chief: Travis Pearcy. Delegates: Joseph R. Robison, Craig Moe, Victor Whipple, Kevin Frost, Travis Pearcy. Alternates: Brian Lau, Tom Scaggs, Robert Grant, Dan Greenstein, Rosa Maher.

LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 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.

**LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; 301-777-0871; Organized: President: Roger Tolmison; Vice President: Brian Holbrook; Secretary: Kimi Reichert; Treasurer: Jim Brant; Chaplain: Jim Cook; Chief: Ryan Reichert. Delegates: William Getson, Ted Pryor, Jim Cook, Alternates: None Listed.

**LAVALE 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: Ken May; Vice President: Dianne Shoemaker; Secretary: Carol Gemi; Treasurer: Jerry Broadwater; Chaplain: Dale Evans; Chief: Kelly Burkey. Delegates: Earl Pryor, Jr., Ted Pryor III, Chris Pryor, Kim Pryor, Walter 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: Christie Pomeroy; Treasurer: Geoff Burns; Chaplain: Chief: Stanley Sutton. Delegates: James Snyder, Murphy Richards, Ryan Gaskell, Stanley Sutton, Jr, Matt Bowlas. Alternates: Lisa Lessens.
**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: Milton Bloom III, Vice President: Kent Niedzieski; Secretary: Twylla Grove; Treasurer: Walter Kipe; Chaplain: Robert Blair; Chief: Kirk Mongan. Delegates: Dan Grove, Sr, Clinton Stouffer, Dan Grove, Jr, Milton Bloom III, Randy Gaver. Alternates: Twylla Grove, David Gaver, Wayne Williams, Bill Hastings, Joe Ralls.

**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: Gary Bell; Vice President: Keith Watts; Secretary: Kevin Mattingly; Treasurer: John H. Gough; Chief: Thomas Mattingly, Jr. Delegates: Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas Trossbach, Jr, Carl Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., Robert Trossbach. Alternates: John Scully, Robert P. Abell, Jr.

**LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 299, 22855 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-475-8509 Fax: 301-475-1825; E-mail: president@lvrs.org Website: lvrs.org; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975. President: Shirley Copado; Vice President: Donna Whites; Secretary: David Wright; Treasurer: Mary Ellen Borland; Chaplain: Corey Dyson; Chief: Joe Wilkinson. Delegates: Shirley Copado, Mary D. Trossbach, Donna Whites, Amy Smith, David Wright. Alternates: Jaime Weber, Kerry Klear, Joe Wilkinson, Dean Gass, Marvin Jones.

**LEVEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3633 Level Village Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-734-6880 Fax: 410-734-7207; E-mail: kelopes@comcast.net; Organized:1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1954. President: Jason Gallion; Vice President: Ronald Thomas; Secretary: Karen E. Lopes; Treasurer: Sharon Worthington; Chaplain: Rev. Lonna Smith; Chief: David Cosenza. Delegates: Gene Worthington, Russell Gallion, Dale Burkins, Alan Caudill, George Dorbert. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Karen Stull; Treasurer: Jean Main; Chaplain: Elza
Hurst; Chief: Mike Stull. Delegates: Warren Main, Jean Main, Donald Stull, Lena Stull. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Shannon Hicks; Secretary: Pat Davidson; Treasurer: Gene Smith; Chaplain: Anthony Sweeney III; Chief: Shawn Davidson. Delegates: Tod Jackson, Crystal Jackson. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Krista Remmers; Vice President: Jack Ross; Secretary: Bernard Habersham; Treasurer: Lauren Kemp; Chaplain: Fred Pahl; Chief: Travis Francius. Delegates: Krista Remmers, Bernard Habersham, Eric Remmers, Travis Francis, Stephen Miller. Alternates: William Boyd, Jack Ross, Karen Meyers.

**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: Michael Naill; Vice President: Todd Lamb; Secretary: Jackie Norris; Treasurer: Cynthia Stine; Chaplain: Chip Jewell; Chief: Daniel More. Delegates: Chip Jewell, Jr., Daniel More, Michael Naill. Alternates: None listed.

**LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 242, 2142 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21088; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-374-2197 Fax: 410-374-9254; Organized:1915; Chartered:1919; Joined MSFA:1915. President: Don Fair; Vice Presidents: Nelly Warren & Charles Myersw; Secretary: Anna Marshall; Treasurer: Bette Sheperd; Chaplain: Lou Heffner; Chief: Linus Saurasaitis. Delegates: Don Fair, Marianne Warehime, Linus Saurasaitis, Wayne Short, Tim Warehime. Alternates: Nelly Warren.

**LINKWOOD-SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 66, 3905 Ocean Gateway, Linkwood, MD 21835; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-221-0169; Organized:1957 Chartered:1958 Joined MSFA:1960. President: Scott Warrell; Vice President: Leann Lewis; Secretary: Vicky Wheatley;

**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: Marshall Fleming; Secretary: Lisa Rollison; Treasurer: Simone Rockstroh; Chaplain: Lisa Sparks; Chief: Carey McIntosh. Delegates: Tom Esworthy, Marshall Fleming, Eric McIntosh, Albert Musgrove, Carey McIntosh. Alternates: Jody McIntosh, Brian Haugh, Ivan Betancourt, Simone Rockstroh.

**LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1499, 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: Rick Travers, Jr; Vice President: Brad Walters; Secretary: Linda Horsman; Treasurer: Tim McCarter; Chief: Martin Pepper. Delegates: Linda Horsman, Brad Walters. Alternates: Martin Pepper, Adam Pritchett.

**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: William Saur; Vice President: Joel McCrea; Secretary: Heather Alexander; Treasurer: Amber Butcher; Chief: Richard Eyre. Delegates: Rick Eyre, Greg Stolinsw, Bill Delcher, Bob Rigger, Billo Saur. Alternates: Sherry Eyre, Katie Eyre, Amy Eyre, Dave Fitzell, Travis Orer.

**LONG MEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY;** 19307 – Longmeadow Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742; Telephone: 301-797-5504 Fax: 301-797-7585. Email: Jeffdon12@myactv.net Website: www.longmeadowfire.com. President: Jeffrey Byard; Vice President: Sam Murray; Secretary: Terry Martin; Treasurer: John Latimer III; Chaplain: Don Talbert; Chief: Jason Eckstine. Delegates: Joe Kroboth, Adam Hopkins, Matt O’Donnell, Gary Martin. Alternates: James Nicol, Scott Adams, Adam Karsin.

**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 236, 500 Grant Street, Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3311 x3240, Fax: 301-359-20486; Email: amm15@meadwestvaco.com; Organized: 1922 Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA:1926. President: Kathryn Bever; Vice President: Dan Beaver; Secretary: Jim Jenkins; Treasurer: Ron Files, Sr; Chaplain: Philip Whetstone; Chief: Tim Dayton. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Tim Dayton, Pete Pamepinto, Kathy Bever, Courtney Frenzel, Jr. Alternates: None listed.

*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: Burnkey@us.hilti.com; Organized:1909; Chatered:1909. President: John Gochnauer; Vice President: Jerry Dierbeck; Secretary: Janet O’Rourke; Treasurer: J.P. Macafee; Delegates: Stephan Weatherby, John Gochnauer, James Cahn, Josh Kakel, Lewis Smith. Alternates: James Doran, ark Goodwin, Rodney Hyde, James Donovan, Frank Barranco.

**MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –** PO Box 23, 1154 Taylor’s Island Road, Madison, MD 21648; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-8703 Fax: 410-228-0657; Organized: 1951 Chartered: 1952. President: Samuel M. Horseman; Vice President: Ronnie Reynolds; Secretary: Michele Reynolds; Treasurer: Peggy Horseman; Chaplain: Donald Knauer; Chief: Matthew Werner. Delegates: Donald Knauer, Samuel Horseman, Ronnie Reynolds, 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: Elwin Wagner; Vice President: Steve Miller; Secretary: Ralph Dull; Treasurer: Danny Bloskey, Sr; Chaplain: Terri Lankford; Chief: Scott Hahn. Delegates: Ralph Dull, Elwin Wagner, Malcom Helwig, Anna Marshall, Scott Hahn. Alternates: Danny Bloskey, 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: Kenneth Robinson; Vice President: David Whitelock; Secretary: John Flaig; Treasurer: Ronald Whitelock; Chaplain: Bud Hooper; Chief: Doug Jones. Delegates: Phil Donaho, Jr, David Whitelock. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Joe Brittingham; Vice President: Raqy Somers; Secretary: Gary Powell; Treasurer: Alfred Bradford; Chaplain: Dave Parke. Delegates: Donald L. Howard, Mark Wigglesworth.

**MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 195, 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-952-0938 Fax: 301-952-8942; E-mail: mvfdc20@aol.com Website: marlboroﬁre.com; Organized:1925; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Jay Tucker; Vice President: Jeff Wyuill; Secretary: Bert Krakosky; Treasurer: Kevin Hodges; Chaplain: Roberta Strine; Chief: Russell Wells. Delegates: Jay Tucker, Donald Strine, Jeff Wyuill, Russell Wells, James Busi. Alternates: Dina Wells, Kevin Hodges, Bobby Beavers, Tim Clark, Bert Krakosky.

**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: Steve Bernot; Vice President: Albert Lane; Secretary: Linda Bernett; Treasurer: Denise Madden; Chief: Gary Madden. Delegates: Al Lane, Gary Madden, Steve Bernot. Alternates: George Bolden, Bill Lepore, Ralph Rossi.

**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: Nello Burian, Sr; Vice President: Kevin Newman; Secretary: Krista Shepard; Treasurer: Linda Henry; Chief: Rayburn Smallwood. Delegates: Nello Burian, Sr, Mary Louise Snidow, Greg Cloft, Kim Larson, Ray Smallwood. Alternates: Krista Shepard, Les Baker, Mike Shepard, Rob Nobel, Russ Anson.
**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: Brett Jones; Vice President: Jerry Beck; Secretary: Carolyn Rosier; Treasurer: Jack Carter; Chaplain: Tammey Pearce; Chief: Glen Wilhelm. Delegates: William Schmalzer, Darlene Jones, Brett Jones, Gene Jones, Linda Schmalzer. Alternates: Bradley Wright, Charles Fogle, Jr, Amanda Jones, Andrew Owlett, Leroy Fourhman.

**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: Phil Ridenour; Vice President: Brian Pile; Secretary: Michelle Hutzell; Treasurer: Stephani Garrett; Chaplain: Leonard Horst; Chief: William Garrett. Delegates: Charles Shindle, Leonard Horst, L Jason Baer. Alternates: Frank Ridenour, Brian Pile, Dave Baer.

**MCCOOLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 24931 Crooks Avenue, McCoole, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-786-4311 Fax: 301-786-7890; E-mail:admin@mfrd23.org Organized:1938. President: Cody Pearce; Vice President: Joseph Braithwaite; Secretary: Kaitlin Pearce; Treasurer: Tabitha Robinson; Chaplain: Charles Gattens; Chief: Chuck Pearce, Jr. Delegates: Chuck Pearce, Jr., Lisa Pearce, David Wilson, Joseph Braithwaite. Alternates: None listed.

**MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 37, 28165 – Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-884-4709 Fax: 301-884-4139; E-mail: president@mvfd.com Website: www.mvfd.com; Organized:1934; Chartered:1937. President: Dave Sampson; Vice President: Ricky Stillwell and Harold Younger, Secretary: Darne Kleinsorgan, Treasurer: Ferdinand Reetz III, Chaplain: Chief: John Raley. Delegates: William Wilkerson, William H. Simpson, Sr, John Raley, Dave Sampson, John Montgomery. Alternates: Buddy Adams, Jr, James Mattingly, Andrew McWilliams, Larry Greenwell, Paul Colonna.

*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
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Breitmaier; Secretary: Nicole Simpson; Treasurer: Joyce G. Downs; Chaplain: Fr Paul Gozaloff. Chief: Marie Kurtz. Delegates: David Harrigan, James Cawley, Terri Warren. 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: Carolyn Keener; Secretary: Christine Sebo; Treasurer: Marc Butt; Chief: Jerry Ertwine. Delegates: Joe Davis, Fred Causey, Chris Kempisty, Shawn Sebo, Rob Hewlet. Alternates: Devin Meyers, Wally Zulaud, Marc Butt, Christine Sebo, Jerry Ertwine.

**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: mrvfc.org; Organized:1943; Chartered:1943; Joined MSFA:1943. President: John Dulina; Vice President: Jim Akehurst, Sr; Secretary: Gregory Skiraunis; Treasurer: James Sollenberger; Captain: James Sollenberger; Delegates: James Sollenberger, John Dulina, Beth Stone, Ronnie Brewer, Chris Hyzer. Alternates: Greg Skirvanis, George Dulina, Todd Bates, Jason Moore, Tom Hul.

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@bcvf0326a.org Website: orgsites.com/md/middleborough/mc; Organized:1943; Chartered:1943. President: Lisa O’Conner; Vice President: Debbie Peyton; Secretary: Elana Smith; Treasurer: None; Chief: John Palasik. Delegates: John Palasik, Lisa O’Conner, Debbie Peyton, John Peyton, Shaun Freund. Alternates: Tracy Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Jamire Peyton, Elana Smith.

**MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY – PO Box 322, 13 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-371-6907 Fax: 301-371-8986; E-mail: president@middletownvfd.org Website: middletownvfd.org; Organized:1895 Chartered:1935. President: James Goodman; Vice President: Dominick Losquardo; Secretary: Debrah Loveless; Treasurer: Paul Fink; Chaplain: Dave Coblentz; Chief: Jason Loveless. Delegates: Stefan T. Nalboaczyk, Jr., Janie E. Nalbrcyk, David Coblentz, Debbie Smith, Wayne Smith, Alternates: None.
**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: Craig Alexander; Secretary: James Reno; Treasurer: Barbara Knippenburg; Chaplain: Robert Blair; Chief: Donald Swietzer. Delegates: Robert Knippenburg, Barbara Knippenburg, Andy Cesnick, James Dick, Corey Gatian. Alternates: Maggie Gatian, James Reno, Robert Burt, Jeff Cutter, JR Monahyan.

**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: Charles Phillips; Vice President: Les Hedrick; Secretary: Lisa McKlveen; Treasurer: Tommy Warren; Chaplain: Les Hedrick; Chief: Michael White. Delegates: Charles Phillips, Les Hedrick, Mike White, Carl McKlveen, Danny Hunt. Alternates: Eric Nellis, Tyrone Gale, Daniel Keffer, Mark Shayne, Carl McKlveen.

**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: Robert Spence; Vice President: Dale Martin; Secretary: Jerry Banfe; Treasurer: David Banfe; Chaplain: Dale Martin; Chief: Terry Stouffer. Delegates: Robert Spence, Dale Martin, Tony Veney, Scot Smith, Terry Stouffer. Alternates: Jerry Banfe, David Swan, David Banfe, Sue Compher, Eric Banfe.

**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: Thomas Walters, Vice President: Bruce Walz; Secretary: Richard Woithile; Treasurer: James Linton, Jr; Chaplain: Dennis Yocum; Chief: Ivan Browning. Delegates: Ivan Browning, Doug Alexander, Dale Lowman, Jeff Lowman, Sue Hubble. Alternates: Jay McElroy, Gary Hubble, Terry Baker, Oscar Baker, Becky Brown.

**MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO.1, INC.** – PO Box 533, 15701Iron 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: Darrin
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference

Broadwater; Vice President: Gerald McGann; Secretary: Kay E. Tharp; Treasurer: Scott Richard; Chaplain: Lloyd E. Wade; Chief: Rick Robison. Delegates: Gerard J. McGann, Kay Wade, Lloyd E. Wade, Gunter Corrado, Jill Corrado. Alternates: Joyce Wolfe, Jennifer Mason, Scott Richard, Lacey McMillan, Janet Robison.


*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; Chaplain: Glenn Lantz; Chief: Rick Breeze. 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: 301-743-215;1 Organized:1947; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1950. President: Dan McLarren; Vice President: James Rye; Secretary: Tom Jenkins; Treasurer: John Robey; Chaplain: Rufus Washington; Chief: Doug Campbell. Delegates: Rick Stegman, James C. Rye, Thomas Jenkins, Doug Campbell, John Robey. Alternates: Harry Knight, Brad Arbogast, Jason Palmer, Richard Zagrodniched, Sarah Knight.

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: Martin Heiberger; Vice President: Reva Winkler; Secretary: Sara Marshall; Treasurer: Sandy Russum; Chief: Dennis Russum. Delegates: Dennis Russum, Robert Kramer, Scot King. Alternates: None listed.
NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC – PO Box 82, Newark, MD; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3980, Fax: 410-632-3980; President: Jim Scott; Vice President: Michael Donoway; Secretary: Cineva Kline; Treasurer: Christopher Seymour; Chaplain: Shirley Evans; Chief: James Barbely. Delegates: Richard Jackson, Jack McCready, Steve Orth, Michael Sirman. Alternates: None listed.

*NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 925, 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: Paul Hackey; Vice President: Chris Beard; Secretary: Nate Wilson; Treasurer: Richard Stem; Chaplain: Gary White; Chief: Brian Yankey. Delegates: Jay Betts, Bob Skelton, Sisty Vincent, Joyce Vincent, Ben Nalborczyk. Alternates: Kelly Sullivan.

**NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 67, 1209 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-0543; Organized:1926 Chartered:1926. President: Matthew Moser; Vice President: G. Monroe Main; Secretary: Helen Eyler; Treasurer: Joe Lenhart; Chaplain: G. Monroe Main; Chief: Gary Keller. Delegates: Gary Keller, Nancy Keller, Joe Lenhart, Mary Lenhart, Eric Bostian. Alternates: Matthew Moser, Jody Lambert, G. Monroe Main, Emma Main, Laura Bostian.

**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@nwfd10.org Website: nwfd10.org; Organized:1948 Chartered:1948. President: Daniel Wolfe, Vice President: Dale Lowman; Secretary: Sarah Lowman; Treasurer: Jack Coe; Chaplain: Neal Roop; Chief: Rick Fritz. Delegates: Steve Koontz, Tom Coe, Kristi Reppe, Rick Fritz, Dick Warenfeltz, Alternates: None.

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, 12245 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD 20664; Charles County; Telephone: 301-259-0029 Fax: 301-934-4778; Organized:1988; Chartered:1989; Joined MSFA:1994. President: Francis Warring; Vice President: Ronnie Wright; Secretary: Sandra Sherman; Treasurer: Charles Thomas; Chaplain: John Thomas; Chief: Lisa Yates and Andrew Spalding. Delegates: Francis Warring, Ronnie Wright, George Hayden, Mike Abell, Charles Thomas. Alternates: Cathy Murphy, Mary Waugh, Sandra Sherman, Jon Thomas, John Riffle.

**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: Peter Sheehan Sr; Vice President: Lee Mundle; Secretary: Samantha Sheehan; Treasurer: Kris Miller; Chaplain: Rev. Melissa McDade; Chief: Robert Yonas. Delegates: Brandon Watkins, Travis Over, Richard Brooks III, Andy Rohrbaugh, Kaitlin Quigley. Alternates: None listed.

**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 Allen; Vice President: James Dickerson; Secretary: Jeff Idol; Treasurer: Wayne Gordy; Chaplain: David Russell; Chief: Donald Gibson. Delegates: Herbert Dowell, Gary Jenkins, Robert Allen, Richard Cress, Robert Haynes. Alternates: Justin Kivett, Matthew Weber.

**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: Douglas Elmer; Vice President: Charles Stewart; Secretary: Terri Hamilton; Treasurer: Valerie Combs; Chief: Jeff Isaacs. Delegates: Howard Flower, Charles Stewart, John Hamilton IV, Harold Hathaway, Douglas Elmer. Alternates: Vernon Steward, Terry Allen.

**NORTH POINT EDGEMERE 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: Aden Davies; Vice President: M. Morgan; Secretary: S. McElwee; Treasurer: L. Kokthamba; Chaplain: Father Joseph Lizer; Chief: T.Oberligh. Delegates: A.Davies, Jim Riegel, Sr, Lester Kottraba, Adam Davies, Shane Davies. Alternates: None.
**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: ngcrs.org; Organized:1972; Chartered:1972. President: Barry Beal; Vice President: Patricia Bowser; Secretary: Nancy Savage; Treasurer: Harold Fike; Chaplain: Mary Friend; Chief: Lucretia Sines. Delegates: Pat Bowser, Michael Simmons, Gary Teats. 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: Alex Mellott; Secretary: Michael Saunders; Treasurer: Alex Flanigan; Chaplain: Manning Smith; Chief: John Feather. Delegates: Bryan 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: Jester L. Jester; Vice President: Josh Bunting III; Secretary: Amanda Shoemaker; Treasurer: Will Savage III; Chaplain: Phil Turk; Chief: David N. Cropper. Delegates: Roger Steger, Sr., Larry Lewis, Reggie Bell, Charles Bunting, John Guntow, Jr. Alternates: J. Paul Adkins, Steve Hales, Jim Smith, Paul Adkins, Steve Price.


**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: Jimmie Allen; Vice President: Wylie Donaldson; Secretary: Sanjay Deshmukh. Treasurer: Kimberly Jenkins; Chief: Donald Evick. Delegates: John Rose, Wylie Donaldson, Harry Wagner, David Lewis, Jimmie Allen. Alternates: Robert Rose, Charles Rogers, Kimberly Jenkins, Don Ovick, 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.ferems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd. President: Matt Hierstetter; Vice President: Kevin Bender; Secretary: Cindy Crabtree; Treasurer: Dennis Mallery; Chaplain: Rodger Long; Chief: Ken Wolford, Jr. Delegates: Rodger Long, Dennis Mallery, Andy Brown, Robert Piper, Matt Hierstetter. Alternates: Ken Wolford, Lacy Aloe, Kenny Bender, Greg Brown, Melissa Hierstetter.

**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: Walter Snyder; Vice President: Wayne Snyder; Secretary: Donna Bushong; Treasurer: John Wenzel; Chaplain: John Wenzel. Chief: James Evans. Delegates: Walter Snyder, Wayne Snyder, Donna Bushong, John Wenzel, James Evans. Alternates: Mike Maurer, Jacqueline, Tom Lotz, Janet Aro, Darlene Snyder.

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, John Clingerman, Randy Pyles. Alternates: Derick Fisher, 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: Wayne Trump; Vice President: Marci Catlett; Secretary: Jenny Nilsen; Treasurer: Phil Herbert; Chaplain: Jason Rubenstein. Chief: Kevin Wallet. Delegates: Mike Fold, Craig Nelson, Jr, Craig Nelson, Sr. Alternates: None listed.

**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: John Hanes; Vice President: Darren Clem; Secretary: David Baker; Treasurer: Connie Greenhawk; Chief: Michael Greenhawk. Delegates: Richard Smith, Rick Schmitt, Michael

**OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 84, 6300 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-567-6333; Organized:1929 Chartered:1930 Joined: MSFA:1930. 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: Ryan Whingham; Vice President: John Parrish; Secretary: Ama Lee; Treasurer: Carol Fisher; Chief: Steve White. Delegates: Steve White, Ryan Whingham, Ken Majo, Steve Givens. Alternates: None listed.

**PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Baltimore, MD 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-486-9834, Fax: 410-602-8583; E-mail: cao320@bcvfa.org Website: pvfc32.org; Organized:1897. President: Richard Berkowitz; Vice President: Lee Sachs; Secretary: Allen Roody; Treasurer: Carl Phelps; Chaplain: Kathleen Resnick & Murray Rodman; Chief: Glenn Resnick. Delegates: Lee N. Sachs, Glenn Resnick, Stuart Carter, Roger Powell. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Rodney McCoy; Vice President: James Burdett; Secretary: Donald Haynie; Treasurer: Rita McCoy; Chaplain: Jack Emery; Chief: Rodney McCoy. Delegates: Rodney McCoy, James Burdett, Mike Mann, Austin McCoy, Marvin Nicewander. 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: Anthony Webster; Vice President: Cathy Hall; Secretary: Shiloh Harris; Treasurer: George Whited; Chaplain: William Hastings; Chief: Mark Bratten. Delegates: Essel Farlow, Jr, William Wilkins, Mark Bratten, Essel Farlow III, George White, Jr. Alternates: Michael Farlow, Josh Farlow, George Whitted III, Rick Powell, Kristine Chrisman.
**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: Steve Wantz; Vice President: Michael Stewart; Secretary: Nancy Wagner; Treasurer: John E. Wagner; Chaplain: Donna Geiman; Chief: Michael Gist. Delegates: Michael Stewart, John Wagner, Richard Smith, Charlie Simpson. Alternates: Jeff Geiman, Greg Sytewart, John Means, Sr.

**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. 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. President: Robert E. Collins, Sr.; Vice President: C. Dan Carpenter III; Secretary: Lisa Berry; Treasurer: Jeff Clements; Chaplain: Charles Wills; Chief: Brian Phillips. Delegates: Robert E. Collins, Sr., C. Dan Carpenter III, Charles W. Wills, Clarence D. Carpenter, Jr, Kevin Grinder. Alternates: Craig Kavlick, Buddy White, Molly Johnson, Brian Phillips, Jeff Clements.

**POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2130 Fax: 301-432-7792; E-mail: fireco11@safe.quik.com; Organized:1966 Chartered:1967. President: Vicki Wetzel; Vice President:

**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 Joined MSFA:1912. President: William Knight Jr; Vice President: William Mayles; Secretary: Steven Householder; Treasurer: Josh Burkett; Chaplain: Phil Whetstone; Chief: Tim Dayton. Delegates: Tim Dayton, Judy Hamilton, Mark Karalewitz, Walter May, Philip Whetstone. Alternates: None listed.

POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 4, 5085 Powellville Road, Powellville, MD 21852; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-8181; Organized:1962 Chartered:1962 Joined MSFA:1963. President: Jerry Mitchell; Vice President: Franklin Donaway, Jr; Secretary: Kevin White; Treasurer: George Jones; Chief: Willis Disharoon. Delegates: Walter Bratten, Willie Disharoon, George Jones, Charles Coulborne. 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: Charles Frase; Vice President: Jack Garvey; Secretary: Alan Kenton; Treasurer: Ken Doyle; Chaplain: Robert Wahl; Chief: Bryan Milligan. Delegates: Russell Dukes, Jacob Garvey, David Weight. Alternates: Donald Cheezum, Jeff Cooey, Troy Brooks.

**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: pfvfdiwo@verizon.net Website: pfvfd.org; Organized:1940. President: Dwight Armiger; Vice President: Vernon Horsmon, Sr; Secretary: James Cox; Treasurer: Alan Billings; Chaplain: Michael Bowen; Chief: Brian Ficke. Delegates: Dwight Armiger, Alan Billings, Timothy Delehanty, Mark Carrico, Doyle Cox. Alternates: Linda Reamy, Thomas Scott III, Nancy Scott, Joseph Reamy, Michael Brown.

**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 410-535-5750; E-mail: jwelpf@hotmail.com
President: Robert Francis; Vice President: Roland Brady; Secretary: Ginger Weasenforth; Treasurer: Jenny Estogue; Chaplain: Todd Marple; Chief: Keith Ferrier. Delegates: Ronald Estogue, Cora Stockhausen, Belinda Browning, Diane Billings. Alternates: Maeques Smith.

**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: William Knight Jr; Vice President: William Mayles, Jr; Secretary: Steve Householder; Treasurer: Jody Hamilton; Chief: Timothy Dayton. Delegates: Janet Demukil, Jerry Edelen, Tommy Youlee, Doug Garzalle. Alternates: B. Keith, J. Roberts.

**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: Van Muir; Vice President: Keith Widdowson; Secretary: Jenny Cottman; Treasurer: Robert Murphy; Chaplain: Chief: Marion Mister, Jr. Delegates: Van Muir, Marion Mister, Jr, David Donohoe, George Walston, Chris Keene. Alternates: Jenny Cottman, Lee Kelly, Mark Gentry, Jenny Holbrook, Robert Kemp.

*PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.* – PO Box 9702, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5774 Fax: 410-828-0860; E-mail: cao290@bcvfa.org Website: pvfc290.org; Organized:1947 Chartered:1948 Joined MSFA:1950. President: Philip Darr; Vice President: John McClean; Secretary: Karly Biddison; Treasurer: Garrett Zour; Chief: Scott Ebbert. Delegates: Andrew Doyle. Matthew Herweck, Garrett Zour, John McClean, David Smith. Alternates: Geoffrey Donahue, David Littleton, Karly Biddison, Edward Pearce, Jr, Dale Andersen.

**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: qahvfc.com; Organized:1945 Chartered:1945. President: Vernon Caultas; Vice President: Danny McNeal; Secretary: Tom DiFatta; Treasurer: Linda Chalupa; William Cooper, Sr.; Chief: Craig McNeal. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: None listed.
QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 118, 7110 Main Street, Queenstown, MD 21658; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-827-8377 Fax: 410-827-8926 Organized:1934 Chartered:1934. President: John C. Lewis; Vice President: Bryon Callahan; Secretary: Suzanne Lane; Treasurer: Charles F. Russum; Chaplain: Charles Osberger; Chief: Thomas Nelson. Delegates: John C. Lewis, Bryon Callahan, Lonnie L. Anthony, Thomas Nelson, Charles Anthony. Alternates: James Lewis, Sr, Suzanne Lane, James Lewis, Jr, Lane Cole, Charles Russum.

*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: Garth Nasser; Vice President: Wes Foor; Secretary: Vicky Hartsock; Treasurer: Carol McKenzie; Chief: Kenneth McKenzie. Delegates: Wes Foor, Ken McKenzie, Garth Nasser, Mike McKenzie. Alternates: None listed.

**REES & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-7172 Fax: 410-848-2396; E-mail: reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org Website: reesevfc.org; Organized:1948 Chartered:1948 Joined MSFA:1949. President: Chad Reese; Vice Presidents: Phil Hild and Matt Stonsbury; Secretary: Teresa Cox; Treasurer: Marion Davidson, Jr; Chaplain: Robert Alexander; Chief: Jerry Dayton. Delegates: Jerry Dayton, Robert Alexander, Randy Panos, Norman Schaefer, Robert Blum. Alternates: Rick Schinzel, Tina Marzac.

**REISTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 108 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136; Baltimore County; Telephone: 301-833-1370 Fax: 410-833-0258; Website rvfc.org. President: James Snyder; Vice President: Michele Crumbacker; Secretary: Eric Marquess; Treasurer: Brian Quick; Chaplain: Timothy Feaser; Chief: Craig Coleman. Delegates: James Snyder, Craig Coleman, Dottie Schultz, Michelle Crumbacker, Ted Schultz. Alternates: John Wright, Brian Quick, Robert Holtz.

**RESCUE FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 776, 8 Washington 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: Timothy McCarter; Chaplain: Doug Ridley; Chief: Robert Phillips. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Frank


**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: John Gatton; Vice President: James Raley; Secretary: John Morrison III; Treasurer: John Wathen, Jr.; Chaplain; Chief: Bruce Raley. Delegates: Bruce Raley, Timothy Ridgell, Francis Raley, John Wathen, Jr, Phillip Ridgell. Alternates: Matthew Ridgell, John Wathen, Paul Balta, Bradley Cooper.

**RIDGE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 456, 16515 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-872-5970 Fax: 301-872-5971. President: Amy Raley; Vice President: Jessica Titus; Secretary: Paula Turner; Treasurer: Christy Bright; Chaplain; Chief: George Gatton. Delegates: Paul Sullivan, Christy Marmpz, Rick Munnell, Dan Moore. Alternates: None.

**RIDGELEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 425, 8 West First Street, Ridgeley, MD 21660; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-634-2424 Fax: 410-634-2659; E-mail: bwicrashcrew@comcast.net; Organized: 1905 Chartered: 1928. President: Lou Hayes; Vice President: Rick Baker; Secretary: Tammy Taylor; Treasurer: Bryan Ebling; Chief: Robert Utz. Delegates: Bryan Ebling, John Hurley, Justin Ebling, Bob Utz, Tim Gunderson. Alternates: Lou Hayes, Rick Baker, Tammy Taylor, Kathy Marvel, Eric Kellner.

**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: John Bernard; Vice President: Steven Bernard; Secretary; Treasurer; Chaplain; Chief.
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Delegates: John Bernard, Lawrence Lee, Christopher Cunningham. Alternates: None.

**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: John Fluharty; Vice President: Joel Greenwell; Secretary: David E. Carr; Treasurer: Maurice E. Carr. Delegates: None listed.

**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 Website: www.riverdalevfd.org. President: Steve Lampher; Vice President: Gerald Dixon; Secretary: Joel Gagliardi; Treasurer: Chaplain: Chief: Vincent Harrison. Delegates: Stephen Lampher, Charles Ryan, Robert Cease, Nova Johns, Anthony Anastasi, Alternates: James JohnsIII.

**RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 714, 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: Nathan Belle; Vice President: Kenneth Gilroy. Secretary: Tinesha Holman; Treasurer: Bruce Harrison; Chaplain: David Duffany; Chief: Bruce Harrison. Delegates: Kenneth Gilroy, Sharon Shoemaker, Bruce Harrison, Nathan Belle, Tinesha Holman. Alternates: John Richardson Sr, Robert Wilson, Tim Donoghue, Michael Wilson, Don Gardner.


**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: Carolyn Jones; Secretary: Glenda Dierker; Treasurer: Madelyn Reni; Chief: John Toulson. Delegates: Brian Jones, Louanne Usilton, Bill Glenn, Troy White, Kevin Nelson. Alternates: None listed.

*ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.* PO Box 34034, 2212 Seneca Rd, Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0328 Fax: 410-780-1759; Organized:1946 Chartered:1947. President: Tammy Medinger; Vice President: John Medinger; Secretary: Leroy E. Ogle; Treasurer: Frank Spangler; Chief: Michael Stuart, Jr. Delegates: Tammy Medinger, John Medinger, Sr, Leroy Ogle, Frank Spangler, Michael Stuart, Jr. Alternates: Steve Kerby, Rick Kahler, Fred Kerby, Howard French, Jerome Alchimowicz.

**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: Raymond Whalen; Secretary: Lisa Hinde; Treasurer: Adam Stem; Chaplain: Chief: Russell Dawson. Delegates: John T. Ferguson III, Tom Kavanagh, Timothy Jones, Eric Bernard, Russel Dawson, Alternates: None.

**ROCKY RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 117, 13516 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: Dale Kline, Sr; Vice President: Dennis Mathias; Secretary: Melissa Mathias; Treasurer: Bernard Wivell; Chaplain: Rev. James Russell; Chief: Alan Hurley. Delegates: Amber Humerick, Joseph Youngerman. Alternates: None listed.

**ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.** – PO Box 9661, 8037 Philadelphia Road, Baltimore, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-866-4042 Fax: 410-866-2598; E-mail: jmazza@us.ibm.com Website: rosedalevfd.com Organized:1930. President: Jack Mazza; Vice President: Scott Small; Secretary: Michelle Harding; Treasurer: Chuck McJilton; Chief: Chuck Leiss. Delegates: Eric Endryas, Jack Mazza, Eileen Endryas, Scott Small, Debbie Potts. Alternates: Brian Stark, Steve Stachowski, Bill Pearson, Jim Pizzini, Patty McGrevy.

**ST. LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO. 7, INC.** – PO Box 101, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-
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586-1713 Fax: 410-586-3031; E-mail: president@slvfd.com Website:slvfd.com; Organized:1982 Chartered:1982. President: George Anderson; Vice President: Christopher Sleeper; Secretary: Jessica Jones; Treasurer: Alexander Graham; Chaplain: Rev. John Howanstine; Chief: Jennifer Lankford. Delegates: George Anderson, Danielle Dunn, DO Baker, Michael Dunn, Jennifer Lankford. Alternates: Rev Howanstine, Joseph Anderson, Earnie Earnshaw, Christopher Sleeper, William Lankford.


**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: Jill Hite; Vice President: Holley Guscke; Secretary: Domonique Sturgis; Treasurer: Robert Murray; Chaplain: Daniel Higgins, Jr; Chief: JD Patnick. Delegates: Jim Ferguson. Alternates: Dan Mautz.

**SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – Headquarters Company, P.O. Box-304, 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3122 Fax: 410-548-3121; Organized:1872. President: Steven Dickerson; Vice President: Patrick Davis; Secretary: Stephanie Rathel; Treasurer: Kenneth Gaskins; Chaplain: Roger Kondrup; Chief: Joel McCroy. Delegates: Tim Murrell, Ken Gaskins, Steve Dickerson, Patrick Davis, Steve Records. Alternates: Justin Pantalone, Mark Cotter, Morris Batdorf.

**SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** 1100 - Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3127; E-mail: sta#1ezy.net Website: www.salisbury_fire.org; Organized:1986; Chartered:1986 Joined MSFA:1986. President: David Elliott; Vice President: Chuck Foskey; Secretary: Larry Kent; Treasurer: Bill Lewis; Chief: Jeff Simpson. Delegates: Gerald Beauchamp, Billy Lewis, David Elliott, Eric Foskey. Alternates: Charles Foskey, Cory Polidore.

**SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 295, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-774-7400 Fax: 301-774-4821; E-mail: info@ssvfd.com Website: www.ssvfd.com; Organized:1924 Chartered:1925. President: Paul Lilly; Vice President: Nancy Thornton; Secretary: Connie Somerville; Treasurer: Stephen C. Lamphier; Chaplain: Rory Crawford; Chief: George W. Brown, Jr. Delegates: George Brown, Jr., Johnie Roth, Jr., Joseph Aceto, Ryan Smet, Sean Purcell. Alternates: Nancy Thorton, Patricia Congdon, Michael Valente, Vicky Aceto, Bruce Newcomer.

**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: Michael Hitt; Vice President: Norman Wines; Secretary: Charisa Carkhuff; Treasurer: Alan Conway; Chaplain: Mary McNamee; Chief: Jeffrey Hatton. Delegates: Terry Thompson, Michael Hitt, Theresa Thompson, Norman Wines, Jeffrey Hatton. Alternates: David Hunley, Ronald Hunley, Alexis Ptak, Kevin Larkins, Sr, Michael Wilkerson.

**SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. 10305** - 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: Marcus Jones; Vice President: Keviette Potts; Secretary: Bryce Brenner; Treasurer: Bryce Mendez; Chief: Kevin Brenner. Delegates: Dave McGill, Joe Johnson, Keviette Potts, Marcus Jones, Bryce Mendez. Alternates: Kevin Dennis, Phil Martin, Acacia Daniels, Robert Nall.

**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: secretaryfireddept@comcast.net WebSite: www.fire-ems.net/view/firedept/secretary/md; Organized:1937 Chartered:1937
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**SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** PO Box - 206, 21660 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-769-3600 Fax: 301-769-3602; E-mail: sdvfd5@msn.com Website: sdvfd5.com; Organized:1949 Chartered:1949 Joined MSFA:1951. President: John D. Nelson; Vice President: Mike Huseman; Secretary: Anthony Hammett; Treasurer: Stanley Pilkerton; Chaplain: John H. Nelson, Jr; Chief: John A. Nelson. Delegates: John D. Nelson, Michael Huseman, George McWilliams III, Anthony Hammett, John A. Nelson, Jr. Alternates: John H. Nelson, Jr, Chris Hammett.

**SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 7, 21530 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-769-2287; Organized:1960 Chartered:1960 Joined MSFA:1988. President: Donald Phetteplace; Vice President: Matthew Colliflower; Secretary: Hattie Norris; Treasurer: Steve Lawrence; Chaplain: George H. L'Heureux; Chief: Todd Hayden. Delegates: George Kennett, Joan Raley, Donald Phetteplace, Jennifer Huntington. Alternates: George L'Heureux.

**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: Roger Bennett; Secretary: Cassie Yates; Treasurer: Patty McGowan; Chaplain:

**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: VACANT; Vice President: Peggy Myers; Secretary: Ashley Grimm; Treasurer: Walter Kipe. Chief: Lester Bussard; Delegates: Darryl Benner, Peggy Myers, Pricilla Myers, Mandy McCoy, Ashley Grimm. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Harry Gossard; Vice President: Daryl Benner; Secretary: Patty Benner; Treasurer: Ron Delauney; Chaplain: Delancy Catlett; Chief: Allen James. Delegates: Harry Gossard, W. Allen James, Chris Mullendor, Darryl Benner, Roger Otzelberger. Alternates: Henry Jones, Mat Stevens, Patty Benner, John Routzan, Dolly Jones.

**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: Jack Bennett; Secretary: Brenda Marvil; Treasurer: Linda Lambrose; Chief: Howard Bowden. Delegates: Tom Bowden, Ted Fletcher, Ronnie Marvil. Alternates: William White, Howard Bowden, Brenda Marvil.

**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: Patrick Gunning; Vice President: David Lewis; Secretary: Jake Widgeon; Treasurer: Mark Widgeon; Chaplain: Donald Paty; Chief: Chris Cropper. Delegates: Warren Sinclair, Chris Cropper, David Smarte, Mark Widgeon, Patrick Gunning. Alternates: Michael Davis, Nick Busby. JB Webb, Dave Pruitt, Orlando Bishop.

**SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; Prince George’s County;
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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; Secretary: Diana Diana; Treasurer: Linda Talton; Chaplain; Chief: William King. Delegates: Michael Alfieri, Ronald B. Taltonm, Sr., William H. King, Steffen Santos, Anthony King. Alternates: David Riley, Jeffrey Kramer, Charles A. Diana, John Moats.

**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: Barry Contee; Chaplain; Chief: Roger McGary. Delegates: Kenneth L. Heltzel, Burton Brenner, Susan Myatt, George Peet, Harold Tarver. Alternates: Amy Roberts, Jonathan Bard.

**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: John Norman; Secretary: Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha; Chief: William McCall; Delegates: William R. Caldwell, John Denver, Kenneth Streets. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Joe Ralls; Vice President: Valen Medows; Secretary: Mary Ralls; Treasurer: Emily Demmons; Chaplain: Melvin Smith; Chief: Jon Snider. Delegates: Jon Snyder, James Ulrich, Barrett Snyder, Kevin Demmons, Venniter Barciz. 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; Website: www.smithburgvfc.org; Chartered:1933. President: Phil Rohrer; Vice President: Glenn Reynolds; Secretary: Barb Miller; Treasurer: Barry Gipp, Sr; Chaplain: Juliee Brigham; Chief: Chris Rohrer. Delegates: Dale Fishack, Glenn Fishack, Ronnie Jeter, Phil Rohrer, John Palmer. Alternates: Buddy Blake, Steve Lewis, Frank Chilcoat, Joe Ralls, Mike Johnson.
**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: Sonny Larson; Vice President: Billy Layfield; Secretary: Howard Stephens; Treasurer: Glen Phillips; Chaplain: Chris Tyler; Chief: Ray Wooten. Delegates: Richard Mills, Jr, Bob Davis, Jay Bare, Ray Wooten, Billy Layfield. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Bill Jones; Vice President: Renee Crampton; Secretary: Bettie Smith; Treasurer: Shirley Millett; Chaplain Decon Connelloy; Chief: Jim Taylor. Delegates: Ray Lankford, William Jones, Renee Crampton, John Pardoe, Jim Taylor. Alternates: Larry Callison, Norm Rae, Stacey Langley, Bettie Smith, Sue Franklin.

**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: Jack Coffelt; Vice President: Steve Mitchell; Secretary: Todd Cochrane; Treasurer: Jerry Cunningham; Chaplain: Jim Burdette. Delegates: Jerry Cunningham. 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.

**SPRING MEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC** – 19307 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown, Md. 21742; Washinton 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, William Haines, Adam Hopkins,. Alternates: None.
**STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1501 Snow Hill Road, Stockton, MD 21864; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3030 Fax: 410-632-3075; E-mail: svfd200@ezy.net; Organized:1924. President: Thomas C. Beauchamp; Vice President: John Foxwell. Secretary: George E. Ward, Jr.; Treasurer: Bruce W. Lamberton; Chaplain: David C. Selby; Chief: Neil A. Payne. Delegates: Thomas C. Beauchamp, George Ward, Jr, Neil Payne, John Foxwell, William Mariner. Alternates: None listed.


**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: Charles Packard, Sr; Vice President: Joe Steelman; Secretary: Gail Reeder; Treasurer: Steven Gamatoria; Chaplain: Frank Roth; Chief: Scott Hurst. Delegates: Walter Glenn, William Lamana, Scott Pertz, Ron Cardwell, Bill Reeder. Alternates: Lance Waller, Frank Roth, Graig Triplett, Taylor Miller, Gail Reeder.

**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: Kevin Shiloh; Vice President: David Kreimer; Secretary: Paula Bock; Treasurer: Susan Tarrant; Chaplain: Charles Barnhart; Chief: Glenn Ruch, Sr. Delegates: Kevin Shiloh, David Kreimer, Paula Bock, Sue Tarrant, Ed Ruch, Jr. Alternates: Gary McGinnis, William Wagner, Lynn Gabler, Jeff Tarrant, Dennis Beard.

**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 Knovik; Treasurer: Bruce Allen; Chaplain: David Hooker; Chief: Thomas Musgrove. Delegates:

**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: Jim Haines; Vice Presidents: Donald Shoemaker and Craig Bare; Secretary: Daniel Haines; Treasurer: James Parker; Chaplain: Charles Barnhart; Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: Jim Haines, Craig Austin, Charles Barnhart, Michael Clapsaddle, Keith Phillips. Alternates: Fern Haines, Bethany Six, Earl Lookingbill, Wayne Baker, Donald Shoemaker.

**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 Neild; Vice President: John Cotter; Secretary: Ed Bacon; Treasurer: Paul Mace; Chaplain: Robert Kirkley. Chief: J.B. Tieder. Delegates: J.B. Tieder. Alternates: Charles Wright Jr.

**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: Charles Burroughs; Vice President: George Abell; Secretary: Kelly Hudson; Treasurer: Susie Tanner; Chaplain: George Abell; Chief: Wallace Danielson, Jr. Delegates: Thomas Milstead, Bernie Dalcanton, Charles Burroughs, George Abell, Wallace Danielson. Alternates: None listed.

**THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE, INC.** – 27 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-7550 Fax: 301-271-0167; Organized:1953 Joined MSFA:1985. President: Lowman Keeney; Vice President: Bill Morgan; Secretary: Joyce Stitely; Treasurer: Judith White; Chaplain: Jim Hamrick. Chief: Dennis Ott, Jr. Delegates: Jim Musselwhite, Judith White.

**TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 297, 5979 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-
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886-2101 Fax: 410-886-2677; E-mail: tivfc@goeaston.net; Organized:1925 Chartered:1938. President: Elmer Hamm; Vice President: Richard Willey; Secretary: Steve Novik; Treasurer: Bruce Allen; Chaplain: Dave Hooker; Chief: Thomas Musgrove. Delegates: James Jarboe, Robert Jarboe, Thomas Musgrove, Elmer Hamm, Richard Willey. Alternates: Mike Devine, Jorge Alfaro, Sherry Novik, Steve Novik, Bruce Allen.

**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: Kari Diefenderfer; Treasurer: Don English; Chaplain: Chief: Ben Diefenderfer. Delegates: George McCracken. Alternates: None.

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: Thomas Connor; Vice President: James Mayhew; Secretary: Jason Wittison; Treasurer: Crystal Clark; Chaplain: Thomas Morgan; Chief: Robert Pattison. Delegates: Thomas Connor, Josh Clark, James Mayhew, Robert Pattison, Lynn Sweitzer. Alternates: Eric Mowbray, Crystal Clark, Jason Wilitson, Dennis Stieding, Anthony Serpone.

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

*UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1050, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-775-7422 Fax: 410-857-8775; Website: www.ubfc8.org; Organized:1887 Chartered:1889 Joined MSFA:1893. President: Thomas M. Garber; Vice President: Freddie Green; Secretary: Linda Bostian; Treasurer: S. Michael Kreimer; Chaplain: Rev. Richard L. Michaels; Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Thomas M. Garber, Chad Green, David Nelson, Doug Bostian, Brenda Burdette.
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Alternates: James Harris, Jerry Harris, Eugene Curfman.

**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](http://www.ucvfd.org); Organized: 1972 Chartered: 1972. President: Kent Whalen; Vice President: Ron Siarnicki; Secretary: Pat Neil; Treasurer: Buck Ferrin; Chief: Chris Tona and John Bossert. Delegates: Ron Siarnicki, Chris Tona, Kent Whalen, Kevin Henderson, Brad Childress. Alternates: Tom Clark, Chris Tona, Jr, Rick Ringenbach, Billy Finley.

**UNITED STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NO.33, INC.** – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1711 Fax: 301-694-1709; Organized: 1845 Chartered: 1905 Joined MSFA: 1893. President: James Graham; Vice President: James Morgan; Secretary: Angie Hummer; Treasurer: James Morgan; Chaplain: Tim May. Chief: Jerry Dorsey. Delegates: James Morgan, Jerry Dorsey, Mike Roop, Jeanna Panarella, Dave Smith. Alternates: Robin Roop, Frank Erwin.

**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](http://umcvfd.org); Organized: 1946 Chartered: 1946. President: Ross Meem; Vice President: George T. Hillard; Secretary: Regina Grochowski; Treasurer: Robert Settelmaier; Chaplain: Lynn Lipp. Chief: Earl Moore. Delegates: Ross Meem, Mike White, Bob Settelmaier, Teresa Meem, Robby Bliss. Alternates: None.


**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: Joe Kukta; Secretary: Vicky Wheatley; Treasurer: Debbie Horsman; Chaplain: Rev. Mary Ann Farnell; Chief: Reginald Sellers, Jr. Delegates: Vicky Wheatley, Billy Wheatley, Pam Travers, JR Travers. Alternates: None listed.

**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: John Damskey; Vice President: Art Davmath; Secretary: Steve Valentine; Treasurer: Steve Hollinger; Chaplain: Frank Kilcline; Chief: Frank Davis. Delegates: Frank Davis, Jim Click, John Glass, Steve Hollinger, John Hollinger. Alternates: Tom Vaughn, Wayne Powell, Jim Glass, Charles Stanley, Guy Baker.

**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: violetvillevfd34.8m.com; Organized:1906 Chartered:1945. President: Samuel Suter III; Vice President: Doug Odensos; Secretary: Heather Suter; Treasurer: Heather Zopp; Chief: Steve Pearsail. Delegates: Gary Purkey, Steven Pearsell, Doug Odensos, Samuel Suter. Alternates: Heather Suter, Heather Zopp, Ricky Zopp, Mike Adcock.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BRANDYWINE, INC.** – 14201Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-372-8507. President: Ronney Wilkerson; Vice President: Kenneth Rose; Secretary: Diane Daniels; Treasurer: Ken Rose, Jr.; Chaplain: Kenneth Rose; Chief: Chad Lallier. Delegates: Ronnie Wilkerson, Michael Lantz, Kenneth Rose, Larry Wilkinson, Brian Clements. Alternates: Kenneth Rose, Jr, Jeffrey Sheriff, Henry Tron, Carolyn Lantz, Matthew Thompson.

**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: Jeff Ritter, Vice President: Terry Ferguson; Secretary: Paul Widdey; Treasurer: Donald Briscor; Chaplain: John Melvin; Chief: John Loveless. Delegates: Jeffrey Ritter, Tommy Morris, Terry Ferguson, Don Briscoe, Paul Wildey. Alternates: John Loveless, Sr, Ed Long, Mike Estes, Chris Arches, Robyn Hahn.
**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: Kim Anderson; Secretary: Brenda Dattilio; Treasurer: Steve Heefner; Chief: Ed Ernst. Delegates: Steve Heefner, Jeffrey Ringer, Ed Ernst, Jamie Drawbaugh, Tammy Draugh. Alternates: Kim Anderson, Tina Adams, Scott Adams, Tammy 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 Joined MSFA:1946. President: John Alban, Jr; Vice President: Frank Pollock; Secretary: Anthony Schield; Treasurer: William Stump; Chaplain: James Alban; Chief: John Alban III. Delegates: Anthony Schield, John J. Alban, Jr, John Alban III, Robert Oerman, Frank Pollock. Alternates: Cisco Guzman.

**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; Organized:1911 Chartered:1913. President: John Hines; Vice President: John Mutchler; Secretary: Lawrence Trainum; Treasurer: Barry E. Miller; Chaplain: PGCVF&RA Chaplain; Chief: Jason Fisher. Delegates: John Mutchler, Jason Fisher, John Hines, Richard Clemens Jr. Alternates: Lawrence Trainum, Opal Benoit, Barry Miller, Darrell Walker.


**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;
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**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: Brian Hildebrand; Vice President: Charles Esterday; Secretary: Brenda Staley; Treasurer: James Graham; Chaplain: Shirley Zimmerman; Chief: Matt Staley. Delegates: David Kline. Alternates: Brian Hildebrand, Matt Staley.

**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: Sandra Maxey; Vice President: Cindy Cramer; Secretary: Ellie Gilbert; Treasurer: Tom Boltz; Chief: Topper Cramer. Delegates: Craig Moore, Jeremy Heflin. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Jeffrey Deckard; Vice President: Richard Hull; Secretary: Tammy Hoag; Treasurer: Fred Mott; Chaplain: George Hipkins; Chief: Matthew Saylor, Sr. Delegates: Wayne Tome, Sr, Donald Poist, Jr, Frederick Mott, Sr, Richard Brooks III, Jeffrey Deckard. Alternates: Karen Mott, Christopher Howell.

**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: Deborah Perry, Douglas Beall, Robert Vice, Jr, Wayne Bender, John Bender. Alternates: Kenneth Blackwell, James Caufield III, Sharon Owen, Lindy Burkett, Mike Fannington.
**WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12535 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: Carroll Roles; Secretary: Teresa Beck; Treasurer: Steven Fleming; Chaplain: Jeff Sturgess; Chief: Howard Day. Delegates: John Coll, Diana Coll, Mickey Day, Jim Piersall, Carl Buell. Alternates: Will Spicer, Norma Spicer, Mike Collins.

**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: Scott Vazouez; Vice President: Brenden Burke; Secretary: Lena Grant; Treasurer: Susan Wilson; Chief: John Alter. Delegates: Scott Vazouez, John Alter, Dave Parsons, Brendon Burke, Josh Shintel. Alternates: Darrin Grant, Jeff Miller, Bill Smith.

**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.com; Organized:1872. President: James D. Schaffer, Vice President: Mike Kline; Secretary: Dennis Huffer; Treasurer: Terry Mose; Chaplain: Richard Bower; Chief: Rick Blair. Delegates: Clyde Tressler, James Schaffer, Rick Blair, Clarence Webber, Richard Bowers. Alternates: Dennis Martin, Mike Tressler, John Fridinger, George Tressler, Melanie Huffer.

**WEST SIDE 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: Aspyn Speakman; Treasurer: Paul Dennis; Chaplain: William Frick; Chief: Brian Catlin. Delegates: Joe Dickerson, Bob Gordon, Brian Catlin. Alternates: Pat Tobat, Don Messick, John Catlin.

**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 Presidents: Todd Whitson and Kristen Boyer; Secretary: Jamie Petry; Treasurer: Bob Ruby; Chaplain: Kevin Dayhoff; Chief: Jim Bangerd. Delegates: Fred Plunkert, Rich Raver, Bob Cumberland, Daniel Plunkert, Michael Robine.
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He. Alternates: Joshua Evans, Walter Davis.

**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: Karla Martinez; Secretary: Ray Tucker; Treasurer: Nick Hrabak; Chaplain: Chief: Allan Platky. Delegates: Robert Lawson, Ben Mull, John Rives, Ronda Cohen, Paul Sterling, Jr. Alternates: None.

**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: Derek Hopkins; Vice President: Heather Williamson; Secretary: Janet Holbrook; Treasurer: Charles Mohr; Chaplain: Chief: Frank Krick. Delegates: David C. Leftwich, James R. Williams, John R. Williams. Alternates: None.

**WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – P.O. Box 309, White Marsh Maryland 21162; Telephone: 410-335-5112 Fax: 410-335-1842; E-mail: cao200@bcvfa.org Website: wmvf.org. President: Don Wilder; Vice President: Al Vaughn; Secretary: Kay Simmons; Treasurer: Donald Chilcoat, Jr; Chaplain: Jack Bussard; Chief: Capt. Fred Koch. Delegates: Al Vaughn, Don Wilder, Jack Amrhein, Heather Goulden, Fred Koch. Alternates: Rick Breach, Sr, Ken Hughes, Mark Lundin, Jim Goulden, Scott Davidson.

**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: Keith Twilley; Vice President: CK Twilley; Secretary: Kim White; Treasurer: Joan Calloway; Chaplain: Mike March; Chief: Jay Esham. Delegates: None listed. 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 Hicks; Vice President: John Norman; Secretary: Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha; Chief:
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William McCall. Delegates: William R. Caldwell, John Denver, Kenneth Streets. Alternates: None listed

**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: Scott Brown; Secretary: Carrie Ammons. Delegates: Karen Lowman, Brian Lowman, Harry Gossard. Alternates: None listed.

**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: s2chief@wcvfr.org Website: www.williamsportfire.org; Organized:1929 Chartered:1929. President: Jay Grimes; Vice President Craig Osborne; Secretary: Carrie Ammons; Treasurer: John Raidt; Chaplain: Bob Fraley; Chief: Will Ball. Delegates: Jay Grimes, Will Ball III, Skip Menzies, Jason Millker. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Scott Legore; Vice President: Robert Farver; Secretary: Kim Legore; Treasurer: Jeanne Legore; Chief: Tim Warner. Delegates: Kevin Warner, Richard Baker, Sr, Doug Alexander, Rick Warner, Bob Hardesty, Dave Wallace. Alternates: Matt Paskowski.

**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: Wayne Brubach; Secretary: Judy Krouse; Treasurer: Deanna Beam; Chief: Tom Ludwig. Delegates: William Kalwa, Robert Francis. Alternates: Dale Copeland, Tom Ludwig, John Ritz.

**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 Fox; Vice President: David Doyle;
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Secretary: Sherri Fleishell; Treasurer: Gerald Lewis; Chief: Michael Lewis. Delegates: Diana Lewis, Jim Fleishell, Sherri Fleishell. David Fox, Deb Fox. Alternates: Karen Lewis, Wayne Lewis, David Doyle.

**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: Joseph Connell; Vice President: Mike Purcell; Secretary: Margaret Strausberg; Treasurer: Paul Mills; Chaplain: Margaret Stalsberg; Chief: Joseph Howlin. Delegates: Paul Mills, Joseph Connell, Joseph Howlin, Mike Purcell, Joseph Connell, Jr. Alternates: Roy Faudree, Bill Keyes, Tim Faudree, Margaret Stalsberg, John Sweeney.

**WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-265-8666; Website: woodlawnvfc.org; Organized: 1941. President: Trey Gaffney; Vice President: Clifton Macer; Treasurer: Al Seicke; Chaplain: Sean Fields; Chief: Thomas Richarts. Delegates: William Letourneau, Jr, Thomas Richarts, Al Seicke, Butch Morgenstern, Clifton Macer. 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: Michael Offutt; Secretary: Sue Mosholder; Treasurer: Donald Trimmer; Chaplain: Kay Ensor. Chief: Dennis Derry. Delegates: Mickey Fyock, Diane Fyock, Denny Derry. 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: Logan Starr, Sr, Secretary: Dave Neall; Treasurer: Brian Turley; Chaplain: Randy Sauger. Delegates: Bill Hobson, Rose Hobson, Bertha Saghy, Fred Saghy, Sr, Kevin Reilly. Alternates: Stephanie Russell, Brian Turley, Ray Russel, Ruth Altvater.

**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.

**BUNKER HILL VOL. FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION** – 3716 Rhode Island Ave, Brentwood Maryland; Telephone: 301-927-5713, Fax: 301-927-5713; E-mail: information@bhvrass.com Website: bhvrass.com. President: Steven King; Vice President: James Pilkerton, Jr; Secretary: Diane Schmidt; Treasurer: Debbie King; Chaplain: Ed Mutchler; Chief: Howard Ewing. Delegates: Steven King, Diane Schmidt, James Pilkerton, Jr, Debbie King, Opal Benoit. Alternates: None listed.

**CAROLINE COUNTY VOL. FIREFMEN’S ASSOCIATION** – P.O. Box 402, 11077 Garland Rd. Denton MD 21629; Telephone: 410-479-0488. President: Patti Gordy; Vice President: Doug Ramey; Secretary: Jan Blades; Treasurer: Keith Mowbray; Chaplain: Carol Price. No Delegates listed.
CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT – All paid Department; Chief: Michael 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.

MARYLAND FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION BOARD – E-mail: egraf@mfri.org. Chair: Michael Robison; Co-Chair: Keith FairFax, Jr. Secretary: Daniel Stevens; Treasurer: Russell Strickland; Delegates: Michael Robison, Russell Strickland, Ted Porter, Keith FairFax, Jr, Lawrence Preston. Alternates: Daniel Stevens, Evelyn Graf, Robert Rose.

**HERFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMS ASSOCIATION –** 343C Granny Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050; President: Albert Bair; Vice President: Bill Dousa; Secretary: Christopher Gibbons; Treasurer: Delegates: Gene Worthington, Chaplain: Dave Graham.

**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.


**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 Website: VFIS.com.

**FREDERICK COUNTY FIRE 7 EMS 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: Micky Fyock; Vice President: John Zimmerman; Secretary: Angie Cheshire; 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: Robert Kelly. Communications Manager: Tom Mattingly, Jr.; Emergency Services Coordinator: Stanley Williams; Emergency Management Manager: Gerald Gardiner; Delegates: Stanley Williams, Thomas Mattingly,
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference

Jr, Jaclyn Shaw, Mark Pettit. Alternates: John Raley, Dennis Wolcott, Rick Corcoran, Scott Raley, James Yeatman.

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.

SELECTIVE INSURANCE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S INSURANCE SERVICES
Did Not Register at the 2006 Convention and Conference.

*** Registered in 2011
“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”
CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION
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. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, William M. Crimmons, Hiram R. Heck, O. D. Golbert and their associates and successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of “The Maryland State Firemen’s Association”, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and be capable in law to hold and dispose of property, real and personal, to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law and equity; to have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and adopt a constitution and bylaws for the government of said body corporate and its affairs provided the same shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State or the United States; to elect officers and directors and generally to do every other act or thing to carry into effect the provisions of this act, or to promote the objects and designs of the said corporation.

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. McCordell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, O. D. Gilbert, William M. Crimmins and Hiram R. Heck shall be officers and managers of said corporation until the second Thursday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and shall serve as such until their successors are elected.

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 FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION as approved and received for record by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland, November 21, 1975 at 8:30 o’clock A.M.

RICHARD H. KELLER
CHARTER SPECIALIST, II
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO THE CHARTER OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

FIRST: That the General Convention of the members of the Corporation, called by its governing body, and duly convened pursuant to the Constitution of the Corporation on June 17, 1975, upon recommendation of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation, the membership has voted to amend the Charter as follows:

SECOND: The Resident Agent of the corporation shall be: JAMES C. ROBERTSON, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

THIRD: The principal of the Corporation shall be located at the Fire Service Extension Building, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

FOURTH: The Charter is amended by striking out Section 2 and section 3 of the Charter and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 2. And be it enacted, that the object and purpose of this Corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the Volunteer Firemen and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of the State of Maryland, to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to ensure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the Volunteer Firemen and volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of Volunteer Fire, 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)

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 Articles 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 day of August, 1996.

TEST: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Leonard T. King, Secretary By: Stephan D. Cox, President

STATE OF MARYLAND: COUNTY OF Baltimore: TO WIT: 1996, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of the said corporation and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, and acknowledged the 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
Constitution-
Article I    Name and Membership
Article II   Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences
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Article K    Committee Duties
Article L    Non-Discrimination

***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 Two hundred dollars ($ 200.00) as annual dues or in the case of new members, a pro rata amount for the current year (payable with the initiation fee), said sum constituting dues for the current fiscal year. Twenty dollars ($20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

Section 3- The MSFA is authorized to suspend a membership, so issued, at any time it determines that the Member Company is proven to be in violation of or no longer meets the qualifications as prescribed under this Article.

Section 4- Associate Membership- Any fire, rescue or ambulance company which does not otherwise meet the standards for membership in the MSFA; and any organization which provides direct services either in supporting any volunteer fire company, rescue company, or ambulance service, by the provision of collateral services which aid the volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland in providing their services, shall be entitled to apply and upon approval to become Associate Members of the MSFA. Such application would require review and approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Associate Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. In order to qualify as Associate Member, the applicant organization must provide services, which directly benefit career or volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue companies of the State of Maryland, such as providing for services at the scene of an emergency, fund raising for such organizations or other similar purposes. The application shall contain a statement of the purpose of the organization applying for Associate Membership, and that it is effectively a non-profit organization; that it is an organization which does not exist for the profit of any individual member thereof, but for humanitarian purposes. The annual dues for Associate Membership would be fifty dollars ($ 50.00). The first year’s dues plus a five-dollar ($ 5.00) initiation fee must accompany the application. Twenty dollars ($ 20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships. Associate Members once approved as such, are entitled to attend activities of the MSFA. However, Associate Members shall not be entitled to a vote with regard to the 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 MFSA for review and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Sustaining Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. The application shall identify the applicant with regard to the name of the applicant, whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, the primary business of the applicant, the nature of activities in which the applicant is involved; other than its primary business, the reason for the application, the type of pecuniary or collateral support the applicant proposes to provide to the MSFA, and the nature and constituency of its directors or membership or any other persons having a directorial or managerial interest in the applicant organization. The application will be accompanied by the first year’s annual dues of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), plus a five-dollar ($5.00) initiation fee. Two hundred dollars ($200.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships. The applicant, upon approval as a Sustaining Member, would be entitled to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA and, by invitation, selected meetings of the Executive Committee of the MSFA, but would have neither a right to a seat in the Annual Convention and Conference nor a right to vote with respect to the affairs of the MSFA. The Sustaining Member shall receive the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Trumpet magazine, window decal, and an appropriate recognition award as approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 6 - The President shall designate a Special Committee to study and report on the application of any person, firm or corporation for either Associate or Sustaining Membership and to, thereafter, report to the Executive Committee its recommendations with respect to the applicant. Such Special Committee would consist of no less than two (2) members of the Executive Committee, two (2) past presidents of the MSFA, the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and the Chairman of the Standards Committee. In addition, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, up to three (3) additional members-at-large may be appointed to the Special Committee to study and make a recommendation with respect to the application for Associate or Sustaining Membership. This committee shall not exist beyond the recommendation for any subject application.

Section 7 - The Executive Committee shall report on the approval of all Associate or 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.

Section 12- Member companies of the MSFA and members of those companies shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or members of those companies who are accused of misconduct as defined in the Constitution and By-laws of the MSFA shall be subject to a hearing by the Executive Committee. Misconduct shall be defined as acting in such a manner and fashion so as to expose the MSFA or the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services to negative publicity and ridicule by failing to act to remedy an event of misconduct by a member(s) of its Company. Upon a Member Company or member(s) of a company violating this provision, the Executive Committee shall direct the MSFA Secretary to notify the company, in writing, of the specifics of the misconduct and request a representative of the company to appear before the Executive Committee at a specific time and place. The Executive Committee in executive closed session shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and Bylaws violation. The accused shall be accorded due process during the hearing and shall have the right to be heard. After the formal hearing the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, suspend membership privileges, fine or expel the member.

ARTICLE II- ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCES
**Section 1-** The Annual Convention and Conference shall be held annually in June. Business sessions shall be at the call of the President. The President shall develop an Order of Business for the Annual Convention and Conference, to be approved by the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee Meeting in the new calendar year. The Order of Business shall enumerate the business session planned and provide, at a minimum, for Reports of Officers; Reports of Committees; Nomination of Officers; Voting for Officers and Constitution and By-Laws changes; Unfinished Business; New Business; Good of the Association; and any other Business to come before the Annual Convention and Conference in the Business Sessions. The location of the Annual Convention and Conference shall be chosen by a majority of the 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 Committee.

**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 and Life Safety 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.

Public Relations Committee- At least five (5) members all to be appointed annually.

Safety Committee- At least five (5) members, terms of two (2) years with three (3) members to be appointed in odd-numbered years and two (2) members 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.

Planning Committee- At least five (5) 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)- (Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-203). 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 two hundred dollars ($ 2,200.00), 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 parent or parents;
   (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 of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-203, 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 firemen, 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:

(l) 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

(V) 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 squad 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 the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-202 and 7-203 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 BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (2/2007). (Injured 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 BENEFITS” (MSFABT FORM 2 (2/2007) 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 BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (2/2007) 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 BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (2/2007) 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 (1/2000) 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 ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS OF DECEASED” (MSFA-BT FORM 5 (2/2007) 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 DEATH BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 3 (2/2007) and “COMPANY RESOLUTION” (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/2000)). 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 DEATH BENEFIT” (MSFA-BT FORM 3 (2/2007) section (Physician’s Report) and signed and forward same to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. 20

(4) Forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the “COMPANY RESOLUTION” (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/2000) 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 4 (2/2007).

Section 4- If at anytime there is not a sufficient amount in the hands of the Treasurer to pay a death benefit of Five thousand ($ 5,000.00) 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 Five thousand ($ 5,000.00) 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 misstating the true facts of the accident shall be SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION AT THE TRUSTEES UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), VOLUME ON CR 8-402, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SECTIONS THEREOF.

Section 8- The Board of Trustees shall maintain and publish a procedural guide on procedures for applying for benefits under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Federal Public Safety Officer’s Death Benefits Program and under similar Maryland programs.

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 MSFA, shall nevertheless be subject to approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and available funding, in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

G) The Board shall recommend annually to the Executive Committee of the MSFA the rate of interest charged on the loans.

H) The Board shall not be limited nor otherwise bound with regard to its consideration of an application by any previous action it has taken with respect to any other applicant or application.

I) The Board shall receive and disburse funds in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

J) The Board shall in any event be subject in all of its activities to the provisions of the, herein before, statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

K) The Board shall submit an annual report to the Association, which shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management and to the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland by August 30 of each fiscal year.

**ARTICLE IX- FOUNDATIONS, BOARDS, AND AGENCIES**

*Section 1-* The MSFA Foundation is a corporate entity related to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The Foundation raises funds which provide benefits to the Association. The Foundation reports on its activities to the Executive Committee of the Association.

*Section 2-* The President shall appoint representatives to all government boards and commissions established by Government agencies, wherein the MSFA is requested to send the name of one (1) or more individuals to the appropriate Appointment Secretary, for the Government body making the request.

*Section 3-* Where a board or commission has been created, wherein one (1) or more members of the voluntary emergency services would be appropriate to serve as members and where no specific request has been made of the MSFA, the following action shall be taken. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee shall direct the Secretary to send to the Chief Executive of the Governmental body creating or establishing the board or commission, one (1) or more names of persons to be considered for appointment as appropriate to represent the interest of the Maryland voluntary emergency services.

***BY-LAWS***

**ARTICLE A- STATUS AND AMENDMENTS**
Section 1- By-Laws shall not be enacted contrary to the form and substance of the MSFA Constitution.

Section 2- Any of the By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendment at any Annual or Special Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE B- CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- All those entitled to seats in the Annual Convention and Conference shall be entitled to vote upon every question; but no member shall vote on any question in which they have a direct pecuniary interest. The presiding officer of a convention and conference shall not vote unless there is a tie. (Note: See Articles II and III of the Constitution).

Section 2- If any ten (10) member companies require it; the yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the records of the MSFA.

Section 3- Any ten (10) member companies may call for the “previous question” and if it is ordered all debate shall cease and the pending question shall be at once put to the convention and conference.

Section 4- The President of the Convention and Conference shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Convention and Conference. In case of an appeal the point of order may be debated.

Section 5- Any person called to order shall immediately take his seat until the point of order is decided, when he shall be again entitled to the floor and while speaking shall confine himself to the question and shall not use any personalities or indecorous language.

Section 6- At least one (1) delegate or one (1) alternate from one hundred (100) 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 Committee.

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 " 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 " or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) hose for companies with approved water supply, five hundred (500) feet 2 " 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 " or larger fire hose.

4) Two hundred fifty (250) feet 1 " to 2" hose (NST coupling). Apparatus purchased after July 1991 will carry four hundred (400) feet 1 " to 2" (NST coupling) fire hose.

5) One hundred fifty (150) feet 1 " 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 " 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 " tips.

12) Two (2) 1 " nozzles, shut off type, with combination fog and straight stream, 95 GPM.

13) Two (2) 2 " double female couplings.

14) Two (2) 2 " double male couplings.

15) One (1) 2 " wye reducer with two 1 " shut-off discharges.
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16) One (1) reducer, 2 _" female to 1 _" male.
17) One (1) reducer, double female from suction hose size to 2 _" NST, with
swivel.
18) Four (4) 2 _" 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 _" Underwriters relay fitting with shut off gate and 2 _" 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 biowaste
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
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.

3) Eight hundred (800) feet 2 _” or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) hose.

4) Four hundred (400) feet of 1 _” 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.

5) One (1) 14 foot minimum roof ladder with folding hooks.

6) One (1) 24 foot minimum extension ladder (fire service approved) and one (1) 10 foot folding ladder, which either shall be mounted or compartmentalized.

7) Two (2) pike poles, one (1) 6 foot and one (1) 8 foot minimum.

8) One (1) 30” minimum forcible entry bar, which must be mounted.

9) Two (2) axes, one (1) pick head and one (1) flat head (fire department type), which shall be mounted.

10) Two (2) 2 _” or equivalent nozzles shut off type with fog tip or combination,
200 GPM.
11) One (1) play pipe 1" with 1"", 1 1/8"", and 1" tips.
12) Two (2) 1" nozzles shut off type, with combination fog and straight stream, variable flow.
13) Two (2) 2" double female couplings.
14) Two (2) 2" double male couplings.
15) One (1) hose clamp.
16) One (1) 2" wye reducer with 1" shut-off discharges.
17) One (1) reducer, 2" female to 1" male.
18) One (1) reducer, double female from suction hose size to 2" NST, with swivel.
19) One (1) rubber mallet, suitable for use on suction hose connections.
20) Four (4) combination spanner wrenches with brackets, to be mounted.
21) Two (2) adjustable hydrant wrenches with brackets, to be mounted.
22) Two (2) salvage covers, 12 feet X 14 feet minimum, water repellent.
23) Four (4) ladder straps or rope or chain hose tools.
24) One hundred twenty-five (125) feet 9,000 lb tensile strength lifeline kernmantle. All other utility ropes at the discretion of the fire department.
25) One (1) long handle broom.
26) One (1) long handle mop.
27) One (1) long handle shovel.
28) One (1) pair, insulated bolt cutters with 7/16" throat opening minimum cut, non-electric.
29) One (1) toolbox with hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers, and other assorted tools.
30) One (1) First Aid Kit per NFPA pamphlet 1901 or revised edition.
31) Two (2) portable electric hand lanterns, with mounting brackets, to be mounted.
32) Two (2) portable extinguishers, one (1) 80BC rating powder type, one (1) 10BC rating CO2 type with brackets, to be mounted.
33) 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.
34) Two (2) wheel chocks mounted in readily accessible location.
35) Apparatus shall have a means of communication from rear step to driver (buzzer, bell, or intercom).
36) One (1) 2" underwriters relay fitting with shut-off gate and 2" swivel, female threads, NST, preconnected to pump.
37) Eight (8) thirty (30) minute safety flares.
38) One (1) set of three (3) emergency road triangles.
39) One (1) 2" quarter turn valve, relay valve.
40) One (1) siamese (2" female X 2" female X 2" male, clappered).
41) 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.
42) All equipment to be maintained ready for service at all times.
43) At the rear of the tank, 4 _" or greater size gated discharge gravity or jet dump NST. (Optional)
44) 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 _ inch gated inlet, and two (2) 2 _ 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 _” or larger fire hose and nozzle.
8) Two hundred (200) feet 2 _” 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 _” double females.
15) Two (2) 2 _” double males.
16) One (1) 2’’ female X 1’’ 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’’ 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’’ double females.
12) Two (2) 2’’ 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) 2 _" 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 4 _" gated discharge, gravity or jet dump, NST.
14) One (1) 2 _" 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 ", 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 double female Hose Adapters.
32) Two (2) 2 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
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 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” 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 Biowaste 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, sealable 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: Nonrebreather 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.
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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 FMVSS-213.

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 (SPLASH 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 Screwdriver 12” standard slot blade.
7) One (1) each Pliers, Channel-lock, adjustable.
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 _” 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, _” 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).
4) Functional head, tail, and signal lights.

**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
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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.
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 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 “21 g needles.

INTRAVENOUS 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 twistlock connectors, one (1) 3-way electrical junction box and assorted pigtail/adapters. Four (4) 500-watt portable lights with twistlock 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 biowaste 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.
25) One (1) each Oxygen cylinder, tubing and regulator.
26) Two (2) each HEPA Masks.
27) Two (2) each Gown 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 tow vehicle:
      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
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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”) 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.

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 3/4") by one hundred fifty feet (150’) with sixty (60) GPM nozzle.
   4) Two (2) lengths of hose one and one/half inch (1 1/2") 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 1/2”) 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.

g) 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 and Life Safety Committee** shall develop and promote a statewide year-round fire prevention program. The program shall be planned and promoted to inform the people of Maryland of all age groups. The program shall be developed and carried forward in cooperation with the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the State Fire Marshall, who will serve as technical advisors to the Committee. The Committee may enlist the aid of any interested organization, group or individuals at the discretion of the Fire Prevention 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 Foundation or from other sources. The Committee is authorized to solicit funds for grants or loans from any source it deems proper. The Committee shall from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations relating to its duties, eligibility of applicants or recipients, acceptable sources of funds to be solicited or regulations dealing with liability of a given recipient to repay part 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
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 Planning Committee shall in conjunction with the Presidents and Executive Committee develop short and long range goals and plans of the Association.

Section 18- The Special Activities Committee shall devise and manage fundraising 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, Marber 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. The Constitution and By-laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association have been revised and updated with the amendments approved at the 116th Annual Convention and Conference held at Ocean City, Maryland, June 14-20, 2008.

Dennis Skinner
Chairman
Constitution & By-laws Committee
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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
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference

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:
   Jacqueline M. Olson
   424 Greenland Beach Rd.
   Baltimore, MD 21226

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.

Previous Recipients:

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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 March 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

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 are 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 **No later than 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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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 **No later than April 15 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, in 2002. The ribbon is gold with four stripes of purple and the gold medal is inscribed as Marbery F. Gates Award.

4. Each individual nominated will receive a 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—

**Nominations No Later than April 15 of Each Year** to:

C. Dan Carpenter, III
Chairman
MSFA Hall of Fame Committee
1106 Cornwall Drive
La Plata, MD 20646

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CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company in Convention Parade

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated – Montgomery County, Maryland

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee

Background: In memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) and a man whose impact on the fire service was felt nationwide, the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County, Maryland) with the foreknowledge and endorsement of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Gibbons family, shall sponsor the annual A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award for the best appearing company in the MSFA Convention Parade.

Starting with the 1992 MSFA Convention, a trophy will be awarded by the parade judges at the regular award ceremony following the parade and will be presented to the best appearing company for their edification and personal safekeeping until the following MSFA Annual Convention. At that time, during the opening ceremony, the trophy will be formally surrendered to the Convention Chairman, who will then present a permanent award to the surrendering company. The trophy will then remain on display until it is re-awarded.

The perpetual trophy and permanent award will be provided by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County) in memory of our brother, Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, who served with profound distinction for the forty-two years in many capacities, including President and Fire Chief.

Because Marvin was the driving force behind the annual MSFA Convention Parade and because he personally choreographed the opening ceremony of our convention it was universally felt that this award, having an impact upon both the annual parade and opening ceremony, would be a fitting tribute and memorial to this great man.
The award shall be presented to the company which, in the sole opinion of the parade judges, presents the best overall appearance considering such factors as: number of and composition of units, number of personnel in uniform, decorum, demeanor, and esprit de corps.

SECTION 1 – ANNOUNCEMENT - The following announcement was submitted to the MSFA for inclusion in the Awards Information Manual:
Name of Award: Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award.
Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company/Department in Line of Parade, Annual MSFA Convention Parade.
Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., (Montgomery County).
Award Judged By: MSFA Annual Convention Parade Judges.

SECTION 2 – CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS

Arthur Marvin Gibbons was born on April 14, 1927 in Washington, D.C. For over forty-two years, Chief Gibbons made significant and lasting contributions to the fire service of his community, Montgomery County, the State, and the Nation.

In his community, Marvin joined the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 and served as Fire Chief for sixteen years and as President for four terms. In 1961, he was named Montgomery County “Fireman of the Year”.

At the county level, Marvin worked enthusiastically for “Bill 1” which established a seven member Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Fire Board. This committee developed policy for the fire and rescue services of Montgomery County. Chief Gibbons served as chairman or vice-chairman of the Fire Board for fourteen years. During his tenure, he spearheaded the movement to establish the county’s Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). This program was the first of its type to recognize the service of volunteer fire and rescue personnel and has spread throughout our nation.

Also while Chairman of the Fire Board, Marvin helped to established the Heart Mobil which was the forerunner to the current Paramedic Program. In addition, he was personally involved with the building of the Public Safety Training Academy. Chief Gibbons hired the first Training Officer, the late Warren Isman and hired the first Director of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Chief David B. Gratz. Both of these individuals went on to become known internationally in the fire service community.

When Chief Gibbons recognized that Montgomery County lacked adequate mutual aid agreements, he attacked the problem. He used his common sense and uncommon persuasive abilities to forge the mutual aid agreements that now exist among all metropolitan area jurisdictions.
Upon retiring from the Fire Board, Chief Gibbons was elected Chairman Emeritus. Chief Gibbons also served as President of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Association.

At the state level, Chief Gibbons, for many years, worked tirelessly for the MSFA Convention, organizing the parade, choreographing the opening ceremonies, and serving as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Convention Committee. In 1977 Marvin was elected President of the MSFA. Following his tenure as President, Chief Gibbons continued his work with the Association on numerous committees. In 1981, Chief Gibbons was elected to the “Hall of Fame.”

His efforts just prior to his death were more national in scope. Chief Gibbons was instrumental in establishing a National Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial erected at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This memorial, and the annual ceremony which recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their fellow citizens, was truly one of Marvin’s proudest achievements. In 1990, Chief Gibbons was honored with an award for outstanding service from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his work in overseeing the design and construction of the Memorial.

Chief Gibbons held honorary memberships in the following organizations: Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s County; Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County; Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Upper Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Montgomery County.

Chief Gibbons was a life member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a charter member of Heroes, Inc.

On May 16, 1993, the Fire and Rescue Service Wing of the Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy was dedicated in memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

Marvin Gibbons was raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Anacostia High School. He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado for 23 months in the Pacific during World War II. Chief Gibbons married May Ann Campbell. They raised two sons, Michael C. and A. Marvin III. Marvin’s grandchildren include: Lauren A., Michael C. II, Kelly L., and Marvin IV.

Chief A. Marvin Gibbons passed away on December 13, 1990 at his home in Lighthouse Point, Florida.
Marvin was admired for his accomplishments, love for his wit, and respected for his decency. He saw the good in every person. A friend of both the mighty and the meek; Marvin nonetheless possessed uncommon humility.

Those of us who knew Marvin personally will never forget his happy demeanor, caring personality, and high values. Those who did not have that special privilege will still have his remarkable legacy of good works.

Marvin Gibbons will always be a beacon of honor and genuine hero to the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION 3 – THE MEMORIAL AWARD

1.1 INTRODUCTION – The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award consists of four major components: the pedestal, the felt field, the granite base, and the speaking trumpet. In addition, the award also includes a support for the trumpet and a dust cover. Each of the major components represents a specific aspect of the life of A. Marvin Gibbons.

1.2 PEDESTAL - The pedestal forms the foundation of the A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award. Just as Marvin Gibbons was in life, this pedestal is robust, solid, and distinguished looking. The pedestal, made of solid mahogany, is octagonal in shape and measures forty inches high and approximately twenty-five inches across. The pedestal rests on a one inch base plate. In the top surface of the pedestal is a circular felt field. This felt field is red, Marvin’s favorite color. The felt field measures approximately eighteen inches in diameter. Upon this surface rests the granite base.

1.3 GRANITE BASE - The base of the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award is made from Elberton dark blue-gray granite. The stone measures twelve and five-eighth 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 a 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 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.

1.2 INSURANCE - The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department initially carried 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.

Previous Recipients:

1992  Easton Volunteer Fire Department  Talbot County
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2007  Easton Volunteer Fire Company  Talbot County
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2009  Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company  Kent County
2010  Easton Volunteer Fire Company  Talbot County
2011  Easton Volunteer Fire Company  Talbot County
GLADHILL – THOMPSON TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Outstanding contribution to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Sponsor: Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Elected Officers

Background: This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen’s Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson.

Award Rules:

1. Eligibility - - -
   A. The following are eligible:
      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:

Jacqueline M. Olson, Secretary
424 Greenland Beach Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21226

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/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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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 was service to the MSFA and then service to the individual’s department and local jurisdiction. Through the year 1985 the Hall of Fame Committee was authorized to select up to twenty (20) inductees into the Hall of Fame, and hence the selection shall be limited to ten (10) inductees, either living or deceased. The award shall be made at the Annual Convention. Distinguished service to the MSFA is the primary consideration, with service to the member’s company and county to be considered also.

Award Rules:
1. During the year 1981 thru 1985, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.

2. Beginning in the year 1986, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue or EMS 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:
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 nominee’s 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 April 15th of each year to be considered. Until selected, a letter of nomination for an individual must be submitted each year, nomination letters will not be carried over from year to year.

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. Dan Carpenter III
Chairman
1106 Cornwall Dr.
La Plata, MD 20646
301-609-8651

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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 five (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 official te 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; with the stage portion of the contest to 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 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 Committees 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 ____________________________

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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

Previous Recipients:
1980 Terri Judge 1989 Jennifer I. Laird
1981 KimberlyAnn Kessler 1990 Bonnie Rae Crispin
1982 Melanie Susan Webster 1991 Nicole Bordogan
1983 Cheryl Reese 1992 Jennifer Harman
1984 Carolyn Boone 1993 Susan Truslow
1985 Alica Kozier 1994 Jennifer Weedon
1987 Tammy Conners 1996 Heather Langley
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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 departments on an annual basis. This award was presented by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and accepted by the Executive Committee in 1999.

Award Qualifications: In order for a candidate to be considered for this award, he/she must meet at least (1) one of the following criteria:

1. Be a duly elected legislative official representing a Maryland municipality, a Maryland county, the State of Maryland or the Federal Government.
2. Be a member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Legislative Committee
3. Be a member of a county emergency services association’s legislative
committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or 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
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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

ROBERT H SHIMER ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Award Sponsor: Shimer Family

Award Administered By: Robert H. Shimer Administrative Person of the Year Award Committee

Background: The Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year award was established by the Shimer family and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee on February 22, 2004. The award was established to honor Robert H. Shimer, for the years of dedicated service he gave the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Service as a President and a Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. President of the 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 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
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference

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 April 15th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the award that will be given.

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SILVER SPRING TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of fire prevention efforts by an individual

Award Sponsor: Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

Background: The Silver Spring Trophy was established in 1981 by the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Executive Committee. This award is presented each year at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most in fire prevention for his/her community. The award is for an individual effort and, therefore, submission on the entry must be for one individual rather than a group or department effort. The intent of the award is to recognize fire prevention activities which the individual performs within his/her community. The trophy is held by the individual for one year and then passed on. The winner will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The individual will also receive the Silver Spring Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is silver/blue and the silver medal is inscribed as Silver Spring Fire Prevention and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The recipient must be a volunteer firefighter
2. The individual must be nominated by his/her fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete
detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.

5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State Fire Marshal’s Office on later than **April 30th**.

6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.

7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).

8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee’s procedures.

9. The decision of the judges shall be final.

10. Nominations must include the nominee’s name, title, fire department name, and other pertinent information.


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

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual’s contributions toward firefighter/EMS safety.

Award Sponsor: The family of Smith N. Statthem, 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. Statthem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award was established in 1998 by the MSFA Safety Committee and the family of Past President Statthem. 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. Statthem, 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. Statthem, Jr., Safety Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a member of an organization that is a member of the MSFA.
2. The submission must be on the official MSFA Nomination Form and include the name and contact information on the person recommending the nominee in the space provided. The Company Chief or President must sign the “endorsed by” line of the form.

3. The nomination must include complete detailed information on the efforts performed by the individual during the previous calendar year. Supporting exhibits and documentation must be submitted in detail.

4. The nomination package must be submitted to the MSFA Safety Committee no later than May 1st.

5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-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. & 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 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 was changed to include formal training offered by other recognized agencies as well.

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 includes:
   - All courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI
Formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue Academies

Courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS

Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy, and

Refresher training classes in the following areas:

- CPR
- AED
- CEU
- Bloodborne Pathogens

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

2. The number of active members in your department as reported on the Statistical Report provided to the MSFA Statistical Committee for the most recent fiscal year will be used to compute the average number of training hours per active member. The Statistical Report submitted by each member company should reflect the actual number of members responding to calls and taking training. Accurate and up to date training records can prove to be an asset in legal decisions and ISO rating. If you did not submit a report to the Statistical Committee, this information cannot be verified and your application will not be considered.

3. To be considered for this award, complete the attached application and submit it to the following address no later than April 15th to:

MSFA Training Committee
c/o Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742
APPLICATION FOR ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD

IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. CROMWELL ZEMBOWER
TRAINING YEAR JULY 1, _____ THROUGH JUNE 30, _____

Department Name _________________________________________________

Mailing Address ___________________________________________________

City _____________________________________________________________

County _____________________________ Zip Code _______________

On an attached sheet, list all the courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI, formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire & 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 censure eligibility. Formula for Computing Points:

1 Multiply number of hours for each course or seminar by the number of students successfully completing that course or seminar to determine the number of student hours for that course or seminar. The training information will be based on information provided by the sponsoring organization.

1 Total the student hours for all courses and seminars.

3 Divide the total number of student hours (in #2) 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 Company; 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 agencies.

Emergency Medical Technician – Basic 110
EMT – Bridge 24
Emergency Medical Services Officer I 48
First Responder Basic 42
First Responder Refresher 12
Aerial Apparatus Operators 6
Aerial Apparatus Operator (Combined TCO & AAO) 24
Arson Investigation for Officers 6
Fire Command I 27
Fire Officer I 60
Fire Officer II 42
Firefighter I 93
Firefighter II 57
Fireground Operations I 24
Fireground Operations II 24
Protective Envelope & Foam 9
Pumps 30
Special Fires 24
Sprinkler & Standpipe 6
Truck Company Operations 24
Emergency Vehicle Driver in Service 12
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course 39
Rescue Technician 60
Rescue Specialist I 45
Rescue Refresher 27
Instructor Training I 30
Instructor Training II 54
Hazardous Materials Operations 24

One day seminars are considered 6 hours and two day seminars are considered
12 hours. Seminars may include Executive Development Seminars, Chief
Officer Seminar, Hazardous Materials Training, Confined Space Training,
Rescue Weekends, etc. CPR training and other classes offered in stations must
be documented with the number of hours of all students. Documentation can
include AHA or ARC pocket cards, or a signed letter from a certified instructor. All courses will be reviewed by the Training Committee for verification and acceptance of the appropriateness of the training for award consideration.

The following list of National Fire Academy courses is not an exhaustive list, but are those that are routinely offered and are 12 hours each: IRHMIBC; IRHMICI; MCTO: Decision Making, MCTO: Preparation; MCTO: Tactics, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, and Basic Life Support – Hazardous Materials.

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION FAMILY APPRECIATION PROGRAM AWARD

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

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Recruitment and Retention Committee

Award Administered By: Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee

Award Rules:

1. Open to any volunteer member of the Maryland fire/EMS service who has a family (spouse, child, children.)

2. Member MUST be active in their capacity as a member.

3. Candidates will be nominated by their company, with the form signed by the chief, president, or other officer using official nomination form.

4. The committee will divide the State into various regions using the MFRI regions as models.

5. A sub-committee of the MSFA – Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee will select the winners based on the nomination form content and the following factors:
   a. Number of entries versus numbers of packages available
   b. Evaluation of nominations by regions
   c. Each region will have a proportionate number of awards

6. A lottery may be used to determine the final winners if more qualified applicants exist than awards available.

7. Nominations must be received by May 1st.
8. Awards will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference

9. Awards will be redeemed in accordance with the vendors' condition.

10. Members of the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee, Executive Committee and MSFA Presidents are excluded from the program.

**Family Appreciation Program Award Nomination Form**

Nominee must:

- Exhibit consistent positive effort toward training, response, and administrative duties

- Exhibit consistent positive effort to attend meetings, help with fund raising, and work on committees

- Exhibit overall effort to support the team concept (NOTE: Not necessarily the team leader, but an active member of the team)

- Active member for at least one year

- Narrative of 250 words or less …. Typed or printed. This award is NOT based on a single act of heroism, but rather the consistent community volunteer effort in the fire/rescue service

- No attachments

Name of nominee: ___________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________

Telephone: (Day) __________________ (Evening) ___________________

County ____________________________________________________
Department or Squad ____________________________________________

Name and Title of Nominator: ____________________________________

Address of Nominator: __________________________________________

Telephone: (Day) __________________ (Evening) ___________________

Mail 3 copies of this page + 3 copies of narrative to:
   Marcline Goodloe, Chair
   MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee
   4122 Mitscher Court
   Kensington, MD 20895

All nominations must be received by May 1st.

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--- TROPHIES AND AWARDS ---

Second Place Trophy
Best Appearing Company from Virginia Trophy
Second Place Trophy
Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 years or older) Trophy
Second Place Trophy
Third Place Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy
Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 years or older) Trophy
Best Appearing Emergency Apparatus over Twenty Years Old (in service) Trophy
Second Place Trophy
Third Place Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy
Best Appearing Adult, Non Fire Service Color Guard Trophy
Second Place Trophy
Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot (Dalmatian, Etc.) Trophy
Second Place Trophy
Hard Luck Award Trophy
Judges Award Trophy
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PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!!

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 1630 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

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 RULES

ALL Participants in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association’s Convention Parade

Parade Monitors will be monitoring the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

1. Public drinking
2. Pulling of hose or other equipment from apparatus
3. Blowing of sirens or air horns
4. Backing of apparatus
5. Throwing of any type material from apparatus
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress
8. Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
9. Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
10. Personnel on apparatus in an unsafe position or over crowded positions
11. Excessive non uniform personnel on apparatus
12. Individuals reviewing the parade, jumping into the line of parade march of a unit or interfering with bands, queens, majorette groups, etc.
13. Operation of any vehicle in a unsafe or reckless manner
14. If seatbelts or other safety devices are provided they must be worn in their proper manner
15. 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, make a positive impression on the public we serve, and have a parade we can ALL be proud of - - NOT one to be ashamed of because of the performance of a few!

FREE FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED, TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PARADE PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, IN THE REAR OF THE CONVENTION CENTER

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 119th Annual Convention and Conference

119TH Annual Convention and Conference Parade
Ocean City, Maryland
June 24, 2011 – 1300 hours

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Maryland Company making the Best Appearance
The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Maryland Company making the 2nd Best Appearance

HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

President’s Award

OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Company Coming Longest Distance

EASTERN GARRETT COUNTY

Best Appearing Fire Dept. Marching Unit 10 or More Personnel

1ST PLACE – EASTON
2ND PLACE – HOLLYWOOD
3RD PLACE – CHEASAPEAKE CITY

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel

EASTON
Bands
Senior Band

1st PLACE - $500.00 – WESTMINSTER BAND

Majorettes making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – SILVER STARLETTES

Best Comic Entry

HECTOR – THE FIRE SAFETY CLOWN

Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary

1st PLACE – CHESAPEAKE CITY

Auxiliary in Uniform Coming the Longest Distance

1ST PLACE – FRUITLAND

Governor’s Fire Prevention Award

GOVERNOR TROPHY - HOLLYWOOD

Best Appearing Adult Queen

1ST PLACE – SAMANTHA McCLELLAN, RISING SUN
2ND PLACE – LARA PRETTYMAN – ST. MICHAELS
3RD PLACE – JENNIFER BARCIZ
4TH PLACE – DANI BROWN, SINGERLY
HONORABLE MENTION – LAURA JACKSON, TALBOT
Best Appearing Junior Queen

1ST PLACE – CHEYENNE COLLETT - GOLDSBORO
2ND PLACE – MICHAELLA PATRICK - PERRYVILLE
3RD PLACE – COURTNEY MYERS – MSFA WESTERN MD
4TH PLACE – KRYS TAL BROCKELL – CECIL COUNTY
HONORABLE MENTION – CARI McHENRY – MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Best Appearing Little Miss Queen

1ST PLACE – EMILY DOVE – BAY DISTRICT
2ND PLACE – ALANA DOMINICK - GOLDSBORO
3RD PLACE – CALEIGH FREEMAN - CORDOVA
4TH PLACE – MACY McDOVIDLAK
HONORABLE MENTION – KELSEY ROLAND, RISING SUN
GRACE ACETO – MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief

1ST PLACE – ERIC JORDAN – MD FIRE CHIEFS
2ND PLACE – TIMOTHY HARDESTY - RIDGELEY
3RD PLACE – COLTON WILKINS – CABIN JOHN
4TH PLACE – COLTON MILLER - KENNEDYVILLE

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company

1ST PLACE – ELKRIDGE – HOWARD COUNTY.
2ND PLACE – ENGLISH CONSUL – BALTIMORE COUNTY

Emergency Apparatus

1500 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – INDEPENDENT HOSE
2ND PLACE – TAKOMA PARK
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3RD PLACE – ENGLISH CONSUL
HONORABLE MENTION – BRANCHVILLE
HONORABLE MENTION – EAST NEW MARKET
HONORABLE MENTION – SMITHSBURG
HONORABLE MENTION – HOLLYWOOD
HONORABLE MENTION – BAY DISTRICT
HONORABLE MENTION – PRINCE FREDERICK
HONORABLE MENTION – TRAPPE

1200 GPM and over Making Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – ENGLISH CONSUL
2nd Place – PRINCE FREDERICK
3rd Place – GRASONVILLE
HONORABLE MENTION – CORDOVA
HONORABLE MENTION – GOLDSBORO
HONORABLE MENTION – SINGERLY
HONORABLE MENTION – CHURCH HILL
HONORABLE MENTION – EAST NEW MARKET
HONORABLE MENTION – PEACH BOTTOM
HONORABLE MENTION – DUNKIRK

1000 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – PARSONSBURG
2ND PLACE – FRUITLAND
3RD PLACE – PITTSVILLE
HONORABLE MENTION – CRISFIELD
HONORABLE MENTION - EASTON

Best Appearing Rescue Pumper

1ST PLACE - ROCKVILLE
2ND PLACE – CHESAPEAKE CITY
3RD PLACE – SELBYVILLE

516
Best Appearing Pumper Tanker
1500 Gallon Capacity & Over

1ST PLACE – CHESTNUT RIDGE
2ND PLACE – MARDELA SPRINGS
3RD PLACE – RIDGE

Best Appearing Tanker
1500 Gallon Capacity & Over

1ST PLACE – EASTON
2ND PLACE – BERLIN
3RD SNOW HILL

Best Appearing Brush Unit Pick-Up
100 GPM & Under

1ST PLACE - CHURCH HILL
2ND PLACE – ELKRIDGE
3RD PLACE – WEST FRIENDSHIP

Best Appearing Brush Unit Pick-up
Over 100 GPM

1ST PLACE – ELLIOTTS ISLAND
2ND PLACE – PRINCE FREDERICK
3RD PLACE – CORDOVA

Best Appearing Aerial Truck

1ST PLACE – BAY DISTRICT
2ND PLACE – PROVIDENCE
3RD PLACE – ODENTON
Best Appearing Elevated Platform

1ST PLACE – CHURCH HILL
2ND PLACE – KENSINGTON
3RD PLACE – JOPPA MAGNOLIA

Best Appearing Squad

1ST PLACE – PIKESVILLE
2ND PLACE – EASTON
3RD PLACE – MILLSVILLE, DE

Best Appearing Ambulance

1ST PLACE – HOLLYWOOD
2ND PLACE – LEONARDTOWN
3RD PLACE – EASTON
HONORABLE MENTION – CORDOVA
HONORABLE MENTION – NORTH EAST
HONORABLE MENTION – GREENBELT
HONORABLE MENTION – COMMUNITY RESCUE OF HAGERSTOWN
HONORABLE MENTION – OXFORD

Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit

1ST PLACE – ANNE ARUNDEL ALARMERS
2ND PLACE – SANDY SPRING AIRBOAT
3RD PLACE – ROYAL PLUS INC.

Best Appearing Company from Delaware

1ST PLACE – DELMAR
2ND PLACE – SELBYVILLE
Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania

1ST PLACE – BRYAN ATHAN
2ND PLACE – PEACH BOTTOM

Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 Years or Older)

1ST PLACE – FRUITLAND

Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus Over 20 Years Old in Service

1ST PLACE – EASTON
2ND PLACE – CLINTON
3RD PLACE - PARSONSBURG

Best Appearing Antique Apparatus 25 Years or Older Not in Service

1ST PLACE – BERLIN – 1924 MACK
2ND PLACE – EASTON – 1919 AMERICAN LaFRANCE
3RD PLACE – POCOMOKE CITY – 1923 AMERICAN LaFRANCE
HONORABLE MENTION – CHESAPEAKE CITY – 1958 FORD

Fire Service Color Guard Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – HOLLYWOOD
2ND PLACE – EASTON
3RD PLACE – CHESAPEAKE CITY
HONORABLE MENTION – COMMUNITY RESCUE

Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot

1ST PLACE – SPARKY – BAY DISTRICT
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Hard Luck Award

SOLVEIG PETERSON

JUDGES AWARDS

TAKOMA PARK HOSE REEL
COMBINED MARYLAND FIRE SERVICE PIPES & DRUMS
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