Wednesday, May 2, 2012, Maryland firefighters celebrated a major milestone in fire safety. A large contingent was in attendance at the Maryland State House as Governor Martin O’Malley signed into law a Bill that will mandate that the requirement of the International Residential Code, 2012 edition, which requires the installation of residential sprinkler systems in all new one and two family homes built in Maryland be maintained. Residential sprinklers are life safety systems. They are designed to allow time for home occupants to escape, and to hold a fire in check, so that firefighters may arrive and extinguish the fire before the structure is in danger of collapse. The safety afforded the occupants and the firefighters are the most important benefit of residential sprinklers. Residential sprinkler systems, along with working smoke alarms can provide an 82% better chance of surviving a fire in the home. Sprinkler systems are not new in Maryland. In 1988, the first sprinkler requirements were enacted in Prince George’s County for multi-family dwellings. Several other counties and municipalities began requiring them throughout the early 2000’s. In 2005, President Lee Sachs of the Maryland state Firemen’s Association, along with the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s office, the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, the Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, and several other groups concerned with fire safety; endeavored to support efforts to get residential sprinkler requirements throughout Maryland. A massive effort was undertaken to educate local officials and demonstrate the ability of sprinklers to facilitate the escape of occupants and to make the firefighting effort safer by controlling a fire until crews could arrive, and prevent weakening of the structure to prevent collapse while firefighters attack to fire. New methods of construction, including lighter weight materials and more open areas, made entry into a fire building more hazardous for firefighters and also made escape more difficult, as the lighter materials would burn faster and allow the fire to spread faster. The efforts were challenged by some groups of homebuilders, realtors, and other groups. Many meetings were attended by the members of the various fire service groups to try and answer questions and educate local officials as to the benefits of the sprinkler program. Some of the legislators for various counties wanted to “opt out” of the Code Requirement for sprinklers. These efforts were turned away during the legislative session this year, and with the signing of this Bill, Maryland will have taken a major step to provide for the protection of its’ citizens.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As this is the final edition of the Volunteer Trumpet before the annual Convention and Conference, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your friendship and support over the past year. Serving as your President has indeed been an honor and a privilege and I have enjoyed each and every minute of it. It has been a great year and I am proud that together, we have gotten quite a bit accomplished.

Recently, the Maryland General Assembly legislative session concluded a special session to resolve the state’s budget for the coming year. Although we were not too excited about the prospects of the general assembly returning for the purpose of increasing personal income taxes, it was critical to the MSFA that the budget be resolved in order to restore the funding to support the operations of the MSFA. We were fortunate that we were able to achieve that goal. Unfortunately, the increase in the Amoss funding that we had been able to secure during the regular session was removed by the Governor in the modified proposal adopted during the special session. We have already had discussions with several legislators to gather support to return to Annapolis next year and secure this important increase in funding to our member departments.

Please take the time to review the schedule of activities for the MSFA Convention and Conference that is printed in this edition of the Volunteer Trumpet. A complete packet of information can be downloaded from the MSFA web site, www.msfa.org. Please be aware of some changes this year as there is a major expansion project undergoing at the Convention Center and the Town of Ocean City has directed that we move the parade route to the mid-town section (16th to 33rd Street). We encourage you to participate in your convention and provide us with any feedback on items that you would like to see changed.

In closing, I would like to extend a special thanks to each and every one of you for your support over the past year.
The 120th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary will kick off in Ocean City, Maryland on Saturday June 16, 2012 and run through Friday, June 22, 2012. Again, this year the convention committee has been working to create more family participation activities as a part of the week-long schedule of events. We are encouraging you to bring the family to the beach and experience a unique Ocean City Family Memory.

As usual, the conference and convention will kick off with some pre-convention activities followed by a host of Education and Training Seminars, Main Floor Programs, In-Service Education and Training Seminars, and Officer/Committee Reports. New for this year will be an offering of “Hands On Training” Sessions where actual fire and rescue skills may be learned and practiced. All of this training is being offered to enable you to further your knowledge, expertise, and abilities to serve the citizens of your community. We hope you take advantage of this great learning opportunity. In addition, awards of achievement, accomplishment, and dedication will be bestowed upon departments and individuals within the MSFA and the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Convention Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 20th starting promptly at 1300 hours, rain or shine. Line-up will continue to be at the inlet parking lot. Marching units will be staged prior to the start of the parade route at 16th Street. The actual Parade Route will start at 16th Street and run to 33rd Street on Baltimore Avenue. This new parade route is sure to cause some confusion so please use caution when traveling the downtown area during the parade.

It is important that you take some time to look over the entire convention and conference schedule to make sure you do not miss anything. A copy of the preliminary schedule of activities has been inserted into this edition of the Volunteer Trumpet for your convention planning. Look for events marked “NEW” to see what has been added or changed. Also, there is a major renovation project underway in the rear of the convention center. Please be careful when moving about the convention center due to the construction activities. For a complete information packet on the 2012 Convention and Conference, visit the MSFA web site at www.msfa.org.

The Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company, Harford County, MD held their annual banquet on April 21, 2012. A Memorial Service was held to honor of four deceased members; Melvin Kulis, Andrew Eilbacher, Mary Hanna and Robert Siebold. MSFA Past President Steve Cox, life member of Bel Air was presented with his 40 year service award.

Top EMS Responders, Top Fire line Responders, Ladies Auxiliary, and Board of Directors for the year 2011 were also recognized.
Singerly Houses Antique in New Station

On April 21, 2012 Singerly Fire Company held a members only event to celebrate the opening of the new Station 13. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held with the Building Committee, President, Chief and EMS Assistant Chief cutting a ribbon to signify the opening of the Station. Engine 314 an antique that was donated by Dick & Dorthea Fox was pushed by the membership into the station to ceremonially house Engine 314.

In 1952 Singerly Fire Company had purchased an Oren fire engine. The engine was designated Engine 314; it ran first due for years and was delegated into reserve status until being sold to Mr. Dick Fox in 1992. Mr. Fox restored the unit and kept it in excellent running condition, preserving a part of Singerly’s history. Through his generosity he allowed the unit to return for funerals and special details. With the completion of the new Station 13, Dick Fox generously donated the engine to Singerly. A planned dedicated area will house this engine to preserve it for future generations.

Upcoming Events:
June 16-21:
MSFA Annual Conference & Convention
Ocean City, MD

July 14:
Sock Hop
Lineboro VFD
5pm-11pm

July 22:
Thirty-One Bingo
United Steam Fire Engine Co.3
Frederick County 4-H
Doors open @11am

July 23-28:
Annual Carnival
Mt. Airy VFD
6pm-11pm

For more information visit www.msfa.org for a full calendar.

Photo and Story by Eileen Edelin
Frostburg Adopts Sprinkler Requirement

By: Dave Lewis, President MSFA

The City of Frostburg became one of the first jurisdictions to adopt Maryland’s new requirements for residential sprinkler installation in all new one and two family dwellings. At a city council meeting on May 17, the council adopted with a vote of 5-0 in favor of the sprinkler system mandate, reversing an earlier action to opt out of the state’s requirements.

Local fire service leaders had lobbied hard in favor of the residential sprinkler requirements but were turned back in April when the council voted 3-2 to opt out of the sprinkler requirements. A new state law enacted during the recent legislative session caused the council to reconsider their vote and bring it back for another vote, this time voting 5-0 in favor of the residential sprinkler requirements. These new requirements go in effect on July 1.

What makes the Frostburg adoption unique is that the council also approved a Residential Sprinkler System Incentive Program to provide financial incentives for installing sprinkler systems in new residential properties. Incentives include a $1,000 reimbursement of the standard water connection fee, which typically costs from $1,500 to $1,800. Real estate taxes would also be significantly reduced for three years, with the city receiving taxes for the value of the land and 20 percent of new construction.

The Maryland State Firemen’s Association congratulates the City of Frostburg for adopting these unique provisions and help that other jurisdictions will model this best program to help promote the life saving features of automatic residential sprinkler systems.
Hall of Fame Inductions—Singerly VFC

By: Eileen Edelin, North East Correspondent

Singerly Fire Company, Cecil County, MD held their annual banquet on May 12, 2012. A Memorial Service led by Bagpiper and SFC Honor Guard was held to honor the deceased members that passed away in 2011; five Ladies Auxiliary members and four Fire Company members. Eileen Edelin proudly inducted into the Ladies Auxiliary of Harford and Cecil Counties Hall of Fame, three members of the Singerly Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary; Hazel Jean Maclary and Janice Rothwell. Posthumously, Betty Lou Cornett. She was assisted by Daria Brown and Jane Peterson, SFC Ladies Auxiliary Hall of Fame Committee members. Additionally, Mayor of the Town of Elkton, Mr. Joe Fisona presented the inductees with “Certificates of Recognition” for their volunteer service.

Hazel Jean Maclary
Joining as a probationary member in 1990, she received her regular membership in September 1991. She was very active working the 10-17’s serving food and drinks to the weary firefighters. No matter what event is scheduled she is always here working them. She served on the Sunshine Committee, Bike Show, Publicity and Special Events Committee for several years! She proudly served as Vice President in 1992. She has kept very busy working countless hours on fundraising throughout the years; bingos, dinners, wedding receptions and flea markets. She received her 20 year pin in 2011. I quote from her peers in the Ladies Auxiliary “This beautiful lady is so dedicated, at age 83 she never slows down, this we believe is her personal achievement”.

Janice Rothwell
She joined the Ladies Auxiliary in 1953 and has exemplified the true meaning of volunteer. This special lady could be seen with the Singerly Ladies Auxiliary marching in the many parades in Elkton and throughout Cecil County. Our marching unit took pride representing our Auxiliary and Singerly Fire Company.

She is constantly active: always willing to dedicate her time and volunteer for the auxiliary, no matter what the occasion. She is a great cook, her delicious bread pudding and apple dumplings are the best! She worked the Singerly Fire Co. annual carnivals when back in the day, that was one of our fire company’s biggest fundraisers. She has volunteered many hours serving dinners, wedding receptions, dances and special events. Serving on the Membership Committee for over 15 years, she was also an active member of the Flea Market Committee. She continues to work bingos every month and everyone looks forward to buying her delicious homemade goodies. She is a unique and humble woman, an active life member for 59 years! Wow, that’s incredible! Because of her lifelong devotion to volunteering this company has benefitted immensely. Since 1999 she has served as the Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain. At 86 years young she will enlighten anyone with her knowledge of this auxiliary. She is a genuinely caring woman and it is a privilege to know this wonderful lady!
Singerly (cont’)

Robert “Mac” McKinney
Joining the Singerly Fire Company in 1969; He loved firefighting and he excelled to be the very best! His years of training made him an accomplished firefighter, along with earning certification in HazMat, Pumps, High Rise Firefighting, Truck Co. Ops. Advanced Rescue, Fire Command, Fire Officer and the list goes on. Singerly Fire Company had bestowed upon him their highest honor “Fireman of the Year” in 1975 and 1981. He served on the SFC Board of Directors for many years. He served for over 20 years on the Membership Committee and for 25 yrs. he was an active EMT.

This individual has devoted many hours to fire prevention education in our community. Performing Stop, Drop & Roll demonstrations in schools, giving fire house tours to various civic and community groups and teaching fire safety during Fire Prevention week. Proud of Singerly and always willing to help no matter what the task was, He actively works so many fundraising events. If there is work to be done, this person is a prime example of the “Worker”. Because of this person’s lifelong dedication to volunteering, the citizens of Elkton, the Cecil County Firemen’s Assoc., Harford - Cecil and the MSFA have benefitted greatly from his dedication and hard work. He has continuously ranked in the top ten responders to fire alarms for twenty seven years 1980, 1984-2009. In 2009 he had 665 responses.

He also held top responder in Fire & EMS for a combined seven years. He received the Top fundraiser award for 16 years. Throughout his 43 years of volunteering at Singerly, this individual has responded to over 22,797 emergency calls!

Updates to the Riley Reimbursement Program

By: Dave Lewis, President MSFA

During the past Maryland General Assembly legislative session, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association supported legislation that would have transitioned the current Charles W. Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program into a scholarship program. This legislation would have made the program more accessible to our membership and easier to administrate. The legislation, Senate Bill 365, passed both the Senate and House without debate. Unfortunately, due to a technical concern with the timing of the transition and available funding, Governor Martin O’Malley has vetoed this legislation and sent it back to the bill sponsor for action. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association has already been in contact with the bill sponsor to ensure that the necessary corrections are made to bring the bill back next year for consideration. The good news is that the Charles W. Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program remains intact for the present time and all eligible volunteer and career fire, rescue, and EMS personnel are encouraged to take advantage of this funding opportunity for college degree programs in fire or EMS technologies. For additional information, see the Maryland Higher Education Commission web page at http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_fire.asp
Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Service

*Story and Photos by: Dave Lewis*

Maryland’s emergency services paused on Sunday, June 3, 2012, to pay tribute those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Every year, on the first Sunday in June, the annual memorial service is held at the Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial in Annapolis.

This year, three names were added to the wall of honor:
- Jerry Hamrick, Rockville VFD, died 11/2/1975
- Christopher Staley, Cobb Island VFC, died 8/6/2011
- John Gallagher, Bryans Road VFC, died 11/23/2011

The Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial is a commemorative park for those who have died in the line of duty. Originally conceived by Fire Chief Don Mooney, the sculpture in the park allows reflection on the actions taken by our firefighters and rescue personnel when they were called to duty by the communities they served. In addition, a circular wall etched with the names of more than 400 individuals from across the state, inviting visitors and families to draw close together. The sculptor is Mr. Rodney Carroll of Baltimore, Maryland. Additional information is available at [www.mdfirerescuehero.org](http://www.mdfirerescuehero.org)

MSFA Hosts Meeting of Cumberland Valley VFA Presidents Council

*By: MSFA President Dave Lewis*

The Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association hosted a meeting of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association President’s Council on April 14, 2012. The Presidents Council provides a forum for the leadership from the five member states (Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia) to meet and present highlights from each state and discuss issues of mutual concern. MSFA was represented by President David Lewis, First Vice President John Denver, and Second Vice President Jackie Olson. Also attending were Past Presidents of the MSFA Bob Cumberland, Gene Worthington, Frank Underwood, Danny Davis, Richard Yinger, Bernie Smith, Phil Hurlock, and Doyle Cox. Executive Committee members Richard Smith and Bill Hildebrand were also in attendance. Representatives from our coalition partners attended were Pat Marlatt (representing MFRI), Phil Hurlock (representing MIEMSS), Bill Barnard (State Fire Marshal), Bill Hildebrand (representing MEMA), Major Mark Gibbons (MSP Aviation), and Tara Carlson (representing Shock Trauma). Each partner provided a brief summary to highlight some of the major accomplishments of the past year in advancing the state’s emergency services system. Legislative Chairs Danny Davis and Richard Yinger provided a synopsis of the recently completed 2012 Legislative Session. Our thanks to the members of the Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association for hosting this meeting and showing our neighbors from across the borders some eastern shore hospitality.
AFG Grant Workshops

The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) in partnership with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Grants Committee is pleased to announce the schedule for the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Workshops. These workshops will be held during the month on June at locations across the state in order to provide each department with the opportunity to learn about the 2012 AFG program application requirements. It is anticipated that FEMA will be opening up the grant application period during the month of June so it is important that you attend one of these workshops if you are considering on applying.

Firefighters GRANT PROGRAM Workshops
All Workshops Conducted From 7 PM – 9 PM

June 14th Thursday Upper Eastern Shore Regional Training Center (UESRTC), Centreville
June 18th Monday MSFA Convention, Ocean City Convention Center Room 215 (time for this workshop only is 12pm – 2pm)
June 25th Monday Northeast Regional Training Center (NERTC)
June 28th Thursday MFRI Headquarters, College Park

Former MSFA Miss Fire Prevention graduates from UMD Fire Protection Engineering Program

By: Eileen Edelin

She originally wanted to be a dentist. As she struggled through biology courses during her freshman and sophomore year, Colleen Frances recalled her affiliation with the MSFA as Miss Fire Prevention in 2008. “I served as an ambassador for fire protection engineering and public safety. I enjoyed teaching people how sprinklers and smoke detectors work”, recalls Frances. During her junior year, Frances transferred to the Clark School of Engineering to major in fire protection engineering. In coursework with Jim Milke, chair of FPE, she began studying how people respond to fire, particularly during evacuations. “This field requires a good deal of detective work, which makes it an interesting career choice”, says Frances, who is interested in conducting forensic work with a federal agency. She has also conducted fire enclosure testing with a graduate exchange student from Italy in preparation for her master’s thesis. Frances has served as vice president of the Salamander Fire Protection Engineering Honorary Society, Beta Chapter, working with new inductees to guide them through induction process. She currently coordinates and plans the induction banquet. Colleen was also a member of the UMD Gymkana Troupe.

Colleen Frances, Miss Fire Prevention 2008, graduates from UMD with a BS in Fire Protection Engineering
Old Timers
By: Jim Jarboe, Takoma Park VFD

Who are they? Is it just someone that is real old? Or is it someone that’s been a member of a fire department for many years? Well, it could be both. So look around, every fire department has them. Sometime during the day, there may be one or two that will stop by your station for a cup of coffee, a talk or just to hang around. Many of them still miss the excitement of riding the apparatus, and others it could be the friendship, or the 2nd family; but due to health issues, age, riding requirements or the distance they live from the station, they have to hang up their boots. When it comes to history about the fire service, they just might be the ones you’ll need to get the facts right. Now it’s just memories of the past. We must not forget there are still old timers out there that are still riding. For others, they hope they’ll be able to share some of their stories, especially to new members.

Yes, a few old stories would follow and they would be nice and listen to the stories, some might be repeats and usually one question will end up with a few more. You might even see some Old Timers at your company drills. Just because they don’t ride anymore, they can still share a lot of knowledge and experience. You might not think much about an Old Timer, but sadly, some of you may not be around to be called an old timer.

Oh, let’s not forget LOSAP! You’ll might hear someone say, the only reason they come around is for the LOSAP. Well, when LOSAP started, many of them already had many years of active service that they did not get credit. So they have to make up lost time in order to collect it. So why shouldn’t they come around to get their LOSAP points. Most, if not all deserve it maybe only missed a year or two. So it’s not too late for them, or is it?

Some of the Old Timers usually start with small talk, which may end up being a big talk. Hopefully, you will enjoy their talks and learn some interesting facts. Some of them will bring in old newspaper clippings, pictures of fires and old apparatus and what turnout gear and buildings looked like back then. Some might bring in old items such as tools, badges, or helmets. So, then next time an Old Timer comes through the door, be polite and take a little time to listen; you might learn something. And would you believe that I am one of those so called Old Timers. I’ll stop by the station and say hi and to look around!

In closing, I hope that I have not offended anyone in the fire service regarding Old Timers or seniors. Just think of all the history about the fire service that they have provided for us over the years. We must also not to forget the ones that we have lost along the way.
On Sunday May 6, 2012, the spring Rural Water Supply drill was held in Jarrettsville Md. hosted by the Jarrettsville VFD. A truly outstanding drill was planned by Capt. Dave Pullen and staff of the JVFD and Butch Britton of the MSFA Rural Water Supply Committee. There were 33 pieces of apparatus from 26 fire companies involved in the drill. There were 152 personnel registered for the drill. There were a large number of personnel and units from Pennsylvania in attendance along with 4 career staffed units, 3 from Baltimore County and 1 from Howard County. In total, there were units or personnel from 7 Maryland counties and at least 2 Pennsylvania counties in attendance.

The drill began promptly at 0900 with an informational and safety briefing. The dispatch was made at 0930 to begin the drill, with units from Jarrettsville being dispatched for a simulated large structure fire. There are no hydrants in the immediate Jarrettsville area, so rural water supply was established immediately. As the scenario progressed, 3 fill sites were set up for engines and tankers to be filled and water then shuttled to the “scene” of the blaze. There were eventually 7 or 8 folding tanks set up with two drafting engines to supply water to the 2 attack engines. Early on, tankers had to directly “nurse” the attack engine to keep water flowing until the folding tanks and drafting engines could be set up and filled and be ready to provide water to the attack engine. A second engine was placed into service shortly after the half way mark in the drill as a second attack engine. A second draft engine was pressed into service when the single draft engine could not increase the flow to the attack unit and still pump the siphon lines to move the water from folding tank to folding tank. All of these evolutions were accomplished, but not without some excellent work of the personnel involved.

Early in the drill, many issues cropped at the dump site when confusion became apparent. Units were blocking each other in, and a smooth flow of apparatus in and out of the area was not immediately accomplished. Some cross use of appliances caused some restrictions in the supply where small size appliances were placed in a large diameter lines, and small hose was used where large hose should have been. These issues were all worked out by the personnel in relatively short order and water supply was never interrupted to the attack engine.

The 3 fill sites were all set up rapidly with little restriction to the movement of apparatus, and large amounts of water able to be delivered to fill the tankers quickly. Fill sites at this drill were very well done by all units involved. After the 2 hour drill was complete, all units and personnel gathered for lunch and a quick post drill discussion at the station. It was learned that we flowed approximately 155,000 gallons of water, averaging approximately 1150 gallons per minute. The maximum flow was approximately 1250 gallons per minute for around 30 minutes of the drill. The minimum flow was 250 gallons per minute at the beginning of the drill and was increased rather quickly. Supply was never interrupted to the attack unit for the entire drill. Thanks to the Jarrettsville VFD for hosting the drill, and to all the personnel that attended and participated in this very successful exercise.
Suzann Barker is pictured as she is inducted to the Harford Cecil Hall of Fame

James Ewing after his induction into the Harford Cecil Hall of Fame

Douglas Elmer pictured with Eileen Edelin after his induction into the Harford Cecil Hall of Fame.
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North East VFC Members Inducted into Harford–Cecil Hall of Fame

Photos (to the left) and Story By: Eileen Edelin

North East Fire Company, Cecil County, MD held their annual banquet on May 5, 2012. Recognition was given to the Fire, EMS, Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Police and Career Personnel for their service in 2011. Eileen Edelin proudly inducted into the Ladies Auxiliary of Harford and Cecil Counties Hall of Fame, two members of the North East Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary; Suzann Barker and Posthumously, Sara Jane Blake. She was assisted by Ruth Gonce, President of North East Ladies Auxiliary. She also inducted James Ewing, Douglas Elmer and Donald L. Mars, posthumously.

Suzann Barker  (photo to the left at top)
This lady joined the North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary in May 1987.
She is an active member of the auxiliary for 25 years and could be seen always busy working in the kitchen and at breakfasts. A credit to her leadership ability, she was at most every function guiding, directing, working and taking care of the needs of others. Actively serving as Historian for Station 4 for many years, she is responsible for the auxiliaries Income Tax Subtraction. She was a delegate to the LAMSFA at convention, always attending the meetings and representing her auxiliary members. She served on several committees of the LAMSFA: Ways & Means Committee, Ads & Patrons and as a Judge’s teller at convention. Her smiling face was always seen at convention volunteering and helping others. She has made a contribution to this Fire Company and the Ladies Auxiliary through her fundraising work on carnivals, wedding receptions and banquets. She is truly a dedicated volunteer, even through her toughest battles with her health. She has overcome these obstacles and we are proud of her! In 2010 she elected as President of the Cecil County Ladies Auxiliary and has served us well. Additionally she was presented with several awards; 25 year Length of Service for the NEFC Ladies Auxiliary, Certificate of Award for 320 hours for NEFC Ladies Auxiliary, Resolution from Mayor and Town Commissioners, Town of North East for 25 years of service, Citation from The Senate of Maryland for 25 years of service to the NEFCLA - Senator Jacobs, Certificate of Recognition-Cecil County Commissioners, induction, Harford/Cecil County Hall of Fame.

James Ewing  (photo to the left in the middle)
A dedicated, hard working and active life member of the North East Fire Company, this person has devoted 55 yrs. of service to this department. Throughout the years, this individual has responded to over 10,000 fire calls with the North East Fire Co. Because of this person’s lifelong devotion to volunteering, the citizens of North East, the HCFA and MSFA benefitted tremendously from his experience and service representing North East Fire Company. He actively served as a Delegate to the Cecil County Firemen’s Association, Harford – Cecil Firemen’s Association and the MSFA; Joining the North East Fire Co. in March 1956; His desire was to be the best firefighter and he surely achieved that goal. He received the “Top Ten Fire Responder” for 7 years. During the 1960’s and 1970’s he served as chairperson of the weekly dances. From 1963 through 1968, he served on the Board of Directors. He served as an active member of the fire police for over 20 years.

Douglas Elmer  (photo to the left at the bottom)
A dedicated, hard working and active life member of the North East Fire Company. Throughout the years, this individual has responded to thousands of fire calls. Because of this person’s lifelong devotion to volunteering, this fire company has benefited tremendously from his experience and service. Joining the North East Fire Company in 1966 at the young age of 23, he focused on the mission of the Fire and EMS service and volunteered to do the hard work it demanded. At North East Fire Company he became one of the most active firefighters throughout the years. His outstanding contributions to Cecil County and the North East Fire Co. are commendable. He has served as Carnival Chairman for 9 years and a Delegate to the Harford Cecil Firemen’s Assoc. At the Fire Co. Breakfasts he could be seen working with the men and women. As the years gradually passed by, he welcomed and stood firm in leadership positions and was committed to completing the tasks at hand. He has served honorably as a Volunteer and held fire line officer positions; Truck Captain and Assistant Chief. His fire response records have been commendable. He earned recognition from his company and received the “Top Ten Fire Responder” award for 3 years. He dedicated many years as a leader on the Administrative side of the company; Serving as a Board of Director for 14 years and President. In 1997, he was the proud recipient of the “President’s Award”. This individual exemplifies a true volunteer and has been selected for this prestigious award. He is currently the President of the company.
Marcine Goodloe Receives Mason Lankford Award

The Congressional Fire Services Institute's Board of Directors selected Marcine D. Goodloe of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association as the recipient of the 2012 CFSI/Motorola Solutions Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award. The presentation took place at the 24th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner on April 26th at the Washington Hilton, in Washington, DC. Established in 1998 and co-sponsored by CFSI and Motorola Solutions, the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have been proactive at the local, state and federal government levels to improve and advance fire/emergency services and life safety issues. Representing a cross section of the fire and emergency services, previous recipients have included chiefs, instructors, career and volunteer leaders as well as public safety advocates. Ms. Goodloe is being recognized for her 40 years of leadership in advancing the fire service agenda at the local and state levels in the state of Maryland. The first female ever elected as President of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association, Ms. Goodloe is currently serving her ninth term as President. During her tenure as President, she has successfully negotiated a number of agreements between the association that represents 1,800 volunteers and the county government. In addition, she has advanced a number of key policies relating to training, physical standards, and drug and alcohol abuse testing. Said Senator Ben Cardin in his letter of support, "I am pleased to offer this recommendation for a devoted public servant who, through her work in the fire, rescue, and emergency medical service, has dedicated her life to serving others, distinguishing herself as a true fire service leader." On the state level, Mrs. Goodloe has been active, engaging elected officials on matters of policy and legislation. She chaired the Recruitment and Retention Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and for her many years of service she was voted into the association's Hall of Fame in 2007. "Marcine Goodloe's record of achievements embodies the legacy of Mason Lankford," said CFSI President Bill Jenaway. "For 40 years, she has made the fire service her passion, her mission and her journey. Much of her work has been done at the local level, yet her achievements have resonated well beyond the state of Maryland. She has been both a role model and a trailblazer, who has earned the respect and admiration of many government leaders at the local, state and federal levels. For this reason, the CFSI Board of Directors has selected her as the recipient of the 2012 Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award." "Volunteer firefighting is one of our nation's oldest community services," said Karen Tandy, senior vice president of Public Affairs at Motorola Solutions. "Marcine Goodloe's longstanding dedication to the citizens of Montgomery County and the state of Maryland demonstrates the important role of first responders in times of emergency. Fire service members like Marcine are a powerful force multiplier, providing valuable support in the ongoing endeavor to protect our families and friends, and make our communities safer."
Delmarva Shorebirds Host First Responder Night

By: Dave Lewis, President MSFA

On May 10, 2012, the Delmarva Shorebirds hosted a First Responders Night at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium in Salisbury. Prior to the game, local responders were invited to participate in a parade around the field to show appreciation for the job that first responders do. Participating in the parade were MSFA President David Lewis, MSFA First Vice President John Denver, Parsonsburg VFC’s new Brush unit, Salisbury VFC’s command unit, along with patrol cars from the Wicomico County Sheriff and Maryland State Police. MSFA President David Lewis was also honored with the task of throwing out the game’s first pitch. Attending the game were representatives from the MSFA family, including President Lewis, Vice President Denver, and LA-MSFA President Teresa Crisman. Also attending were a group of about 30 responders from the Parsonsburg VFC. The Delmarva Shorebirds (A-club for Baltimore Orioles) defeated the Kannapolis Intimidators (A-club for Chicago White Sox) by a score of 7-3.

Congratulations President Dave Lewis!
Best of luck in the future!
SMOKE ALARM SENSING DEVICES
A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN LIFE SAFETY

Following the wide distribution of smoke alarms in the United States in the 1970's, these simple early warning devices have proven their value time and again by alerting people to flee the devastating effects of fire. Smoke alarms, like most technical devices, have gone through several improvements involving changes in electrical supply, downsizing, smoke sensing capabilities and lower costs per unit. Current requirements in the National Fire Protection Association’s Life Safety Code require a smoke alarm on every floor and in each sleeping room of one and two-family dwellings. Smoke alarms can be purchased at many commercial establishments throughout the state, and even online. Local fire departments can often assist citizens who may not be able to afford these life saving devices.

A limitation of standard smoke alarms is that many use only sound to alert occupants to the effects of fire. For Marylanders whom are deaf or hard of hearing, the reliance on sound only makes these alarms almost useless. Recognizing the issue, a number of firms developed ‘visual’ smoke alarms, which exhibit bright flashing lights with an audible alarm to signal occupants of the danger of fire in their home. Since 1992, the non-profit association named the Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland (FABSCOM) has been providing information to Marylanders about these types of units, and to assist those who couldn’t afford them, by having them installed for a modest donation or free through grants from businesses and private groups.

FABSCOM is pleased to report further developments have been added to the fire and life safety protection available for the deaf and hard of hearing. Smoke alarm sensing devices with a tactile appliance (pillow/bed shaker) are now available. These devices, upon hearing a smoke alarm, react to the sound of the smoke alarm by activating the tactile appliance and awakening the occupant to the threat of smoke in their home. Thus far these new alerting devices have been developed by two different companies: SafeAwake, LLC (www.safeawake.com) and Lifetone Technology (www.lifetonesafety.com). Detailed information is available on their individual web sites. Customers can purchase these devices directly from both of these companies from their respective homepages.

The members of FABSCOM have selected, through a long comparison campaign, to purchase and install the SafeAwake deaf and hard of hearing devices as part of our outreach program. We are sincerely hoping that grants and donations will continue to allow us to assist Marylanders who are deaf or hard of hearing. The installations of these technological advancements in fire and life safety are a priority to those individuals that may not be able to afford to purchase the devices for themselves.

If you would like additional information on these life saving devices or need an application please contact:
Ms. Debbie Gartrell at debbiegartrell@comcast.net or visit our homepage at www.fabscom.org.
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

120th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Saturday, June 16, 2012

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 Ballroom’s 2/3, Invitation Only

Sunday, June 17, 2012

0800    Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0800-1500 “Hands On Training” – Ocean City Fire Station #5, West Ocean City (New Event)
0830-1100 MISS FIRE PREVENTION INTERVIEWS – M-201 and M-204
0900    EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Convention Center East Hall (New Time)
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
1030    SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Convention Center East Hall, (New Time and Location)
1100-1400 FIRE AND EMS MEMORABILIA FLEA MARKET – Sunset Room, North End of
         Convention Center, (New Location)
1230-1730 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1400    MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Convention Center East Hall
1700    JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Main Ballroom
2000    MOVIE ON THE BEACH “Despicable Me” Boardwalk at 17th Street

Monday, June 18, 2012

0700    Registration - Convention Center Main Ball Room
0800    Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
0830    CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION - Convention Center Main Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900    Exhibits Open

0910    Keynote Speaker Presentation
“IT TAKES MORE THAN PLASTIC FIRE HATS”
Daniel Byrne, Community Support Officer, Burton Fire District, Paramedic, Beaufort
County EMS, Burton, South Carolina

This presentation is designed to get the audience to rethink their department’s approach
to fire prevention and communicating with their public in order to best influence attitudes
and change behaviors needed to reduce fires and generate much needed support – it takes
more than plastic fire hats. Topics covered include developing a true “prevention first”
culture in your department, elements and steps needed for a dynamic and comprehensive
fire prevention program, targeting public education to maximize effectiveness, forming
effective messages, and working more closely with your community and the media.

0930    Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
1000    Reading and acceptance of 2011 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
  Safety Committee Report
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
National Volunteer Fire Council Update
Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
1045
Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board Meeting – Room 217
1145
LAMSFA Meeting Registration
1200
LAMSFA - MEETING – Convention Center East Hall
1230
CALL TO ORDER - SECOND SESSION
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructor’s Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board

1245
Main Program Presentation
"The Federal Public Safety Officers’ Benefit (PSOB) Program Benefits Process"
Michael Pfaltzgraff, Maryland Local Assistance State Team Coordinator, National Fallen
Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, Maryland

This presentation will provide a brief overview of the federal Public Safety
Officers’ Benefit (PSOB) Program benefits process, as well as discuss the various
state and local benefits available in Maryland when a public safety officer dies in the line
of duty. Information regarding services available through the National Fallen Firefighters
Foundation’s Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Program, which assists departments
and families with funeral planning and benefits application processes after a line-of-duty
death, will also be provided.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division

1300
Main Program Presentation
"Maryland’s State of the Art 700 MHz Communications System"
Raymond Lehr, Statewide Interoperability Director, Maryland State Police, Pikesville,
Maryland

The State of Maryland is building a state-of-the-art 700 MHz P-25
communications system over the next several years and is interested in working
with all Maryland jurisdictions to enhance interoperability and gain savings
through shared equipment. The first phase of the project will cover central
Maryland (I-95 corridor) and will be operational by the end of this year (2012).

1330-1745
Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1330
Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
Report of the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report
1630
Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours
1830
BASKET & BAG BINGO – Convention Center Ballroom’s 2/3 (Doors Open at 1730)
1830
MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK
Tuesday, June 19, 2012

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

0800-1700  "Hands On Training" – Ocean City Convention Center sponsored by the Ocean City Fools. (New Event) This Hands-On Training program allows students to use various hand and power tools in scenarios ranging from limb entrapments, crush injuries, to impalements. The material will be presented twice in two four-hour training blocks.

0830  CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION - Convention Center Main Ball Room

AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award
Robert H. Shumer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Memorial Award
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. Statem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award

0900  Exhibits Open

1000  Main Program Presentation
"Firefighter Safety and The Codes: A Necessary Partnership"
Battalion Chief Sean DeCrane, Cleveland Fire Department, Cleveland, Ohio
Robert Davidson, Managing Partner, Davidson Code Concepts, LLC, Easley, South Carolina

Can we ensure a safer work environment for our fire fighters? This session will discuss how involvement in the Building and Fire Codes can protect fire fighter and occupant safety; and review various types of construction and case studies where code participation or adherence may have created more positive outcomes. This presentation will also discuss how codes govern many decisions in our own lives including the dangers we place in our homes, and how you can make a difference creating a safer environment for our fire fighters and our families.

Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brammigan Instructor of the Year Award
Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award
Legislative Committee Update

1100  SENATOR AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Report of the Election Judges

1230-1530  CONVENTION CENTER LUNCH BUFFET – Convention Center Ballroom’s 2/3
1630  Exhibits Close

1830  JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Convention Center Main Ballroom
2130  PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Convention Center Main Ball Room

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

0730  PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Ballroom’s 2/3
0900  CALL TO ORDER–FOURTH SESSION - Convention Center Main Ball Room
0900  Exhibits Open
0900  Reading of Communications and Announcements
0900  Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
0900  Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

0930  Main Program Presentation
"A Disastrous Month"
John Donohue, BS, EMT-P, Emergency Operations & Regional Programs, Maryland
Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Baltimore, Maryland
Over the past 12 months, Maryland has been witness to a variety of natural
disasters from wind, rain, storm, fire, flood and even earthquake. In some cases,
emergency responders were dealing with consequences of events rarely seen in
this area. This presentation will review the response and recovery from some of
these major events, and lessons that can be applied to planning for emergency
response to future events of this nature.

1000  Remarks by Past President
1000  Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
1000  Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee
1000  Installation of Assistant Officers

1030  Main Program Presentation
"The National Fire Heritage Center - Preserving the Written History of Fire in
America"
R. Wayne Powell, Fire/Life Safety Specialist, Marriott Fire Protection, Member
Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg, Maryland
“Firetown USA” (Emmitsburg, Maryland) is now Home to two more great fire-
related institutions – the Frederick County Fire / Rescue Museum (Museum) and
the National Fire Heritage Center (Heritage Center). Both are based in northern
Frederick County, an ideal suited location for preservation of the historical
artifacts of the emergency services of one of Maryland’s most historic counties
and also the building of a national archive about all aspects of ‘Fire in America.’
The Heritage Center is a tenant of the new Museum; both opened last year and
together their joint efforts collects, preserves and makes available for access
critical written texts, records and documents from both the firefighting disciplines
and related fields of fire protection from codes to sprinkler technology and from
fire equipment manufacturing to acknowledging the contributions of those who
have struggled to protect their neighbors, businesses and institutions of our
society from the ravages of fire.

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 22, 2012

0900  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Convention Center East Hall