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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 right). In 2001 the logo (shown next page) 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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Roger N. Powell, Esq. 2009-10 Pikesville
Doyle E. Cox 2010-11 Prince Frederick
David W. Lewis 2011-12 Odenton
John Denver 2012-13 Elkton

PAST SECRETARIES

*William M. Crimmins 1893-1896 Frederick
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W. Mitchell “Mitch” Vocke (Now Serving) 2012- Jarrettsville

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*Conrad J. Herpich 1929-1932 Cumberland
*Rev. James W. Minter 1932-1968 Baltimore
*Rev. Lewis F. Cole 1968-1977 Bel Air VFC
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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
121st ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013

0900  Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open
       Convention Center Lower Level
1200  Convention and Conference Show Office Open
       Convention Center Board Room
1330  Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
       Convention Center
1800  JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET By Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013

0730  Hands-On Registration – Convention Center “C” Hall
0800  Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0800-2000  Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops
0800-1600  Hands on Training
0900-1500  MSFA Store Open
0900-1700  Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
0900-1130  Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor’s Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level
0930  Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center East Hall
1000-1200  Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
1030  SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
       Convention Center Ballroom’s 2 & 3
1100  Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market – Convention Center
1400  MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Convention Center East Hall
1700  JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Main Ballroom

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013

0700  Registration - Convention Center Main Ball Room
0730  Hands-On Registration - Convention Center “C” Hall
0800-1500  Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops
0800  Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
0800-1600  Hands on Training
0830  CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION - Convention Center Main Ball Room
       OPENING CEREMONIES
0900  Exhibits Open
0900-1600  MSFA Store Open
0910  Keynote Speaker Presentation - “The Power of Five” - Vickie Taylor
       Behavioral Health Consultant, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
       Emmitsburg, MD
Making sure that firefighters and emergency responders are mentally fit is everyone’s job. Psychological support needs to be part of the daily regime just as time at the gym. This program will discuss the ongoing efforts to establish the proper tools so every person on the crew can help others to take care of themselves and their comrades. The goal of this effort is to develop a whole set of products that emergency responders can use to keep people mentally fit to do their jobs. Listen to learn the keys to paying attention to every day behavior of colleagues who work with you, and how Stress First Aid techniques can be built into recognized training programs utilizing the same principles that responders use daily to assist citizens.

0945
Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations

1000
LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA MEETING – Convention Center East Hall

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Reading and acceptance of 2012 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
National Volunteer Fire Council Update

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

1230
CALL TO ORDER - SECOND SESSION
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructor’s Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board

1245
MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION - “Preparing for the Perfect Storm”
Robert R. Maynes, Deputy Assistant Chief, FDNY Chief of Planning and Strategy, Fire Department City of New York, Brooklyn, NY
This presentation will provide a review of the catastrophic impact of Super Storm Sandy on sections of New York City, including the devastating fire in the Breezy Point area of Queens, by the Queens Borough Commander, at the time of the storm. This session will also highlight the strategy and planning to address future disasters of this magnitude using a variety of lessons learned from over 15 past incidents, including the FDNY IMT response to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division

1315
MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION - “Fire Dynamics in Structures”
Daniel Madrzykowski, Fire Protection Engineer, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD
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1340 Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report
1430 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours

1830 MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK
1930 COACH BAG BINGO – Convention Center (Doors Open at 1830 hours)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013

0730 Hands-On Registration - Convention Center “C” Hall
0800-1700 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops
0800 VOTING – Convention Center - (Open for two hours)
0800-1600 Hands on Training
0830 CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION - Convention Center Main Ball Room
AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Firefighter of the Year Award
Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
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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
Legislative Committee Update

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

1230-1530 ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC – Convention Center
1630 Exhibits Close

1630 JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Convention Center Main Ballroom

1800-2100 OC FOOLS Block Party, 45th Street Bay Side, Benefits Fallen Firefighters

2100 Fireworks on the Beach – Boardwalk at the Inlet

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013

0730 PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Ballroom 2 & 3
0800-1230 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops
0800-1200 MSFA Store Open
0900 CALL TO ORDER–FOURTH SESSION - Convention Center Main Ball Room

0900 Exhibits Open
Reading of Communications and Announcements
Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

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

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1050 Final Report of Convention Committee
Unfinished Business and New Business
$10,000.00 Raffle Drawing

1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 hours

1300 MSFA PARADE – Baltimore Avenue, Line-up at Inlet Parking Lot
Special Note – Parade Route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue.

1730 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013

0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center East Hall
1000 -1800 MSFA Family Day at Splash Mountain Water Park, Jolly Rodgers Amusement Park
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013**

0730  GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course

1000 - 1800  MSFA Family Day at Splash Mountain Water Park, Jolly Rodgers Amusement Park

**MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS**

**Keynote Speaker - Monday, June 17, 2013**

“The Power of Five” - Vickie Taylor
Behavioral Health Consultant, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, MD.

Making sure that firefighters and emergency responders are mentally fit is everyone’s job. Psychological support needs to be part of the daily regime just as time at the gym. This program will discuss the ongoing efforts to establish the proper tools so every person on the crew can help others to take care of themselves and their comrades. The goal of this effort is to develop a whole set of products that emergency responders can use to keep people mentally fit to do their jobs. Listen to learn the keys to paying attention to every day behavior of colleagues who work with you, and how Stress First Aid techniques can be built into recognized training programs utilizing the same principles that responders use daily to assist citizens.

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“Preparing for the Perfect Storm” - Robert R. Maynes
Deputy Assistant Chief, FDNY Chief of Planning and Strategy, Fire Dept. City of New York, Brooklyn, NY.

This presentation will provide a review the catastrophic impact of Super Storm Sandy on sections of New York City, including the devastating fire in the Breezy Point area of Queens, by the Queens Borough Commander, at the time of the storm. This session will also highlight the strategy and planning to address future disasters of this magnitude using a variety of lessons learned from over 15 past incidents, including the FDNY IMT response to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

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The Convention Committee has spent considerable time locating educational presentations that are interesting, knowledgeable and relevant to the delivery of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services here in the State of Maryland. These topics represent some of the most current issues that are facing our statewide emergency services delivery system. Please take the time to participate in these outstanding learning experiences.
Past Presidents

Lee N. Sachs
Past President MSFA 2005-2006
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Dept.

Edwin F. Preston
Past President MSFA 1974-1975
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Dept.

Barbara “Bobbie” McWilliams
Past President LAMSFA 2005-2006
Seventh District VFD Ladies Auxiliary
Special Recognition

Rev. David L. Coblentz
Chaplain, MSFA
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company

William A. Hawkins
Past Assistant Secretary
Jessup Volunteer Fire Dept.

Hartwood Cornell, Jr.
Executive Committee Chairman 94-95
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Dept.

Margaret Woltz
Chairman Emeritus, Scholarship
Chillum Adelphi VFD Ladies Aux.
Line of Duty Tribute

Gene Kirchner
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Department

James Fitzgerald, Sr.
Vigilant Hose Volunteer Fire Department
As the Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary, John and I are honored to dedicate this Memorial Book to the many of our membership who have died during the past year. Not only has each individual whose name appears in this book given to his or her individual community, but to the entire State of Maryland’s Fire and EMS services.

Both of us would like to extend our sincere sympathy to each and every family member, as well as each member department who has lost a loved one this year. We would like you to remember that you are a part of our Fire Department, EMS and Ladies Auxiliary family, and we stand with you and support you in your time of grief.

In closing, we would like to extend our THANKS to all of the individuals of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for all their hard work and dedication in putting tonight’s service together as well as this memorial book.

John J. Denver  
President, MSFA

Sherry E. Soper  
President, LAMSFA
Chaplain’s Memorial Tribute
2013

Tonight we honor the memories of those of our colleagues who have departed this life in the past year. Some of them were very close friends, others were acquaintances, some held offices in their Companies, County Associations, the MSFA or its’ Auxiliary, others were “blue shirts” through their careers. They all had something very special in common – a commitment to the volunteer fire, rescue, and EMS service of Maryland. They, and we, were all then part of “the family,” and we mourn the loss of each and remember their lives, and extend our sympathy to their loved ones, and the Companies they served.

Those we honor tonight remind us of the parable that Jesus told in the book of Luke Chapter 10. He tells how the Samaritan took care of the man who had been robbed. Jesus pointed out in this parable that everyone we meet is our neighbor and we should love our neighbor as well love ourselves. The individuals we honor tonight exemplify this, as they gave freely of their time and God-given talents to help those in need. Proverbs 24 says, “One man gives freely, yet gains even more.” We pray for those who are receiving their just rewards from the Heavenly Father.

As you listen to the readings and see the faces and names being memorialized tonight, silently lift their loved ones up in prayer for comfort, and thank God for their dedication to the fire service.

John F. Long Jr.  
Chief Chaplain

Marcia Roth  
Chaplain, LAMSFA
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121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Ocean City, Maryland – June 15-20, 2013

Joint Memorial Service
Sunday, June 16, 2013

(Prelude music and singing)
Families are escorted into main hall and are seated in designated area.
Tom Musgrove, Chaplain Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department sings a medley of hymns.

Chief Chaplain Emeritus Harvey Dixon: Good Evening, I’m Harvey Dixon, Chief Chaplain Emeritus of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Your presence means much at a time like this. We thank you for that support. We would like for each of you to turn off your cell phones and pagers. Please rise for the presentation of colors by the Odenton Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard and the Greater Baltimore Pipes and Drums.

Everyone stands as the Greater Baltimore Pipes and Drums enters followed by the Chaplains and Presidents. The “Sea of Blue” then enters the hall and takes their positions.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen tonight we continue a long tradition of honoring those who have served our organizations and have departed this earth. Tonight we have three special tributes along with two tributes for brothers who have given themselves in the line of duty.

When your county name is called please stand to honor those in 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 too. Amen.

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We’ll now have the National Anthem sung by Mr. Tim Konig.

**Tim Konig:** “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’re 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 star spangled banner yet wave, o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

**Retirement of colors**

**President MSFA John Denver:** (see footnote at the end)

**President LAMSFA Sherry Soper:** (see footnote at the end)

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** The Presidents will now unveil the memorials. We’ll now have scripture reading by Chaplain Charles Barnhart from the book of Ecclesiastic.

**Chaplain Charles Barnhart:** A reading from 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 to 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 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 this reading.

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** We’ll now have our special tributes to our dearly departed members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. Chaplain Long and Chaplain Roth place a rose in the vase in remembrance of each of the special tributes. Jeffrey E. Fitzgerald, LODD, Vigilant Hose Company; Gene M. Kirchner, LODD, Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company; Edward F. Preston, Past President MSFA 1974-1975, Lee N. Sachs, Past President 2005-2006; Barbara G. McWilliams LAMSFA Past President; Hartwood Cornell Jr., Past Chair of the MSFA Executive Committee; Rev. David Coblentz, MSFA Chaplain; William A. Hawkins, Past MSFA Assistant Secretary; and Margaret H. Woltz, Past LAMSFA Scholarship Committee Chair.

The singing of the 23rd Psalm was sung in Hebrew. (CD recording)

Reading of the 23rd Psalm was presented by LAMSFA Vice-Chaplain Lori Denbow.
Stacey Faust of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company read the poem “Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven” written by her on the death of her then fire chief.

“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.
Chief Chaplain John Long: Thank you Stacey. We'll now have another scripture reading of Lamentations by Chaplain Harry Hetz.

Chaplain Hetz: A reading from Lamentations Chapter 3:17-26. 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.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have our Memorial tribute. Again when your County’s name is called, please stand.

Deceased members were as follows:

**Allegany County**
- Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Lucila A. Swain
- Barton Hose Company No. 1 Auxiliary – Clara Etta Dye
- Barton Hose Company No. 1 – Earnest L. Metz
- Barton Hose Company No. 1 – William F. Lamberson
- Barton Hose Company No. 1 Auxiliary – Mary E. Snider
- Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department – John Chisholm Jr.
- Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Eliza M. Hamilton
- Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Hugh McMullen
- Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – May Robison
- Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Robert C. Sharon Sr.
- Clarysville Fire Company – Gerald K. Rafferty
- Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company – John L. Clauson
- Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Sandra J. Boor
- District 16 Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Wilma G. Lantz
- District 16 Volunteer Fire Company – Homer R. Snider
- Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – James W. Barnes
- Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Grant Hymes
- Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Richard O. Roland Sr.
- Frostburg Area Ambulance Service – Roberta L. Gomer
- Frostburg Area Ambulance Service – Horace Small
- Frostburg Fire Department #1 – Paul E. Myers
- Ladies Auxiliary to the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – Leona F. McClellan
- LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad – Frederick Gates
- LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad – Wesley L. Moore
Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Irvin P. Lavin
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department – Ralph L. Rader Sr.
Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department – Rose M. Keeler
Shaft Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – AnnLee M. Femi
Tri-Towns Volunteer Fire Department – Theodore R. Combs

Anne Arundel County
Anne Arundel Alarmers Association – Janice L. Fleming
Deale Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Auxiliary – Ethel Louisa Wood Nutwell
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company – Howard E. Brown Sr.
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company – David E. Fowler
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Paul M. Heitzenrater
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Cosby M. Stokes Jr.
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – John F. Davies Sr.
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – John E. Stumpf III
Independent Fire Company #2 – Lyle I. Freeman
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department – William A. Hawkins
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph J. Miller Sr.
Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Company – Robert L. Curley III
Maryland City Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Megan McCormack
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – Michael A. Wade
Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department – Brandon Mason
Rescue Hose Company #1 – Charles Witt
Riva Volunteer Fire Department – Barbara K. Grimes
Riveria Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Frank M. Everley
Riveria Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Charles A. Rossi
Waterwitch Hook & Ladder #1 – George D. Sherlock
West Annapolis Volunteer Fire & Improvement Company Auxiliary – Mary Phibbons
Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Eddie M. Harris

Baltimore County
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Reggie D. Shepherd Sr.
Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company – Howard F. Wiedey
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – Donald Langrehr
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company – William W. Boyd Sr.
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company – Martin A. Schmitt
Long Green Volunteer Fire Company – Wilbur S. Gosnell
Long Green Volunteer Fire Company – David F. Mumma
North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Company – Lillan Clark
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – Henry W. Eckhardt Sr.
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – William R. Goodman
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Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – William B. Levin
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – Murray E. Rodman
Providence Volunteer Fire Company – John L. Sprigg
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company – Vernon L. Leaf Sr.
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company – C. Tracey Huster
Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Frederick O. “Otis” Kerby
Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Deborah L. Ledley

Calvert County
Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Billie M. Cox
Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department – Allen H. Bowen Sr.
Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department – Walter M. Gott Jr.

Caroline County
Denton Volunteer Fire Company – Robert D. Palmer
Denton Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Louise Singer
Marydel Volunteer Fire Company – Albert V. Lane, Jr.
Marydel Volunteer Fire Company - John K. Shults
Marydel Volunteer Fire Company - John A. Vonville

Carroll County
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Charles E. Green
Auxiliary to the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company – Helen Adams
Auxiliary to the Harney Volunteer Fire Company – Kathryn Dom
Auxiliary to the Harney Volunteer Fire Company – Ethel Long
Auxiliary to the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Company – Pauline Folk
Auxiliary to the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Company – Virginia Robbins
Auxiliary to the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Company – Wanda Warner
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 – Paul J. Anderson
Auxiliary to the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Nancy L. Adler
Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Harold “Mac” Molesworth
Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Albert Watkins
Auxiliary to the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Isabelle H. Windsor
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – James C. Carlisle
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary – Evelyn G. Culler
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary – Theda Dyer Dayhoff
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – William Kroh
Reese Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – June Snyder Cashman
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – John A. “JB” Baker
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company – Jennings L. Spencer
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Sterling W. Fritz
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Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Destry A. Giastgeb
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Meredith E. Gross
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 & Ladies Auxiliary – Dorothy L. Lockner
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – Paul J. Anderson
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – Edward Curfman
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary – Ruth S. Keefer
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary – Hilda Barnes Haugh
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary – Gertie Spurrier

Cecil County
Community Fire Company of Perryville – Vernon W. Fadeley
Community Fire Company of Perryville – Robert W. Jackson Sr.
Community Fire Company of Perryville – Lily Lokey
Community Fire Company of Perryville – John C. Reinhart Sr.
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Shirley L. England
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Beatrice “Trixy” Reichenbach
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Bobby R. Yates
Hacks Point Fire Company – Linda D. Barlow
North East Fire Company – Edith D. Raine
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Joseph Allen
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 & Aux. – E. Rosemary Culley
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 & Aux. – Belva Lee
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 & Aux. – Sarah Peterson
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 & Aux. – Gail Purcell

Charles County
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary &
Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Audrey Robertson
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department – John “Freddie” Robertson
Benedict Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad – Leroy “Dusty” Welch
Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Earl K. Hughes
Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Ethel M. Eastburn
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – John M. “Mike” Shymansky
Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Mary Lillian Cole
Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Richard H. Cornell

Dorchester County
Rescue Fire Company – Emerson Bramble
Rescue Fire Company – C. Lloyd Robbins
Rescue Fire Company – Orville Willis
Rescue Fire Company – **Elliott Wilson**
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – **Paul R. Birch**
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – **Janis R. Werner**

**Frederick County**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **Richard T. “Brandy” Brandenburg**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **Thomas M. “Tommy” Eichelberger Sr.**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **William P. “Bill” Heller Sr.**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **William A. “Bill” Kennedy Sr.**
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – **Amos “Ben” Ahalt**
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – **Arthur C. Huff**
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – **Michael D. Bunn, Jr.**
Junior Fire Company #2 & Auxiliary – **James E. Gaver**
Junior Fire Company #2 & Auxiliary – **Francis C. Sappington Jr.**
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – **Lucy M. Smith**
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – **Helen Marie Waters Gladhill**
New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company – **Charles W. “Jim” Nunemaker**
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Robert M. Cannon**
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Avon Chism**
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Woodrow E. “Skip” Marth**
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – **Olive McGovern**
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – **George C. Stauffer**
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – **Richard Stup**
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – **Edgar Wachter**
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – **Louise Zimmerman**
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – **Richard Zimmerman**
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – **Olridge L. “Archie” Butt**

**Garrett County**
Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department – **Robert O. Brenneman**
Bloomington Fire Company – **Glenn A. Harvey**
Bloomington Fire Company Auxiliary – **Alice H. Howard**
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company  – **Edward C. DeWitt**
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – **Rev. John A. Grant**
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – **Carl W. Thrasher**
Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Clinton J. McKenzie Sr.**
Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department – **Douglas L. Robertson Sr.**
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad – **Frank H. Eberly Sr.**
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad – **Helen H. Kahl**
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Harford County
Aberdeen Fire Department – Sue Schantz
Abingdon Fire Company & Auxiliary – Frances P. Espey
Abingdon Fire Company – Lewis E. Espey
Abingdon Fire Company – Albert R. Kilduff Sr.
Abingdon Fire Company – George S. Morgan
Abingdon Fire Company – George B. Sills Jr.
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – James E. Foard Jr.
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Doris Mary Jacobsen
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Charles C. Lochary
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Thomas E. Gray Sr.
Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company – Edwin J. Geisendaffer Sr.
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – Connie Tipton Martin
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – Richard D. Fleming
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Edward L. Kimmel
Level Volunteer Fire Company – Edward L. Kimmel
Level Volunteer Fire Company – Aaron J. Peterson
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – Zeba Pat M. Miller

Howard County
No Names submitted

Kent County
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company – Chief William Coleman
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company – Evelyn Gears
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company – Judith Goodman
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company &
    Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – Willis Wells
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department – Stuart W. Groves
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Thelma P. Willis
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Frances A. Money
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – Louis B. Anthony
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – S. Edgar Glenn
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – Mike Joiner
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – Standford “Lou” Lewis
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary – Sharon Hickman

Montgomery County
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – Walter C. Cox
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – Donald L. Fitzgerald
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Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad &
   Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Robert W. Gollan
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – William O. Hartley
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – Charles T. Orme Jr.
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department &
   Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Jon C. Grover
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – David Barcroft
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Audree Virginia Brandenburg
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – Lew Gladhill
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – William F. Hawse Sr.
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – Robert Moxley
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Thomas “Buddy” Kinder
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Pauline V. Kindet
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Bruce E. Newcomer
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Vi Bishop
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Justus Meyer
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Hunter P. Heltzel
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Benny Hope
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Donald Price
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Paul Russo
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Marilyn Ann Jarboe
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – Thelma E. Grubb

Prince George's County
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department – Samuel H. Conley
Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Carol Kiernan
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Aux. – Idella Hensler
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Aux. – Rita H. Leggett
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Aux. &
   Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary &
   College Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margaret H. Woltz,
   Past Scholarship Committee, 1993-2005
Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Louise Tierney
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Lucille Kimball
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Carroll F. Linkins
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department – Robert H. King
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 Auxiliary – Barbara A. Facini
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Chief James W. Randall Sr.
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary Marcus
Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department – Matthew Falcone
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Harry E. “Buck” Davis
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Meredith T. “Mac” Kates
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – W. Wayne Merkle
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Charles H. Wells
Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad – James E. Rakes
Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad – Gail R. Rinehart
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – John E. Tippett III
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department – Ronald C. Ellis
Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Jackie Greenway
Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department – Sean Aultmon
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad & Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department – James L. McGill
Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department – Ronald K. Shaw
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Phillip Buler

Queen Anne's County
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Mabel Davis
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Katherine A. Thompson

Somerset County
Crisfield Volunteer Fire Department – Janet L. Ward
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Patricia Webster
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Marca E. Wehage
Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire Department – Lorraine Whitelock

St. Mary's County
Bay District Volunteer Fire Department – Jim “Yogi” Baird
Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Mary A. Burroughs
Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Jeanne M. Cross
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – George F. Purcell
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – Robert L. Miedzinski
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Cynthia K. Adams
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary P. Burroughs
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – William H. Simpson Sr.
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department – Kyle A. Heck
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Barbara G. McWilliams
LAMSFA Past President 2005-2006

Talbot County
Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association – Troy A. Pearson
Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary – Frances H. Shortall
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Phillip L. Dyott Sr.
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Helen Hope French
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company – James Davis

Washington County
Clear Spring Ambulance Club – Thomas F. Altman
Clear Spring Ambulance Club – Mildred Holtzman
Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Ray N. Blair, Sr.
First Hagerstown Hose Company – Robert G. Hammond
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Dorothy G. Stouffer
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Geraldine J. Irving
Potomac Valley Fire Company – Lloyd D. Grim
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Howard W. “Bill” Himes
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Milton D. Lawyer
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Fred L. “Snuffy” Smity

Wicomico County
West Side Volunteer Fire Department – Carlton Webster

Worcester County
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Charlotte Rusher

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have a special flag folding ceremony by the Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Honor Guard with the narration by First Vice President Jackie Olson.

1st Vice President 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.

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 any 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. The Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums then play Amazing Grace.

TAPS and ECHO was performed by the Westminster Band.

**LAMSFA Chaplain Marcia Roth** said the Lord’s Prayer and gave the Benediction.

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** This concludes our Memorial Service. Thank you for your presence and support of these families who’ve lost a loved one in the past year.

(Due to recording difficulties, some of the comments made by the Presidents and the LAMSFA Chaplain were not available. We regret that this occurred and our apologies to them and the families.)
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Opening Ceremonies
Monday, June 17, 2013

(Musical Interlude by the Westminster Band)

President John Denver: It’s my honor to call to order the 121st Annual Conference Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to order. I would now like to call Hoby Howell to deliver the safety message.

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning! Thank you. Some people are awake this morning. Welcome to the 121st Convention. It is raining outside so hopefully we have a lot of people in here. We are obviously in different surroundings, once again due to the construction. That being said please know and observe your surroundings, check exits close to you, know where they are. Watch all the traffic and pedestrians as you come and go here at the convention as well as out on the road. PLEASE turn your phones to vibrate or off. Obviously respect the people around you as well as all of us on the stage. I want to thank you, from all of us on the Safety Committee, the ones in the red shirts that you see. If you need anything from us in the coming days, look for us or you can ask for us – my name is Hoby Howell. Thank you very much.

Chaplain John Long: Good morning! That’s a little bit better. Let us pray. Almighty God, creator of Heaven and Earth, as we start our 121st Annual Convention here in Ocean City, Father we pray for President Denver, President Soper and the Officers and Committees who have worked so hard this past year. Father we lift them up to you and honor them for their service. Father we thank you for a great year for this Association and the many accomplishments. Father we would not be here today enjoying the fellowship if it wasn’t for our military here and abroad. Father we lift them up for your protection, we lift our nation up for guidance. Father we ask that as we are here in Ocean City, you grant us great fellowship, great times together and safe travels. We ask this all in your precious name. Amen.

Past Presidents please stand for the presentation of the Presidents. Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great honor to introduce to you the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association John Denver, escorted by his wife, Anne Marie and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Sherry Soper, escorted by Charlie Abrecht.
Richard Brooks: Please be seated and remain seated and begin with a salute to our Maryland counties as they are presented before you this morning.

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The flags from each county were presented along with a slide presentation of those counties. (Applause and cheers as they entered the hall.)

Richard Brooks: And ladies and gentlemen - the Great State of Maryland. (Applause) The Westminster Band “Maryland, My Maryland” as the Maryland Flag is raised.

Slide presentation of the Maryland Memorial while the Westminster Band plays *Amazing Grace*.

The Westminster Bank plays “*Eternal Father Strong to Save.*”

Bagpipers entered the hall playing “*Scotland the Brave.*”

Richard Brooks: We now take a moment and honor our Maryland Fallen Fire Fighter Flag.

Bagpipers play “*Highland Cathedral.*”

The National Fire Fighters Memorial Flag
The Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Flag.
They are all posted on the stage.

Richard Brooks: Please join our Presidents in welcoming the Maryland Fire Service Pipes and Drums. (Applause) Please be seated. Ladies and gentlemen there is nothing more stirring than the pipes to honor the fire service.

The Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Pipes and Drums play “*Awesome Set.*” (Applause) Special Video presentation “My Name is America.” (Applause)
President Denver: Everyone please rise for the presentation of the colors by the Maryland Combined Fire Service Honor Guard. Honor Guard please post colors.

President Soper: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Tim Koenic: Sings the National Anthem. (Applause)

President Denver: Honor Guard retire the Colors.

We just had a tremendously grand Opening Ceremonies. I would like you to join me in thanking both the Westminster Band and the Pipes and Drums and the Color Guard. (Applause)

I would now like to introduce the Honorable Richard Meehan, Mayor of the Town of Ocean City.

Mayor Meehan: Good morning everybody. Well on behalf of the Mayor and City Council and all the citizens of Ocean City, I want to officially welcome you to our community and I want to say what I have said in years past, but it is absolutely the truth, I have been in Ocean City now for about 48 years and what I can tell you is we all know that the summer officially starts when the Maryland State Firemen’s Association comes to town. So I want to thank you again for being here and officially kicking off the summer for 2013. I want to thank you very much. (Applause)

As John stated they were terrific Opening Ceremonies and I don’t know about you but as soon as the bagpipers start to play, they get to me every time. I must admit I was a little bit concerned right before the singing of the National Anthem, the former Mayor of Ocean City announced that Senator Jim Mathias, Jim has been known to sing a mean “Mustang Sally,” but I was afraid they had asked him to come sing the National Anthem. So I can’t tell you how happy I was when Tim walked out here and I think he did a marvelous rendition of the National Anthem. (Applause.) If you happen to be out and about town sometime during the week about 12:30 at night, you might run into Senator Mathias singing “Mustang Sally.”

This is especially gratifying to see you here this year, since the last time you were here we have faced many challenges, I know you have in your communities as well. I think that what it does is really again emphasizes the importance of the volunteerism and the volunteer fire and rescue companies and everything that you do for everybody in your communities. Volunteerism is something very special and it means everything to our communities and it is something we could not do without. So I personally want to thank you for the service you have given to all your communities and I want to thank the Ocean
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City Volunteer Fire Company for all the service they have and will continue to give the town of Ocean City.

Hurricane Sandy left some of us in dire straights but again we all stood strong and we repaired damages and we are again here for the summer of 2013. In Ocean City we are very fortunate to have minor damages and they have all been repaired and we are ready to go. But it is something we all have to realize that it is going to be a constant challenge.

I want to thank and recognize your Convention Committee, they have worked tirelessly throughout the year since the last time you were here, they have been at Ocean City on many occasions making sure that they put together a convention that you would all come and enjoy and that would certainly be educational as well. I think they deserve a big round of applause because they certainly done that. (Applause) And it is great to see that they have incorporated some family activities into this convention week and we are happy to see all the families come to town. Hope you get to enjoy all the family activities that we present from the town as well while you are out and about. Hope you get to enjoy the new boardwalk. We have rebuilt the boardwalk over the last two years, not due to hurricanes or any damages but it was the right thing to do and we wanted to maintain that wood boardwalk so that it is out there for the next hundred years, so that our future generations can enjoy it as well.

You are here during a time when there is a lot of people in town, I mentioned before that we are entertaining the future leaders of America, which are really the high school graduates of the Class of 2013. I am not going to tell you they don’t come without challenges but they are out and about, so remember they are the future leaders of America.

I hope while you are here you not only get to go out on the boardwalk but enjoy some of the new things we have in town. I know you have a family picnic coming up tomorrow which is a great family activity, just a lot of good things. I think your presence in town means a lot to all the businesses and to the citizens who recognize how important you are to our communities.

I want to leave you with some final words, and that is to be safe while you are here. I know everybody is on vacation but please make sure you and your families are cognizant of the fact that they do need to practice safety while they are here particularly when crossing Coastal Highway, use the crosswalks, take advantage of using our bus system, enjoy Ocean City but our goal is everybody comes to Ocean City has a great time while they are here and returns home safely so they can come back again next year and be with their families throughout the year.

So thank you all very much for coming, it is great to see the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention in Ocean City. Thank you. (Applause)

I do have a couple of presentations I would like to make. I would like to ask President
John Denver to come up please. You know organizations and events like this, running organizations doesn’t just happen. It comes with an awful lot of hard work and that, again, takes dedicated volunteerism. And John has certainly shown that and represented you very well over the past year. And to recognize that, on behalf of the Town of Ocean City, I want to present you, John, with a token of our appreciation and this comes from everybody in town, what you have done for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the State of Maryland, the Key to the Town of Ocean City. (Applause)

I would also like Sherry Soper to come forward please. And as I said with John, you know Sherry’s commitment to your organization didn’t just start with her Presidency, it started from years ago – 13 years ago to be exact and again that is a lot of time and a lot of energy to put in on behalf of everybody in this room and all the volunteers throughout the State of Maryland. We certainly recognize that and we want to thank you for what you have done and from the Town of Ocean City, I want to present you, as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association’s Ladies Auxiliary, this key to the Town of Ocean City. Thank you Sherry. (Applause) Well deserved.

Again I want to thank you all before I leave, I do want to introduce the next speaker, also from Ocean City - that would be Joe Thiebold, Director of Emergency Services in Ocean City. He does a fine job for us. He works with all our fire services and police services and makes sure when we do have those disaster type of events coming our way that we are prepared and we are ready and we are able to address those situations. Without further ado, I would like to introduce Director of Emergency Services, Joe Thiebold. (Applause)

Joe Thiebold: Good Morning. My job is very easy after listening to the Mayor. He said everything I need to say. However, 121 years, a lot of tradition in this room and in this state and it is volunteerism and working together as a team that built this nation and you continue it proudly. We are very happy to have you in Ocean City and we want to keep having you come back but we want you to be safe. As the Mayor said, please protect your families, we do have a lot of youngsters in town, and sometimes they do not pay attention as they should. So on behalf of all the disciplines in public safety, with special emphasis on the fire department and especially the Ocean City Fire Volunteer Fire Company that has protected this community for many many years, enjoy yourselves, be proud of what you do, but enjoy Ocean City when you are done with the business of the day. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: We would like to present both the Mayor and Mr. Thiebold with some items to remember the Convention by the Mugs and some other items. (Applause from the audience and thanks from the Mayor and Mr. Thiebold.)

President Denver: The next person I would like to introduce has been a friend of the fire service and certainly a friend of the MSFA for a number of years. And it is especially important that he joins us this morning because as you came in, you probably noticed a
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little bit of rain out there and this person promises us sunshine each year. So we hope he has brought it with him and in fact, as you will see in a second, it brightened up back stage when he joined us. So I would like to introduce the Honorable Jim Mathias, Senator of the State of Maryland. (Applause and cheers)

Senator Mathias: Good morning MSFA! Are you ready to have some fun? How about you ladies? How about the ladies auxiliary? Are you ready to have some fun too? (Applause) Absolutely. I am just going to take a moment and say, as we do every time we get together, welcome to another beautiful day in Ocean City. Let me hear you Maryland, make some noise! Where’s our friends? (Applause and cheering) Western Maryland, where are you? Come on, Southern Maryland, where are you? (Applause and Cheering) Where’s Baltimore and Harford Counties, Howard County. Come on, where are you? (Cheering and Applause) Come on Eastern Shore, show them what’s it is all about! Let me hear you. (Cheering and Applause) Alright, put it all together Maryland! God bless you. Absolutely.

I just want to take a moment and tell you although I wasn’t able to be here Saturday night for the banquet, everybody I have had respect for has said, “Jim, family first.” And I want to tell you, as members of the fire service are my family. But my son, Trevor, who, by the way, I was here right after he was born in 1990, he was born Friday, June 15th; and, Cathy and I (God rest her soul), were able to bring him home on Father’s Day that year of June the 17th. He had his birthday and he is finishing his first year in graduate school in Baltimore, and he got engaged and an extended member of his soon to be family is getting shipped out very soon and going to the Middle East, and I had a decision to make – and I thought about my fire service family – which is you, and I thought about Trevor and his extended family, and I called Richard and he said Jim you know what to do, I got you covered. I was thinking of you Saturday night. I think of you every day, all the time, and I am going to say one more thing, for the most important thing is – THE SUN WILL SHINE ON PARADE DAY! Come on let me hear you MSFA and ladies auxiliary! (Cheers and Applause)

The Mayor touched on it and I think he was afraid I was going to sing – I got the words to “Mustang Sally” right here, they should be right next to you on the chair. I have never seen him run so fast off the stage! He don’t want any parts of that. But in any event he touched on it. And I see General Adkins is here.

I want to thank each and every one of the companies. I was in Lutherville yesterday, I stopped by the firehouse in Lutherville. I want to thank each and every one of the companies for EVERY incident throughout the year. Whether it is a PI, a medical assist, a significant event like Hurricane Sandy, a snow storm, a blizzard, but it is you, all emergency management is local and it is you on the frontline. How about a special special thank you to Crisfield Fire Company for all they did through Hurricane Sandy. The lower shore ambulance squad in Lower Somerset. (Applause) Governor O'Malley, reached out and General Adkins who was there, Senator Milkski, Senator Cardin when we were told no on the individual assistance – maybe it wasn’t the first time but it is rare when FEMA's
decisions are reversed. And we all came together with your support as we have had to build this building and these beaches, to protect the people of Maryland and we protect them every day. I just want to take a moment to thank YOU for being a major major hub in that wheel of protection.

There are a few other people I want to thank. Usually I’m here and we make each other laugh. But he doesn’t know I am going to do this. Can you ask Bill Barnard to come out here please. I know he is down there. Bill can you come out here a second? Bill would you come here? If he’s not there anymore, just tell me and I’ll keep moving. All right, he’s on his way. Ladies and gentlemen, about how it for Bill Barnard, our state Fire Marshal and all the work he has done over the years. (Applause and cheers). Maryland is a safer place because of you and to all of your team I want to say thank you! In addition to Bill as he goes on to a new life, I want to be here and says thanks. How about it for Barry Glassman? Barry is going to be retiring out of the State Senate and he is going to be going on and I want to bid him well in his bit to become the next Harford County Executive. How about it for Barry Glassman. (Applause and cheers) And how about it for that Jimmy Malone? But here is your team here, when there was an initiative, whether it was explosives, sprinklers, and a better hardwired battery/smoke detector where the batteries can’t be overridden. This is the team that help kept it safe for you. And how about it Eddie and Laura Wood. Every time I turn around they are out there. How about the Legislative Team for MSFA and the ladies auxiliary? Would the Legislative Team please stand up. It is you that helped deliver that legislation. God bless you and we thank you very much. To your health!

Pretty much I have yet to be in this building when they have opened up the curtains and we get to see bay. You and the men and women were primary in triple sizing this building, when Fish Powell was Mayor and I came in, you were instrumental in helping us build this beach, these hospitals and so many of the things we have now today to render you a better and safer vacation experience. You are the foundation and you are the girders of Ocean City. I want to take this time to say thank you, God bless you, and know that I am always here with you. Let’s have a great week and enjoy the sunshine! God bless you! Thanks and welcome back to Ocean City!

President Denver: Thank you Senator. Here’s our mug and a few other items.

Senator Matthias: (President Soper joins Sen. Mathias) Now you know this thing is christened (holds up mug) until we go down to the Cork Bar. This isn’t the Johnny Carson Show or something! We really got to drink something out of it. But I tell you a great story. Yesterday I had the opportunity and I was at the Orioles game and we won – come on now, let’s here for those O’s Hon! (Applause) You can’t get that Baltimore out of the boy. I know, I have only been here at the beach for 42 years! When I heard the National Anthem, I think of 200 years ago and the foundation – land of the free and home of the brave and all that we do here. But I want to tell you a story about good old Baltimore and what it is really all about. So we were down here at Ocean City’s Annual Banquet and we were at the table
and the Ravens were working their way to the Super Bowl and right here man, Sherry had it down with a text message. We were down and we were up and we were tied and we went ahead. How about a round of applause for our greatest sportscaster lady! (Applause and cheers) Here’s one to you (Sen. Mathias raises the mug as if toasting Sherry) And I said to her when we get into September and the O’s are going and they are ready to get to the play-offs, I am hanging out with you! Where ever you are is where I want to be! God bless you everybody and have a great week. Thank you! (Applause)

**President Denver:** Thank you so much Senator. The next person I would like to introduce is Major General James Adkins, Adjutant General of the State of Maryland. (Applause)

**Major General Adkins:** It is an honor to be here today and I just wanted to stop down and thank you for what you do to protect life and property in communities all across Maryland. And one reason it is important to me is because in those communities live my soldiers and the airmen. Many of them deployed overseas through the last 12 years on and off. It is nice to know that you are there to protect them, their homes and their families. Some of those soldiers and airmen actually serve in your ranks and I have seen some of them out there today. And I thank them for their service not only to the nation and the state but to their communities as members of your organization.

Yesterday was Father’s Day and my Father always taught us of the importance of supporting the local fire department. My uncles had returned home from World War II had been founding members and supporters of Lakes and Straights in Dorchester County. My brother who may be in the audience, who was not expecting to see me here today, has served for decades, along with his wife, Keith Adkins and wife Cathy have served for years at Linkwood-Salem Volunteer Fire Company and has served in many different positions there and I thank them for their service.

You know not everybody understands what it means when they see the local fire department going down the road in rural Maryland. Those are members of the fire department who have left homes and jobs to go out and serve others, much like our militia use to and now like our troops serve here at home and abroad.

So I wanted to thank you for that tremendous support and let you know that I know what it is like and that it is not easy. Not only do you have to answer calls to fight fires, save lives, respond to accidents; in your off time, you have to go there and it is really not off time but raise funds to support your fire department so you can better support the community with the dinners and selling chicken at Linkwood-Salem on week-ends on the side of Route 50. So I know that the task is daunting.

The other reason I wanted to stop down is because is to thank you on another level. Some of you may not be aware that a lot of funding for fire departments, by chance, happens to flow through my department. So when I go to Annapolis and defend my budget in front
of the general assembly, I don’t have to look over my shoulder to know that the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is there. I KNOW they are there sitting behind me ready to support when there is a question about the budget for our fire departments. It is also nice to see Norm Conway sitting at the corner of the table up there just watching in case we need him. And while I have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and things would get a little bit exciting there, I feel better when I have Norm Conway and Jim Mathias and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association with me in Annapolis.

One of the first things I did when I came into the assignment was to meet with Lee Sachs and members of the Association. And we continue that tradition today of meeting several times a year to work through the issues relating to having the appropriate level of funding.

And then the final thing I want to thank you for today was what we do in emergencies. We have experienced blizzards, hurricanes, the guardsmen called out and many times the final destination for the guard in at local fire departments. Because our mission in emergencies is to make sure you have the resources to continue to do your job in support of the citizens of Maryland. And when I get out there in those emergencies, and when I visit my troops out there assigned to counties around the state, many times in your fire departments and you are taking great care of them, making sure they have a place to sleep, making sure they are fed and making sure they are taken care of. So with that thank you all very much! (Applause and cheers)

President Denver: General a small token of our appreciation – our convention mug and some other items. Thank you.

The next person I would like to introduce and he does not need much of an introduction down here, let’s give a welcome to MSFA Past President Roger Steger of the Ocean City Fire Volunteer Company.

Past President Steger: There we go – technical problems! Technical problems kept what Roger said from being heard.

President Denver: Technical problems continued and nothing could be heard on the tapes. He thanked everyone for their cooperation and patience in getting the continuing problem fixed.

President Denver: I would like to reintroduce Vickie Taylor from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Keynote Speaker: Vickie Taylor, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Behavioral Health Consultant: Good Morning again! I am delighted to be here. Thank you so much for your Maryland
hospitality. I am going to tell you a little bit about what we have been up to at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation as we are thinking about how to take care of firefighters.

But first I want to tell you something that I hope you are aware of and remind you of and that is you make such a difference in peoples’ lives. I was on a plane about a month ago and making small talk with the woman next to me and it came up during the conversation that my husband was a retired firefighter. She got very quiet. And she said really? A firefighter changed my life. And she told me this story. And probably every one of you has several stories just like this. She said I came home from work one day to find that my son had taken his life. I felt like I was paralyzed, like someone had driven stakes through my feet, I could not move. She said I remember calling 9-1-1 and all these people showed up; police, fire, paramedics. I knew my son was dead and there was nothing they could do. But I couldn’t move. Then I felt a soft touch on my shoulder and a very soft quiet voice saying madam why don’t you walk with me. And the next thing I knew I was in my kitchen, seated at my kitchen table. The firefighter introduced himself to me. And she said he was very observant and noticed I had a pitcher of ice tea on the counter and he said madam may I get you something to drink, perhaps a glass of ice tea or some water?

And then he sat down across from me and he told me everything that I could expect. Let me tell you what is happening here. Who knew if your child commits suicide it is a crime scene. I didn’t know that. And so he explained everything. And he said next your son’s body will be taken to the medical examiner office and then after that you’ll need a funeral home and I don’t know if you had thought of that. He offered to call someone for me, he said is there anybody I can call? She said I needed my husband and I just couldn’t find the number in my cell phone. He helped me do that. He asked me if there was anybody else that I would like to come, a neighbor, perhaps the pastor from my church.

She said then he looked across the table at me and with great sincerity she said he looked at me and he said madam I am so sorry you have to go through this. She said that probably does not mean much to you, he didn’t say I am so sorry for your loss. He said I am sorry you have to go through this. She said you know what, that might not sound like a big deal to you but in the months and darks weeks after, when I was second-guessing myself and I was feeling so badly, I could hear that firefighter voice telling me I am sorry you have to go through this. He said he thought I could get through this. I figured if he thought I could get through this, I could.

She said the other he did that really helped me, he left me a little pamphlet. He said madam it is way too early for you to think about this now but at some point you may want to talk to other people who have also lost a child in this way. So he left me a little pamphlet - much like your after the fire pamphlet - so he left the pamphlet she said that was for survivors of suicide. And it had all kinds of community resources for me. She said you know that firefighter changed my life? I don’t even know his name. But I don’t believe that I would be on the path to healing that I am on if it hadn’t been for him and the way he
treated me that day.

I know this story is not unusual for you. You have the opportunity to touch people lives in a way that most of us will never be able to do. So I want to talk to you a little bit about caring for your community and a little thing we have been working on at the Fallen Firefighters Foundation called “Curbside Manner: Stress First Aid for the Street.” You just heard an example of it in action.

So what if there was some set of really simple actions that you could do that would do just what that firefighter did with that woman. Send her straight down the path to recovery. What if there are already things you already do and what if the very same set of actions would be the same set of actions you would use to support each other when you are trying to recover from being on those calls that really pull at your heart strings. This just isn’t a feel good approach. Yes it is great customer service. But this is now backed up by two decades of research that tells us what helps people move forward after the worse days in their life.

And so I am going to talk to you about the “power of five.” Five very simple actions that you just heard me tell you in the story of the firefighter who talked with the woman at her kitchen table. They are very simple and they all start with “C’s.” So they are easy to remember.

So the five actions of Curbside Manner are:
1. Cover
2. Calm
3. Connect
4. Competence – build a sense of competence and
5. Confidence

So what does that mean? Well cover is about enhancing sense of safety. And not just physical safety, it is sociological safety too isn’t it. It is that nice hand on the shoulder that moved that woman to the kitchen, out of harms’ way but into a place that felt safer. You do this every day just by showing up on the scene. People go “oh good!” Firefighters are here, EMS is here, things are going to start getting better. And a special shout-out to all my friends from the ladies auxiliary because you do this work too. And you are often the ones proving this kind of support to your firefighters.

Calm is the one piece, by the way of curbside manner that is strongly supported by research. The most important thing we can do for someone who is having a bad day is to begin to help calm their emotions and all those stress chemicals that run out into our body because we are such spectacular beings and we are built in such a way that we can stand stress but all of those stress chemicals over time are toxic. And you know as well as I do how much it helps when the person you are trying to help was the hysterical family member in your way begins to calm and can become your partner in what you are trying to accomplish on an emergency scene.

Connect, you do this all the time. This is not an unusual feature, this is exactly that action
that the firefighter asked the woman at the table – Is there someone I can call for you? Often you call your chaplains so that you can connect people to a source of support and a way of feeling like they matter.

Building a sense of competence – competence is that sense that we can use the resources that are available for us. That we either have our own resources and that we believe “I can get through this” or that we believe that “I can get through this” with the help of the resources that I can find. That very simple brochure for that woman that morning at that kitchen table helped build her sense of competence by providing her with resources that would help her in the weeks and months after her son’s suicide.

And last but not least, the thing that we all need and that is a sense of hope. A belief that we can get through things. A belief that tomorrow may be a little bit better than today. A belief that things are going to turn out in the best way they possibly can and that people are going to treat me in a kind and compassionate manner. This is what you do every single day.

So why does it matter? Well you know if you can get people to feel that you care about them, they are more compliant aren’t they? They follow your direction. They become your partner at an emergency scene. They go away remembering how great you are and they tell their friends. Wow! You know I would not wish what happened to me on my worst enemy but boy the people who came to help! They sure made a difference. Because you know what, in the end people probably don’t remember, unlike the woman I sat next to on the plane who seemed to remember every single word the firefighter said. But often people won’t be able to repeat that. They won’t know exactly what you said, they won’t remember exactly what you did but they will remember how you made them feel. They will remember that you made them feel like they mattered more than anything else in your world at that moment.

That is what makes you a hero to them. When you think this is just another routine call, to that person that you are helping, it’s not. So a little bit of effort on your part using those five simple actions – cover, calm, connect, competence and confidence – will give you great big dividends on the other end and do untold good for the people you serve.

Now I told you wouldn’t be great if the same thing you used to help Mrs. Smith would be the same thing you would use to help each other. And they are the very same actions and I cheated a little because I know, I called this the “power of five” because these are the five actions plus two more. In what we know is if you practice these actions every single day in your encounters with citizens and your community, then when it really matters then you need to take care of one another because you have been hit with one of those incidents that really really makes a difference. It stamps itself in your memory and pulls at your heartstrings, then you know exactly what to do for one another because you have been doing it every day for the people that you serve.
And so that stress first aid for fire/rescue personnel is those same five actions plus two. And so we had two simple little actions. The action we call check which you do already, that’s constantly checking in with each other. How are we doing? Is somebody struggling? Do you know if somebody has their plate full already and they are still responding to the community? Are they carrying for their grandmother who is dying? Do they have a sick child? Financial problems? A kid with a serious medical problem? You respond every day in your communities and you make a difference. So you deserve the best care. You deserve to be taken care of in a great a way as you take care of your community. So that’s the little function that we add, the action of check.

And then coordinate. Do we see somebody among our membership who is struggling and might need a little help getting the resources that they need. We say for shorthand and stress first aid we want every member in every department to know three things:

1. We want them to know how to recognize a stress injury in themselves and their co-workers.
2. We want them to know how to respond. We borrow a little line out of Homeland Security - if you see something, say something. In the fire service now we are embarking upon a mission to try and understand firefighter suicide. I would submit to you that stress first aid the way for us to take care of one another. And to notice when someone isn’t doing as well as they were before. When you see warning signs that your friend is struggling, that you say something. And that you do the third action which is
3. That you refer. You know what sources of support there are in order for you to help your fellow firefighter and EMS providers just like you help citizens.

Five simple actions. Seven for you, they are all captured on our brand new website: Firelifesafetyinitiative13.everyonegoeshome.com. We invite you to visit our website and see a lot of different tools and products there that you can get for free to help your department take better care of firefighters and better care of the citizens. And if you are interested in knowing a little bit more about Curbside Manner and Stress First Aid, then we have a free online class that you can take – takes about an hour. And it will walk you through all those steps of how to think about cover, calm, connect, competence, and confidence.

Five very simple actions. I am sure as I am speaking – yea we do that! We have done that a million times. Those actions help you and they help you to help your community and they help you to help each other. So if you don’t remember anything else about what I said today, I hope that you remember that you make an enormous difference to people in your community just by five simple actions.

Thank you SO much for having me today and I wish you a wonderful conference.
President Denver: Vickie thank you so much for that presentation. I would like to present you with a certificate of thanks and also some items to remember the convention by.

Next we would like to introduce the MSFA Past Presidents: Oscar Baker 78-79; Clarence Carpenter 86-87 (he is seated out front); Thomas A. Mattingly Sr. 90-91; Bernard Smith 91-92; Phillip Hurlock 93-94; Richard Yinger 94-95; Fred Cross 95-96; Stephan D. Cox 96-97; C. Daniel Davis 97-98; Robert E. Knippenburg 98-99; Carl B. Edelin Jr. 99-2000; Roger A. Steger Sr. 2000-01; Gene Worthington 2002-03; Terry Thompson 2003-04; Robert W. Jacobs 2004-05; Bobby Balta Jr. 2006-07; Paul H. Sterling Jr. 2007-08; Frank J. Underwood 2008-09; Roger N. Powell 2009-10; Doyle E. Cox 2010-11; and David W. Lewis 2011-12. (Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen welcome our past presidents. (Applause)

We have visitors from the surrounding states and their organizations:
From the Delaware State Firefighter’s Association: President. Charles Boyer – please stand if you are here, 2nd Vice President Tony Guzzo, Secretary Elmer Steel, Treasurer J. Alan Metheny, Chaplain Bob Hudson, Director Ted Walious, State Fire Marshal Gerve Ringel, State Fire Prevention Committee David Roberts, Past President of the Delaware State EMS Association Mike McMichael, Past President Jim Cubbage (one of my neighbors), Past President Steve Austin, Past President Charles Frampton, Past President Marvin Sharpe, Past President Ray Stevens, Past President Jim McCall, Past President Ed Barlow.

From the Virginia State Fire Fighter’s Association: President Gary Allred.

And from the Firemen’s Association from the State of Pennsylvania: Past President Alan Steele.

From the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association: First Vice President Jim Watson.
(Applause)

Now I’d like a motion from the floor to accept the minutes of the 2012 convention. Motion Ron Watkins, Second Carl Edelin. All in favor say aye, opposed no, Minutes are approved.

I’d like the credentials report from Rick Hemphill.

Rick Hemphill: Thank you. Mr. President, there are 365 member companies of the MSFA, the registration of companies and individuals having appeared and registered at this time are: twenty-three Past Presidents, 263 member companies in good standing
have been registered for this convention, each past president is eligible to cast one vote, each registered company is eligible to cast five votes. That’s 263 registered companies that exercise their privilege to vote is a total 1338 eligible votes. Thank you.

President Denver: We will now move on to Officers’ reports. My report is on page 33 of the program book. It’s best to read it but in addition to that I’d like to thank those departments that hosted the Executive Committee, Singerly, Flintstone, Kent Island and Walkersville. I’d also like to thank again Singerly Fire Company, Singerly Ladies Auxiliary, Cecil County Firemen’s Association and the Harford Cecil Firemen’s Association. And thank all you and your family, again there’s been a tremendous amount of work done across the state this year and we’ve accomplished much due to your work and support, thank you, it means so much.

Next would be the First Vice President.

1st Vice President Olson: Good morning and welcome to the 121st Convention and Conference. I just want to thank everybody for their support of the last couple years and again I look forward to working for you and with you next year. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know. I will let you know I am looking for anybody that would like to join several committees that we’re looking at forming this year. Some of the subjects would be: Women in the fire service, political awareness, and also the diversity of our organizations. If anyone is interested in becoming a committee member just let me know. Thank you.

President Denver: The next report will be from 2nd Vice President David Keller.

2nd Vice President Davis Keller: Good morning, President Denver, Vice President Olson, Officers, members and guests. You will find my report on page 37. At this time I’d like to also thank my family, my wife and son for giving me the opportunity to travel this great state. It has been my pleasure to serve with such great leaders of this association and thank you for the guidance. President Soper, who would have known 13 years ago I would have been able to share this stage with you and I just wanted to say thank you. Like I said, it is a pleasure to serve, so I will be continuing up the chairs, thank you and be safe on your vacation. (Applause)

President Denver: Thank you Dave. The next report will be the Secretary Doyle Cox.

Secretary Doyle Cox: Good morning, real quick, you’ll find the Secretary’s report on page 39. It’s been a great year. Thank you, thank you, see you later. (Applause)

President Denver: That was quick. The next report will be from Treasurer Ron Siarnicki.

Treasurer Siarnicki: Good morning. It’s a pleasure to be here with all of you as all of the officers say. There’s a written report in the book so I won’t bore you with any of that
information. We'll be running around as you saw this morning with a little bit of last minute adjustments with the other half of the convention. We'll talk about that later. I just want to bring greetings on behalf of the entire financial team and tell you we appreciate the support you've given us as we work through the finances of this association. We suffered a loss with our good friend Lee Sachs dying this year and that's made it tough. We paid a nice tribute to Lee last night and the financial team has really been doing things to make sure we remember what Lee has taught us.

I want to thank the financial team, they are a great group of people that have really helped keep the finances of this association going forward and of course, I want to thank the officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA for their support as we do our joint financial efforts.

The annual review was completed. We have a successful financial report from our accountants in LaVale, Pike Conner and Associates. That was handed out in the Executive committee meeting yesterday. We have really been acknowledged through our accounting firm that we have merged our files electronically of both the MSFA and the Ladies Auxiliary. That's made a big difference in being able to keep our financial records straight. We are going to be working on some adjustments to the budget process, so just a forewarning that is on our agenda. We want to address some of that, we met with the budget committee yesterday and so just to advise people, we will be doing some changes to that, plus the other piece is we have to at some point finish up an investment policy statement for the MSFA.

So I'm just here to say thank you for your support. And hopefully I've done a good enough job that you will re-elect me tomorrow during the election process. I plan to continue to serve as your treasurer if you so choose to make that happen tomorrow. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: Thank you Ron. The next report will be from Mitch Vocke, Financial Secretary.

Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke: That had to be a record for Doyle, a five second speech. Got to be a record. Ok the Office of the Financial Secretary the report can be found on page 39 of your program book. There are two items I'd like to bring to every ones attention. One make sure you use the correct P. O. Box. Fred’s P. O. Box was closed about six months ago and we continue to get checks to that P. O. Box. In the infinite wisdom of the post office, sometimes it gets forwarded, sometimes it gets sent back, and the third option is it just gets lost. Please use the correct P. O. Box which is on your invoice for your dues. Second issue is dues. We still have five member companies who have not paid their dues, McCool from Allegany, Caroline ALS, Oxon Hill from P G County, Riverdale Heights from P G County, and Powellville from Wicomico Co. Those companies are flagged in the registration so if you try to register you will be notified. Also there are
three Associate members; Montgomery Co Department of Fire and Rescue, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, and Cumberland Fire Dept, the career fire department owes the Associate dues. Per the bylaws that enacted last year those dues must be paid by the end of the first session this morning. If not then the voting privilege will be suspended and we will take it up at the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Denver:** Thank you Mitch. The next report will be from Chaplain John Long.

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** Good morning, I hope everyone’s having a good time. My report is on page 41 of the program book. At the present time we have some get well cards for Past President Leonard King, Past President Joe Robison, and Past President Robert Cumberland. They are located on the table over here (points to left) so if you have a chance, come over and sign them. They are huge. There’s plenty of room for your signature. They would really appreciate it. I hope everyone has a great convention. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Denver:** The next report will be from the Executive Committee Chair Ben Kurtz.

**Executive Committee Chair Ben Kurtz:** Thank you Mr. President. My report is on page 43. I’d like to thank President Denver for his appointment, allowing me to be the Chair of the Executive Committee and also the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and to the Executive Committee members for your support. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Denver:** The next report will be the Trustees and Danny Carpenter will make that report.

**Trustee C. Daniel Carpenter:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates and Alternates and Guests of the 121st Annual Convention. The Board of Trustees’ Report is printed in the convention program book. I would like to highlight. This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty one (31) Widows/Widowers, four (4) Dependent Children, eight (8) Line-of-Duty-Injury and one (1) Line-of-Duty-Death. The Trustees again this year were able to increase benefits. Please remember to visit the [MSFA.org](http://MSFA.org) web site and look under the Board of Trustees for the updated manual with all the forms and procedures you will need and also the five trustees and their contact information. Lastly, I would like to thank Chairman Stephen V. Hales, myself, Vice Chair C. Dan Carpenter III, Secretary Gene Worthington, PP, Terry Thompson, PP and Douglas C. Alexander.

Thank you. (Applause)

**President Denver:** Thank you Danny. Next I would like to call Ron Siarnicki to give the Convention Committee Report.
Chair Siarnicki: I took my jacket off so I would look different when I came up this time. I don’t look any better is what just came from behind the curtain. Good morning again on behalf of the Convention Committee. I want to welcome you to Ocean City. We have had a great start with the Opening Ceremonies and I am going to start with some thanks to the Convention Committee and the Steering Committee because they have really worked very hard this year. To deal with the massive amount of changes that have occurred here in the Convention Center and obviously if you have been here a couple of times – everything is different. We know that, we acknowledge that and the only words of wisdom I can give you is change, change, change because it is going to be different next year. The construction project for the performing arts center is going forward. For those of you who are wondering what the heck I am talking about, if you look at this beam directly above the stage that goes to those columns, this wall is going to move out to that, this will become a permanent wall and everything between this structure and the doors we went into the banquet last night, will be under demolition and they are going to actually build a 1,500 seat performing arts center – two tiered, auditorium style, running north to south in this very structure. So we are going to be under construction for two more years. I am just kind of warning everybody of that. But at some point we will have a permanent stage with lighting and with permanent sound back with us. (Cheers and applause) Now I am going to take a little shot, I got to admit I started out with an Apple and a Mac and then somehow I ended up with a PC and I am not going to get into that but the foul-up this morning was an I-pod that the convention center had running the sound system, it malfunctioned and has now been reset but we are going to bring in a back-up sound system as soon as we break today and try to anticipate anything else that may happen as we go through. So I apologize for the sound. I especially apologize to Vickie, the Foundation has been working a long time that support the behavioral needs of the fire service and that is why I thought it was so important for her to be here to tell you that story.

As you have probably seen there are a lot of new things this year and I want to remind you of that. Believe me moving all of those booths, exhibits, the raffle, the tickets sales out of the downstairs hallway did not come with an easy decision making process. I can say that I have lost a few pounds from my committee members because of the fact that we had to move out of that hallway. But the truth of the matter is that was part of the whole plan of providing additional exhibit space here at the convention center and we as the group who are committed to life-safety know blocking exit ways, and you have to admit, those hallways would get pretty crowded some days and so we needed to go ahead and bite the bullet and address that. Next year MFRI and MIEMSS will be moving as well because that front hallway will be under construction. I need to figure out where they are going to go for those of you who will be looking for certification will be different next year. We tried to move the $10,000 Raffle ticket sales and the MSFA Store to the D-Hall. Please it is at the rear of the building but you need to go back and visit that. And we have the state agencies that were up front now in the North entrance to C-Hall, right underneath us. So please make sure you visit them. I ask you to go through all the exhibit areas and thank
our exhibitors, you have heard other members of the Convention Committee say this, I am going to stress this – without our exhibitors we would not have the type of convention that we do. They provide the funds that we need to be able to provide you with all the programming, provide you things like the hands on training that we are doing. And I gotta say, if you haven’t heard the numbers, we had 300 student interventions with the training this year – probably one of our largest ever – 300. As we are talking about numbers as well, last night we had our largest number for the Memorial Service – 1,723 people were in this room to pay tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters and lost loved ones. This morning the very beginning of the ceremonies, it’s a little light now, and I understand that, 1,500 and I will continue to provide updates on what’s going on with the Convention Center Activities. As I make report throughout.

If you haven’t notice we are providing free shuttle from the curb at the bus stop to the Convention Center. Golf carts running continuously. I will give credit to Flo Collins for bringing that to our attention with the parking issues and believe I understand. The parking lot is not big enough. It is an issue we are trying to address and we are encouraging you to ride the bus. That’s why we do free bus passes.

Mayor Meehan had talked about, I thanked him for all his support, but we are adding an additional family activity to the Convention Schedule, on Thursday and Friday you can take your entire family to Splash Mountain that is the water park here in Ocean City and there is a half price deal for the Maryland State Firemen’s membership. If you go downstairs to where the state agencies are and get your discount card you can go to Splash Mountain for the whole day for $20. It is a great deal. So we are trying, as a convention committee, to figure out how we can make the convention better and bring more people into the convention and I would ask that if you have a suggestion, a comment or something that you need us to know, there is an evaluation form down at the information desk in the main lobby – directly across from the exhibit hall registry. Please, please take the time to fill one out and let us know how we are doing. We are always looking for input from all of you to make sure that your convention is successful. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chairman. Again thanks to our committee and the support of the officers that have made the committee function well. I hope you have a great convention. (Applause)

President Denver: Thank you Ron for all the important work you and your committee do. The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board Chairman Gene Curfman.

Chairman Curfman: Good morning. Our report is located on page 87 and continues on page 89 of the Convention Book.

I want to thank the Officers of the Association for the opportunity to serve as chairman for the last three years. I am stepping down as chairman and staying on the Committee. I want to especially thank our secretary, Pat Bowser, she is the glue that keeps our group together.
The Board currently has about $12 million and that amount is going to increase next year. So if you are considering buying a piece of equipment, renovating or adding on or building a new building, please consider the program. Our current interest rate is 2%. I know there has been some reluctance from some of the companies because in the past it has taken an excessive amount of time for closings of loans. I just want to say the Board, the Association and the Department of the Military is currently working on an initiative to get that closing time down to four to six weeks. So we have made drastic improvements so far and that program is going to continue. So if you are interested, contact your local representative, the regional rep will be happy to work with you. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: Thank you Gene. The next report is the By-Laws Committee Chair Dennis Skinner.

Dennis Skinner, Chair: Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the 121st Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. My report is found on Page 43 of the Program Book.

This year there are no amendments to be voted on. This will be my last year as Chairman of the committee and I would like to thank the Association for their support during the last ten years. Thank you. (Applause)

President Denver: Thank you Dennis. Next report is the National Volunteer Fire Council and giving that report will be both Jim Seavey and Dave Lewis.

Jim Seavey, MSFA Delegate to NVFC: Thank you Mr. President. Before we get into the report, I just want to give a shout out to Ron and the Convention Committee. How about these delegates badges folks? We got the medallion back – how about that? (Applause and cheers)

I think it was a great job. 2012 was an excellent year for your representation on the NVFC with both Past President Lee Sachs and myself serving in the rolls of Director and Alternate respectively. Lee continued on his quest with the newly formed EMS Section of the NVFC which quite frankly only three years old. And back three years ago – four years ago the Board really did not want to get into EMS. And to see the transformation in the NVFC with the attitude toward representing our EMS providers and to see in just three short years the NVFC become the go to organization for most federal agencies as it relates to volunteers and EMS issues, has been nothing short of amazing. And that was largely due to Lee’s vision when he became a member of inaugural board of that section. Lee also continued to work very closely on the Finance and Audit Committee to rein in spending and make cuts where appropriate during our troubled economic times, which also left the NVFC in an extremely healthy financial environment and I think he was to be commended for that as well.
I, on the other hand, continued working with the volunteer Advocacy Committee. The two-hatter situation has grown even larger, the states of Illinois, Michigan and Indiana along with a lot of municipalities actually started entering into negotiated collective bargaining agreements prohibiting career personnel from volunteering on their days off. The response by the NVFC was very swift and sure. We started researching which jurisdictions had safer grants awarded to them that have a specific section in that safer grant that prevents the discrimination against off-duty career personnel. And we started turning those jurisdictions into FEMA because they were in violation of the terms of their safer grant. So those works continue. We continue to work very hard.

I am not going to read the report line by line. You can find it in your Convention Book on pages 75 and 77. I do want to say that I told you last year that the Executive Committee of your Association here embraced the concept of all state membership as an excellent incentive for all our young volunteers and our providers. It comes with a death and dismemberment policy that is automatic and it comes with a lot of other incentives. And we are committed in the MSFA to help you defray the cost of making every member of your departments a member of the NVFC.

Lee Sachs and I were very close to rolling that out with the MSFA in Maryland when Lee took ill. And it was all put on hold. We lost Lee and then very early this spring, very proactively President Denver appointed a very eager, very competent and very engaged person to join me in representing you with the NVFC in that of Past President Dave Lewis who is now your Alternate to the NVFC and is already involved in committee work and was very engaged at the spring meeting two months ago in Alexandria. Now Dave and I are looking forward to representing all the member companies in the MSFA in the coming year with renewed vigor and commitment. And continuing our works in making sure the NVFC is progressive and proactive in addressing your concerns and your rights. We will work to bring the all state membership to fruition this fall. We have meetings set up with the NVFC and Dave is prodding and prodding because he realizes the benefits of that program. Also, we believe that we can continue to drive the agenda for the scope of that organization as it relates to your answers. Finally, this report would not be complete without acknowledging the vision and persistence of the late Past President Lee Sachs in forging our return into the NVFC during his term as President of the MSFA in 2005. Lee was very clear on our need to be involved on a National level. As well as the fact upon our return we would put forth a strong agenda in working with other NVFC represented states toward more vocal support to the volunteer fire/rescue and now EMS services across our country. It was an extreme honor and an extreme personal privilege to work alongside Lee for the last seven years and to have been mentored by him over those years and he will be deeply missed. But I look forward with tremendous excitement in working with Dave Lewis who has your best interests at heart. I present to you your new team – the team of Seavey and Lewis. Thank you. (Applause)
President Denver: Thank you. Next we have Bart Kennedy from Senator Barbara Mikulski Office.

Bart Kennedy, Senator Mikulski’s Office: Good morning everyone. How is everyone doing today? Good, I just want to wish you all a great Convention on behalf of the Senator, she could not be here today. But we know how important it is for you guys for us to get here every year and she is supportive of that.

A couple of heads up. Every year I run the fire ground program for the Senator. This year we are going to do a change that we are going to be starting out this year with the Safer Grant Program. Normally we start each year with the Assistance to the Firefighters Grant Program. This year our first out of the gate is going to be the Safer Grant Program and those workshops and those things that should be coming up in the next month or so. So keep an eye out for that. We will be sending communications out through MFRI and MSFA about the workshop schedule and the grant solicitation period.

We will also be doing the AFG, the Assistance Fire Grant Program. That will open up sometime in August. So keep your heads up about that. Here in Maryland we are lucky that we’ve gotten so much support from MFRI, MSFA, MFCA, NVFC and we have been able to bring home $127 million dollars for volunteer fire departments and career departments so that is a pretty good record.

And lastly at 3:15 this afternoon we will be doing a grant workshop on Tips to Successful Grant Writing. Dave Lewis will be heading that up and will be in Room 208. So if you haven’t put that on your schedule, and you want to apply for a grant this year, please consider attending the workshop. Thank you so much and have a great convention. (Applause)

President Denver: Bart I would like to thank you for your support of the fire service throughout the State of Maryland. I see you at a number of events and it is always so good to see you there. I would also like to thank the Senator, the Senator has been tremendous for the fire service across the United States but as you heard this morning, the Senator also is working and supporting local issues, local departments with their emergency issues as well. So I would like to thank you and thank the Senator as well and present you with some items to remember the convention by. (Applause)

The next item of business is nominations of officers. So I would like to call for any nominations for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And I would like to recognize Roger Steger, Past President of the MSFA.

P.P. Roger Steger: Good morning. Roger Steger Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association from Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company. It is a pleasure for me
to place into nomination Jackie Olson for the Office of President to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Jackie has served this past year as First Vice President for the past year. She has held several positions in her years in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association including Secretary and Assistant Secretary and Chairman of the Safety Committee and numerous other committees during her term or years with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Jackie started in the fire service with Ferndale Volunteer Fire Co in 1989 and hold the rank of FF II/EMT and continues to be a contributing active member at her home company. She has served as the President of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, President of Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighter’s Association and secretary of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association. Jackie has been involved in the fire service for over 20 years and has demonstrated continued support and commitment to her community, county and the state. She possesses all the qualifications of a volunteer: pride, tradition, honesty, commitment, and dedication. She strives towards betterment of the fire service in regards to firefighter safety and the loss of life and property. It is an honor and privilege to place in nomination for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, the name of Jackie Olson. Thank you. (Applause)

President Denver: I would now like to call for a second for Jackie Olson for the Office of President.

Chief Olson: Morning. On behalf of the officers and members of the Ferndale Fire Company we second the nomination of Jackie Olson for President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Also seconding this nomination is: her son, Tyler and Ashley, Past Presidents; PP C. Oscar Baker, PP Leonard King, PP Clarence Carpenter Jr., PP Robert Cumberland Jr., PP Joseph Robison, PP Tommy Mattingly Sr., PP Bernard Smith, PP Richard Yinger, PP Philip Hurlock, PP Richard Yinger, PP Fred Cross, PP Steve Cox, Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, PP Carl Edelin Jr., PP Roger Steger Sr., PP Gene Worthington, PP Terry Thompson, PP Bobby Jacobs, PP Bobby Balta Jr., PP Paul Sterling Jr., PP Frank Underwood, PP Roger Powell, PP Doyle Cox, PP Dave Lewis, 1st Vice President Dave Keller, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Mitch Vocke, John Long, Steve Hales, Dan Carpenter, Doug Alexander, the Convention Go Team, Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and their President Joe Larson, 1st Vice President John Spiker, Paul Demaske, Secretary Kathy Giese, Assistant Secretary Kim Larson. (Applause)

President Denver: Strike up the band.

Are there any other nominations for the office of President? Are there any other nominations for the office of President? Are there any other nominations for the office of President? I would ask that you step to the mike.

Secretary Doyle Cox made the motion that nominations be closed. Is there a second? Second by P.P. Carl Edelin.
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All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed no. Nominations for the office of President are closed.

President Denver: Now accept nominations for the office of First Vice President. Chair recognized PP Bob Jacobs and PP Richard Yinger.

P.P. Bobby Jacobs: Good morning everyone. On behalf of PP Yinger and myself to the Officers, delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It’s my honor and as a PP President of this great organization and an honor to stand before you today to offer the nomination of David R. Keller III for the Office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Last year I nominated David for the office of Second Vice President. I informed you of his credentials as a leader in his company, his county and his past experience representing the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I can honestly state today that David has fulfilled his duties as the Second Vice President with dignity, respect, commitment, and spirit in the performance of his duties. As I stated last year, David has represented Frederick County since he became first involved in the fire and rescue service cadet program beginning with the first class offered through the Frederick County School System. That formulated his leadership, his skills as a firefighter, Chief, Company President, County Executive Committee Trustee, MSFA Executive Committee member and now as the MSFA Second Vice President. So there is no doubt in my mind that the nomination of David R. Keller III for the Office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, that he will continue with same honor and respect he has shown and provided this past year and will continue this coming year. Again, I request your support and request each of you to join me and his family in his nomination for the office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

He has travelled across this great state attending your meetings, representing the MSFA at all levels and most of all being your voice by representing each of you and your organization as a true leader. He knows the challenges, he certainly knows the commitment this position requires and as I previously stated, he is dedicated and will continue to serve each of you to the best of his ability. Thank you and God bless. (Applause)

At this time we recognize Charlie Abrecht with the seconds.

Charlie Abrecht: Ladies and gentlemen it is a great honor and a privilege to join with the following people to second the nomination of David Keller for First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Joining me are past presidents: C. Oscar Baker, Tom Tharp, Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Phil Hurlock, Joseph Robison, Thomas Mattingly, Bernard Smith, Richard Yinger, Fred Cross, Steve Cox, C. Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Gene Worthington, Terry Thompson, Bobby Balta, Paul Sterling, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Doyle Cox, Dave Lewis. From the Executive Committee: Dennis Skinner, Ben Kurtz, Mark Bilger, Rodney Bowser, Joel McCray, John Guntow, Bill Hildebrand, Lee Lutz, Jim Seavey, Richard
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Smith, and Dan Stevens. From the Citizens Truck Company of Frederick County: Dave Keller Jr., Brian Winpickler, President Bill Nichols, Fred Edos, Tim Ganley, Jeff Wisner, Clarence Rhinehart and Thomas Lawson. We also have from Ridgely President of the Independent Hose Company, Keith Brown from Junior Fire Department and also the Junior Fire Department Ron Uravy, Deputy Chief and Past Chief Rusty Hahn, Assistant Secretary Carly Brown, Secretary Keisha Brown, Director John Hahn, from the Independent Hose Company we have President Martin Fuller and Trustee of Frederick County Chuck Handley and is also a member of Independence, from the United Fire Company Harry Dorsey, Chip Jewell Past President of Frederick County Fire & Rescue Association, Rick Baum Walkersville Fire Company, Eric Smothers Vice President of Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Andy Smothers, Sherry Soper President of the Ladies Auxiliary Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Grayson and Bertha Abrecht, Leeann Milstead, from Washington County, the Sharpsburg Fire Company President Harry Gossart, Leitersburg President Butch Bloom, President of Williamsport Fire and EMS Craig Osborne, from Leitersburg we have Dan Grove Jr., President of Washington County Fire & Rescue Association Dale Hill, Chief of Williamsport Will Ball, Past President of Washington County Clarence Webber and Past Vice President Skip Menzies, Treasurer of Washington County Firemen’s Association Rick Blair and Past President Glen Fishack. Also seconding Dave’s nomination Bobby Aaron of Dorchester County, Pat Bowser of Garrett County, Butch Britton of the Eastern Shore Firemen’s Association, Richard Brooks of Harford County, Danny Carpenter from Charles County, Tom Diem of Talbot County, Mike Farlow of Wicomico County, John Gatton of St. Mary’s County, Steve Hales of Worcester County, Wylie Donaldson of Anne Arundel, Richard “Pappy” Hahn of Cecil County, Mike Faust of Queen Anne’s County, John Kiser of Talbot County, Barbara Knippenburg of Allegany, Dave Kyle of Allegany, Amber Leisear of Prince George’s, Stuart Carter of Baltimore County, Heather Miller Kent County, Ron Siarnicki of Queen Anne’s County, Paula LaChesky of Talbot County, JB Tyder of Dorchester County, Ed Wood of Prince George’s County, Richard Snader of Baltimore County, and Barry Johnson of Prince George’s County. Also we have some other members of Frederick County, Anne Arundel County, Dorchester County, Prince George’s County, Talbot County, Worcester County, and Howard County. They have also joined us in the march. That concludes the seconds. Thank you. (Applause)

President Denver: If the band is ready please begin.

Are there any other nominations for the office of First Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of First Vice President?

Motion by Bobby Balta, P.P. nominations be closed and second by Richard Yinger P.P. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed no. Nominations for First Vice President are now closed.
President Denver: Now call for nominations for the office of Second Vice President. Call Donald Briscoe, President of Chesapeake City to the podium.

Donald Briscoe: Thank you Mr. President. Officers, Past Presidents, and Delegates, today I along with Chief Morris, EMS Captain Bobby Ann Sheldon have the distinguished honor on behalf of the Officers and members of the Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 of Chesapeake City, Inc. and the Officers and members of the Hacks Point Fire Company to introduce and nominate our candidate, Robyn Sheldon Hahn for the office of Second Vice President to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I would like to invite her husband, Pappy, sister, Bobby Ann, son, Robert, grandson, Luke, granddaughter, Carly to join us on stage.

Robyn decided at an early age to follow in her family’s footsteps to serve as a volunteer fire service and became a member at the age of 14. Robyn has been an active member of our companies since 1972. She has served on numerous committees, and chaired many of them including our recent celebration of our 100th Anniversary of service to our community for which she was inducted into our Hall of Fame. She has served in both fire, administrative leadership position throughout her volunteer service career. Including positions as an assistant engineer, firefighter, pump operator, secretary, Board of Directors, cadet advisor, and served in all offices of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association serving as their President in 2004-2005.

Robyn represents our company as a delegate for the past 40 years to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Cecil County Firemen’s Association, and the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association. She is currently serving as Vice President of the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Association and has been inducted into their Hall of Fame and the Ladies Auxiliary Hall of Fame. Robyn has over the past several years dedicated her talents as a retired cook and baker to our company’s hall and kitchen making it a successful business operation to support the volunteer fire service. She has also successfully served as Hospitality Chairman for the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association for the past several years and the hospitality room for a number of years, Executive Committee Meetings. Robyn is currently serving the MSFA as the Co-Chairman of Fire Prevention Ambassador Committee. She worked many years with her father on special activities committees. She also served as liaison to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Safety Committee. Robyn has demonstrated her leadership abilities throughout her time as a member of the volunteer fire service.

She is a devoted family member to both her family and to the fire service family and will make a good leader for this Association. Therefore it is with my great pleasure I place the name of Robyn Sheldon Hahn for the office of Second Vice President of this great
President Denver: I would like now to call to the podium Joe Price, President of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association.

Joe Price, President Harford Cecil Vol. Firemen’s Assn.: Good morning ladies and gentlemen, President Denver, Officers, Delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, on behalf of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association, officers and members, the Cecil County Firemen’s Association officers and members, and the Harford County Fire & EMS Association officers and members it is my distinct honor and great pleasure to second the nomination of Robyn Sheldon Hahn for the office of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Robyn has travelled many miles across our great state to meet the member companies of this association. She has dedicated her time to the volunteer fire service for over forty years and we know that she will make a great leader of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Therefore we ask for your support and vote for Robyn in her bid to become Second Vice President. Robyn has served her home companies of Chesapeake City and Hack’s Point, the Cecil County Association, the Harford Cecil Association, and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and their ladies auxiliaries. Robyn has served on many committees and served as chair on many committees and held numerous offices, including President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in 2004. Robyn has served with one hundred percent dedication and shown the spirit of true volunteerism throughout her life and will do the same for this great Association. I can tell you personally and with firsthand knowledge that I have had the privilege working with Robyn as an officer on the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and I can guarantee to you that she gives and has given 100% in her position as Second Vice President of this Association. Again, we respectfully ask for your support and vote for Robyn as Second Vice President. Thank you and have a great day.

President Denver: I now ask Past President Steve Cox to come to the podium.

P.P. Steve Cox: Thank you President Denver. At this time I would like the following individuals to come forward on stage to assist me in seconding the nomination of Robyn Sheldon Hahn for the position of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

P.P. Gene Worthington, P.P. Carl Edelin, Lou Jonske – Chairman Ways & Means Committee, Buddy Schweers – Secretary Harford Cecil VFA, Rusty Leftwich – PP Harford Cecil VFA, Ray Stevens Sr. PP Harford Cecil VFA, PP Donnie Briscoe Harford Cecil VFA, Ben Kurtz – Chairman MSFA Executive Committee, PP Bill Lay Harford Cecil VFA, Bill Dousa – President Harford County Fire & EMS Association, Dan Stevens – MSFA Executive Committee, Wayne Tome – Vice President Cecil County VFA, Dave Meaders – Vice Chair

President Denver: Strike up the band.

Are there any other nominations for the office of Second Vice President? I would like to recognize Jim Seavey.

Jim Seavey: President Denver, Officers of this great Association, fellow delegates and alternates, members of the MSFA companies and distinguished guests. I am Jimmy Seavey Sr., Chief of the Cabin John Park Fire Department, a member of your Executive Committee and your Director to the NVFC. It is truly an honor and a personal privilege to stand before you today and nominate a great officer who recently held the same position in our brother organization – the Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, only to relinquish that position to pursue a greater role in this Association. He has been both fire chief and president serving in two different departments, remaining active in both in Montgomery County.

I would like to touch on just a few reasons that he will prove to be a great asset and bring a tremendous amount of distinction to the position of Second Vice President of this Association. An active first responder with our state for the last 46 years, this humble public servant has held nearly every position at both the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department including one of the first paramedics to be certified in Montgomery County in the 1970’s. He has consistently maintained an active level of operational participation, which, if one were allowed to bank their LOSAP points from year to year, such as a 150 points accrued in one year would actually equate to three years of service, this man would have over 125 years of dedicated service based on his annual LOSAP points. This is how very active this man is and has remained in the volunteer fire and rescue service. He remains active to this day in the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Association, this organization, the Maryland Fire Chief’s Association and the IAFC serving in a number of rolls with each. Most notably within the MSFA he has served as your Training Committee Chair for the last four years and has done a remarkable job of partnering with other committees within the Association embarking on joint issues of mutual interest.

His service accomplishments are too great in number to list. However, I would be remiss if not to mention his induction into both the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame and the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Hall of Fame among those most notable
with many countless others. His vast training certifications rival those of the most educated within our service across this great state. His work at assisting at various MSFA and MFCA functions each year is unmatched by most others.

In his other professional life, he was a Presidential Camera Operator for many decades for NBC News based out of the White House. He traveled with a number of US presidents around the globe. While doing so, he again sees yet another opportunity to visit with, learn from, and forge many fire service relationships in other countries that remain strong to this day. As if he is not committed nearly all his adult life towards the betterment of our service and service to the community, he often dons his other hat in the role of being an active supporter and advocate for US Special Olympics and the Special Olympics of Maryland.

He is a supporting husband to his wife, assisting greatly with her quest to serve one day as the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. He is a loving and protective father to his son and daughter, as well as a doting and quite unapologetic bragger for his granddaughter Christina. Finally I would ask you take notice of and embrace his vision for an even greater MSFA including his goals of better communication, joint cooperation between the brother associations, enhanced support for other member companies, passionate, encouragement for others to become involved in this organization and the planned mentoring of our youth – the future leaders – not only within our service but within the MSFA.

Ladies and gentlemen I present to you and respectfully request of you your support in the vote tomorrow in electing your next Second Vice President of the MSFA and I would ask that he, his wife Marcia, son Eric, daughter Rachel and granddaughter Christina join me on stage, my dear mentor and friend of many years – Chief Johnny Roth Jr. (Applause)

Joining President Marcine Goodloe of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association and the delegates of that Association in seconding Johnny’s nomination. And those are as follows: Past President of the MSFA: Oscar Baker, Clarence Carpenter, Joe Robison, Bob Cumberland, Fred Cross, Carl Edelin, Bob Knippenburg, Bobby Balta, Leonard Kings Sr., Frank Underwood, Terry Thompson, Roger Steger Sr., Dave Lewis, Paul Sterling Jr., Roger Powell, Doyle Cox, Richard Yinger, Danny Davis, Tom Tharp, Tommy Mattingly, Bernie Smith. Past Presidents of the LAMSFA: Elaine Huttenloch, Teresa Crisman, Kathy Knipple, Rose Pandlefino, Lois Hetz, Peggy Zembower, Sandi Lutz.

The President of the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association and that Association’s members, Charles Walker, President Dan Healy and the Worcester County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, the Anne Arundel Volunteer Firemen’s Association, the Howard County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, the Dorchester County Fire/Rescue Association, the Garrett County Fire/Rescue Association, Allegany-Garrett Volunteer Fire Association, and his dear friend John Hoglund, past Director of MFRI, John and Beth Delina, MSFA Chaplain Rev. Harry
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Hetz, MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long, MSFA Trustee Doug Alexander, MSFA Trustee C. Danny Carpenter, MSFA Executive Committee Members: Bill Hildebrand, Mark Bilger; Safety and Training Committee Members: John and Janet Fisher. Past President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Jeff Thompson, current President of the Maryland Fire Chief’s Rick Blair, Vice President of the Anne Arundel Fire/Rescue Association John Spiker, Sandy Spring Fire Chief George Brown, Bethesda Chevy Chase Fire Chief Ed Sherburne, Chief David Dwyer Past Chief Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chief Jack Hartley Past Chief Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chief Darren Long Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Tom Musgrove Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Scott Emmons Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Scott Wood Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Mike Kelly Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Buddy Sutton Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department, Deputy Chief Joe Chornock Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department, Andrew White Past President Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, President Butch Britton Eastern Shore Volunteer Firemen’s Association, JJ Lynott Vice Chairman MSFA Training Committee, Leon Fleming Carroll County and MSFA Training Committee, Chief Harv and Laura Wood Prince George’s Glenn Dale, Dennis Beard Chairman MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group, Jack Ferguson MSFA Hall of Fame Committee, Calvin Stack MFCA, Danni Crane current Miss Fire Prevention MSFA, Solveig Petersen last year’s 1st Runner-Up Miss Fire Prevention, Lee Lutz from the Executive Committee. Ladies and gentlemen I present to you your next Second Vice President Johnny Roth. (Applause)

President Denver: I would like to recognize MSFA Past President Roger Steger.

PP Roger Steger: Good morning. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and most of the past presidents, I would like to second Johnny Roth’s nomination for Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you. (Applause)

President Denver: If the band is ready, please proceed.

Are there any other nominations for the Office of Second Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Second Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Second Vice President?

Motion to close nominations by P.P. Dave Lewis, seconded by P.P. Roger Powell. All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed no. Motion carries.

We will now accept nomination for the Office of the Secretary. I would like to recognize Past President Danny Davis.

P.P. Danny Davis: President Denver, Officers, Delegates and guests. It is a great pleasure for me to place into nomination for the office of Secretary Doyle E. Cox. Doyle certainly needs no introduction; he has served this association as President and currently
as Secretary. Doyle is a friend who I believe is more than capable of fulfilling the duties of Secretary. I am asking you to join me in supporting and re-electing Doyle Cox Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you and enjoy the association. Seconding the nomination is will be Past President Tommy Mattingly. (Applause)

**P.P. Tom Mattingly:** It is certainly my privilege to second the nomination of Doyle Cox. Doyle has been a tremendous asset to the Association. He served as your President just a few years ago and he has served and worked very hard as the Legislative Chairman last year and has done a great job as Secretary, it is my pleasure to second the nomination.

**President Denver:** Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Hearing none I entertain a motion to close. Motion nominations be closed by Johnny Roth and seconded by Ron Watkins. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed no. Motion carries. Nominations for the Office of Secretary are closed.

**President Denver:** I would like to recognize Past President Bob Jacobs.

**P.P. Bobby Jacobs:** Thank you Mr. President. Morning everyone. President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, MSFA Officers, Delegates and Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It is an honor and a pleasure to place in nomination before this body my associate and friend, Ronald J. Siarnicki for the Office of Treasurer. Ron has served as our Treasurer since 2005. He has demonstrated his many talents, knowledge and determination by maintaining the physical affairs of this organization to its fullest. Since being elected to the office of treasurer, he has continued to demonstrate an outstanding commitment to the MSFA by serving on many committees and chairing the Convention Committee for many years as well. In addition to serving as the Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Ron has worked diligently and has shown great expertise in maintaining the financial affairs of this organization and will continue to do so in the future to ensure that all Federal, State regulations and mandates are met and that this organization is in compliance completely and accordingly. Ron’s fire service commitment exceeds well over 30 years as a volunteer, career firefighter, retiring as the Chief of Prince George's Fire and EMS Department and is currently President of United Communities Volunteer Fire Company in Stevensville.

In addition to his fire service duties, he takes the opportunity to get away from his daily duties by relaxing on his small farm in Queen Anne’s County. From his fire service commitments to the tractor, he does it all and it is done well.

As I previously stated, Ron demonstrates commitment, talents and knowledge that is difficult to challenge. Please re-elect Ronald J. Siarnicki to the Office of Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for another two year term. Thank you and please welcome Ron to the stage with a huge round of applause to just say thanks for a job well done. (Applause)
President Denver: I will now recognize Past President Fred Cross.

Past President Fred Cross: President Denver, Vice President Olson and Keller, and fellow delegates. It is an extreme honor and privilege for me to stand before you today and second the nomination of Chief Ron Siarnicki for the Office of Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Past President Jacobs just told you about Chief Siarnicki’s accomplishments, so I will not repeat them. In order to save time, I will not read out individual names but read out groups. If there are people in these groups in the audience, please stand at the time I read them out. All the Officers of the Association, all the Past Presidents, the Financial Team, the Budget Committee, the members of the Executive Committee, if anyone else is interested in seconding the nomination of Ron Siarnicki’s position as Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association please stand at this time. We thank you for the nomination. (Applause)

President Denver: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Treasurer?

Motion by P.P. Roger Powell to close nominations. Second by P.P. Roger Steger, Sr. All in favor of the motion please say aye. Opposed no. Nominations for the Office of Treasurer are now closed.

I will now open up the nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain. I would like to recognize Jay Olson.

Jay Olson: Good morning again. The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company takes great pride in submitting the name of John F. Long Jr. for the Office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. John has held this office since being elected in 2005 and has performed his duties associated with this office to the best of his abilities. No matter what time of the day or night, you can count on him responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters. John also serves on the Maryland LAS Team and is very active in educating companies and their membership on the importance of preparing for a line-of-duty death. He has been a great asset to those companies that the LAS Team has assisted when they have experienced a line-of-duty death. He serves as Chaplain for the Anne Arundel County Firemen’s Association and a member of the Anne Arundel County Crisis Intervention Team. As a certified pump operator, John is dedicated in staffing our station every Thursday night and Friday daytime. He also makes himself available when special circumstances require us to staff up our station. He has a Chief Officer certification up to III, Advanced Chaplain and ICIFF Pastoral Care. He has 38 years in the fire service and has held every line officer position. It is with great pride that the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company nominates Rev. John F. Long Jr. for the Office of Chief Chaplain. Thank you. (Applause)
President Denver: The Chair recognizes Joe Larson.

Joe Larson: On behalf of the Officers and members of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Association it is my honor and privilege to second the nomination of Rev. John Long for MSFA and to allow him to continue his great work he has done throughout the years. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain? Any other nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain? Are there any other nominations for the office of Chief Chaplain?

Motion from P.P. Bobby Balta to close nominations. Second by Johnny Roth. Question on the motion. All in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion carries.

Chair now opens up nominations for the Board of Trustees. The Chair recognizes Past President Phil Hurlock.

P.P. Phil Hurlock: Good morning. Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Alternates of the 121st Convention and Conference it is an honor this morning to introduce Jeff Thompson, a life member and past president and past chief of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company in Kent County as a candidate for Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Jeff has a long and distinguish career within the fire service. He started out with the Explorer Post until he was eligible to become a regular member and has held every administrative and suppression office within his department. He currently serves on the Board of Directors, as well as serving as their Safety Officer.

Within the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Jeff has been a delegate at this Convention for over 27 years and was selected as Firefighter of the Year in 2009. Jeff has been a member of the Residential Sprinkler Committee and was instrumental, along with many others, in getting the Sprinkler Legislation passed in the General Assembly several years ago. He has also been a member of the Convention Committee and a member of the Firefighter of the Year Committee.

Within his own local area, Jeff served as President of the Kent County Fire Chief Association and has been inducted into the Kent-Queen Anne’s Volunteer Fire and EMS Hall of Fame. Jeff just recently completed a two-year term as President of the Maryland Fire Chief’s Association and is also a life member of that Association. This individual is a very dedicated family man and has a business background to provide the necessary support for assistance when called upon for any service from the Trustees. Jeff lives here on the Eastern Shore but is easily accessible to handle any unfortunate
injuries as well as line of duty deaths that might occur throughout the State of Maryland.

In closing I would also like to recognize Chairman Steve Hales for his dedication and leadership during the past several years and thank him for his service. During the election process I would ask for your support in electing Jeff Thompson for Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you. (Applause)

President Denver: I now recognize Bill Hildebrand.

Bill Hildebrand: It is with great pleasure that I stand before you and second the nomination of Jeffrey Thompson for the Board of Trustees. I have known Jeff since he was an explorer in a post sponsored by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company. I have watched him grow and mature as a firefighter, officer and chief officer as well as a man, husband and father. Anything that Jeff does he puts 100% plus to making sure it is done right. Years ago I told Jeff to make sure he was successful in the fire service but he had to put his family first. With Jeff and his family living across the street from me, I have seen firsthand his dedication to his family. You have heard Jeff’s many qualifications and accomplishments from Phil and the nomination. Along with me seconding the nomination are Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, President Blackiston, Chief Bruce Neal, members of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, the Kent-Queen Anne Rescue Squad, others seconding Jeff’s nomination are: Past Presidents: C. Oscar Baker, Doyle Cox, Stephan Cox, George “Fred” Cross, Danny Davis, Carl Edelin, Leonard King Sr., Dave Lewis, Roger Powell, Joe Robison, Roger Steger, Paul Sterling, Thomas Tharp, Terry Thompson, Frank Underwood, Gene Worthington, Treasurer: Ron Siarnicki, Trustee Doug Alexander, a dear friend of us all, John Hoglund, Norman Hufhelf, President of the Kent Queen Anne Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association; Charles Walker, President Prince George’s County Volunteer Firemen’s Association; Eddie Wood, Vice President Prince George’s County VFA; Erick Barnard, Executive Director Montgomery County VFRA; Theresa Collins, Secretary Howard County VFA; Johnny Roth, Sandy Springs and Bethesda-Chevy Chase; Rick Blair, President of MFCA; Darren Long, Chief of Damascus VFD; Edwin Joiner, MFCA, Jim Snyder, Past President MFCA, Mark Bilger, Executive Committee, and Jim Seavey, MSFA Executive Committee. Ladies and gentlemen Jeff Thompson. (Applause)

President Denver: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Trustee? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Trustee? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Trustee?

Motion by Steve Cox, P.P. and seconded by Roger Powell, P.P. that nominations are closed. All in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion carries.

Chair now opens up nominations for the 2018 Convention. Chair recognizes Roger Steger, P.P.
Roger Steger, P.P.: Maybe they’ll hear this time, the mike is working. On behalf of Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company and the City of Ocean City, I would like to nominate the 2018 Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in Ocean City, MD. Thank you.

President Denver: Is there a second to that recommendation for Ocean City. Second by Bobby Balta, P.P. All in favor of recommendation say Aye. Opposed no. Motion carries. The 2018 Convention will be here in Ocean City. (Applause)

I need to appoint the Judges and Tellers for the election. They will be Sonny Rose, Odenton VFC as Judge; Wayne Bender as tellers for Jackie Olson; for Dave Keller the Judge will be Todd Johnson, the Teller will be William Rickets; for Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Judge will be Charles Stewart, the Teller will be Alan Thompson; for Johnny Roth, Judge will be Jim Seavey, and the teller will be Joe Chornock; for John Long, the Judge will be John Spiker, and the Teller will be Joe Larson; and for Jeff Thompson, Judge will be Jim Seavey, and the Teller Joe Chornock. Voting will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

A motion for the Secretary to cast a ballot for all unopposed offices except Secretary from Roger Powell. Second by Ron Watkins. All in favor of the motion say aye. All opposed no. So ordered.

Caucus locations: Eastern Shore – 11 a.m. Room 201; Harford Cecil – right now Room 207; Carroll County Room 208; Southern Maryland – Room 216; Baltimore County – Room 201 on the Mezzanine; and Prince George’s, Room 204 on the Mezzanine.

Motion by Roger Powell for the President to cast a vote for the Secretary. Second by the Parliamentarian. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed no. So ordered.

I would like to now call the Chief Chaplain forward for the Benediction.

Chaplain John Long: Let us pray. Almighty God we thank you for this morning’s activities and the great fellowship we have had. Father we thank you for those who have stepped forward to fill the offices of this Association. Father we look forward to a great lunch time. Bless the food we are about to eat. We ask this all in your precious name. Amen.

President Denver: We will now recess and reconvene at 12:45 p.m.
President John Denver: I would like to call to order the 2nd Session of the 121st Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I would like to ask Chaplain Harry Hetz to please come forward.

Chaplain Harry Hetz: Let’s assume an attitude of prayer. Our Lord and our God as we convene the second session we ask for your continued guidance. Father we ask that you reach out to those who are suffering, PP Joe Robison, Father we ask that you touch him with your healing hand. (Only portions can be identified due to the musical prelude). Father reach out for those in the Memorial Service last night and others who were not there. We ask that you comfort the families of all those we remembered last night. We thank you for your mercy and looking over us. Father we thank you for all things. Amen

President John Denver: We will now have the safety message from Hobie Howell.

Hobie Howell, Safety Committee: Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon. I see we have a multitude of individuals with us this afternoon. Welcome back from lunch. Are you ready to get started? I guess you’re ready to do that. Ok. Once again watch your surroundings. When out walking or travelling with the family this afternoon and into the evening hours. Please be safe so we all can go home alive, with our families. Again we are your safety committee. Be aware and thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: The next item of business is the report of Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission and I’d like the Vice Chair Lynn Gilroy to come to the podium.

Lynn Gilroy, Vice Chairman: Good afternoon. President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, honored guests and delegates, on behalf of the secretary of the Higher Education Commission, Dr. Dannette Howard and Chairman Michael Clemmons, I bring you greetings.

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

The Commission has been working with our partners and legislatures during the recent
legislative session on modifications to Senate Bill 587. This bill changed the Charles W. Riley program from a tuition reimbursement program to that of a scholarship program. That bill was recently signed into law by Governor O'Malley.

The changes that the Commission proposed, and was accepted in the final document, focused on language changes in the programs that are being proposed at the University of Maryland, University College. (See subject below)

We look forward to working with the Maryland Higher Education Commission to promulgate the rules needed to implement the new law.

As mentioned in our previous report to this Convention and to the MSFA Training Committee the University of Maryland, University College has found that registration for the fire science curriculum was down 60%. In order to preserve the fire science program the University has developed a Public Safety Administration Program. The Public Safety Administration major will recommend a minor in corporate security, emergency management, fire service administration, homeland security, or other specialty areas. This will make the program eligible for the Charles W. Riley Scholarship Program, as was recently amended.

One of the duties of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission, as stipulated by Code of Maryland, is to review proposed programs for emergency services and recommend to the Secretary of Higher Education the actions that should be taken regarding them.

The MFRETC delegates this duty to its Higher Education Committee, which has reviewed the proposed program. We are pleased to recommend that the new program be approved, pending the Maryland Higher Education Commission's own review. This review has been completed and the program has been approved.

Each year the Commission prepares a yearly report that is submitted to the Secretary of Higher Education and the Governor. Over the last few years we have been unable to provide each department with a copy of that report due to budget constraints. You can find that report on the Maryland Higher Education Commission web site.

**President John Denver:** Next I’d like to call on the Director of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute Steve Edwards.

**Director Steve Edwards:** Thank you it's certainly a pleasure to be here at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention. I’d like to thank you for the opportunity to report. I’d like to report for the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute as well as the Maryland Instructor Review Board.

First I’d like to thank President John Denver, all of the Maryland State Firemen's Association
officers and the Executive Committee, Johnie Roth and the training committee for their dedication and support regarding the quality of emergency services training and education throughout the year. They worked very well with our Institute and they do a great job on behalf of you and I appreciate that.

I’d also like to give a special thanks to the MFRI full time faculty and staff and field instructors. They are the ones who work day in and day out each and every day to bring the high quality education opportunities throughout the state, but importantly as well as the instructors an certainly our students, with regard to those 34,000 students. Thanks to each of you for your contributions.

Just a few highlights of the year, a few things I’d like to cover, one is distance education, you’ve heard a lot about that, I’ll make it short. MFRI is moving to extend our distance education providing additional flexibility to our students. We’re going to follow our strategy of including a distance education component in all of our training programs. So if you’re taking FF I & II, FOI, II, III, and IV anywhere from three to nine hours of that course will now be on line in the future. Technology is moving into that direction. I think that will be a good opportunity as I said the flexibility for the students plus it gives the students the advantage of the technology and learning more about distance learning in the process.

With regard to Emergency Medical Technician, as you know that course has increased this year by 45 hours, had a lot of information about that course, there was a lot of concern about what the success rate would be with that and we did an analysis of the first year’s opportunity and the student pass success rate of the new EMT course is essentially the same as the old EMTB course. The student success rate is the same. What is different is the vast majority of the students are failing out in module one. It is a 27 hour module. It has the anatomy and philology and things of that nature so we are working to improve that module. We’re going to have quizzes every week, have additional material for the students and we’re going to focus on trying to improve that success rate.

Academic integrity is an important issue, our technical process and our security in how our students are treated in the testing process and it is extremely important. As many of you know we have a simulation laboratory in College Park. We have a facility where we can replicate Engine Company, Truck Company, single and multiple alarms, state wide emergencies through computer simulation. That works well in College Park and if you’re near College Park. We have a mobile simulation program that has the same program and same components but in a mobile format. We’ll be able to take that out to the different regions and use it in the FO program classes and departmental drills. We are conducting the training for that now in several regions throughout the state.

About a year ago students were involved in six classes where they used self contained breathing apparatus and didn’t have clearance, physical, or at least the medical physical to determine they are fit for class. Last year injuries to MFRI students have decreased
by 45%. I can’t say that’s because of medical clearance but that’s the only thing that has changed in our program. So a 45% reduction in injuries and certainly thanks to the MSFA for what they’ve done for that. They supported that. It was a new program and I think it’s been very beneficial and you see the results, 45% reduction in injuries.

Additional training, this year is the 50th year of the National Fire Service Staff and Command Course. To be honest with you I don’t think any training program in the United States has a 50 year history behind it. That particular program has that longevity. Is John Hoglund in the crowd here? John was here at the beginning of that program, John past Director Emeritus. Let’s have a round of applause for John. (Applause) Fifty years ago John was a young man. Good to see you here.

At the request of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association they wanted to see a new course. The title of that course is: Company Leadership Administration. It doesn’t do strategy, doesn’t do tactics, and doesn’t deal with emergency operations. What it deals with is the management of volunteer companies. In many cases a multimillion dollar corporation. It does budget, it does finance, leadership and how to successfully manage a volunteer fire company.

We developed that course. We’ve had two pilot programs in the last couple weeks. I think there was one here yesterday. We’ve gotten very good feedback about that course and that course will be available throughout the state. Certainly thanks to those who have been working with that.

On behalf of Maryland Instructor Review Board, we’ve had numerous meetings throughout the year. We maintain Instructor standards, we approve PDI or professional development programs for instructors and we have 710 state emergency services instructors, 271 instructor evaluators, and 19 instructor trainers. The numbers continue to provide high quality, very high qualified and certified instructors throughout the state of Maryland. I certainly thank each of our instructors for that.

I just wanted to give you a quick synopsis of MFRI Programs. John Denver if you could come out I’d like to make a presentation on behalf of the Institute. As we talk about training and education we talk about things we could do differently throughout the year in that regard. We were asked to sponsor a company officer course which we were able to do. John’s been at numerous meetings. He’s been a strong supporter of our training program which means he supports those that take our training programs. John I’d like to make a quick presentation.

Presented to John Denver President in grateful appreciation of your successful term as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Your dedication to the Maryland Fire Rescue Services allows students to experience professionalism is very much appreciated. On behalf of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, I wish you continued success.
President Denver: Thank you. Steve on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association I’d like to thank you for all the support across the state and certainly to the MSFA and the MSFA convention. I certainly want to thank you for that incredibly quick turn around on that class. I think that’s going to be very useful. Thank you very much. We do have some items from the Association. (Applause)

I’d now like to introduce Mike Robinson from the Maryland Fire Service Qualifications Board.

MFSPQB Chairman Michael Robinson: Thank you Mr. President. Greetings to Officers, Delegates and Alternates to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association annual convention. On behalf of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board it’s an honor and privilege to present this year’s report. As I present the report I would invite any of our Delegates and Alternates in the audience, Delegates and Alternates in the audience, please come forward as I give the report and be recognized.

As we reflect on our past year and our past twenty seven years, it is with a great deal of pride that I am happy to say from Oakland, MD to Ocean City, MD and all the counties and jurisdictions in between, the Maryland Fire Service Certification System, which in fact is a voluntary system is perhaps the most successful of any of the state certification systems in the country. Currently our total certifications that have been issued total over One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand. They represent over 30+ areas of certification within the National Fire Protection Association qualification standards.

A year ago we opened up what we call previous edition certifications. Which is a process that allows those who have taken training over past editions of certifications to be eligible to become certified? I am pleased to report that in this past year 1,799 persons took advantage of this rather than quote “there is a window and ability to use a previous edition”. Please go down and we are going to continue that after July 1st. Our fees will be changing for that from $10 to $25, only for the previous edition certification. That will not change during the convention, so even if you have not brought documentation with you, you can go back and get your cards from when we became accredited which is 1992 and one stop shopping down stairs at the MFRI booth, you have the ability to get certified at any of the levels if the training can be validated. I would encourage all of you to get involved in that.

I’d like to thank these individuals behind me who represent every county in the state of Maryland as well as the city of Hagerstown, the city of Salisbury, Baltimore City, and major fire service organizations that have representatives on our Executive Board. That includes Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Maryland Professional Fire Fighters, Maryland State Fire Marshal, Maryland Fire Rescue Education & Training Commission, and the
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Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. All these organizations together provide you with a system that is truly user driven with representatives of all aspects of the fire service.

If you look around the state, whether you are applying for a job in a career department or whether you are trying to follow your own bylaws in attempting to be an officer, you will find our standards widely accepted over the past 27 years. This would not be possible if it were not from the teamwork of our entire organization. I would like to single out a few individuals who have gone above and beyond to make things possible. First, just like Director Edwards did, I would like to recognize a person who is not only a legacy in the fire service in the state of Maryland, but throughout the country. I never knew that until I started travelling and this man is truly a legend and I’d like to recognize Director Emeritus John Hoglund who is over here in the audience for his wisdom, his insight, 27 years ago he helped get the system going. (Applause) Without the efforts of people like John, it would not be possible. I’ll move forward to today’s current Director of MFRI, Director Steve Edwards, most of you are probably not aware of it but the day to day operations of the certification board through a contractual arrangement is with MFRI and Steve Edwards makes that possible. We thank him for his unending support.

Heading certification at MFRI we have Becky Spicer, we also have Larry Preston the Associate Director who serves in a very important capacity in managing the system day to day and even more specifically two individuals and if they are in here today I’d like them to be recognized. The MSFA’s own Evelyn Graf, and Bob who serves as our certification coordinator and manager. Without their efforts day to day certification would not be possible.

Finally I’d like to recognize and thank those people who have allowed me the opportunity to serve this board throughout the 27 years. I’d like to acknowledge the Fire Chief of Baltimore County, my boss, Chief John J. Homan for his support and allowing me to participate.

At this time I’d like to recognize the MSFA for their contributions and unending support and certainly over the past year President Denver has provided significant and consistent support and I know that will continue next year with the new President. With that I’d like to call upon President Denver and I’d like to present him with a small token of appreciation from the certification board for all his support over the past year. Each year we have a recognition gift for our members and special dignitaries and I think he’s going to have some time on his hands after Wednesday. I hope he’s a golfer because this year we have a golf umbrella and it’s big enough it the size of a tent. If he doesn’t play golf, or can’t, this will still take care of him. Mr. President on behalf of the board, thank you for your support. (Applause)

Thank you for your attention and your continued support of the board. Don’t forget to visit our certification booth downstairs, collocated with the MFRI booth. Thank you.
President John Denver: The next part of the program I’d like to introduce Robert R. Maynes, Deputy Assistant Chief, City of New York. Robert Maynes currently serves in the FDNY staff as a commander and with his position and qualifications as an operational section Chief, and first responder in the department’s management team. Additionally, he has qualifications as a safety officer. He served two years on the National Incident Management team based in the southwest. Maynes has responded to 15 incidents including the FDNY IMT response to New Orleans following hurricane Katrina. He has 30 years experience as a first responder. Maynes holds a BA from Sonebrook University. Please help me welcome Chief Maynes. (Applause)

Chief Maynes: Good afternoon, thank you very much for having me. I have a little presentation on what happened in Queens and the FDNY when hurricane Sandy came through on October 29th. Next slide please. (Plays video of scenes and comments about the storm) I’ll do a brief presentation on Queens Operations. When I break out in class at 3:15 PM, I’m going to do an in depth and a little exercise. (Presenter placed microphone on podium and moved from podium. (Unable to capture this part of speech).

What happened with the storm hitting us so late? You see Sandy’s track as she is nestled along the Atlantic, heading up to the east of the east coast. It could have easily struck Maryland as it struck New Jersey and New York. What usually happens with these late season storms is they take a turn and they go out into the ocean. You see what happened there is we had a cold front over the US and an artic front over the region. So when it tried to push it out into the ocean the arctic ridge pushed it back towards the main land which picked a pattern from that cold front that was over the US. It made a hard left turn striking three states in the Northeast.

What I’m going to talk about is how Queens responded to this. I’m going to talk about preparedness, storm operations and later on after operations and the significance of it. Queens received the most damage of the four boroughs. It kinda hit rock point peninsula which sticks out into the Atlantic Ocean and has the bay behind it. If you can imagine what happened to Queens was about a 14’ surge to the outer island and basin.

Preparation, how we got there, the McKinsey report 2002. This is a report that was prepared by McKinsey and Company on how FDNY should do to prepare for disaster. Something like the World Trade Center again. What’s important and what’s summarized there are recommendations we used during Sandy.

When I talk about hurricane Katrina, the FDNY Incident Management Team was actually in unified command with a few agencies including Montgomery County, MD, went down there to support New Orleans Fire, similar or almost the exact challenge we had.
Hurricane Noreene, 2006. FDNY prepared as we were coming home from Katrina with the Incident Management Team. We did an exercise on the Rockaway Peninsula. We show people some of the documents from that exercise. They say something's wrong here, it says September and Sandy came in October. A lot of the things we identified in that exercise we put to use particularly with our tactical team.

Hurricane Gustav, again we had the preparation. The Queens tornado, 2010 which led us to use task forces, making task force assignments, different than what our mark duties are. Then hurricane Irene, 2011, probably the biggest danger to us in 2012 that Irene did not indicate the impact it would have. We had mandatory evacuation in 2012. Most folks said they're just crying wolf again. There's no reason to take off, nothing's going to happen.

Things that a hurricane will do, and what impacts the significance of a hurricane is where the eye strikes. We were just talking in the back there, Maryland got just south of the eye. East of the eye is the worst place you can be at least for wind and storm surge. Additionally during a full moon or high tide, when does it strike? Sandy struck during a full moon and high tide. The eye was in the worst place, New York City because it hit north of New Jersey. If Sandy had struck with those three things as Irene did, we had an estimate of loss of life in the 5,000 to 7,000 range. Our storm surge would have been 20' instead of 14' and everything we looked at in New York, the people, the water would have been over their head. That was a significant report.

Then in 2011 we went through some figures to support Drew County during hurricane Lee which was a tropical storm which caused their second 100 year floor in five years.

If you look to the right the map shows the New York boroughs and New Jersey. We'll talk more about Queens itself. These are a bunch of units we put in as preparation ahead of time, additional units than would normally be assigned to Queens. Many of these were identified during the Glitton report. At 1800 hours we relocated all of our units out of the peninsula to what was identified as a safe area above the storm surge area. The surge came in at 1904 and it would have worked perfectly except two of your units ran into a fire on the way out and they got caught in the surge. We had planned on doing rescues during the surge and thought we would have fire activities. We didn't count on fire rescues in the 400 to 500 area.

The first fire I will talk about is on Beach 114th Street. Rockaway runs east to breezy point. From Beach 32nd street to Beach 220th street went under 6' to 8' of water. The first fire we went to was on Beach 114th Street, which was located ahead of the surge. They ran to this fire of two blocks. The storm surge came in and stalled out their engines. The fire spread from building to building, basically there was fire everywhere. (Video “Moment of Crisis”)

That what you saw there is one of the fires going on at the same time as Queens. The one on 114th Street I talked about already, then there was one on Beach 130 Street. A
total of 67 buildings on fire at the same time of the fire at Breezy Point where we got over
100 buildings and across the bay we lost 2 buildings in Howard Beach. We saved them
because the wind blew the fire into a parking lot. There was a fifth fire to the south.

If you look here, I’m going to show you how close these fires were to each other. Beach
130 is the one Bryan Williams was just talking about. This is one fire when on November
2001 in this neighborhood they lost too many people at the trade center. The neighborhood
has been very impacted in the last 11 years.

This is a couple overviews of how close the fires were. The top left to the center. If
you look at that, to the far right, that’s where the fire started. We went through water for
apparatus to get in through 70 mph winds off the ocean towards the bay. On the left where
you see the little off set is where companies were able to stop the fire, just like you would
stop a wild land fire. Probably like they would stop that fire this past week in Colorado,
trying too. They were able to just bring lines in from the back yard to the front yard, hook up
the hydrant. The hydrant system still worked, but were underwater. Most of the hydrants
were identified by off duty fire fighters who were standing on the hydrants as we came in
to let us know where they were.

The Breezy Point fire which we will talk about in a few minutes, the hydrant system was
destroyed by the surge. I’m going to take a little jump over to Breezy Point. This additionally
was a bungalow community. About 30 years ago there was a law change where it could
become a full time community and when the storm surge came in the fire started. (Video
of the Breezy Point fire). I had a question earlier about volunteer companies down there in
that area, what happened to them. They did not move out before the surge. They started
fighting this fire, unfortunately the surge came in and I think everyone of the volunteer
apparatus was totally destroyed by surge and they are in the process now of replacing.
They did start the attack on that fire and probably saved a couple houses on the ocean but
when the wind picked it up, that fire was going where ever it wanted to go. (Video showing
how people coped after the storm).

After the night of the fires you saw, the job wasn’t done. We were faced with the Queens
building and homes that went under the surge with varying levels of damage or even
totaled. Breezy Point alone with the fire and storm surge alone lost 28% of the buildings.

What came from October on was what we can do to support the people of Queens. What
is the new mission? We had prepared by looking at all the hurricanes as shown at the
beginning of this presentation. What I’m going to talk about when we break down in the
room is; how do you do it? You still have to run the fire department, protect the folks with
your normal mission. What do you do? How do you organize folks that volunteer?

To jump ahead a little; our units that were assigned and additional units assigned pumped
out 1,814 basements of water. They did 1,004 emergency chain saw operations, either
opening a road or gaining access to a house, and they cleaned 524 streets of sand working in cooperation with the sanitation and the department of environmental protection. The challenge is how do you organize it?

Additionally what was going on, there were a great number of volunteers that had to be organized that came and were willing to gut people’s basements. One of the dangers was to get those basements done before people get home. We had some volunteer folks get together and organize that. They came together with a cooperative assignment of the on duty personnel pumping the basements and securing all the hazards and then letting the volunteers go in and gut the basements. So they could start the process of moving back in, which is still ongoing.

As we break out this afternoon this is one of the exercises. How do you organize those activities? Thank you (Applause)

**President John Denver:** Chief thanks for your presentation here today. We appreciate you taking the time to come here. Thank you very much. Chief will be doing the presentation in room 215 at 3:15. Also the US Postal Service is conducting a class in room C102 now.

The next presentation will be Chris Robinson, Department of Natural Resources.

**Chris Robinson Department of Natural Resources:** President Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests. I bring you greetings on behalf of DNR Forest Service State Fire Supervisor Monte Mitchell. He sends his regrets that he could not be with you today as he is the current Chair of the Northeast Forest Fire Supervisors and in attendance of their meeting in Pennsylvania this week.

During 2012 the Maryland Forest Service responded to 159 wildfires that burned 837 acres. The year saw moderate fire activity in the spring and then again in July with drought conditions. With wetter than normal conditions in the fall, we saw activity drop to below normal levels that carried into early 2013. The leading wildfire causes for the year were debris burning, arson, and equipment. The agency also responded during Hurricane Sandy assisting Garrett County with chainsaw crews and a dozer. After this mission the crews then continued the clean up and recovery efforts on the State Forest and State Parks in the area. Also in 2012, the agency and partners conducted 65 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 846 acres. Maryland continues to support the national need for wild land firefighters and dispatched eight individual single resources, four 20-person fire crews, and one Type 4 wild land engine assignment. For 2013, the agency has responded to 70 wildfires burning 83 acres to date.

The Forest Service updated the Heavy Equipment Replacement Plan for 2012 - 2017. Two new John Deere 650K Fire Dozers were delivered in May. Both are environmental
cab tractors equipped with forestry / fire suppression package. These packages provide enhanced protection for the operator under extreme wildfire conditions. The Fire Dozers are in service in Eastern Region at Church Creek in Dorchester County and Western Region at Green Ridge in Allegany County. A 2013 Ford F-550 Type 6 Wildland Engine is also on order. The unit will be equipped with a 300 gallon slip on unit and should be placed in service by Fall 2013.

In 2012, Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 47 volunteer fire departments in seventeen counties and the companies received $86,745 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over $192,765 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, wild land nomex gear, portable radios, and other small equipment purchases such as fire hose. The 2013 grant application period is currently open with an estimated $85,000 in grant funds available for distribution this year or about 5% cut to funding from last year. The application timeline has changed this year due to delays in receiving federal funding. Applications are available online or by contacting the Fire Staff. Application deadline is July 19. All eligible volunteer companies are encouraged to apply!

The Fire wise Maryland program has continued to provide outreach to prepare communities for wildfire events. Eight Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) were completed in FY13 that involved their respective communities, fire departments, and local officials in the planning efforts. There are now a total of 41 CWPPs in Maryland that covers 540 communities. The program encourages homeowners to be proactive and take actions to make their properties more "Fire wise" by creating defensible space around homes and other structures.

In 2012, the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) acquired forty five pieces of equipment with an original federal acquisition cost of $1,310,998. The excess federal property is acquired at no cost and then either utilized by the agency or loaned to volunteer fire departments through a cooperative agreement for use in fire suppression. Maryland has a current total inventory of 189 items with an acquisition value of nearly $5.1 million. The agency completed an inventory inspection of all assigned FEPP in February 2013 and accounted for all assigned property in the state.

Thank you for another year of great partnership with your departments in prevention and suppression of wildfires. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 121st MSFA Annual Convention! (Applause)

President John Denver: The next presentation will be from Daniel Madrzykowski presenting Fire Dynamics in Structures
Daniel Madrzykowski: Good afternoon. This very brief version and later this afternoon we’ll do the full presentation in room 100 we’ll do the full presentation. The Fire Fighter’s work place; It’s changed over the years. Over the past 50 years fuel loads have changed. If you look at the census, structures are getting larger and lots have gotten smaller. The components in our homes evolved from the 1960s. Home designs are more open and more energy efficient, wrapped in plastic with alternate energy sources.

Things have changes. As homes got bigger the spaces or compartments got bigger. If you look at the little ranch structure down there typical of in the Wheaton area in the 1950s and 1960s era, the biggest room in the house was 12 X 15 or 12 X 16 and might have an open ceiling. When you look at the structures that are being built around the state, they are in the 2,000, 3,000, and 4,000 sq ft area. They have rooms in them that are 40’ long. They have rooms that are more than 20’ tall. How is this they are stuffed with trusses, they have wood trusses coated to provide support. The materials work great to provide nice wide rooms and open areas. But when these buildings catch fire, it’s a different game. There are non-raising forces so the fire fighters need to take that into account when you send your crews in there to work above the fire.

They replaced, as my friend from Chicago likes to say; they have replaced mass with mats. Very thin elements that like to burn quickly. What else is happening in houses today? Environmental conditions; they want to save energy so our homes are completely wrapped in plastic. The outside is covered in Styrofoam. The 2012 energy code, to comply with that there is 4” of Styrofoam on the outside of the home. Of course it would be covered with hard wood or vinyl siding or something like that. But still it traps the heat in the house that’s on fire. Hot only goes in one direction. Hot and cold. So when a fire occurs in a house that’s insulated like that, where’s the heat going to go? To the coldest section of that house.

We’re seeing a disturbing trend. Fires across the United States are down 50%. That’s the good news. The bad news is we’re seeing fire fighter fatalities on the fire ground increase since the 1970s. So the total number of fire fighter deaths is going down but the number of fire fighters being killed in a burning building is going up. Again, this is a nationwide trend. Departments in Europe are seeing a similar trend. Why? Fire fighters are better trained now. Fire fighters have better equipment. Part of it is the hazard they are facing is changing. The hazards they are facing have increased.

Tactics vs Knowledge of the Building: Most of the tactics that you are following today that have been presented at various educational opportunities, guidelines and such have been developed over the years. But have they changed to be able to deal with today’s fire hazards? People always thought that venting was to cool but that may not are enough. Again I can go through and show you fire after fire and show you where uncoordinated ventilation takes and the fire gets bigger. Fire fighters vent and in many cases the house burns to the ground. The thought was that an exterior fire attack was only a defensive
strategy. Where did that come from? When we challenge people about it they say, you’re going to push fire further. You’re going to steam victims inside. You’re going to kill everybody in the house. The last thing you want to do is put water on the fire from the outside. I hope that by the end of the day you’ll learn that is just not true. The best thing we can do is put water on the fire as soon as possible and take the hazard away.

The challenge is getting victims. You’ll see how rapidly conditions go badly in a house fire. If the victims don’t have a smoke alarm to alert them or don’t have a sprinkler system to protect them those first couple minutes of that fire starting and they are not self-evacuating, there’s a good chance they are in trouble. Typically the only way they are going to be viable by the time you arrive is they are behind a closed door or removed from the fire. If they have separation from the fire, if they don’t and are in the area of the fire, it’s unlikely that you are going to save them. So the best thing to do is put the fire out in opposed to go into the building to put the fire out, and expose them to more toxic gas and increased heat. You’ve got some protection on that the victims don’t.

What’s your experience? I’m sure you recognize the graph on the right hand side, sorry it’s on the left hand side. Ignition, growth, fully developed fire and decay. That’s the fire enhancement we’re taught in fire techniques. It only represents one type fire. If we’re going to burn a couple pallets in a training building you’ll do training like that. If we’re going to burn pallets outside, the fire will behave like that. If I’m going to have a very small fire in a facility like this it will behave like that. If I put a couple sofas and put them in your house and light them on fire, it may end up like the curve on the other side. It’s going to grow and it’s going to run out of oxygen. It’s not going to be able to breath and once it runs out of oxygen it goes into the decay stage. Any it’s going do that before you arrive in most cases. When the fire department arrives, they might not see it. They might see smoke. I can tell you with great certainty that every line of duty death investigation that we have been involved at NIOH the survivors when we got there always say with a sigh of relief. When we got there; all we saw was smoke. And the reason they let their guard down is they thought they were going into the fire. They had no idea they were enhancing the fire. Just a simple act of opening the front door was going to change the response of that fire by providing oxygen and caused a flashover in 90 seconds to two minutes of their arrival. Very surprising! Let’s not be surprised.

Here we’ll take a look at one of these cases. We’ll have the experience of the Chicago Fire Department. The fire was in a townhouse on the first floor. The bottom picture you see there is where the sofa is as you come in the front. The second pictures on top are the kitchen in rear of the structure. The middle image on the top is the bed room up the stairs as you go down the hallway and the image to the far right is the bedroom in the front of the building. That bedroom window was open. You start to see smoke come from that window now. Notice we are only two minutes and thirty seconds into the fire. Flames are already coming up the stairs. And now the flames stop. There are no flames visible inside that townhouse.
Look what happens to the smoke outside. The temperature drops, the pressure drops and there is nothing showing until that first entrance. The flow path is established between the front door and the exit as it should be, and you see how the fire responds faithfully as the additional oxygen is increased the temperature inside the house is increased. The pressure inside the house is increased. You see the flames in the living room flash over within 90 seconds of walking in the door.

What would an officer do? Would you roll up on that and say all we have is smoke and send guys ahead of the hose line upstairs to do a search. They'd have to come down through flames or jump out a window unless they have a hose line or hose lines are coordinated and there to do the job.

Hard to see. The key thing I want you to see here is the living room, the bedroom, the kitchen and the hallway. You can see the up and down imaging. The temperature at the ceiling in the living room are almost 1500 degrees F then they drop down to 400 degrees until that door is opened. Big Change.

Ventilation, again there's a thought that if we make enough holes in the building it will let the hot gasses out. We'll let the heat out. We'll let fresh air in to dilute the gasses and make conditions better. Unfortunately today, that's not the way it's working. The image on top is a fire fighter from New York City who broke the back window because it was getting hot and you can see his body as a silhouette of flames. He's alive today telling about it but he was badly burned.

We did an analysis of that fire and basically I am showing you on the D side of the building and on the left side that's before ventilation and on the right side is after ventilation. You can see how the flames spread across the 44 sq. ft. of opening of ceiling within the space of a minute. I challenge any of your fire departments to do that. A lot of time real quick a positive outcome. Coming through the front door, the exhaust is like your wood stove in your basement. By opening up a crack in your wood stove it burns a little hotter. Basically that's the tactic in the building today. They are so rich you can't get ahead of it.

Flow path; we talked a little bit about flow path. You have air coming into the fire space, it goes to the fire room and it exits out of the space. The bad thing is the fire fighter is where the fire wants to go, that's a bad thing and hard to protect the civilian or protect the fire fighter. This definition of flow path as used at FDNY as they are adopting these concepts.

Fuel load; in all the experiments, real fuel and not using pallets. These are not training fires in the experiments and we're trying to show the fire service just how fire will respond. These are coated with plastics and need more oxygen to burn proficiently. So as a result, with 21% oxygen, or less, they burn very inefficiently and they produce a tremendous
amount of hydrocarbons, gasses as well as soot particles that sit there and are ready to burn again. So the fire we have to be concerned about is not so much that sofa that had been on fire, the fact the sofa has been on fire for 6 to 10 minutes, has now filled most of the house with this toxic fiber fuel, that’s pre heated and for all intensity when the fire fighter gets there, it’s hot.

To give you some idea we are talking about heat release rates. A bed is 4.3 MW. A sofa is 2.5 MW and a small chair is 1.8 MW. Just as a rule of thumb, plastics in a small room, it only takes 2.0 MW. So basically one piece of furniture in a room is enough to flash over a room, not counting carpet, or any other furniture. So any residential fire you go to is going to be a fuel rich fire and require ventilation.

Here’s a video of an experiment of basically an apartment fire. There’s no wind here. We just started the fire in the bedroom and we’re going to watch the smoke spread throughout the hallway and into a 12 X 16 living room and then out of the compartment. Before the guys vent you see the smoke going up, the hot gases; notice the direction, it’s going towards the open venting. You can see on the thermal image camera on the far right that you have cool air in that corridor so fire fighters approaching this fire might be good until the window is vented. Then it goes from a hot layer cool air in that corridor to a single hot layer. Notice the window the hot gasses are exiting. Most of the time fire fighters say; well the fire has vented, that’s good, but apparently this fuel rich environment we are working in there’s so much excess energy working in the structure there’s not enough time to get out of the structure.

What you see here is heat release rate. Before the window was opened the heat release rate in that building was about 190 MW. Inside the room was a fully involved easy chair. Something you could almost get with a 2 ½ gal. extinguisher if you were at the right place at the right time. However once space is entered within 60 seconds it increases to 1300 MB. Now that fire is becoming unbearable and you can’t move fast enough to get out of the way.

Bedroom temperature; if you look at the bedroom temperature you can see the stratification when the window is broken. It’s too hot and increases above 600 c., 1100 f. conditions floor to ceiling in the bedroom. If you look at the lines you see it stratifying. Again, if you look over to the thermal ratings, basically what the temperatures are showing the top temperature at the ceiling to 1 ft above the floor. If you look at the bottom, it’s the area the fire fighters are working. It’s getting a little warm, but survivable, you are protected until that window can be raised.

We see a rapid increase of temperature in the living room. Remember between the living room and the room of origin is the hallway and eventually it gets to a flash over condition where it’s heated conditions from floor to ceiling.
Velocity; this is probably one of the most important factors people don’t appreciate. When you have high temperatures and high temperatures it wants to go places. So once we generate that high temperature in the area of origin, the bed room you see that creates a velocity in a lower space in excess of 10 MPH floor to ceiling. If a fire fighter is in that space, the rate of heat transfer to the fire fighter is going up expediently. So the gear may let you tolerate the conditions for maybe 30 seconds or 60 seconds, that save time has now gone down to less than 10 seconds due to that extra velocity. Typically these conditions are why the fire fighter is down low but can’t because it is from ceiling all the way down to the floor and then somebody is sent to recover the body.

Unburned hydrocarbons; I’m showing you the graph of the bedroom where there is slightly and high amount of hydrocarbons that have access to that combustion. And then you see in the living room where we focus on the hydrocarbons. We can talk about hydrocarbons. Solids don’t burn and liquids don’t burn but when you fiberize the material such as wood, you start to generate high concentrations like acetylene and benzene, this particular soot build up and burn. So the tactic here is if the living room had a big window and you vented it there’s more than enough energy there to increase the heat.

How do you fight a basement fire? In the IFSTA Essentials IV they have a picture like this and on the right we have another picture. You see how nice and artistic the picture and drawing is. You see the fire fighters and the lines positions. Most fire fighters know you will have heat with a basement fire. Where do these tactics come from? These tactics come from sub fires. You could have a smoky messy fire down there but it was typically something you could deal with. Now days, that’s not true. The building code requires windows, escape windows and large openings if people are going to use them for livable space. Walk out basements, all these things are relatively new on townhouses that goes back to the 70’s. That changes this picture significantly and since the 60’s you no longer have an image like this.

We had an opportunity to burn some two story colonials, with some of those in the Chicago area of Horton. You see this image; it’s a big house over 2,000 sq. ft. It still only has windows on one side of the basement. It has four windows you can see on the floor plan. I’m showing you a frozen image in time, a fuel rich area of the basement, but what are the conditions at the top of the stairs? The conditions at the top of the stairs get in excess of 100 F. We know from experiments we did in flowing water from distances, but it’s not going to do much to fight the fire. We see that stratification, the flames come up the stairway and ultimately structural collapse. Pretty challenging environment for fire fighters to be sent in to.

Let’s look at another way we might protect the stair. This stratification shows you that once you get an opening in the basement the pressure is coming in and feeding the fire. Basically the fire fighter is at the top of a chimney trying to fight their way down. And the
protection they have is their protective clothing but it’s the risk they take in this light weight construction that could collapse.

We’ve had a number of Line of Duty Deaths in California, in Baltimore County, and Illinois. It’s not that ruthless. We’ve seen it before. We’ve seen it in Washington, DC, the Cherry Road fire. A low path fire, you see the convection, the fire dies down, the temperatures cool off then the doors vent to the basement, the lower level, then we have flashover in the basement level and high temperatures, gasses come up the stairs. It hits the ceiling and rolls down the back wall, and Fire Fighter Mathews was in front of that sofa. He was burned over 90% of his body. Fire Fighter Phillips was at the top of the stairs. He died on the scene and Joe Morgan survived that fire with burns over 60% of his body.

We’ll rerun that again. One of the key things here is that the two guys that died in the hospital, they both had charged lines. Those gasses are moving 15 to 20 mph. In a townhouse of 33’, that’s less than two seconds. Joe Morgan said it was hot, but not too hot. It was dark and all of a sudden the line got jerked out of his hands. He was calling for his nozzle man and he felt the heat pushing him down to the ground. His nozzle man never responded. He reached around, found the line, hit the ceiling and cooled off the gasses. If he didn’t have that large coffee table and that red leather helmet from the National Fallen Fire Fighters over him, the chapter on burns is all focused on him.

I’ll try to get you one more video here then we’ll wrap it up. I see Chris heading up to the booth right now. Give me a minute.

So we have this challenge, especially with basement fires. You have fire fighters working over the origin and their life or death depends on that, on that last (could not make out) or checking?

Here’s our last video. Let’s look at this as an aggressive way to address an advancing fire. You have on the right hand side the top of the stairs, on the left hand side you have fire fighters approaching a basement fire and flowing hose lines in, no special cellar nozzles, no special equipment or anything, just some water on the fire. You’ll notice the flames being pushed up to the top of the stairs but we didn’t see any tremendous increase of fire, no tremendous amount of steam generated at the top of the stairs. The thing you have to remember is you get that steam exchange in the proper amount of time and you cool those gasses and they contract as well. Conditions in the basement improves within 60 seconds.

So what you see there is the blue lines show the direction getting into the basement with the front door open. With the front door open the hot gasses were exiting out the front door and you can see how dramatically the temperatures drop, not only in the basement but at the top of the stairs and throughout the house just by applying 100 or so gallons of water
into the basement. The message here is to put out the fire.

In summary; the hazards from residential fires has increased dramatically over several decades due to: synthetic fuel loads, reduced compartmentation, and energy efficient/ alternate energy measures. All sorts of new construction are more energy efficient. Tactics need to be revised. Maybe you can’t use the tactics from your Grandfather, but maybe the tactics of your Great Grandfather that were used before they had SCBA and they put water directly on the fire may be more appropriate and the best solution. In the military they refer this as softening the target. They send missiles in and lay down the target as they call softening the target. The same thing here. The first instinct is not to hit the front door. The instinct should be to get on the deck gun and hit it as hard as you can for the next 30 seconds and see what happens. In the meantime the rest of us can be pulling lines, getting their gear ready to make entry into the house. Make conditions better for yourself. The fire is going to follow a path. It’s important to remember your gear is not going to protect you from everything. Gear won’t survive during flashover. Some gear melts at a temperature as low as 140 F. You face mask begins to get soft at 300 to 350 F and is liquid by 400 F. Make sure your crew understands what the conditions are. Understanding the fuel and conditions is what you want to do. Making sure people aren’t wandering in smoke, if you have hot smoke, it’s certainly appropriate to be putting water on it.

Venting; venting is not always easy. Size up is incredibly important. You want to do a proper size up so you can locate the fire. You do not want to work over the fire. If the structure is not reinforced it’s very important. Keep the wind at your back. This concept to always go from the unburned to the burned may not be the best strategy, especially based on the wind conditions.

I’m sure I’m running close on time here. In the course we’ll see videos where we have data to show you so you can make some decisions on your own as to what tactics you should be following. Please come see me later today in room 100. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**President John Denver:** Thank you very much and we have a certificate here for presentation.

The next presentation will be from the State Fire Marshal, Bill Barnard.

**Fire Marshal Bill Barnard:** Thank you Mr. President. It’s certainly a pleasure to be here at your convention and conference. I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your Association Presidents, John Denver and Sherry Soper. Your terms of office have been very productive and your service to your members is one your
entire Association should be very proud of. It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

In 2012, there were 44 fires that resulted in 53 deaths in 12 Maryland counties and Baltimore City, a new record low. Those totals represent a 21 percent decline from the 67 deaths reported in 2011 and 21 percent decrease in the number of fatal fires reported, 56.

Twelve fire deaths in eight fires in Baltimore City represent a significant 29 percent drop from the 17 fire deaths in 13 fatal fires reported during 2011, as well as, a 38 percent decline in the number of fatal fires compared to the previous year. In Baltimore County, the seven deaths in six fires during 2012 reflect a 30 percent decline from the 10 deaths in as many fires during that time in 2011. Ten people lost their lives in nine fires in Prince George’s County during 2012, which was 37 percent less than the 16 fire deaths reported in 2011. Anne Arundel County reported seven deaths in as many fires during 2012, sadly revealing a dramatic increase over the one death reported during 2011.

Consistent with most previous years, more fire deaths occurred in the late night and early morning hours than at other times of the day, and the hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. proved to be the most deadly eight-hour period in 2012. The 20 fatal fires that started during those eight hours resulted in 26 deaths accounting for almost 50 percent of the 53 fire deaths for the year, compared to 2011 when 27 fatal fires led to 35 deaths accounting for 62 percent of the 67 fire deaths that year. Three of the five multiple-death fires occurred during those hours in 2012.

In 2012, as in many other years, most fire deaths occurred in residential structures, including 32 deaths in one and two family dwellings, nine victims of apartment fires, and two victims of mobile home fires. Residential fires accounted for 81 percent of the fire deaths in 2012, compared to 79 percent in 2011, and 86 percent in 2010.

Unfortunately, 2013 has not been so kind. During the first quarter of 2013, twenty-nine Marylanders have lost their lives to the ravages of uncontrolled fire when compared to 18 fire deaths recorded in the first quarter of 2012, an increase of 61 percent. Baltimore City and Prince George’s County have been particularly hard hit with very significant increases in fire deaths. I applaud the fire service leaders in every local jurisdiction for continuing efforts to reduce fire deaths and injuries.

Congratulations to all local jurisdictions that experienced a decrease in fire deaths last year. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies play a critical role in promoting fire and life safety to help make our State safer from the devastating effects of fire.

Following a comprehensive review and adoption by the State Fire Prevention Commission, the updated and amended State Fire Prevention Code using the 2012 editions of NFPA 1
This year, the legislative session in Annapolis began on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Once again, the Maryland Fire Service Legislative Working Group (MFSLWG) held weekly meetings at the Annapolis City, Taylor Avenue Fire Station to discuss numerous legislative issues. Many thanks are offered to Annapolis City Fire Chief David Stokes for hosting the MFSLWG and a very special thank you to MSFA Past President Phil Hurlock of MIEMSS for his leadership, guidance and for his willingness to chair these important weekly legislative exchange sessions. The legislative session wrapped up on Monday, April 8, 2013. Additionally, I would like to recognize the untiring efforts of Senator Barry Glassman and Delegate James Malone for their leadership on fire and EMS issues and for co-chairing the Fire and EMS Caucus.

Just like the MSFA legislative team, the OSFM followed the 2013 session of the Maryland General Assembly with an eye towards protecting the many items of interest impacting citizens of Maryland and the fire and emergency services. I want to thank the MSFA leadership for their continued support in working on a number of important legislative issues. The MSFA leadership has always operated by the guiding principle of protecting Maryland’s citizens as its highest priority.

The OSFM and the MSFA effectively joined forces to successfully address updates to Maryland’s outdated smoke alarms laws. Through the hard work and diligence of many fire service professionals, Senate Bill 969 and House Bill 1413, sponsored by Senator Barry Glassman and Delegate Jim Malone, passed both the Senate and the House with unanimous votes.

The original Maryland smoke alarm (then smoke detector) law took effect in 1975 with significant changes made to the law in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1988, 1989 and 1990. Before this year’s legislative changes, the 38 year-old laws had become piecemealed and antiquated. It was difficult to follow, understand and enforce.

Just as with everything else, smoke alarm technology has continued evolving and improving leaving the previous Maryland smoke alarm law incompatible with adopted fire and building codes. The Maryland Smoke Alarm Technology Task Force spent nearly two years reviewing smoke alarm technologies and the present model code requirements before recommending updates to the smoke alarm law, which are now clear, concise and up to date. A key element of the new law requires the use of sealed long-life battery smoke alarms with a built-in hush / silence feature and a requirement for a minimum of one smoke alarm on every level when certain triggers are reached.

As State Fire Marshal, I have always promoted the partnerships our agencies share with local, State, and private industry in helping us gather more resources, disseminate more information and accomplish more tasks in the name of fire and life safety. For the 11th consecutive year, Delmarva Power’s Emergency Services Partnership Program donated
residential smoke alarms to the OSFM for distribution throughout Maryland's Eastern Shore. This year we received 600 smoke alarms, which have a long life sealed batteries. The Delmarva Power also donated 40 special needs smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing.

By working with partners like Delmarva Power, PEPCO and others, we are able to increase resources and extend our reach into the community to those people who need the most help. The public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power have enabled the distribution of over 17,000 smoke alarms, 1,000 special needs alarming devices and 1,650 carbon monoxide alarms. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries.

In 2012, the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 53rd Anniversary and the title of the program held on September 26, 2012, was "Caring for Your Community and Yourself." The morning address, "The Power of Five" was provided by Vickie Taylor of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This premier educational conference began in August of 1959 when then Governor J. Millard Tawes asked then MSFA Chairman, Howard Springer to serve as Chairman of the Governor's State-Wide Conference on Fire Prevention.

Every year the OSFM experiences some staffing changes. Regretfully this year, the OSFM experienced the unexpected loss of Wayne Anthony "Tony" Altamonte on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. He was a Fire Safety Inspector with the OSFM for eight years in the Metro Regional Office and an active member of the Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County. His service and experience are greatly missed. Program Manager Jane Edwards who many MSFA officers worked with in Annapolis for the past several years left her post in November. Deputy State Fire Marshal Kirby Travers stepped up to take on her legislative duties in Annapolis and did an outstanding job.

In 2012, the OSFM brought on board one Deputy State Fire Marshal and two Fire Safety Inspectors. Also, we were able to fill a much needed Administrative Aide position at the Upper Eastern Regional Office in Easton.

In 2012, the OSFM conducted 716 fire investigations. The criminal case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals was 38% which is twice the national average of 19%. OSFM staff members completed 16,186 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is an outstanding example of the level of commitment to the safety of the citizens of Maryland. OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed 1,685 construction and fire protection system plans. 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 the mission of protecting life and property.

The OSFM works in partnership with a number of law enforcement agencies across the
State as well. A joint investigation by the OSFM, Maryland State Police, Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Frederick County Fire Investigation Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives brought to a successful conclusion a serial arson case that began on March 17, 2013 involving 34 fires in Washington County and eight fires in Frederick County. Eight suspects were charged for their involvement with setting multiple fires involving everything from trash containers to vehicles to barns. The cooperative effort of each of these outstanding public safety agencies was instrumental in closing this significant case.

The partnerships we share are outstanding and I want to thank you for allowing us to be here at this time. As usual we present the Deputy Fire Marshal of the year here at this time. I think this is important and is an enticement for our staff. I’d like you to join me in honoring the Regional Deputy of the Year for 2012. Deputy State Fire Marshal Don Brenneman from our Southern Region, Brian Quick from the Metro Region, let’s give them a little bit of a hand out there. (Applause), William Potts from our bomb squad, (Applause), Deputy State Fire Marshal Thomas Harr from our Eastern Region, (Applause), C. Carson Widdoes from the Upper Eastern Shore Region, (Applause), Joseph Walters Ill from the Western Region. Each of these individuals represents their peers and took on the ultimate responsibility of duty. Because of their work it has made the state a safer place to live and work. It’s important to know these people have risen to this level with the strong support of their supervisors and administrative staff to become a deputy Fire Marshal.

A committee selects the Deputy Fire Marshal of the Year and I’ve not had anything to do with that committee during my term as Fire Marshal. That is always a difficult job and this year is no exception. The letters of nomination and each nominee much deserving and deserve much more than this award provides. To each of you a sincere thank you for your devotion to your duties. Let’s give them all another round of applause. (Applause)

Now I have the distinction and pleasure of introducing the Deputy State Fire Marshal for the year 2012; during 2012 this Deputy State Fire Marshal excelled in the duties of the Fire Marshal profession in every way. This Deputy began his career with the Fire Marshal's office in 2007 and quickly established himself as a competent professional with a great deal of confidence in his ability. This Deputy provides a very stable and confident work ethic, responding to incidents and represents the State Fire Marshal's Office in a very professional manner. He was cited for many achievements in 2012; his tactical and technical techniques used to execute a plan for maritime tactical operations and his search for technical equipment to be used for underwater search, with quick functionality. He quickly completed his Diver II certification in order to train other bomb squad members and complete the necessary requirements for bomb squad divers. The procedures developed during this process and to effectively complete this technique consists of a nationwide training program. There are only a few public service organizations in the country that perform underwater explosive operations. All these tasks were accomplished while maintaining his work load and being on call for the bomb squad. This investigator excels
in every aspect of his job and is a model for his career.

It is my honor to present to you the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2012, Deputy State Fire Marshal William Potts. (Applause) In addition to the plaque he also received a Governor’s Citation.

Before I complete my closing remarks we do have one administrative staff that has gone above and beyond in all expectations so I am going to ask Linda Bounds to come to the stage. She is an Administrative Assistant III and has been with us for several years. She assists with the hiring process to fill those positions I talked about. So Linda a heartfelt congratulations to you because I’ll tell you we can’t do it without this great staff. (Applause)

During the continuing difficult financial times, the perseverance and overall commitment of the OSFM staff continues second to none. With tough financial challenges, come opportunities. The ongoing economic downturn has forced us to rethink current practices in order to position our agency for what the future may hold. We look ahead to finding potential opportunities in the upcoming year and with your continued support; move both the Agency and ever important fire service issues forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the OSFM has a very clear picture of its mission and will continue to confront the challenges that lie ahead. The citizens of the State of Maryland deserve the best service that can be provided. The staff of the OSFM looks forward to working closely with incoming Presidents, Jacqueline Olson and Carol Hayden. We wish them great success and during their term in office.

This completes my final report to you as the Maryland State Fire Marshal. I will be retiring on July 1, 2013. Over the past twelve years, it has been a real pleasure working with all of the members of MSFA and your many fine leaders. Together, we have achieved much success while working on numerous fire and life safety issues including, residential fire sprinklers, fire-safe cigarettes and smoke alarms. Most importantly, working together we have seen fire deaths in Maryland continue to decline, reaching a record low in 2012. Thank you for all of your support and stay safe! (Applause)

**President John Denver:** As stated here today his twelve years of tremendous service to the state and Bill is going to retire. That’s going to be a tremendous loss to the state. Bill’s leadership in the state has just been outstanding. What I’d like to do on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is to present this trophy in recognition of your work. The trophy that you see is a trumpet. It’s especially appropriate because the trumpet is a sign of leadership. Bill’s leadership in Annapolis and what’s happened in the state has just been tremendous. He’s also known as a national leader throughout. Bill on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, I’d like to present this to you for your twelve years of service as Maryland State Fire Marshal. (Applause)

The next report will be from MIEMSS, Dr. Bass.
MIEMSS Director Dr. Robert Bass: Good afternoon everyone. First, I want to thank all those in the fire and EMS community for their hard work and support. This year has been full of challenges, but also countless remarkable achievements. It is through our extraordinary partnership that Maryland’s EMS system has become a model for others throughout the world. We are grateful to the MSFA and its members for their dedicated efforts on behalf of our statewide EMS system.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge President John Denver. John’s service this past year and his support is greatly appreciated. In addition, I would like to take this time to thank First Vice President Jackie Olson and Second Vice President David Keller for their support this past year. We thank Past President Gene Worthington for his continued service on the EMS Board and Linda Dousa for her service on SEMSAC.

I would now like to give you a brief overview of some of the successes we have worked together to create over the past year.

We are very pleased to announce that The 2013 Maryland General Assembly approved an increase to the vehicle registration fee surcharge that funds the MEMSOF. Without this funding, the MEMSOF had faced an impending insolvency that threatened EMS operations throughout the state. The increased surcharge will help fund critical projects at MIEMSS, such as the critical renovations and updates to our communications center, and provides increased funds for Amoss grants and Maryland State Police Aviation Command’s Medevac Program, MFRI and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

This is also an exciting time for the MSP and MIEMSS as a new generation of helicopters is being delivered after twenty years of planning. This year, the MSP has begun transitioning from the Eurocopter 365N Dauphins to AgustaWestland 139 helicopters that were specifically built to serve Maryland’s current and future aviation needs. This effort was coordinated by the Helicopter Replacement Committee of which MSFA has been a member.

MIEMSS has established a Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee to coordinate efforts to improve outcomes from sudden cardiac arrest. After decades of efforts to improve outcomes from cardiac arrest, we are beginning to see progress. The steering committee is focused on three areas:

1. EMD, rapid dispatch of EMS and dispatch assisted bystander CPR instruction
2. EMS, specifically high-performance CPR and therapeutic neuro-protective hypothermia
3. and the community, to raise awareness about SCA and encourage laypersons to be trained in CPR/AED

We are proud to point out the improvement in outcomes in Howard County where the
Department of Fire and Rescue Services has taken the lead in establishing a Maryland Resuscitation Academy, modeled after the hugely successful program in Seattle, Washington. Their efforts have already resulted in remarkable improvements in Howard County: about 54% of cardiac arrest patients transported to hospitals in 2011 had ROSC. Of those, 38% of those patients were discharged neurologically intact. We are now focusing on expanding the Resuscitation Academy statewide, and hope to see similar improvements in other jurisdictions.

This past year, The Johns Hopkins Hospital was designated as the first Comprehensive Stroke Center in Maryland to provide the full spectrum of care needed to treat the most complex strokes. While this will not directly impact where EMS transports patients with acute stroke, it will improve the outcomes of patients by providing statewide access to a higher level of care for patients with the most clinically complex strokes. We also have twenty-three hospitals in Maryland, and four out-of-state facilities, that have been designated as Cardiac Interventional Centers for patients with STEMI. A recent agreement with the American Heart Association’s Mission Lifeline ensures that STEMI care core measurement data from this network of hospitals can be easily aggregated for statewide monitoring and improvement purposes. As of today, we can also survey local data for outcomes in Regions III and V, both of which have six Cardiac Interventional Centers.

Also worth mentioning is the significant decline we have seen in the number of Red and Yellow Alerts activated by Maryland hospitals. They are at the lowest levels we have seen since the 1990’s. The Office of Hospital Programs continues to monitor Red and Yellow Alert usage on a quarterly basis. Hospitals that continue to have high rates of Alert use work directly with MIEMSS and Regional medical directors to reduce those rates.

The implementation of eMEDS continues and all but three jurisdictions have begun using this very successful statewide initiative. MIEMSS and local jurisdictions are already receiving useful data that helps monitor trends and improve care. Many EMSOPS have taken advantage of grants for a CAD interface with eMEDS, which improve data accuracy and reduce data entry work performed by EMS field providers. Funds are still available from this matching grant program, which will continue to be offered until FY 2014 or until funds are exhausted, so if you are interested, please contact us soon.

In other news, badly needed communications upgrades for SYSCOM/EMRC that will transition the center to digital technology are now in full swing. By later this summer, MIEMSS will issue a notice to proceed and release the RFP to secure a general contractor to acquire new equipment and make modifications in EMRC/SYSCOM. The first phase of modernizing the statewide EMS communications network—conducting a network analysis—is also underway. Future phases will include the actual upgrade work on system, which is likely to start in 2014 and take several years to complete.

In 2012, Maryland began transitioning to the new National EMS Education Standards.
This conversion has been very successful, however, we are continuing to monitor with the MSFA and MFRI, the impact of the new EMT standards. MFRI has reported that providers taking the new EMT course are passing at the rate as those that took the EMT-B course prior to the transition to the new standards. However, approximately 60% of the failures are occurring in the first module. MFRI is working hard to address this issue with some innovative approaches.

The Ambulance Safety Task Force subcommittees continued to meet this year to address the six recommendations from the report released in 2011. A follow-up summit is being planned for this fall. Some recommendations from this plan have been adopted into MIEMSS’ new draft EMS Plan for the State of Maryland. We are currently in the process of revisiting and revising the statewide EMS Plan and will be distributing it in early summer for public review and comment.

We were proud to present our Stars of Life Awards on May 21, 2013, in Annapolis. Among the winners this year were seven Maryland youths for Right Care When it Counts and 54 EMS professionals and citizens for Stars of Life awards. Among this year’s award winners were the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, for Outstanding EMS Program, and 18 firefighters from St. Mary’s and Dorchester Counties for the Maryland Star of Life Award. Please take note of deserving colleagues for these annual awards, and we encourage you to submit nominations in early 2014 for next year.

Also in May, MIEMSS and Maryland’s Regional EMS Advisory Councils presented the 2013 EMS Care Conference: Ridin’ the Wave, which took place again in Ocean City. From May 1 through May 5, providers from across the state attended preconference and full conference offerings, including Tactical Combat Casualty Care and live demonstration of an ocean rescue by the Ocean City Beach Patrol.

I would like to take a moment to talk about how proud I am of Maryland’s EMS providers who responded to several major disasters this past year. Dozens of EMS and fire crews from across the state rallied in response to a significant storm in June 2012, which left many Marylanders without power during one of the hottest weeks that year. Only a few months later, on October 29 and 30, “Superstorm” Sandy hit the East Coast resulting in flooding, destruction, severe snowstorms, loss of homes, and several fatalities. Maryland providers immediately organized and deployed to the hardest hit areas, including conducting search and rescue efforts in heavily-flooded Crisfield, Maryland, and search and rescue missions, patient evacuations, wellness checks, and 9-1-1 operations when several inches of snow paralyzed Garrett County. Several EMS providers, ambulance strike teams, healthcare professionals, and emergency management professionals also responded to heavily damaged areas in New York and New Jersey. These professionals truly represent Maryland’s world-class EMS system.

As a final note, three long-serving MIEMSS employees retired this past year: Karen Haydn,
Sadie Hannah, and Phil Hurlock. Phil, a Past President of the MSFA, also previously served on the EMS Board and his years of dedication to Maryland emergency medical services will never be forgotten. We wish Karen, Sadie, and Phil all the best in their future endeavors.

We thank you for your continued support that has made Maryland’s EMS one of the best in the world and we thank you for your time today.

**President John Denver:** Dr. Bass Thank you for your report. It’s been a pleasure working with you this year. Thank you very much.

The next report will be from Karen Doyle, Vice President Shock Trauma.

**Shock Trauma Vice President Karen Doyle:** Good afternoon everyone. It’s always good to be here with all of you. I’m Karen Doyle, Vice President of Shock Trauma. I want to congratulate you on a successful year and I want to acknowledge the fact that together we have a successful system. Again we had a great year and I look forward to working with the future leadership. I want to thank John Denver, Jackie Olson and Dave Keller as we had a successful legislative session.

I want to tell you a little bit about Shock Trauma of how we are doing. Shock Trauma continues to have significant admissions. This year we’ll have over 500 trauma patients. This is a little behind last year, our patient admissions are down a little bit. By the end of construction we’ll have 120 beds to be able to care for the trauma patients.

Most of our patients continue to come from the community, but we’re starting to see a number of patients coming from inter-hospital transfers. Once a patient is stable it allows them to be transported to the R W Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Recently we just went through our accreditation process from the adult resource center from the State of Maryland. We are designated for both trauma and neuro-trauma. Shock trauma was noted to have no deficiencies in either category and we were recognized by the general assembly. It’s still preliminary and we are very excited about that.

The slide points out the various strengths and I want you to know they recognize our partnership with EMS providers throughout the State of Maryland. They recognize that the pre-hospital providers and the trauma center are people who provide great service to the people of the state of Maryland. I want to thank all of you for that partnership. They also recognize the G Team concept, our Legislative Advocacy, Dr. Bass spoke about. They recognize the partnership with our legislators and the amount of time to build those relationships over time. Most states do not enjoy that relationship and I want to point out that we do.

We also have a very robust outreach trauma observation program and I show this to you because we have people that come to us from all over the world. They do not have and
can’t afford an outreach trauma observation center or a system like MIEMSS or MFRI so over the past year we hosted the program. We were able to highlight the program and help them understand the partners because they knew nothing about the partner.

The center for Injury Prevention has an extremely robust program under the leadership of Dr. O’Reilly participated in 35 events with 10,437 attendees. Whether it was teens at risk or our very active crime prevention program with the city, our minds of the future program or our trauma prevention program we have had a good attendance.

I’d like to point out that part of our mission at the adult resource center is to provide pre-hospital education. As you can see we have touched over 500 EMS providers with more than 300 programs. We will continue to do that and make sure we offer courses that are imperative to your function.

I’d like to highlight a couple people you know: As you can see Doyle and John there with our legislative delegate, at our Shock Trauma Gala was able to celebrate with you. Where we able to enjoy an evening where we celebrated a face transplant patient. Jackie, and the reason we were able to celebrate a face transplant was they were able to highlight the entire delegation had on the outcome. A young man name Josh was treated extremely well at the Gala. We were able to have Josh’s organs donated and we were able to celebrate many times the benefits of those that received Josh’s generous donation.

The end of April every year we come together to celebrate taking care of our injured persons in Maryland. With that I thank you and good luck with the future leadership. Thank you very much.

President John Denver: Karen thank you for the presentation and I’d like to give you some items.

I have a few announcements. Registration for the hands on training tomorrow at 0730 is in C hall. Voting is here at the convention center from 0800 to 1000. Education and training seminars start at 3:15 today. Please visit our vendors. They close at 4:30. The Monday night at the Jolly Roger starts at 6:30. And the bingo here at the convention center, the doors open at 6:30. At this point I’d like to have a chaplain.

Chaplain Hetz: You’ve all been sitting for a while, please stand for prayer. Let us pray. Our Lord and our God as we recess this session, Father we ask your blessings over us this evening as we refresh our bodies, continue to be with us, guide us and give us rest. Father we praise you and thank you for all things. Amen.

President John Denver: The convention will be recessed until 8:30 tomorrow morning. (President sounds gavel)
President John Denver: Good morning! It is my pleasure to call the 3rd Session of the 121st Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to order. I call upon Rev. Harvey Dixon for the Invocation.

Chaplain Emeritus Harvey Dixon: Good morning. An announcement first; there are cards on a table on the right side of the Hall for Past President Joe Robison and Bob Cumberland, so everyone is encouraged to sign them. (Not all of Rev. Dixon’s remarks were audible)

Could we pray please? Father be bow our heads together to thank you for allowing us to gather together to conduct the business of this Association. We pray…………….We pray for the wisdom and courage for those that serve this Association. (Not able to hear Rev. Dixon due to back ground noise)

President Denver: At this time I call on Hoby Howell for the safety message.

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. That sounded pretty good. GOOD MORNING! That’s even better. Thank you. I’m trying to get you awake this morning. Hope you all had some coffee and donuts downstairs to get your morning going. We have a lot of nice awards to give away. So welcome back once again.

We hope you and your family enjoyed themselves last evening, maybe at the picnic at Jolly Roger or the Boardwalk. I was at Jolly Rogers.

So be safe, look ahead, observe your surroundings, like our new exits in the new surroundings which will change once again. Please don’t text while you are walking as you might stumble or trip. Ride the bus, don’t drink and drive – stay alive.

Once again as I said, they are going to be giving awards out this morning. Please turn your cell phones off or vibrate so that the people next to you can hear what is going on. Also you can respect us on stage. From the Safety Committee have a nice week and go home alive. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: Have some announcements to make. First of all, Hands on Training
will continue all day today, from 0800 - 1600. Voting will continue until 10:00. The family picnic will be today from 12:30 to 3:30. Vendors, please visit the vendors they are a tremendous support to the convention. The vendors will be open from 09:00 to 4:30. The joint installation of officers, the time is different this year. It begins at 4:30, that's 4:30 not later as in the past. The OC block party benefit of the National Fallen Firefighters will be at 45th St. bayside, 6:00 to 9:00 this evening. The pajama parade will be tonight at 9:30.

The first award today is the Gladhill-Thompson Award. We'll ask Daren Long to come to the podium.

Chief Darren Long: Good morning. It's an honor for me to be here to present an award in honor of two great men, Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and Chief Leslie B. Thompson from Damascus. I would first like to call on Mitch Vocke to come forward and receive his trophy to take home with him. Is Mitch here? He's behind me. Today I have with me President Ronald German and Secretary of the Company.

Now I would like to tell you a little bit about the two men this award is name for. Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill told me many times he was tired seeing buildings burn down in Damascus. Because of the distance of travel made on the departments, he took it upon himself to be the spearhead of a committee of all the business people and citizens in Damascus to organize the Damascus Fire Department. And that goal was reached September 17, 1944.

Buck was very instrumental in our community with several things. He was a charter member of the Damascus Lions Club, Damascus Jaycees and also the Chamber of Commerce. He was almost solely responsible for bringing public water to Damascus. He had contacts that you would not believe – politically.

Leslie B. Thompson, Chief of Damascus 1958 through 1970, was a pillar in Damascus. He had 69 active years in the fire service in our state. Chief Thompson was entered into the fire department in Montgomery County, when he came to Damascus in 1952 and in his first year he was appointed rescue captain and that was the year the first ambulance was backed in the door. He helped to organize and purchase an ambulance from the funeral home across the street; he purchased a 1937 Buick for $1.00.

And Les, through his efforts, led the department to put that thing in service and bring ambulance service to Damascus. He was Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Past President Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Past President Montgomery County Fire Rescue Association and numerous other committees and department heads across the state. I have been asked to keep this short, because I could probably keep you here until lunch time anyway. All the things he accomplished for the state of Maryland.
I would now like to call President John Denver to the podium to name this year’s lucky recipient. Mr. President. (Chief Long’s statements were not audible and the above is based on last year’s presentations.)

President Denver: Thank you Chief. It is with great pride and pleasure that the MSFA Officers and members present this year’s Gladhill-Thompson Trophy to George A. “Fred” Cross. (Applause.) Is Fred Cross with us this morning? We are expecting Fred to arrive, we’ll give him a couple minutes.

Fred could not be located and we will have Chief Long return when we do to make the presentation.

To keep things moving I would like to call on the Board of Trustees Chairman, Steve Hales for the presentation of the Colburn Cup.

Steve Hales, Chair of Trustees: Morning, ladies and gentlemen, these are the Board of Trustees that administers this award for this organization. To my right, your left is PP Gene Worthington, PP Terry Thompson, Danny Carpenter and Doug Alexander. This board is the most caring and concerning board I have ever had the opportunity to work with. Thank you gentlemen for your service and what you do.

The first presentation we are making, several years ago it came to our attention we could only have one winner. This is a tough decision process and we felt that the other applicants that were qualified by the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company, we could do a little bit more.

Would someone from the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Co. or a representative from Leonardtown please come up here to the stage? I’ll start reading this information.

On August 4, 2012 at 1412 hours was alerted to respond to box 112 for an MVA accident involving a motorcycle. Chief 1 was the first to arrive and assessed the scene to find two motorcycles had been struck by a trailer that became dislodged from the towing vehicle. Chief 1 advised incoming units of the situation and immediately began patient care on the priority 1 patient. At this time this was believed to be the only patient. After being able to confer with witnesses, a second victim was found. This patient, wearing a helmet had been struck in the head by the trailer.

The patient was boarded and collared by the quick actions by the crew of Leonardtown RS EMTs. Victim #1 a retired DC firefighter did end up losing his lower leg but he’s on the road to recovery. The second victim had multiple injures including neck and back.

The actions taken by these men and women saved the lives of these two gentlemen and they should be commended. I would like to quote them. “It is recommended that
Chief Thomas Mattingly Jr., Fire Captain Ritchie Tippett, Fire Lt Jonathan Mattingly, Fire Lt John Padgett, Ass’t Engineer Thomas Trossbach, Ass’t Engineer Charles Cooksey, Leonardtown RS EMT Lisa Cooksey and St. Mary’s paramedic Gary Easley for the Colburn Cup, therefore we will present them honorable mention. Anyone here please come forward. (Applause) Thank you.

It’s an honor now to introduce the Princess Anne Fire Company who is the sponsor of this award. Beginning with Chief Kenny Molston, Deputy Chief Bobby Murphy, President Morgan Pusey and all the other members of the fire company who are here as well. I would like to ask PP Gene Worthington to please come forward to make this presentation on behalf of the trustees.

Past President Gene Worthington, Trustee: First please thank the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company for their great donation they do every year. (Applause)

This is really a personal pleasure for me this year to read the nomination. I will first ask Chief Ryan Barrow of the Joppa Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co to come to the stage. He is escorted by the President, our award winner for this year. (Applause)

Harford County dispatch center received a 911 call at 0530 AM for a dwelling fire at 214 Kenard Avenue in Edgewood. The dispatcher immediately alerted Box 405 for the call, a working dwelling fire with one occupant still inside. Units from Abingdon, Joppa Magnolia and the Edgewood ..........of Aberdeen Proving Ground responded.

Abingdon Chief 4-2 arrived on the scene and assumed command. The Chief confirmed fire showing and an occupant inside. Local residents advised that a 69 year old man lived in the residence. Engine 814 from Joppa was the first arriving engine and quickly advanced attack lines. Truck 831 from Joppa under the command of Chief Barrow arrived shortly thereafter and quickly began a primary search for the victim.

Chief Barrow, without regard for his personal safety entered the dwelling and encountered heavy smoke and high heat conditions. As the search progressed he proceeded to the basement area, apparently where the fire originated. Chief Barrow, again in heavy smoke conditions, however continued his search for the victim. Shortly after entering a room in the basement area, he discovered the victim, unconscious lying on the floor.

The victim also showed significant burn injuries. Chief Barrow realized that time was critical and must remove the victim, without hesitation. He notified command, on the radio, that he had located the body and requested assistance from other emergency service personnel as the victim had to be carried up the stairs. Chief Barrow moved the victim to the bottom of the stairwell where he was met by APG Truck 1232 personnel who assisted with the removal of the victim at the front entrance.
They were met by EMS personnel and the transfer of care was made. The victim was transported to Johns Hopkins Burn Medical Center in critical condition. Approximately 25 firefighters from three companies battled the blaze and was brought under control in about 30 minutes.

Chief Barrow’s heroic actions and deteriorating conditions resulted in the saving of a life and full recovery by the victim. Therefore it is with great pleasure that the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Board of Trustees award Chief Brian Barrow the Colburn Cup for 2013. (Applause)

President Denver: Congratulates the Chief Barrow. I have a couple of certificates and several citations. First is a certificate of Congressional recognition from Steny Hoyer and the second is a resolution from the Senate of Maryland, President Mike Miller. (Applause.)

President Pusey: I just want to give you a little information about the Colburn Cup. Dr. Colburn was a pharmacist and Chief of the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Co., a civic leader and he was Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. He decided to provide an award to a firefighter that provide a heroic deed or duty should be recognized some way. The award would be known as the George W Colburn trophy. The first award was given in 1931 and every year thereafter.

Engraved on the cup is the gentlemen’s name that received the award and as time ran on we ran out of room on the cup. In 1958 the cup was returned to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Co. and was placed in his home station at Princess Anne. Since 1931 it has travelled many miles throughout the state of Maryland. The Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company would like to honor the legacy of Dr. Colburn and will continue this award for many years to come. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: At this time I call Chief Darren Long back to the podium to present Fred Cross with the Gladhill-Thompson Award.

Chief Darren Long: Ok we found Fred Cross. He’s with us now. Chief Long presented Fred with the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy. (Applause.)

President Denver: Fred thanks for taking time from your busy schedule to join us and I do also have a badge and a bar for your uniform and a Congressional certificate of recognition from Steny Hoyer and a State of Maryland Resolution from State Senate President Mike Miller. (Applause)

I’d like to ask Danny Carpenter to return to the podium please.

Danny Carpenter, Trustee: Thank you Mr. President, I’d like to call the Trustees back out on stage. Steve Hales has served the Trustees from 2005 to 2013. He’s stepping down this year. I’ll tell you what. He’s been a great leader for us, as chairman. We’ve worked
together very good as a team. He has a lot of good ideas. In 2006 we wrote the Trustees manual and got it on line for all you Companies to look at. At this time I’d like to present Steve with a little plaque.

(Applause)

President Denver: Steve thank you for your service as well.

I’d like to appoint the resolution committee. That committee will consist of Richard Snader, Lew Harvey and Roger Powell.

The next award will be the Shimer Award and I’d like to ask Past President Bobby Jacobs to come to the podium.

Past President Bobby Jacobs: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone. Sorry for the noise. First of all I would like to invite committee members to the stage – Phillip Hurlock, Danny Davis, Roger Steger Sr., and as you all know Joe Robison is ill and in the hospital so he cannot be here today. Today as the President announces the Robert H. Shimer of the Year Award, and at the request of the Shimer Family and with the endorsement of the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, an award was established and presented annually in recognition for the many years of faithful and dedicated service that was provided by Past President Robert H. Shimer to the fire/rescue/emergency medical services of the state of Maryland. This prestigious award will recognize an individual for their achievements, activities and administrative positions that they have held within their own community, county and state. The time requirements for this award are not restricted to this past year but could have included accomplishments of prior years as well. The intention of the award is to honor Past President Robert H. Shimer for his 37 years continuous service to the state of Maryland for the many different roles and responsibilities he held in his career. This award is a tribute to him for his deserved recognition that he earned as a member of the emergency services in the state of Maryland. His passion for emergency services affects every one of us and his presence is sorely missed.

We are please today to present the Robert H. Shimer Award for the year 2013 Kenneth May of the LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad in Allegany County. It is our honor to have Diane May representing the Shimer Family with us today to make this special presentation. If Mr. May is here if he would please come forward. From the letter that was submitted by the LaVale Rescue Squad, I would like to make a few comments from that and I am paraphrasing what it says: When you look at Ken’s activities you have to wonder when he finds time to sleep. I often think he survives on a few hours a day and he has dedicated his life to the community. This gentleman is 85 years old and continues to provide service, not only to his company but to the community. Instead of just being happy being a member, he has become a leader in every organization that he belongs to from holding administrative offices, writing or pursuing grants, leading and participating in fund raising and serving on
committees and sub-committees. Members like Ken are rare and a truly gifted individual to his community.

At this time I would also like to announce all the nominees for this year: Hoby Howell, Anna Husfelt, Gerald Crouse, Scott LaPore, Ken May, Steven Miller, Jackie Olson, Calvin Stack Jr. and Janet Whitfield. If any of those individuals are in the audience they may see me behind stage to pick up your certificate.

At this time I would like to introduce to you Mrs. Diane May for a few comments.

Diane Shimer May: The family would like to thank the Association for allowing us to present this award in remembrance of my father’s name. My mother is not able to be here today but many of you have asked and she is doing very well. So my son, Robbie is here with us. This is a pleasure for us to present this this year because Ken worked closely with my dad and very often tells us about how much he learned from my dad in the many years of them working together on the Allegany Fire Board. And so it gives us pleasure. You know Bob read the statement in there but Ken spends seven days a week at the Rescue Squad, he goes right after breakfast about 7:30 a.m. and stays there until about 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. every day. When he is there you can find him in the office doing something on the computer and that has been his history for many many years. So it is a great pleasure for us to see him get this award. Thank you. (Applause)

President Denver: Congratulations Ken I would also like to present you with the Congressional Certificate and Maryland Senate Resolution. (Applause.)

If I could have your attention, Harford County will caucus at the left rear corner of the room behind registration immediately. Again, that is Harford County caucus, left rear corner of the room immediately

At this time it is a pleasure to call on Danny Carpenter for the presentation of the Hall of Fame Awards to be followed by the Marbury F. Gates Service Award.

Danny Carpenter, Chair: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests. I would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to come out on stage and be recognized:

- Vice Chair Ben Kurtz
- C. Oscar Baker PP
- George A. “Fred” Cross PP
- Thomas Diem
- John T. “Jack” Ferguson III
- John O. Gatton Sr.
- Donald Lee Howard
- Timothy C. Jones
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- William B. “Bill” Lay Sr.
- James T. Riegel Sr.
- Richard Smith

The Hall of Fame Committee Report is printed in the convention program book without the nominee’s names.

This year the Committee received 29 nominations for the Hall of Fame. We can only induct 10 nominees each year. If your nominee did not get selected, please resubmit them again next year before April 15, 2014. That is the deadline.

It gives me great pride to announce the new inductees into the MSFA Hall of Fame for 2013. Please come up on the stage when your name is announced to get your certificate. This year we have recognition from Congressman Steny Hoyer and Resolutions from the Maryland Senate signed by Mike Miller, President of the Senate.

This year’s inductees are:

**Donald “Duck” Anthony** - Grasonville Volunteer Fire Company (Applause)

**Charles E. Barnhart Jr.** – Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company (Applause)

If you are unable to get on stage, you can just come down front. We’ll bring it down to you.

**D. Lynn Gilroy** – La Plata Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

**Rick Hemphill** – Independent Junior Volunteer Fire Company (Applause)

**Joseph Wayne Hardesty** - Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

**James E. Malone** – Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

**Leonard H. Rieck** – Easton Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

**Michael A. Simmons** – Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

**Clarence Tracey** – Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

**Sharon Worthington** – Level Volunteer Fire Company (Applause)

Each year the Hall of Fame Committee along with the President’s recommendation can induct up to 3 special inductees that are not fire or EMS member companies into the MSFA Hall of Fame. If they are not here could someone come up? They are:

**John Philip Chrisman** - Maryland State Police Aviation (Applause) This year John piloted over a thousand search & rescue, Homeland Security missions. He was one of the first pilots of the Bell Jet Ranger. He trained many other pilots in the command. Accepting for him is Thomas A. Mattingly PP.

**Vince Jacono** - Delmarva Power Fire Safety Education (Applause) Vince has worked closely with the MSFA to provide special needs and residential smoke detectors from the
Delmarva Power and they also supported the scholarship program for first responders who are pursuing degrees in fire safety.

Cindy Wright-Johnson – MIEMSS (Applause) she is from the MSFA Life Safety Committee. Cindy has worked closely with the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee and each year at the convention she sets up the display and Risk Watch booth in the convention area. This year it is down on the first floor.

I think they want to do another picture. As you go off the stage go right out the door here. Thank you ladies and gentlemen. (Applause.)

The MSFA Hall of Fame Committee also has the responsibility of selecting the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

This award was established by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee in 1981 to honor over sixty (60) years of active service performed by charter member, Mr. Marbery F. Gates of the Rockville Vol. Fire Dept., Montgomery County, Maryland. The 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.

This year the committee received 36 nominees for a total of 2,051 years of service.

Each individual will receive a Governor’s Citation. They will also receive a MSFA plaque the first year nominated and any sequential years a certificate for their years of service. When I call your name would you please come up on stage or someone from your home department come up and accept the award. There is no real order in which I am calling these names. They are not alphabetical, they are the way I received the nominations. (Applause and cheers were heard for each nominee.)

The nominees are:

William W. Olsen – Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department 56 years
John W. Matthews – LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department 69 years
Emory D. Lancaster – Frostburg Fire Department No. 1 56 years
Raymond F. Stevens, Sr. – Volunteer Fire Co. #1 of Chesapeake City 53 years
Joseph A. Cooper – Bay District Volunteer Fire Department 53 years
William Shifflett, Jr. – North East Fire Company 56 years
Paul Nickle – North East Fire Company 69 years
John Crothers, Sr. – North East Fire Company 62 years
Robert Conway, Sr. – North East Fire Company 53 years
James Ewing – North East Fire Company 57 years
James F. Penhollow – North East Fire Company 64 years
Gene Price – North East Fire Company 69 years
At this time I would like to call up the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department President Timothy C. Jones for some remarks and to make the presentation. They are going to make the presentation to the winner of the Marbery Gates Award.

President Timothy C. Jones: Good morning. Thank you Danny. Myself, Fire Chief Scott Emmons and John Frank and the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc is indeed extremely honored to be on the stage with 2,051 years of service to the citizens of the state of Maryland. These are the gentlemen of Maryland who made the fire service what it is. It’s just incredible the amount of years they have given and each of them deserves the “Master” Award or the Gates Award, however there can only be one winner.

Let me touch on the highlights of this year’s winner for this award that we are extremely honored to present.

This year’s winner has been associated with his fire department since 1956. He has served as Lt., Vice President, President, Secretary and many other committees. He served his County Association and he’s been a delegate to the Association for over 49 years. This year’s recipient has received the Charles County Wright Award for dedicated
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service. He’s held many offices of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 1987. By now I’m sure the members of the Southern Maryland group have figured out that this year’s winner is: William W. Olsen, Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause.)

Before we present the award, let me touch on his accomplishments in his incredible career in the fire department. He’s been an active member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association since 1968, actively serving on the Executive Committee from 1977 – 79, the special activities committee in 1975 and has been active on the Maryland State Firemen’s Association from 1980 to present. He served as of the Scholarship committee chairman for 20 years, 1983 – 2003. He was made Chairman Emeritus of that committee in 2003. In June 1993 he was inducted into the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame. He has attended and participated in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association every year since 1968. He has even returned from vacation in Florida to return and participate in the convention and conference.

Bill, as most of you know, took a personal interest in many of the candidates of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Scholarship program over the past 30 years. He can recite the names of almost all the scholarship graduates, when asked. He tracks the scholarship graduates and keeps track of their careers. His success is the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Scholarship Committee. Because of scholarship committee, in 2004 Bill’s wife, Alicia surprised Bill at the Executive Committee by announcing Bill would support a student annually with a Maryland State Firemen’s Association scholarship in Bill’s honor. They’ve continued to do this every year, in fact after a couple years they increase the scholarship amount to $1,000. Bill wholeheartedly believes in and supports the Maryland State Firemen’s Association scholarship program. Alicia passed away in 2010. He committed to provide a second Maryland State Firemen’s Association scholarship in support of a deserving student at this time in memory of his loving wife. The second scholarship began in 2011 and the 2012 school year there were a total of two scholarships that Bill supports.

During the past 56 years Bill has been active as a volunteer in many facets. We congratulate Bill. It’s a gentlemen I think we should all immolate and again and once again for all the nominees for this award we are honored to be here with you and want to congratulate you. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Chair Carpenter: Thank you President Jones. Gentlemen you can either go this way or down the steps. They want to take some pictures. I request the Hall of Fame Committee to stay up here on stage a minute.

At this time I’d like to call President Denver out for a special presentation to one of the members of the Hall of Fame.

President Denver: We’d like to honor Oscar Baker, Past President, for his number of
years of service on the Hall of Fame Committee. He served on that committee from 1979 through this year and has indicated that he would like to step down from that committee. We felt that kind of service certainly deserved recognition so we would like to name him MSFA Hall of Fame Committee Member Emeritus for all his years of service on this committee. (Applause)

At this time I call Bill Dousa to the podium for the Josiah A. Hunt, M.D. EMS Person of the Year Award.

Bill Dousa, Chair: Thank you Mr. President. As everyone, I think the Josiah Hunt Award is the EMS Person of the Year Award. It is presented in honor of Dr. Josiah Hunt who was a member of the Delta Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company. He effectively brought EMS of the future for Harford County and Northern Maryland.

I have with me today the committee that did the selection.

This year we have six very qualified applicants for the award and I would like to have those people come forward to receive their certificates. The first of those people is, and I am probably going to kill these names, Cara R. Attanasio from Arbutus (applause), if you are here come on up; Zach Coyle from Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps (applause); Anand Dhanda from Glen Burnie (applause); Jeffrey Douglas from North East (applause); and, Thomas Pilkerton of Leonardtown (applause).

Our winner this year has 50 years of service. He held every line office, both fire and EMS for years at his home company. He has always been in the top five EMS responders and he is also an EMT instructor. Our winner this year is Michael J. Young of the Oxford Fire Company (applause).

Michael, here is our Josiah Hunt Trophy, which was created by Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company using some of their green marble and slate (native to that region). You and your company get to keep it for one year and at the end of that year you need to make sure it gets back here at the convention and we will give you a plaque in honor of this accomplishment. In addition, your campaign ribbon to wear on your uniform. Wear it proudly, this is a great honor, so congratulations and thank you very much for your service. (Applause.)

Now that Oxford has the trophy, we need to get Donald Thomas, who was last year’s winner, up here to give him his plaque for the Josiah Hunt Award. Donald are you in the audience? Here he comes. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Denver: Mike before you go, I would like to offer my congratulations as well and I have a Senatorial Certificate for you. (Applause)
I have been told that Howard County Executive, Ken Alman has joined us today in the audience. Thank you for joining us.

I would like to ask Past President Roger Powell to come to the podium for the presentation of the Emkey Award.

**John Emkey:** Good morning. My name is John Emkey and I am here with my sister, Gladys and my nephew Christian. We are here to present an award named after my father. Our father ran a program at the English Consul Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County for over 30 years. He started with a group of kids who learned to play kickball and taught us how to become firemen. We had EMS – CPR and how to throw ground ladders. We started with nothing but soccer balls and ended up with IFSTS books, equipment that he called “acquired” on permanent loan. We would make phone calls to those with pick-up trucks to get to the fire house as quick as you can get here. We’d get there and he’d open up the shed and said that we were doing spring cleaning – take whatever is there but don’t tell anyone. We ended up with enough equipment to supply a fire engine. And then after several years, due to a generous donation, we actually had a fire engine that we could put that equipment on.

He dedicated his thirty years to trying to guide children who did not need to stand on a street corner and give us a goal. And better the fire service of the state wherever he could. To date there are two career captains in the Baltimore County Fire Service, one career captain at BWI, and one career captain at Howard County. A lot of volunteers, chief officers, lieutenants, captains through this program.

We are very proud of the award and the recipient this year, I am proud of because I have worked with these young people. A couple of years ago we were doing this program in Baltimore County and they are a model program that he wanted. This is the type of program he aimed for. They are organized and the children are well respected and they respect others. They pay attention and do their training. And I understand that this year they received National Volunteer Fire Counsel Junior Firefighter of the Year Program Award. That is a pretty big honor. At this time I turn the podium over to Past President Roger Powell.

**Past President Roger Powell:** Good morning everyone. John the first thing I would like to do is, Dave Wood is here representing the American Claim Services – the underwriter for this award. And the way the award works is that winner following that award, receives a permanent mini trophy like that of the main trophy which is circulated every year and goes to this year’s winner. So John I want to present you with your trophy, your permanent trophy, for English Consul Juniors and thank you for everything.

Let me take a moment to editorialize. You know that, all of you here know that, and I am preaching to the choir, that the future of the volunteer fire services and emergency services
is our juniors. It is harder and harder these days to recruit and retain members. There is so much demand on everyone for everything. Families have to have two people working just to make ends meet. And yet we have junior cadet programs throughout the state that are feeders into our companies and we are very proud of those. And the purpose of this award, in honor of Ed Emkey who was a friend of mine for more than 30 years, it to recognize those programs in hopes that everywhere in the state of Maryland. And that those programs that are on-going will continue to grow and prosper and that other companies are inspired to form their own junior cadet programs so that every year that we come back here and on into the future we will have someone to honor by giving this award.

So this year the winner is the Arcadia Fire Company's Junior Fire Company (Baltimore County). (Applause.) The Arcadia Junior Fire Company joins Roger and the Emkey Family on stage for the presentation.

President Denver: Congratulations. I also have a Congressional Certificate and a Senate Resolution. (Applause.)

I would like to ask Chief Ivan Browning to come forward for the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award.

Chief Ivan Browning: Good morning. Thank you for coming to the awards ceremony this morning. I am Chief Ivan Browning with the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company and myself and the other members of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company are here to award the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. And I have Oscar here with me to help present it. We started this award back in 2002 and this award is given to those members who in their first year of service in their fire department respond to incidents, help with functions and details, learn through training classes and drills, are involved in the community and show a drive and determination to continue forward in the years to come as a fire department member. Oscar exhibited all of these through the ranks growing up in the fire service. Oscar will be 91 next week.

Of those years, his 71 years of service to the fire department, and 70 of those he has made LOSAP and been an active member. He has risen through the ranks to become the President of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company and also move on to become the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Even though he is not quite as active, he pretty much is active as much as he always been. He is routinely involved in town politics, helping the cause of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the state of Maryland. And he can be seen in the morning drinking coffee at the fire house and also on the treadmill trying to stay in shape.

Without further ado, the Oscar Baker of the Year Award had seven applicants this year. Five of those met the requirements. With this award the winner will receive the award for display at their firehouse and they will also receive a plaque for personal display at their
This year’s winner is an active member of the United States Air Force. They are a full time employee and also enrolled in college. As you fire departments take a lot of time in order to complete everything you have to do to be active. Through this in their first year of service to their fire company, they completed Firefighter I, received National Certification as an EMT, completed Rescue Training, and enrolled in the Emergency Vehicle Operator’s Course which they successfully completed. This person as taken the leadership role in mentoring other members of their firehouse on both the local and state level. They have been appointed chairman of the training committee due to their activity with teaching. And they have also been appointed to their Board of Directors.

On April 5th this member was recognized as the Fire & EMS Member with the Anne Arundel County Firemen’s Association. They have been a top responder on the ambulance – only been qualified to ride for six months. They were top with training hours with 326.5 hours and they were also awarded the company Fire & EMS Member for 2012 which their company has not awarded for 21 years. They actively serve on Tuesday and Wednesday night duty crews. They can be relied on for any assignment they are given and it is completed in timely manner in all times. And probably the most impressive thing that I have read about this award winner is that they exhibited what has become rare today – a core value of honor, courage and valor, dedication and service. While they may be classified as a rookie, due to their maturity and skills, they will soon become a leader in the fire service. And that is what Oscar’s award is all about! Growing in the fire service and being active and continuing that tradition. This year’s winner of the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award is Jesse Cade from Herald Harbor Volunteer Fire Department. Would Jesse and the Chief please come up? (Applause and Cheers.)

On behalf of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company we thank you and we thank Jesse for his service to the fire service.

**President Denver:** I would like to add my congratulations and I also have a Congressional Certificate and a Senate Resolution.

The next award is the Firefighter of the Year Award and I would ask Rusty Leftwich to come to the podium.

**Rusty Leftwich, Chair Firefighter of the Year:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone. On behalf of the Firefighter of the Year Committee it is an honor to stand before you today to present a very deserving individual for this fine award.

What I would like to do first is to call up all the nominees, if the nominee is not here, if someone from their company come up and accept the certificate I would greatly appreciate it.
From the Hollywood Fire Department – Jamie Bean; from Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company, Darryl Benner; from Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department, Leonard R. Logue-Ruckman, Nicholas Haspert, Zachary Warner, Jesse Rutledge, and Christopher Broussard; from Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department, Benjamin Singer; from North East Fire Company, John Hamilton IV; from Marydel Volunteer Fire Company, Gary “Bully” Madden; from Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company, Henry J. Horner IV; from Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Company, Christopher Younger; from Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, James Raley; from Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Mark J. Bell; and from Level Volunteer Fire Company, Marvin Jackson III. (Applause and cheers.)

We had fifteen nominations this year which is better than it has been. How many of the companies sitting out there have a firefighter of the year? Raise your hand. Did you all submitted somebody? That's my point! It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form and you can honor your person not only in your company and county level but also at the state level.

I have some committee members here today. Vice Chairman Bill Radisch could not be here due to illness. I have James Jarboe, Bill Lay, Sonny Rose, Bill Smith, Jim Snyder and Jeff Thompson. I want to thank them for their cooperation in helping me get started as my first year as Chair and we made it through.

I would like to read a few comments on our winner before we call him up. This year’s winner joined the fire service in October of 1975; he has held every operational office from sergeant to chief; has held several administrative offices including president; he is considered to be a mentor not only to the young people starting in the fire service but he is considered an icon for those who have been in for several years. One of his major achievements for 2012 was the initial phase of the building project for the joint fire and EMS station. He has spearheaded that project. He serves as chairman of the Fund Raising Committee; throughout the fire service he has always helped citizens; he has used his training as a Scott SCBA recipient to help numerous fire companies, not only in his county but others even other states. He performs work on their air packs and keeps them up to standard. The letter also says that this individual has been seen taking new members to get sized for personal protective equipment because they either did not have a car or they weren’t sure where they were going. He is also in charge of the Knox Box Program, from attaining funds to installing and maintaining system in each of the units with a personal pin code for each member to be able to obtain access to that box. In past years in grants this individual is responsible for obtaining $268,000 worth of grants for their fire company.

I am proud to announce the recipient of the 2012 Firefighter of the Year for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is Darryl T. Benner of Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause and cheers.)

We have the jacket marking his year, Darryl if you would step over please. We have a plaque for you and the ribbon for your uniform. Then we have one more thing for him. We have a special guest here this morning to help him celebrate his award and if that individual
would come forward now and join us on the stage we would greatly appreciate it. We have Mom. Mom came to help us celebrate. Let’s give them a round of applause. (Applause and cheers.) Thank you all again and remember to put your people in for next year. Thank you. (Applause.)

President Denver: Congratulations. We also have a Senatorial Resolution and a Congressional Certificate for you.

The next award will be the presentation of Smith N. Statethem Jr., Past President Memorial Safety Award and I ask Hoby Howell to come to the podium.

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: I would ask that all the members of the Safety Committee please come forward. Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to bring before you these individuals who were nominated for the Smith N. Statethem Jr., Past President Memorial Safety Award.

I would ask these nominees or a designated individual from their fire company to please come forward as I call their names: Kenneth Sanner from the Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company; Scott Collins from the Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City, Inc.; Michael Strickland from the Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Company; and Tim Holt from the Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company – last year’s (2012) recipient to receive his plaque. Please present Tim Holt with his plaque. Thank you for all your hard work.

We are pleased to announce the 2013 recipient of the Smith N. Statethem Jr. Memorial Safety Award for 2013 goes to Kenneth Sanner of the Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company, Harford County. (Applause) Present the trophy please.

We want to congratulate all who were nominated this year for their accomplishments in safety.
I want to express a special thanks to all these individuals, who stand before you today, your Safety Committee, they give countless hours and travel miles and miles each.
Thank you all. (Applause.)

President Denver: I also have a Resolution from the Senate and a Congressional Certificate.

Today represents the anniversary of the tragic fire at the South Carolina Sofa Supercenter that claimed the lives of nine Charleston firefighters. Our next presenter was the driver on the first arriving engine on that alarm. David Griffin will explain how crisis can be used to prevent further tragedies of this nature. Please welcome David Griffin from the City of Charleston Fire Department.
David Griffin, Charleston Fire Dept.: Good morning. My name is David Griffin and I’m from the Charleston Fire Department. It’s an honor to be with you today. Six years ago today I showed up for my 24 hour shift ready for a normal day at the fire house, having fun with my fellow firefighters and getting ready for a shift. Little did I know that 12 hours later I’m going to a structure fire where nine of my friends would lose their lives? Today I’m going to talk to you about that tragedy and I’m also going to talk to you about how far we’ve come as a department to increase our learning and to do better every shift we are on scene.

My educational background, I have a Bachelor’s Degree in education from the Citadel University of South Carolina, I have a Masters Degree in Fire Service Leadership and I’m currently finishing my Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Development and I’m studying the crisis of June 18th where I’ve taken surveys and interviews from responders that day and I’ve found out what we have done to make our department better.

(Speaker played communication video) That’s what happened in the final minutes of the nine firefighters lives. That was six years ago, 12 hours from now. That’s what happened on June 18th. Why is that important? It is important because we MUST learn from that. We must learn how to change our department every single day to make sure THAT doesn’t happen in your department. You don’t want to go through a line of duty death, not nine line of duty deaths.

Six years later we’re on the verge of making our department a National Model, from a department that did not follow national practices to a department that is a fire service model. We had many organizations come in following the fire to do research on our organization to see why we failed that day. One in particular was the Routley Report. The Routley report came up with some recommendations that were very hard for us to believe. I am going to read you a few of those verbatim from that report. This is what came to us a year after the fire.

The situation that occurred in Charleston on June 18, 2007 was predictable and the outcome was preventable. Pretty strong words, predictable and preventable.

Fire fighting operations at the Sofa Super Store did not comply with Federal Occupational safety and health regulations, recommended safety standards, or accepted fire service practices. Very hard to listen to again.

The culture of the Charleston Fire Department promoted aggressive offensive tactics that exposed firefighters to excessive and avoidable risks and failed to apply basic firefighter safety practices. Insufficient training, inadequate staffing, obsolete equipment, and outdated tactics all contributed to an ineffective effort to control the fire with offensive tactics during the early stages of the incident. Very hard for us to listen to. That’s only four
of the findings in that report from fifteen. So what does that mean? On the screen you see a picture of the Super Sofa Store. On the left you see engine 11 and on the right you see ladder 5. The person in the white tee shirt is me, standing at engine 11. On the ground you see an enormous amount of 2 ½" line snaked around. That’s our supply line. On the other side you see a 2 ½" in between my legs, where it should not have been obviously. We also had 10 sections of 1 ½" in the structure, to the rear of the structure. The disappointing point about this is I shouldn’t have been in this position.

About two months prior, I had tested for Assistant Engineer which is a promotion from firefighter to driver. I was lucky enough when I came on the job we had an arsonist in our city and we responded to two to three fires a night for two or three years. That’s all we did, we ran, we ran, we ran and I was able to get a lot of fire and a lot of time on the nozzle, so I was looking forward to moving up and pumping an engine. I got promoted, two months later, June 18th, we were in the back of our station, we were doing our truck day where we were cleaning the truck, we got the call, we pulled out of the stall and my hands started shaking. You’ve done this before, your first call as an officer, or firefighter you’re going to be shaking because of the fear. Fear is there to tell you that you are doing something dangerous.

As we progressed down the street to the Sofa Super Store, we took a left behind the store. As we came around the store, we realized we could not reach the fire because of a barbed wire fence. We came back to the front of the store and as I got out my Captain asked me to lay a supply line. I said, yes sir, I’m going to lay a supply line. We use 2 ½" lines, much different than a 5" LDH. A 2 ½" line you can run 400, 500 or 600 feet with no problem in a matter of seconds and that’s what I was going to do. I was going to drive to the hydrant, run my supply line back to engine 10. However; as I passed the front of the store, another Captain was signaling for me to back into the front. Being a young firefighter I was confused, then I heard my Captain come on the radio and say, engine 11 I need a 1 ½" in this building, he needed me in the front of the building. I parked in the front so I was there. At that time we had two engines operating as attack off of a 750 gallon tank in a 60,000 sq foot structure. Very dangerous. We already had crews inside the building. There’s not a day goes by that I don’t blame myself because I didn’t do what my Captain told me to do. That’s why I’m standing up here with you because I want everyone to understand that you must do what you are responsible to do every scene you are on.

This is the structure, an old grocery store with some additions. So how do we end up from that to that, total destruction? We lost the lives of nine firefighters. This is at 1916. This is about seven minutes after we arrived on scene. You can see the smoke in the background. There’s nothing to get excited about. The normal fire is a dumpster fire. We were going to pull a 1 ½" and put it out. Well this is at 1916. This is 1923, seven minutes later. As you can see the fire is walking itself up to the front of the structure.

If you look close enough to the front of the structure, do you see any smoke coming out
of the front of the structure? No you don't but we had crews in there with zero visibility from floor to ceiling with heavy intense heat. In that building is furniture. We all know what furniture is made of, synthetic material that burns very hot, very fast and that’s what was happening at that time.

This is at 1929. I’m going to show you some never seen footage. This is first account footage. I show it during my presentation because I want to show you a fire of this nature, the impact if not trained and educated correctly. (The speaker attempts to describe the fire conditions and location but could not be understood due to the noise of the video)

This is at 1931, the front of the structure, the first picture I showed you. This is five minutes after the first distress signals were called. That’s two minutes after I showed you that video. From the front it doesn’t look like anything serious. In the front we thought it was done, but we had over 15 firefighters calling distress. Fifteen firefighters but we had no idea as you can see from that radio traffic you just heard.

This is 1935, again this is eight minutes after we had over 15 firefighters calling MAYDAY distress, telling their wife they loved them, saying prayers, asking for help. In the front of the structure you don’t see any smoke, however; very much smoke in that structure. The gentleman you see in the front, coming out, pulling his mask off was out of air. He was sucking his mask at that time. The only with the engineer which is to the left of him, they ran into each other, Engineer Billy Bob, we call him, he grabbed Captain Mark and pulled him out of the structure because Captain Mark was so disoriented. It just shows you how intense that atmosphere was inside that building.

This is at 1936, one minute after we ventilated the windows. It’s so important to understand ventilation, coordinated ventilation and a fire attack. One minute later we have enormous amounts of smoke pushing from that structure. Let’s see what happens three minutes later. This is three minutes later after we ventilated the front windows. (Shows video and tries to describe but could not be understood). That’s a team that was to go in and find the firefighters that were missing. A team of the best firefighters we have. They got about ten feet in the structure and came out telling the Chief, It’s too hot, there’s nothing we can do. Once we heard that we knew we had a problem, because for them to say that, we knew there was nothing we could do at that time. All we could do is put the fire out and hope we could find our deceased.

This is five minutes after we ventilated, five minutes. (Shows video and tries to describe but could not be understood). My supply line was 2 ½”, 1850’ away. If you know hydraulics, do the friction loss on that. You’re not getting very much pressure or volume of water to your engine. That’s what you end with, total destruction. We did that for another 25 minutes until we declared the fire under control because the fire burned all the fuel. Then we started search parties for our missing. It hurt to think we had 15 firefighters missing. We did not know that one of our firefighters was in the building. We thought he was at
the pump panel pumping one of the supply lines. Which leads to this picture. Very hard to look at. This is a few days after the fire where we did a memorial service for our fallen.

It was decision time for us. We had to decide what we were going to do. We were getting absolutely butchered in the media and fire service journals, which we should have because we were not following national best practices. It’s not because we did not want to, it was because it was our culture. We took pride in hard charging, going into the fire. Our whole thing was go get the fire. There’s a gentlemen there that says, we took pride in going into the structure and having water coming out the windows rather than standing outside and putting water in the windows. We went as deep as we could as fast as we could with a booster line because that’s the way we did it for over 100 years. That’s what we do, but we learned from this tragedy we had to make a change.

Research shows that resistance to change is harder when you have someone from an outside organization coming to your organization. Well we got Chief Tom Carr. Everybody here knows Chief Tom Carr. The late great Tom Carr passed away in April this past year. He came to our department and totally changed our department. His first day in office, he put up blank pieces of paper and said, I’m going to fill these up with changes. Six years later he has done that. God rest his sole. Our attitude was bad. Mine in particular; I turned away from my wife, my family, and my friends. I didn’t listen to anybody. I didn’t grieve what was going on and I didn’t like someone from another organization coming in and telling us how to do our job. Very disappointing for me because that is not the way I was raised and not the way I take respect from a military college. We had a new administration and we had new firefighters. These new firefighters were more trained, better educated, and more certain. They came in to tell us how to do our job. That didn’t feel very good because we had been there for so long and we had other firefighters coming in and saying you’re doing it incorrectly. One firefighter in particular was trying to teach me how to breach a wall. He was showing me this and I was thinking, who are you to try to tell me how to do my job. I’ve been fighting fire a lot longer than you have. Boy did I have a lot to learn. It’s funny today, this gentlemen’s desk is 5’ from my desk. We work together, we run a recruit school together, and we do the South Carolina smoke diver program. It’s very important to understand if you open your mind to other people’s ideas; it will make you grow not only as a firefighter but as a person as well.

I wanted to honor our brothers. I didn’t know how to honor our brothers and as I said I was as lost as lost could be. I turned to something that I thought would make my pain go away, I turned to fighting. I dumped myself to fighting because it took away the pain I felt inside so that’s what I did. This is a picture, that’s me, a much larger size obviously, that’s me in my last USC fight against Huston Alexander. In this fight I realized, what am I doing? I can do so much better in the fire service and make sure firefighters understand a line of duty death and how not learning leads to that. As the quote says: “I was once lost but now I am found was blind but now I see”. I was as lost as lost could be, I covered my arms with tattoos, which are still there. I had a pink bow on, I wore pink shoes, I didn’t listen
to anyone, I was disrespectful, people were disappointed in me, but I didn’t know what to do. I was lost and didn’t know what to do. Every day I would take an enormous amount of supplements so I could go into another game and hurt another human being, then I would come home, have a couple drinks, take a couple valiums, a couple Percocet, I wouldn’t speak to my wife or my family and I would fall asleep. I’d get up the next morning and I’d do the same thing. I did that for three years. Three years of my life I did that because I didn’t know how to deal with something. Sometimes you have to go down that road. The wrong road leads you to the only way you can help others and that’s my point. I trained for 15 seconds of freedom. Those 15 seconds I was in a fight, I didn’t feel anything. I felt no pain, mentally or physically. I felt invincible. That’s what I trained for every day. This is an example of those 15 minutes that I lived with for three years. (Video of a fight) I sat on the top of that cage in my chaos, I started to come down and I looked at those people that were yelling at me, yelling obstinacies at me and I said, I can do better than this. I can help the fire service. I can help the fire service, this isn’t doing anything. I can find my true purpose. I didn’t want the emotional side of this because it hurts every time.

Every time I give this presentation it hurts but it feels good because I know those nine guys are happy, because people are hearing their story. People forget. We always say, never forget. But when you do nothing, you say never forget, you take more classes to make sure it doesn’t happen again. Do you train your firefighters to be better? Do you become a better person to make sure you don’t forget or do you just say, never forget?

Talk is cheap, it’s easy to say never forget. It’s a lot harder to go out there and give your time, effort and passion to make sure the loss of not only these nine but the loss of firefighters throughout the world.

This is the last slide I have. As a closing, I may not have, “I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be”. Sometimes you have to go down the wrong road to find the right one. That’s why life is so beautiful. If you keep going down the wrong road, you’re never going to find the right one. That’s why I am here today to present this to you.

I’m on a mission, that’s my goal, that’s my speaking. I’m on a mission. I’m on a mission to motivate you and inspire you to do better things in the fire service. When you show up to shift every day, do you show up to train and inspire your firefighters, or do you show up to say, do you know what, I hope we don’t run many calls today? That’s not what your job is. Your job is to save people’s lives. Your job is to go to someone’s house on the worst day of their life and make them feel comfortable. If you’re having a bad day, leave it at home. When you show up for work, make sure, when you encounter a patient, make sure you are respectful. You need to understand that’s the worst day of their life and they are looking at you to help them during that time.

On a mission, I challenge you when you show up to work every day to say, you know what,
I’m on a mission. I’m on a mission to train today. We train in our fire department. We don’t simulate. We don’t talk. You put on all your PPE, you put on your SCBA and we work and we work until you are dog tired, because the reason we do that, you get a fire, you are dog tired.

People who are able to physically and mentally able to handle that stress are able to save lives. I leave you with my dissertation, crisis in a fire department in South Carolina: An Organizational Learning Approach. My dissertation is my foundation work for my doctorial research where I’m studying what we learned from June 18, 2007.

You’re probably saying this is a lot of information. It is, this is a two day seminar I give compacted into 30 minutes so this is a lot of information for you to digest in 30 minutes, I understand that. My research questions throughout my dissertation. I’m going to read you a quote from a book called deep survival. My lords … who live, who dies and why. I am fascinated with survival. A closed attitude prevents new perceptive from be in corporate into a model. Such a closed attitude can kill you. Philologists can study survivors from ship wrecks, plane crashes, natural disasters, and prison camps conclude that the most successful or open to the changing environment, or changing nature of their environment, they are curious to know what’s up. As firefighters we have to understand we are in a changing environment. That’s what we respond to, so I’m curious to know what’s up.

So my research questions: How did the CFD learn from an organizational crisis at the individual level? How did the CFD learn from an organizational crisis at the team level? How did the CFD learn from an organizational crisis at the organization level?

Three parts of the organization: myself; my team, the crew; as well as the organization from the head fire chief to the lowest ranking firefighter. We are all in this together.

My methodology. I just collected my data last week. Friday was the cutoff date. I received 19 responses from the 27 firefighters that responded that day. We’ve hired over 240 new employees since June 18, 2007. Our department is made up of 318 employees. You can do the math and see that our entire structure and culture is 100% different than it was six years ago today.

So from the research I’m giving you and the changes I’m presenting to you I want you to decide if we’ve changed and also I want you to decide if there’s areas in your department where you can change. I challenge you to translate this to your department because we can always find the smallest part that we can change to make sure we are doing better.

Our departmental changes: In 2007 we had 0 deputy Chiefs, we now have 3. We had 0 on our command staff, we now have a logistics officer, a safety officer, and a PIO. Our Fire Marshal division was made up of 2 inspectors but they were building inspectors, they were not fire trained. We now have over 9 people in that division. We now have four person
minimum staffing. On June 18, we had three persons, however; on some days we only had two on the aerial apparatus where the captain would drive and act. We force people on overtime everyday to ensure four people staffing. They don’t go home to their families in 24 hours. There’s no calling out sick and I have to go home. We’re forcing you because we have to have the personnel to make sure we can do our job.

We now have 45 minute SCBA. Before June 18th we had 30 minute SCBAs. We now have LDH and appliances. Before June 18th we used 2 ½” supply lines. We now have a consolidated dispatch center. Before June 18th we had the fab five as we called them that were their own separate dispatches. They had to call each other to get everyone in route. Now it all goes to one dispatch center.

We now have RIT equipment on apparatus. Before June 18th I did not know what RIT was. I never heard of Rapid Intervention Training or Rescue to Rescue Training. We now have ventilation vans and training to coincide with that. Before June 18th we did not do this either. We now have rapid egress systems which are very important to us. Before June 18th we had no rapid egress systems or any training to get us out of a situation. We now have advanced accountability systems. Before June 18th, 2007 we had a very minimal accountability system as you could hear on the radio traffic I presented to you earlier.

We have consummated our Haz Mat Team and our USAR teams to the technician levels very much better than June 18th. We now have a fire boat. We protect 110 sq miles of land and 18 miles of coast line. We did not have a fire boat for over 100 years of service. We now have this and saved three lives since November 2012. We have an advance command buggy and all the equipment the commander needs on scene. Before June 18th we used the Crown Victoria that did not give us the opportunity to do what we needed to do as the commander.

We now have air conditioning in our apparatus. If you’ve ever been to Charleston in June, it’s really hot. It was 110 heat index when I left to come here. We did a study in the back of the engine when I was a firefighter, it was a 160 degrees where I sat with all my gear on. So you come back with the increased heart rate and respiratory rate responding to a structure fire and realize how tired you are before you set foot out of your engine without air conditioning. It’s the small things like that we are very excited about.

We now have 1 ¾” hose lay and the connections to use that. This has helped to provide a 150 GPM more than when we used our booster lines which were interior attack lines that gave us 40 GPM. We went from 40 gallons to 150 gallons. We now have an air light truck. Before June 18th, 2007 we did not have this. We now have a rehab truck and trailer. Before June 18th 2007 we has stickers on our helmets that said, rehab is for wimps. We didn’t rehab. Two engines and a ladder showed up to a fire. When you got tired, you came out, got another cylinder and went back in. That’s all we sent. We though rehab was the
blues. We're very proud now that we follow the national best practices of rehab and we do what you are suppose to do, on that cycle, you work, you rest.

We now have a new push button throttle engine. Before June 18th, 2007 we had the hand throttle, which I could understand a little better than the push button, however; that's where the fire service is going so we must take these advances in stride. We just ordered our first tiller apparatus which should be here within the next few months. Before June 18th, 2007 this was not in the works. We just ordered a state of the art Hazardous Response Unit. Before June 18th, 2007 this was not in the works. We drove two bread trucks which were not very safe to respond to incidents. We've now ordered a forth aerial apparatus to increase capability and decrease times to fires. A future water tender. City council just approved this. Before June 18th, 2007 this was not in the works.

We now have state of the art stations being built all over our city. With state of the art fitness facilities where we spent over $20,000.00 to outfit with the highest level training equipment to make sure our firefighters are trained as industrial athletes. That's what do. We have industrial athletes that work for us because you are a professional firefighter and we are trying to train you to the best. We now have a Purvis system which is a station alerting system. Before June 18th, 2007 we did not have this. We had one channel and all the radio traffic came over that. If you had three fires at the same time and you weren't on that fire lying in bed you listened to all three fires.

We now have an updated training facility with more classrooms and props. All of our officers and firefighters were retrained in Firefighter II. Before June 18th, 2007 this was not the case. We have an officer development training program. In this picture you see Chief John Tippit, as many of you might know; he’s our Deputy Chief of Operations. We had to take this course before we could retain our rank as Captain, management leadership training. Before June 18th, 2007 we had no management leadership training. You were promoted to Captain, here's your crew, you figure it out.

The late, great Chief Tom Carr. The greatest, smartest Chief I ever met. He's standing with one of our better employees. We now have a promotional matrix where you have to have certain fire service classes as well as college level education to even sit for engineer or captain level. In our department you must be with the department for 7 years and be an engineer for 4 years before you can test for Captain. To make rank in our department is a long process because we want to make sure we have people that are well into the process we use.

We now have a flashover simulator and the training to go inside. Before June 18th, 2007 we did not have this. We now have an improved recruit school and new hiring practices. Before June 18th, 2007 our recruit school was 9 days long. Today it's six months long, military style. We have ladies and gentlemen show up and they go through a simulated boot camp if you will, because we're trying to create professional firefighters and good
people so when they leave the job and go home to their family, they are good to their family as well.

We now send people to FDIC and Fire Rescue International paid for by the city of Charleston. Before June 18th we weren’t allowed to do this. We now have a physical fitness requirement; to be hired by our department or to keep your employment with our department. Before June 18th, 2007 we did not have this. We now have computers in our station. Before June 18th, 2007 all our memos and departmental policies were in one book. We now have computers to look up these policies on line as well as do our higher education in the station.

We now focus on behavioral health. We’re all tough firefighters and we don’t like to talk about our problems and when we are sad about something. I had to learn that the hard way. I’m very comfortable talking about that. I was sad; you have to get over that, move on and do better things. That’s what this is for, to get you over that hard time, to push on, do better things for the fire service and your life. We started to utilize grants. Before June 18th we didn’t use grants. Now we use grants for everything we’ve obtained, new firefighters, new apparatus, new equipment, new training, it’s very important to our operation.

April 2, 2013 we had an incident. You see it on the screen. Text Book firefighting. After June 18th we had articles coming out saying we were not learning, we were not intelligent, we still were not doing what we need to do. Then this finally came out. Text Book firefighting. That’s what we are all about. We respond to a structural fire, we send 5 engines, 2 aerials, 1 rescue, a rehab truck and 3 chiefs. That’s between 50 – 60 people on a residential structural fire. We do work and we do work very quickly. We are proud of that. We have the resources. Unfortunately it took the loss of nine firefighters to get those resources.

The point of the entire presentation is that if you see areas where you need more training; relate it back to our nine. So you ask yourself why these results are important. Very simple; that’s why those results are important. Those nine firefighters gave their lives so we can learn and do better in the fire service. Not to talk about it, but to do it. Talk is cheap. You have to get up every single day, you take that first step out of bed and say, I’m going to make a difference. I’m going to train my firefighter because when he takes over, I want him to know I trained him correctly. I don’t want him to look at me and say, you know what Cap, you did me a disservice, you didn’t train me to the best of my ability and now I have to learn on my own.

What we call accidents don’t just happen. People have to accept systems that make them happen. Even though we did the same operation for years, nothing happened, we thought we were fine.

Complex Systems - In certain kinds of systems, large accident, though rare, are inevitable
and normal. The accidents are characteristic of a system itself. In system accidents unexpected interactions of forces and components arise naturally out of the complexity of the system. The fire service responds its complex, you are sending 50 to 60 people to a burning building but you have to organize that chaos. That is complex. Such accidents are made up of conditions, judgments and acts of events that would be inconsequential by themselves. Unless they are coped with in just the right way and with just the right timing, they pass unnoticed. It has to be the perfect storm.

Parrells Point is that most of the time nothing serious happens which makes it more difficult for the operator and the firefighters of the system. They begin to believe that the orderly behavior they see is the only possible is the state of the system. Then at the critical time, boundary and space the components enforces interactive unexpected ways with catastrophic results. Those nine firefighters in a warehouse fire just should not have been in - catastrophic result.

The presenter then shared a slide presentation of that deadly fire and those involved. That is why the results are so important. Again their lives given were not in vane, to make sure we learned from them. If we don’t learn from them, we are not doing what we are supposed to do. It is our responsibility of everybody in this room to do all your training, your learning, to educate yourself and your firefighters to make sure they do their best. If you are not you are doing them a disservice. I challenge you tonight when you lay your head on your pillow, you think about those nine firefighters but you also think about yourself and your crew members inside – am I doing everything I can when I show up for shift to make sure my crew and myself?

Thank you for today. God bless you and God bless the fire service. (Applause.)

President Denver: Thank you so much for that presentation. I want to thank you for taking the time to be with us today and I do have a number of items for you for your visit with us today. I will present one of them to you now. (He presents him with one of the convention mugs.) (Applause.)

I would like to call Danny Carpenter back to the podium.

Danny Carpenter: Thank you Mr. President. I have for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award, I have one gentleman that was on his way down here and got hung up in traffic. At this time I would like to call Norm Conway from the Salisbury Fire Company #2 up on stage. Norm has 50 years of service. (Applause.)

The next award is the Legislative of the Year Award and I will call Richard Smith to the podium.

Richard Smith, Vice Chair: Thank you Mr. President. The Senator William H. Amoss
Award, the purpose of the award is 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.

The Award is sponsored by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and administered by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Legislative Committee. The recipient of the award this year is Delegate John Bohannan Jr., Delegate Bohannan would you please come forward. Also the delegation from the Harford Cecil Association will they please come out on stage. (He is joined by Pres. Joe Price and Vice President Robyn Hahn.) (Applause.)

The group presents Delegate Bohannan with a resolution and plaque. Applause.

President Denver: The next award is the Zembower Award and I call on Johnie Roth for the presentation.

Johnie F. Roth Jr., Chairman: President Denver, Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 121st Annual Convention and Conference. The full Training Committee’s Report can be found on Pages 85 & 87 of the Annual Convention Program Book.

Each year the MSFA training committee recognizes three member companies that the highest average number of formal training hours per active member. Before we announce this year’s recipients of the training awards for the Zembower Award I’d like to recognize last year’s Zembower recipient to the stage to receive their station plaque and remain on stage if you would. Would a representative of the Saint Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad in Calvert County, Maryland please come forward? (Applause) Last year they documented 56 active members who logged a total of 8,632.25 training hours with an average of 154.15 hours per student. Presenting the Station’s permanent Zembower plaque for 2012 is Ms. Peggy Zembower.

This year only 4 member companies submitted entries into the MSFA Training Awards Program and we would like to recognize the 3rd runner-up with an Honorary Award for participation. As I announce this year’s recipients, if a representative can come on stage to receive your award.

This year’s 3rd runner-up is the Vigilant Hose Company, Inc. (Applause) from Emmitsburg, Maryland. The company documented 108 members who logged 3,031 training hours with an average of 28.06 hours per student. Congratulations to Vigilant Hose Company, Inc. (Applause.)

This year’s 2nd runner up is the Chesapeake Volunteer Fire Company #1. (Applause) The Chesapeake Volunteer Fire Company comes from Cecil County, Maryland and documented
30 active members who logged 1,580 training hours with an average of 52.67 hours per student. Congratulations to the Chesapeake Volunteer Fire Company #1. (Applause.)

And this year's recipient of the Zembower training award is no stranger to the stage and comes from Calvert County. This year the recipient of the Zembower Training Award is the Saint Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. (Applause.) This year Saint Leonard documented 67 active members who logged 9,726 training hours with an average of 145.16 hours per student. Congratulations to the Saint Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company.

Congratulations to the member companies that participated this year and I continue to challenge all Maryland Fire and Rescue Companies to begin keeping track of your members' training hours starting TODAY in order that next year YOUR company can get the proper recognition that they deserve for all your training classes and efforts.

Thank you and we look forward to next year’s recipients.

2nd Vice President David Keller III: Next we will have Dale Fishack Jr. for the Scholarship Awards.

Dale Fishack, Chair Scholarships: Good morning. It gives me pleasure to announce the scholarship awards recipients for the year. But before I do that I need to call out our supporters who give us the funds.

With us today is the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors – we have Tara, if Tara would come out. Next from Delmarva Power and Pepco Power, the representative of Delmarva is Vince DeCode and from Pepco we have Pete Peterson. From the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Kathy Knipple, and we also have support from the MSFA Foundation and I am representing them.

We had quite a few applicants this year and we like to try and support as many as possible. With that we were able to support six applicants. With that I am going to recognize each one of them individually. As I call their name if they are here please come up to receive your certificate.

First recipient Ray Welker. He is receiving support in the amount of $3,000. Ray is from New Windsor Fire Department from New Windsor, MD. (Applause)

Next is Christine Galley - She is receiving $4,250 in support and she is 2nd District Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad. (Applause.)

Next is Philip Smith - Phillip is receiving $3,000 of support. He is from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause.)
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Next is Michael Miller - He is receiving $4,250 of support. He was a member of the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company in Westminster, MD. (Applause.)

Next is Daniel Bresky - He is receiving $2,000 of support. He is with Oxford Volunteer Fire Company in Oxford, Maryland. (Applause.)

The next recipient is Kyle Kohler - Kyle is receiving $3,000 of support and he is from College Park Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause) Kyle was unable to be with us today but he wanted to be able to thank this group for the funds he received and as such I am going to ask Doug Simpkins, a member of our committee to read a thank you letter he wrote.

Doug Simpkins: Good morning. The following letter was received from the Scholarship Chairman from Mr. Kyle Kohler. It is kind of unusual to get a letter. We understand that the gentleman is working and many of our students are for the summertime.

To the Counsel Officers, President of the Scholarship Committee and members of the MSFA: I would like to thank you for your time and energy you put together for the MSFA Scholarship Committee. And you make the effort to support this generation dream of higher education with your aid, I am happy to be able to continue my pursuit of Fire Protection Engineering Degree from the University of Maryland while serving in the Prince George’s County Fire Service.

Even further, thank you for selecting myself to be a recipient of this scholarship. The funds you have provided me with for the continuation of my college career are greatly appreciated and extremely helpful. We are all aware of the current economic state and these funds will not only provide greater relief to myself but to my family as well. Thank you for this honor.

It is with great regret that I must say that I will not be able to make it to Ocean City this year to personally thank each one of you and the contributors that I was made aware of. MSFA Foundation, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, Delmarva Power, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary and you – the MSFA members.

I am committed to a fulltime internship this year as well as taking a summer class on top of serving the citizens of College Park, Maryland out of Company 12, PGFD. All in addition to helping my family’s needs while I have tried to rearrange commitments, I was just unable to do so. I have come to the conclusion that I will miss too much information just by missing one day of class. I hope you can understand my position.

Thank you once again for this award and honor. It is much appreciated and I am highly grateful to be able to accept this award. With much appreciation, Kyle Kohler. (Applause.)
Dale Fishack, Chair: Many of our students are unable to attend due to taking summer classes, work schedules. Many of you who have done time in college know what that is like. We definitely appreciate Kyle’s letter and his thanks. And special thanks to all our supporters who support our students. Without that we would not be able to give the funds we give away.

To cap this year’s amounts we gave $19,500 away. Of that $19,500 - $11,000 of that goes to University of Maryland College Park and $8,500 goes to students attending UMBC. In all we supported six students this year and we look forward to MANY applications next year and continuing to try and support our fire service around our state. Thank you for your time today. (Applause.)

2nd Vice President Keller: We now have Joe Chornock for the Family Appreciation Award.

Joe Chornock, Chair: Good morning everyone. I would like to have my committee members join me on stage: my Vice Chair Troy Odendhal, Julie Casey and William Wagner III and the other one is down there taking pictures.

Good morning Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests. The Family Appreciation Award is to recognize the family of volunteer fire/EMS members whose family must sacrifice time with the person for the good of the community they serve. This year we received eight nominations for the award. The following members were nominated by their departments for this award and I would appreciate it if they would come forward at this time as I call their name or a representative of their department.

Jason Dove – Manchester Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County
The Warner Family – Winfield Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County
The Legore Family – Winfield Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County
(Scott Legore, Elsie Legore, Wanda Legore, Jeanne Legore, Shawn Jarrett, Stacey Jarrett, Tim Legore, Kim Legore, Amber Legore and Owen Legore)
The Thorton Family – Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County
(Nancy Thorton and Michael Thorton)
Robyn Shelton Hahn – Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 of Chesapeake City, Cecil County
The Piatelli Family – North East Fire Company, Cecil County
(Steven Piatelli, Beth Piatelli and Vincent Piatelli)
Bobby Ann Sheldon – Hacks Point Fire Company – Cecil County
And the final nominee this morning is
Steven Gower – Arbutus Fire Department – Baltimore County

It is with great pleasure to announce that the committee has selected from the Winfield
Volunteer Fire Department – the Legore Family as the recipient of the 2013 Family Appreciation Award. The Legore family goes back many generations to the creation of the Winfield Volunteer Fire Company. The Legores were nominated by Kevin Warner and President Robert Farmer. Congratulations to the family. (Applause)

**President Denver:** I would now like to call Becky Spicer to the podium for the Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award.

**Becky Spicer:** It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce this year’s winner of the Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award given by the Chesapeake Society of Fire Service Instructors.

The Award winner this year is a valuable asset to the Upper Eastern Shore Region as well as the state of Maryland, teaching EMT and ALS courses for MFRI and MIEMSS. Their dedication and expertise as evaluated by MIEMSS since he started teaching for MFRI in 2012 is much appreciated. His dedication to the emergency medical services is outstanding. Whether it be as a Paramedic Supervisor of Queen Anne’s County Department of Emergency Services or the classroom as a part time MFRI instructor. From basic EMT courses to Advanced Life Support Programs for EMS Officers Classes, his main interest is to the student and his interest and enthusiasm and dedication to EMS.

His teaching style is outstanding and should be emulated by other instructors. He keeps his EMT students informed by email as to what was covered the previous night, what is expected for the next session or congratulate them for their course completion. He portrays excellence in what he does and expects that of his students.

There was no one more qualified to receive this prestigious award because of his dedication and enthusiasm to EMS. The award is courtesy of Skip and Jackie Carey. Previous award winners and MFRI instructors will be awarding this plaque to the award recipient Scott Wheatley. (Applause)

Is there any one from Scott’s department here? Oh he is here. Ok.

**President Denver:** We will now have the presentation of the Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention.

**Burton Brenner:** Good morning!

Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Personnel, everyone from their respective fire companies and rescue squads from across the State of Maryland, the President, Board of Directors, the Fire Chief and the members of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department welcome you to this 121st Annual Maryland State Convention.
Again, I have the honor of addressing this convention, recognizing the men and women who as firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, IV Techs, and auxiliary members who stand tall in service to the citizens of the great state of Maryland. The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence is born from the efforts of those who came before us, some still here to guide us, and those who have gone from our physical midst and yet are remembered today for their contributions to fire prevention over the years. It recognizes the highest achievement in the field of fire prevention as judged by one’s peers.

The trophy symbolizes what we strive to do in the field of fire prevention in EVERY community in our state. It also singles out an outstanding member of a fire department or rescue squad and ladies auxiliary who deserves individual recognition for efforts in the year 2012 in fire prevention excellence. We recognize these efforts and fresh new innovative ideas which bring credit to the fire service, respect to the fire company and give honor to our state association.

For excellence in the field of fire prevention for the year 2012 it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention, the winner of the Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence, from Carroll County, Debbie Gartrell from the Winfield Volunteer Fire Co. (Applause and cheers.)

I have a plaque here for Debbie as a memento of this occasion. In addition her pin and uniform ribbon. And last but not least, I’m going to give her the opportunity to take the trophy home for her company to enjoy for the next year. Hopefully she’ll get it back to me before our next convention. (Applause)

2nd Vice President Keller: Now we’ll have Teresa Crisman for the Fire Prevention Awards. Big Shirley, come on up here.

Chairperson Teresa Crisman: Hello everybody. I have money and plaques. I don’t have round shiny things. I got wood shiny things and a trip to the Cork Bar for the big winner.

I would first like to thank President Denver for the appointment to this committee and for him seeing in me the ability to lead its members into the next level for Fire Prevention and Life Safety throughout the state.

For over 20 years this committee has been led by Robert Collins. BIG MAN your leadership and guidance has allowed this committee to flourish as to what it has been and become today. I cannot say thank you enough for your support that you have given to me this year. I hope I have made you proud. I’ve worked very hard to keep this committee striving to bring the much needed resources to our member companies.

The full report of the committee appears and starts on Page 51. Please read our reports that we have submitted. It is filled with a lot of information that you can take back to your communities.
I would like to thank Stacy and Solveg on a great year. You both have accomplished a lot for the program and I am grateful that you both serve with great honor. AND I am very proud of you both. I am very glad that you have done great and wonderful things for this state.

To Fire Marshal Bill – FMB you are a great mentor and friend. I joke saying that I was 5 years old when you entered the fire service when I was 5 years old. I was and I am very proud that I call you friend. I've looked up to you for a very long time and I still will. For the last 12 years you have led this state’s Fire Marshal Office with great zeal, vigor and tireless effort. You have made this state a safer place and provided the ability to know that we have the laws and codes to make it a better place.

Today we are awarding the projects for the various classes that we have. I must say that the turnout was low. I know many of you and many departments have great prevention programs and they are not turned in.

Please review the awards section and submit your programs. Let the world know what you are doing. Bruce will be giving out close to $45,000.00 in grants this year. That is up and we’re really trying to push for that $50,000.00 mark so please submit next year.

The entries for the Year Round Classes Category
Class I Year Round Project – No Entry
Class II Year Round Project – Cobb Island
Class III Year Round Project - Seventh District Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.; Indian Head Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc & Rescue Squad; and Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company, Inc
Class IV Year Round Project – Ridge and Hollywood
Class V Year Round Project – Mechanicsville, Bay District, LaPlata, Winfield, Manchester, Urbana, Citizens, and Mt Airy.
Class VI, had no entries
Class VII – Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association

For the single project category we had entries for the following:
Class I Single Project – No entry
Class II Single Projects – No entry
Class III Single Projects – Potomac
Class IV Special Projects – Hollywood - their open house and vets
Class V Single Projects – LaPlata
Class VI Single Projects - No entry
Class VII - No entry

There were a total of 26 entries, 2 disqualifications due to no cover letter provided so please review the awards and rules and submit for next year.
This year the Fire Prevention Award Winners are:
Class I – No entry
Class II – Cobb Island
Class III – Indian Head
Class IV – Hollywood
Class V – La Plata
Class VI – No entry
Class VII – The Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association

Also presenting awards is MISS Fire Prevention for the State of Maryland

I’m going to give out the checks now.

Fifty dollar checks to: Bay District, La Plata, Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, Mt Airy, Potomac Fire Co, and Winfield.

Seventy dollar winners: Hollywood VFD
Seventy five dollar: Mechanicsville
One Hundred dollars: La Plata

The big drum roll goes to the Indian Head VFD for Two Hundred dollars. (Applause)

The overall winners for projects:

First - Indian Head – year round project
Second – LaPlata – year round project
Third – Mechanicsville – year round project
Fourth – Hollywood – year round project
Fifth – Winfield – year round project
Sixth – Potomac - for a single project
Seventh – Mt Airy - for a single project
Eighth – Bay District – year round project
Ninth - Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association – year round project
Tenth – La Plata – for a single project

I’d like to say congratulations to everybody and thank you for the submissions and we’ll give out another round of checks.

I’d like to bring up Tim Dayton.

Fire Prevention Commission Chair Tim Dayton: The commission is presenting awards today. With me are: Danny Davis, Vice Chairman; Commissioners Richard Yinger, Marty LePore, and Tony Spencer.
Chairperson Crisman: This year our Queen 1st runner up is Crista Green (Applause)

Christa Green: Hi everybody I am the 1st runner up this year. My name is Crista Green and I hope to make it the best year. I’m from St. Michaels, Talbot Co and I also represent Miss Maryland in Delmarva this year. Thank you. (Applause)

Chairperson Crisman: For 2013 – 2014 we have Danielle Crane from Montgomery County. (Applause)

Miss Fire Prevention Danielle Crane: Like Teresa said, my name is Danielle Crane. I am from Montgomery County. I look to make this year one of the best year’s that I can. If we can help you with anything, one of us will be there, at every event. We also have juniors, so get us to your events and we’ll help you as much as we can. Thank you. (Applause)

Chairperson Crisman: Again, please submit the entries and we will now bring up Bruce.

President John Denver: Next I’d like Bruce Bouch from the Fire Marshal’s Office to hand out the grant awards.

Make sure when you leave here today pickup your fire prevention books and take them with you. Also, I would like to thank the State Fire Marshal’s Office for judging these books. We have nothing to do with judging the books, Bruce Bouch from the State Fire Marshal’s Office always takes care of that. Bruce will also take care of judging the floats at the inlet. The last couple of years, as a member of the committee, he has been outstanding to the committee and I hope will continue because he is doing a good job. He is going to be handing out some checks here in a minute. He is a deputy fire marshal for the state.

Also I would like to thank Bill Barnard, he has done an outstanding job. He comes to almost everyone of our committee meetings – him and Bruce both. They give us a lot of input, causes of death, causes of fires, what is going on – he has done an outstanding job. When I came on this committee several years ago, it stayed, up until 2 years ago, the number of cause of fires was always kitchen fires – it still is today. But thanks to the fire marshal’s office and the state association, they stepped up and they got this cigarette that is suppose to go out, that was number 1 cause of fire deaths was smoking, and now in the last two years I believe, it has changed to electrical fires. Smoking is not the number one cause. He did an outstanding job and moved forward.

I would like to introduce Deputy Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch to hand-out the grant awards, which is $500 to each company. Bruce will be presenting those.

Bruce Bouch, Deputy Fire Marshal: Good morning MSFA convention attendees. How you all doing today? (Applause) You all excited? You enjoying your time here?
For those of you who do not know me, I am Deputy State Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch, and I serve as the chairman of the MSFA Grant Award Committee. These grants are awarded to all MSFA member companies falling under the guidelines for the program. Each year we provide checks made out to the specified vendors by the qualified applicants here at the convention. The information for the MSFA grants program is available on the front page of the MSFA website.

This year I’ll be calling representatives from 83 departments to come up and collect $41,500.00 in grants for their fire prevention efforts in their community. If your department is not called, ask yourself, why did we not participate in this program. It is easy to apply for this program. Be sure to do it next year.

My committee was given $60,000.00 to share with qualified applicants from the outstanding leaders of the MSFA this year of which we were left with $18,500.00 of unused grant funding. I personally love giving away other people’s money, so please take advantage of this worthwhile program. At this time I will begin calling out departments that will be receiving fire prevention grants this year. I ask that the representatives come up for a group photo and upon completion in order to save time, to please go to the right side of the stage on the other side of the National Fallen Firefighters trailer to receive your checks from our lovely fire prevention ambassadors.

We will begin with: Abingdon, Adelphi, Arcadia, Beltsville, Bladensburg, Bowie, Branchville, Capitol Heights, Cecil County, Citizens, Cobb Island, Cockeysville, Community Fire Co of Perryville, Community Fire Co of Rising Sun, Crumpton, Deale, Delta Cardiffs, Earleigh Heights, Ellicott City, Ferndale, Funkstown, Galena, Gamber, Glendale, Goodwill, both the ladies auxiliary and fire co of Grantsville, Greensboro, Hacks Point, Herald Harbor, Hereford, Hurlock, Jessup, Junior Fire Co #2, Kent Island, Kitzmiller, Lake Shore, Lansdowne, LaPlata, Laytonville, Leitersburg, Leonardtown, Liberty Road, Libertytown, Long Green, Manchester, Marlboro, Midland, Morningside, Mt. Airy, New Market, New Windsor, North Point Edgemere, Odenton, Orleans, Parsonsburg, Pikesville, Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Princess Anne, Ridge, Rivera Beach, Rock Hall, Salisbury #1, Salisbury #2, Salisbury #16, Sandy Spring, Seventy District, Silver Hill, Silver Spring, Singerly, Smithsburg, St Michaels, Sudlersville, Tacoma Park, United Communities, Volunteer Fire Co of Halfway, Volunteer Fire Co #1 of Chesapeake City, Volunteer Fire Co of Brandywine, Waldorf #3, Waldorf #12, Westminster, White Marsh, and Winfield. (Applause)

These are your grant award winners. They are doing great work in the community. Please, I hope all of you can do the same.

President Denver: I’d like to call for the report of the Election Judges Rick Hemphill.

Rick Hemphill, Election Judges: Thank you Mr. President. The report of the election judges for 2013. There are a total of 365 companies in good standing as reported by the
Secretary. The Credentials Committee reports that 277 of those companies are in good standing and registered this convention along with a total of 21 Past Presidents. The following Officers were unopposed and elected by a single ballot cast by the Office of the Secretary, with the exception of the Office of Secretary which ballot was cast by the President.

President: Jacqueline Olson  
1st Vice President: David R Keller III  
Secretary: Doyle Cox  
Chief Chaplain: John Long  
Trustee: Jeff Thompson  
Treasurer: Ronald Siarnicki

Results for the election of 2nd Vice President:  
Robyn Hahn – 145 votes  
Johnie Roth – 957 votes

Out of a total of 1102 votes cast. So the successful candidate for the Office of 2nd Vice President is Johnie Roth. (Applause.) This concludes the reports of the Election Judges Committee.

President Denver: Congratulations to those candidates. It’s a motion from PP Dave Lewis that the election results be official and the ballots to be destroyed. Second from PP Steve Cox.

All those in favor of the motion say – Aye. Those opposed No. So ordered. (President strikes the gavel).

We have a few announcements. The family picnic is today from 12:30 – 3:30, the vendors are open from 9:00 – 4:30 PM, joint installation of officers is at 4:30, again that is earlier than in previous years. The OC block party to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters will be 45th St. bayside from 6:00 – 9:00 this evening and the pajama parade will be here tonight at 9:30 PM. There will be fireworks at the inlet at 2100.

I’d like to recognize Charles Barnhart.

Charles Barnhart, Chaplain: Let’s rise for prayer. Let us pray. Gracious God and for the beauty of this day we pause to give you thanks. We give you thanks for the award winners today. We give you thanks for their ability and dedication they have for their own fire departments. We give you thanks for the election of new officers. We ask that you guard and guide them as they assume leadership roles in this association. We ask you to be with us during this recess, be with us during our picnic, may the food that has been

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prepared for us nourish us in body, mind and spirit. We thank you for the ability for all of us to serve. You are Heavenly Father and ask your guiding hand to upon every one of us. And 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 Denver: I declare the third session of the convention closed we will reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. (President strikes gavel)
President John Denver: Good evening. We would like to call the Installation Ceremony for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to order.

Richard Brooks, MC: Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association’s Joint Installation of Officers for 2013. I request that the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company Honor Guard take their place at the entrance to the stage.

It is a pleasure to be with all of you this evening as we welcome our new incoming officers as well as bid a farewell to our outgoing officers who will preside over this evening’s events. Thank each and every one of you for taking time out of your busy schedules in Ocean City. Please remember the sun will shine tomorrow – one way or another. Those of you who attend the parade know what that is. So we will look forward to that tomorrow.

Our two presidents have had an absolutely wonderful year. We have enjoyed their warm hospitality, their enthusiasm and their embracing personalities that they have brought to their offices. It is time for them to join us here on stage and officiate at this ceremony.

Would you please welcome the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, President Sherry Soper and the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President, Mr. John Denver. (Applause and cheers.)


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LAMSFA Color Bearer: Brenda Harrison, Junior #2 Ladies Auxiliary, Her escort: her grandson, Darren Hamrick Jr., Page Susan Kennedy, Past President Kathy Knipple, 2009-2010.

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Richard Smith from the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, Dorchester Talbot Counties, Escort: Wife, Cindy.

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Charles Walker from the Chillum Adelphi, Prince George’s County, Escort: his wife, Sharon.


Executive Committee Member: Daniel J. Stevens, Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, Charles, St. Mary’s and Calvert Counties, Escort: his wife, Bobbi.


MSFA Executive Committee Member: Richard Smith, Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, Escort: his wife, Cindy.

Executive Committee Member: Douglas Simpkins Jr., Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department.


MSFA Executive Committee Member: James Seavey Sr., Cabin John Park Fire Department, Montgomery County, Escort: his wife, Mary.

Executive Committee Member: Benjamin W. Kurtz, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Harford-Cecil Counties, Escort: his God-daughter, Ashlyn Tapler.

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Michael Faust, Sudlersville Volunteer Company, Kent-Queen Anne’s-Caroline Counties, Escort: his wife, Stacie.

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Timothy Dayton Jr., Potomac Fire Company #1, Allegany-Garrett Counties, Escort: his wife, Diane.


MSFA Executive Committee: Mark A. Bilger from the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll and Howard Counties, Escort: his wife, Nancy.

Executive Committee Member: Charlie Abrecht, Junior Fire Company #2, Frederick and Washington Counties, Escort: Vicki Keller.

MSFA Executive Committee Chair: Dennis Skinner, Avalon Shores Volunteer Fire Department, Anne Arundel County, Escort: Mary Drake.


MSFA Trustee: Jeff H. Thompson from the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, Kent County.

MSFA Treasurer: Ronald J. Siarnicki from the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Queen Anne’s County, Escort: LAMSFA Past President Mary Fran Crisman 1990-1991.


MSFA Secretary: Doyle Cox from Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, Calvert County, Escort: his wife, Cathy.

LAMSFA Recording Secretary: Barbara Sue Nelson from the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Escort: John Nelson, Page: Barbara Lacey, Past President, her angel, the late Barbara McWilliams 2005-2006.
MSFA 2nd Vice President: Johnny F. Roth Jr., Escort LAMSFA Corresponding Secretary Marcia Roth from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary in Montgomery County, Escort: their son Eric, Past President Pat Deamond 2006-2007.


LAMSFA Senior Vice President: Anne Price Davis from the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Escort: husband, Mike, Page: her mother, Catherine, Past President: Leone Gatton 1985-1986.

MSFA 1st Vice President: David Keller III from the Citizens Truck Company #4, Frederick County, Escorts: his wife, Vicki Keller & son, David Keller IV.

And ladies and gentlemen would you please rise as we welcome our official party. Please welcome:

LAMSFA President 2013-2014: Carol Hayden from the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Escort: Bobby Campbell, Pages: Gerry White, Alex, David and Amelia, Past President Peggy Zembower, 1986-1987.

And please welcome the:

MSFA President 2013-2014: Jacqueline M. Olson from the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, escorted by Chief Jay Olson and the members of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. They are accompanied by their sister company, The Silverton Volunteer Fire Company of Toms River, NJ.

(All groups received a round of applause and cheers.)

Ladies and gentlemen please remain standing as we honor our Nation’s Colors by the Presentation of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company Honor Guard and the Maryland Fire Services Pipes and Drums.

Our Invocation this afternoon will be offered by Chief Chaplain John Long.

Invocation: Chief Chaplain John Long – Let us pray. Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, today as we pass the reigns of leadership of the MSFA and LAMSFA, we give thanks for the year of service and dedication of Presidents Denver and Soper. God we thank you for watching over them as they travelled. We thank you for the wisdom and knowledge you bestowed on them so they could lead this organization. We thank you God for the men and women you led to serve in the offices and committees of the MSFA and
the LAMSFA. We thank you for the accomplishments and successes you have blessed us with. Father, today as we make history with the change of watch, please bless this event and all the officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Father, God, we thank you for those serving our military, here and abroad, protecting our freedoms, so that we can gather here this week. We ask that you protect them and watch over their families until they return. May this change of watch in all we do honor you Lord. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: The Pledge of Allegiance will be conducted by President Sherry Soper.

President Sherry Soper: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Richard Brooks, MC: It is a pleasure to welcome once again, Mr. Tim Koenic to present our National Anthem.

Tim Koenic sings the National Anthem.

Richard Brooks, MC: Honor Guard Commander, retire the Colors.

Ladies and gentlemen let’s have a big hand for our Honor Guard and our Pipes and Drums. (Applause)

Please be seated. I will take the privilege of the podium for just a moment. Brittany would you stand up. You hear me say my error, she caught me off-guard in her dress uniform, commissioned this week as an Ensign this week in the United States Navy. (Applause) Nice to have you with us.

Well there is a whole lot of pomp and circumstance that it takes to get this crowd up on stage. About 40 minutes worth actually. And it is worth everyone moment of it. Because it demonstrates the dedication that these people have for the Maryland fire service.

I am always amazed at the efforts of our ladies auxiliary and the 13 or so years it takes to get from their first office to the seat as President. That’s a lifetime. It’s a career. But it’s what each and every person seated here does.

You heard me comment before that our reigning, our seated Presidents have had a wonderful year. It’s been their enthusiasm and their warm hospitality that has been most enjoyable, and it genially has. I hope many of you get the opportunity to travel around the state to see our Presidents in action, so to speak. To visit the hospitality and enjoy the hospitality of our companies who open the doors to the Maryland State Firemen’s
Association and the Auxiliary. And now it’s time for them to say a few words and recognize perhaps some special people and some specific instances that have made this year memorable.

To do so I’d like to begin, ladies first, madam President, Ladies Auxiliary President Sherry Soper for her final remarks, madam. (Applause)

President Soper: Thank you Richard. First I would like to thank Richard for all the MCing you do for this organization, you do a great job. It is bitter sweet tonight, it seems like only yesterday I started this journey 13 years ago. It goes so quickly, and I sat in every chair but two of those that those ladies are sitting in because of unfortunate circumstances that two officers dropped out and we skipped, but I have the upmost admiration for all of them. They are a great bunch of ladies and I know that Carol’s going to do a great job and she knows I’m there for her if she needs anything. I want to wish you all well, enjoy it, it’s a great ride and I love your all.

To President Denver, it’s been a nice year with John. We’ve had a lot of experiences. We’ve shared a lot of laughs. He’s taken a lot of kidding about riding off into the sunset. It’s been a great year. I have enjoyed his friendship. I have enjoyed being with Ann Marie as well and his family. They are a great family.

I want to thank my family, the Frederick Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, their Ladies Auxiliary and the Woodsboro Ladies Auxiliary for all their support.

John if you could come up, I have something for you. It’s the state ladies President’s task to purchase a gift to give to you on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. I hope this is something you will enjoy, I know you will. It’s for you from all the ladies of the LAMSFA.

President Denver: Thank you very much. It’s a thank you card and a couple gift cards. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Sherry. And now with distinct pleasure, specifically because it’s from my home jurisdiction and we’ve had a great time this year enjoying John Denver being the state President. It’s a pleasure to welcome to the podium, the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, please welcome President John Denver. (Applause)

President Denver: Good evening. Thank you all so much for taking time to join us this evening. Thank you for what you’ve done over the past three years and very specially the last year. Sherry, thank you and the ladies. It’s been a tremendous relationship. I’ve had an awful amount of fun and we’ve gotten a lot of things done.
It's been a tremendous ride but obviously tonight is not about me, it's about Jackie and Carol. Congratulations to the both of you. I wish you the best and I know you will have a successful year. Congratulations again. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. President. You two have spent a lot of time together on the road and we’re going to ask you to spend one more moment together. I would ask the two of you to please stand and take a position center stage. Ladies and gentlemen for our final time can we please honor President Denver and President Soper and acknowledge them for an outstanding effort and a wonderful year for 2012 – 2013. (Standing Applause) Thank you. Please be seated.

And as they say, time moves on and so shall we. It’s a pleasure to introduce the installing officer for the Ladies Auxiliary, Past President Teresa Ann Crisman to install the ladies officers. Madam Past President.

Teresa Crisman, LAMSFA PP: Ladies please stand up. Please raise your right hand and state your name where I state mine. I Teresa Ann Crisman do solemnly promise to fill the duties of the office to which I have been elected. To uphold the constitution and bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to the best of my ability. I will preserve and maintain all records and equipment entrusted to my care and turn same over to the duly elected successor at the termination of my office. So help me God.

I wish you very much the best through all of this. Carol if you will come forward I have some things for you. I made you a plaque. It’s our oath. It’s our oath we stand behind every day. I’m very proud of you. (Applause)

Would you come forward Sherry? Our past presidents pin is provided by Ms. Kathryn Belfred. It is with great honor that I give this to you, pin you and welcome you to the club. Ms Kathryn does this every year for us. We can’t say thank your enough. (Applause)

Sherry Soper PP: Carol, could you come up please? Carol I would like to present you with your seal. You can hang it in your fire house. You can hang it in your home. This is what we represent and it’s with pride that I present it to you now. (Applause)

This is the shadow box of the officer’s pins of many years ago. I present it to you so you can put that on display at your fire house or your home as well. I sat and read these many times. The wordage means a lot to you and it will cut your heart. So it is with great pride I present this to you also. (Applause)

And last but not least, I’d like to present you with the gavel. Use it often, use it sparingly but use it lovingly. (Applause)
Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you ladies and congratulations, madam President. I now take great pleasure in introducing Past President David Lewis to install the officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mr. Past President.

David Lewis PP: Thank you Richard. Let me begin and take a moment of personal privilege to Jackie, I extend a personal congratulations to you on behalf of myself and Gloria. You’ve reached a significant milestone in your life and a significant milestone in the history of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. As tonight we install the first female President of this great association. It’s truly a symbol of the change in culture and us as an association willing to accept those changes and move this association forward as we’ve done for the past 121 years. (Applause)

At this time, gentlemen and madam President if you’ve willing to accept the duties of the office to which you’ve been elected or appointed, I ask that you please stand to take the oath of office, repeat the oath of office after me using your name where I use mine. Little hesitation there.

I, David Lewis, do solemnly promise and swear to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I will perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability. I will keep, maintain and preserve all records, properties and monies entrusted to my care and turn same over to my duly elected successor at the termination of my office so help me God.

Gentlemen, Madam President, I declare you duly installed. Congratulations. (Cheers & Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Please be seated lady and gentlemen. Past President Roger Steger will now present the President with his ring and badge.

Past President Roger Steger: Now I would like to welcome Past President John Denver to the front. They have been after him the whole year but now he is done – officially done. You stand right there and I will read it.

I have your Past President’s Badge. This says John Denver, Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President 2012-2013 and your Past President’s Ring. It has your name on the inside of it and your years of service. You’re not engaged to me buddy! You can go back home! (Laughter) Also the Past Presidents would like to present John with his Past President’s Shirt, he wouldn’t give me a size because he was not a past president yet! But now you are Buddy and congratulations. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you both very much. How many years has this stool been here? And we still fall off of it.
Could I please have our President Carol Hayden and President Jackie Olson, would you both please step forward so that we can, for the very first time, acknowledge you and demonstrate our appreciation for your efforts and welcome you both in as Presidents of your respective organizations. Ladies and gentlemen our Presidents. (Applause and standing ovation)

Thank you both very much. Before you move to your seats, everyone can please be seated, Presidents, down in front on each side are the heart chairs. They are garden chairs, there is one for each of you and that is a gift to each of you from Past President Teresa Ann Crisman. Please be seated.

If you are going to make presentations to our Presidents could you please make your way back stage so that we can save some time and have you back there.

Okay, both of you take a deep breath because I am going to call one of you forward to give your remarks. Now that you’ve had a moment to do that it’s a pleasure to welcome and bring to the podium for her remarks the President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Please welcome President Hayden. (Applause)

LAMSFA President Hayden: Good evening everyone. I can’t do the first part of my speech here, that’s ok, I’ll go further down. I want to thank you all for your support over the years. The Montgomery Co Volunteer Fire Association and the Auxiliary, the Kensington Volunteer Fire Dept and Auxiliary. My Past President, Peggy Zembower and everybody else, including Bobby and my mom and dad who couldn’t be here.

To my fellow officers I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year. It will be a great year traveling together when we can and all. Sherry, it’s been a great year working with you, traveling with you. I look forward working with Jackie, David, and Johnie. John and Sherry it was a good year for both of you.

I will do my best as I can to serve as your President. If there’s anything I can do for anybody, please let me know. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: I will ask you not to go too far because we have a few people waiting back stage. First we will have President Don Phillips from the Kensington Fire Company and Auxiliary. Mr. President.

President Phillips: Carol, congratulations on behalf of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary please accept this small token to keep all your pictures in. (Applause)

LAMSFA President Hayden: It’s a photo album. (Applause)
**Richard Brooks, MC:** Next we have Joan Cramer with a presentation from the Montgomery County Auxiliary.

**Joan Cramer:** Carol we are so delighted to present this to you. It is an expression of our fondness of you and our hopes that you have an outstanding year. Congratulations. (Applause)

**LAMSFA President Hayden:** It’s a thirty one bag and it says; Carols stuff. (Applause) And a check, thank you.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** And I’ll ask Teresa Ann Crisman, PP to return to the podium.

**PP Teresa Ann Crisman:** Carol we have two little special things that you get to carry the whole year while being President. They were donated by Marie Souter, and it’s very nice that she is here. It’s great to have her here tonight. One was the Past Presidents pin that was Kristine Farnmler’s, 1952-1953 and it’s the first fund raising pin for the Bessie Marshal fund and it dates back when I wasn’t even born yet. (Applause) And it wasn’t Richard either. (Applause)

**LAMSFA President Hayden:** Thank you Marie.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** I had to go through my papers because I want to get this right because this lovely young lady came back stage with arms full of children. While I introduced them as your Paige, it’s a pleasure to ask your daughter Jerry to please come out and she is accompanied by Alex, Ava and Amelia. (Applause)

**Jerry:** Mom, were proud of you. We know you’ve worked hard and it’s a long journey. You even had to turn around and come back for the birth of Alex and we appreciate that you did. We have a little gift for you. We made it ourselves.

**LAMSFA President Hayden:** It’s a bracelet. (Applause)

Sherry could you come up please. On behalf of all the officers, this is a gift from us to you to thank you for all your hard work and leadership to us.

**PP Soper:** It’s a coach purse type thing that I can carry with things in it. It matches the black one I have. Thank you Carol. (Applause) It’s three gift cards. Dave Keller and I sure could have used this at McDonalds. For McDonalds, one for I HOP and just so happens my nephew works at IHOP and then another card. Thank you very much. Thank you so much. A beautiful top. Thank you so much. And another beautiful top. Thank you so much.
Richard said hand him everything. I said do you mind taking ladies clothing and he said I do it all the time. Thank you very much.

Richard Brooks, MC: Somewhere in that last comment the truth was lost. I wasn’t sure if there was anything else. It’s the smallest bottomless bag I’ve ever seen. Things just kept coming out of it. In case you all have dinner plans, this is a great place to be right now, just listen. Ok Good. Congratulations, thank you ladies for the presentations.

Next it’s a pleasure to introduce the Senior Vice President Ann Price Davis who will address us on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary Officers.

Sr V P Davis: Madam President, it’s my honor and privilege to speak on behalf of the officers tonight and extend to you our sincere congratulations on reaching the dream of becoming President of the LAMSFA. So tonight we pledge our support and assistance during the coming year. We wish you success in all the things you do for the betterment of the Maryland Fire Service. May the relationships and memories remain for a life-time.

President Olsen the officers of the LAMSFA congratulate you on achieving your goal. We look forward to assisting you and your officers of the MSFA in the upcoming year. To all the LAMSFA and MSFA families and special friends we thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate this special occasion. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you madam. Madam President it’s your time. Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Jacqueline Olson. Madam President. (Applause)

President Olson: Good evening. Ladies and gentlemen it’s a great pleasure and excitement that I stand before you tonight as the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I am humbled that you have elected me to lead this premier fire service organization. As I look around the room I see a deep sense of pride in what you are achieving. It is truly inspiring and impressive so I pledge to you to do my best, to make your voices heard when it comes to issues and I will work towards finding a resolution that benefits all of us.

The volunteers of Maryland are truly the epitome of volunteerism where you find time to help everyone in your community but you make the greatest commitment of all, risking your life to save the lives of others. Some make the ultimate sacrifice, let us not forget. As we heard earlier today, let’s take a moment tonight to remember the Charleston nine who lost their lives six years ago tonight. Thank you.

As Mark Bizoe who was asked to get a fire fighters pair of shoes states, don’t wait until you make a difference in someone’s life. If you have something to give, give it now. Not every
day is going to give you a chance to save someone’s life. But every day gives us a chance and opportunity to affect one.

Many people, too many to mention tonight, but you know who you are have affected my life. I thank you for your support, guidance, criticism, patience, love and friendship. Two special people in my life are not with us tonight. But I know they are watching over me and have special seats in the audience tonight. My Dad, Kenneth Wayne Phillips, police officer which took me nearly half of my life to realize as your child that when he walked out the door, he might not come back either. But he showed me how to give back to others and for that I love him for his service to his community.

My BFF league, I’m not going to do it. I miss you and I will take what you have taught me and I will do my best to make this association as successfully as those that have done before me. To my mom, who was here tonight, was in the audience, but I think she is back stage. I love you and thank you for always accepting me and encouraging me to get out and make a difference. I love you.

To Jay and Tyler, thank you for allowing me to pursue this long time dream. For Jay for introducing me (should I talk back there) to the fire service and for Tyler following in our footsteps to make a family tradition.

To my extended family the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, you did a great job this evening. Awesome and I’m so proud to say, that’s my company. The officers and members of the Anne Arundel County Fire Fighter’s Association, your support is greatly appreciated and it means a lot that you were here tonight. Thank you.

As a member of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department I wish to thank, actually a special thanks to my boss. Deputy Chief John Schultz, who’s way in the back. He’s been a great mentor and sounding board these last three years and I’m so proud to have him here tonight. I’d also like to thank Chief Stroble, Craig Odenshaw who’s president of the union local 1563 who came down to support us. Thank you for sharing this evening with me. It means a lot to have you all here tonight.

A special thank you goes out to Past Chief Bob, Tom’s River New Jersey, I know he’s over there somewhere and Nick and Mike for being here and sharing this evening. You and the members of Silverton Volunteer Fire Co will overcome the tragedies of storm Sandy. We will help you and we will stay Silverton Strong.

And last but not least to President John Denver. Congratulations on your year and heartfelt thanks for your friendship as we ascended through the chairs. The laughter, the adventures and our slogan, we will follow you anywhere will always be memories that Dave and I will treasure. As you once said you’d like to ride off into the sunset. Well I looked that up and did a little goggling, to ride off into the sunset is a symbol for a new
beginning. A fresh start in your life after the adventure is over; it’s the end of the movie when the drifter has to move on. So we wish you luck as you have other paths to follow. And we say; happy trails to you. Thank you

(Appause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you madam and if you’ll just stay we have some people lined up back stage who would like to make some presentations to you. And first from Ferndale I’ll ask for Joe Wojtowycz to please come forward.

Joe Wojtowycz: My name is Joseph Wojtowycz and I am President of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. I was standing back stage and I was thinking to myself, Jackie am I your President or are you mine? I don’t know the answer but the question came to me a couple minutes ago. I’m not one to read speeches off paper but I did write a speech. I don’t know if I’m going to look at it a whole lot. I started off writing this thinking, what, can I say about Jackie. What nice things can I say? I have 47 pages. It was 47 pages long. I don’t think anybody wants to hear me talk that long. Not at all, so I thought to myself how can I sum it up real short and that is that Jackie absolutely loves her family. By family I mean more than just her blood but the fire house, her friends, everybody around her. Everybody she comes in contact with she treats them like family. She set me up pretty good during her speech because she actually brought her family up. I didn’t hear that speech tonight but I stood in the back and I listened to it and I was thinking to myself this is perfect Jackie, this is what I wanted to talk about and you already did it for me. She loves her family and she loves the fire service.

I’m going to look at my notes now because I did have a few things I wanted to talk about and I don’t want to forget them. So in the time I’ve known Jackie I’ve always known her to give 100% to everything she does. Whether it be volunteer coordinator for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department or an active member for the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, or her numerous roles within the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, or as a friend, no matter what Jackie takes on she commits herself 100% and does the best she can and I have no doubts, and I know my fire house feels the same way that she will commit herself to being President of the MSFA. She will do a fantastic job. Jackie congratulations on your position. I’d like to present you with your favorite flowers that I picked out myself and a gift from our fire house. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: There’s a gentleman back stage that wants to know why someone else is giving his wife flowers. Never mind. The next people to come out are your family, your mother as well as Chief Jay Olson who have a presentation for you.

Chief Olson: Good afternoon. My name is Jay Olson and I am Chief of the Ferndale Fire Company. For those of you across the state, Jackie really does have a husband, that’s me. Twenty five years ago I was at the station when a call for a dwelling fire was dispatched
to Ferndale. We responded and arrived at the house to find a light ballast smoking in the storage room. This was after Jackie called 911 to tell them to slow down the fire department; I need to clean this room up before the fire trucks get here. 911 said, No, we can't do that. Jackie came to the fire house to give us a donation and Jackie and I sat and met, talked and we became good friends and here we are today.

It was not long before Jackie joined the fire house. She asked some of my friends, if I can't do the job, then teach me the job. As many of you know, Jackie, as our president said is very compassionate about everything she does. She is the most giving person I personally know, 100% all the time and total dedication in everything she does.

She worked at the County food bank helping those less fortunate with food and belongings to survive day to day. Her involvement with the fire department fits absolutely perfectly. She started in the fire department as a fire fighter II/ EMT at Ferndale and it was not long until she became President of our company. So I had to answer to her then. From there she moved on to the County Association and served two years as President of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Fighter’s Association. She gives, gives, gives. She started yearly programs in the fire department and the county to ensure people had food and gifts at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

As mentioned before she has been employed for 12 years as the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Coordinator. She regularly refers to the 1200 who volunteer in Anne Arundel County as her volunteers.

Jackie’s involvement in the MSFA include fire prevention, safety committee, Assistant Secretary under Leonard King before becoming Secretary for two years in 2009 – 2010. In the summer of 2011 Jackie was elected as Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association which the first step is bringing us here today.

Throughout this journey it would be unfair to not mention Past President Lee Sachs who was Jackie’s mentor very great friend. I’m sure he’s with us today.

I attended my first convention here 36 years ago. Twenty four years ago, from this stage where ever it was in the building I proposed to Jackie while the hubcaps were singing “fully involved for you”. Twenty years ago we welcomed our little baby boy into our lives and he also attended his first convention and ours as a family.

Jackie some of the proudest moments of my life have been watching my son follow in my footsteps and my wife’s achievements and accomplishments in the fire service in the state of Maryland. Jackie two years ago in that back room I told you this is a 1,000 day journey. Well you have 365 days to go and I’m excited to see what this day will bring. The next twelve months will be challenging but always remember that you have the support of your fire company, your friends, your mom, Tyler and I. Please be careful as you travel across
the state next year and remember there will always be a pot of coffee on when you get home. I love you and I am proud of you. (Applause)

Florence Phillips: Hello my name is Florence Phillips and I am the mom of Jackie Olson. Over more that 25 years ago Jackie began this journey which has led her here today. About that time we had an electrical fire at our home and a young Chief Olson came into our lives. Jackie and Jay became united in marriage and that started her journey and her involvement with the fire department. Now they have a son, Tyler, who is my grandson who is with the fire department. Many times around the dinner table, it used to be Jackie and Jay talking and the radio going off and calls then came Tyler and I said what about me. What am I going to talk about? They said join the Ladies Auxiliary, but Ferndale doesn't have one.

Jackie has always been highly motivated, 24/7. She drives by challenging what comes her way. Every challenge, she’s up for a challenge all the time. She’s fearless, she inherited these qualities from her dad. Throughout her life she has had many adversities, but she has come through them, thank God. Now she is starting on another journey and I am sure with the help of God, will meet them the same way. Fearlessly. Jackie I love you, I am so proud of you, to be your mom and I congratulate you. Thank you all. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Jackie you might not want to go too far. I'll save you the wearing out of the carpet. It’s a pleasure to welcome to the podium the chair of the transportation committee, Chief Tom Flint.

Chief Flint: Good evening, congratulations to all the new incoming officers. I’m always proud to come up here and issue incoming tags as they deserve it very much. Madam President and I can say madam President twice, would you please step forward. For me now if you look at the tags we have one of them has an L on it. That always indicates the ladies and the one with no L on it represents the men’s association. That’s what it is and I have a first. I have a female in both of these organizations. Congratulations ladies. (Applause)

Florence Phillips: These are your beautiful flowers from your family. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Family first. Past President Tom Mattingly now has some additional presentations.

P.P. Tom Mattingly: We are going to be selling umbrellas out at the front of the building I think.

It has been over twenty years ago that a good friend of ours who was very active in the Association painted a hand-painted rendition of the MSFA Logo and he presented it to me when I went in as President. And he asked that the incoming President each year be presented with this to hang in their station during their term of office and then returned to
the Convention at the end of their year as President to be passed on to the next incoming President. So it is my pleasure to present this to Jackie and wish her a lot of safe travel and good luck. (Applause)

And then John if you would come up. The tradition has been that we had some copies of that done – the MSFA Logo – and we present one every year – a finished copy – to the out-going President to hang either in the station or at home, where ever you would like to. John it is my pleasure to present this to you. You had a great year, congratulations. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. Past President. You know we are going to go through some changes here in a couple of months or so. And that is with our State Fire Marshal. And we are having a great time this week saying, for the final time only because we want to honor him, and let him know we appreciate his service. So as he official comes forth as the State Fire Marshal, he bring greetings to our Presidents and has some presentations to make. Please welcome Bill Barnard. (Applause)

Bill Barnard, Fire Marshal: Jackie come on up here. Jackie it is my pleasure to join you up here at the podium this evening for a number of different reasons. Obviously we have heard what is going on up above. That could be a number of things but I think in this case it is thunder and lightning. Jackie I do have a Governor’s Citation here for you. It is in recognition of your election as the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It is a well deserved tribute to honor you and offer our congratulations as you begin your tenure as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. In appreciation of the professionalism and commitment that you have demonstrated on behalf of the Association and our state, and as the people of Maryland join together in expressing our great respect and sincere best wishes for continued success. And it is a Governor’s Citation signed the 18th of June, 2013, Martin O’Malley, Governor. Congratulations. (Applause)

And I also have a certificate here same thing, in recognition of your election from all the men and women in the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Congratulations. (Applause)

Thank you Jackie.

Carol. Congratulations Carol. And as is tradition, we make sure that everybody gets equal treatment. And Carol and I had a little conversation the other day because we had a little error in our program book and we had a good conversation about that. We, all the men and women of the State Fire Marshal’s Office, best wishes on her election and having a great and productive year. So I have a certificate there. But from the Governor of the great State of Maryland, a Citation:

“Be it known that the citizens of this state, in recognition of a well-deserved tribute, to honor you and offer our congratulations as you begin your year as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, in appreciation of the dedication
and support and commitment you have demonstrated on behalf of the Association and our state. And as the people of Maryland join together and expressing our great respect and sincere best wishes in continued success, please are pleased to confer upon you this Governor’s Citation, the 18th day of June, 2013.” Signed Martin O’Malley, Governor. Congratulations. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Bill Barnard come out here one more second please. We will have a captive audience, and you have been honored on stage and received a trumpet. But look at this sea of officers and sea of ladies, many of who you have served with over your tenure as State Fire Marshal. There are many past presidents in the audience and many colleagues of yours throughout the volunteer fire service and the fire service in general in the State of Maryland. It is an opportunity for us to once again and probably finally this week, officially say thank you for an OUTSTANDING, you will go down in history as an outstanding fire marshal serving the citizens of the State of Maryland. And we owe you a debt of gratitude. Thank you very much. (Applause and standing ovation.)

And ladies and gentlemen that brings us about to a conclusion with the exception of one thing, where the responsibility really lies, all of the people have stood there and raised their right hand and taken an oath, and so have you. Each one of you are responsible to make each person on this stage a success. I genuinely believe that the Presidents will have a successful year as they embark on the challenges of the state for the next twelve months. And they WILL be successful because of the diligence of the members of the fire service in Maryland, and that is each one of you. So don’t sit idly by and watch the show, join in the fun. Participate in the functions of the State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary. Attend the meetings as they occur around the state. Don’t be afraid to stop by an Executive Committee meeting or a Ladies Conference that is where it is all happening. And by all means, make sure you attend your own fire station and their needs as well. This organization is made up of its member companies and we are strong, and we will continue to be strong because of the support you will give to these leaders and next year we will gather again as time moves on. So thank each and everyone one of you for being here this evening. Thanks and congratulations each and every officer on stage. Well done and continue on.

And may we now call for a special blessing by Chaplain Harry Hetz.

Chaplain Harry Hetz: Grace, mercy and peace be with you. Madams, Presidents – that’s got a funny ring to it. Officers I extend my congratulations as well.

Let me share with you a scripture. The apostle Paul in writings to the church in Rome, writes these words: “Therefore I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercies, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, wholly and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is. His
good pleasing and perfect will, for by the grace of given me, I say to everyone of you, do not think of more highly than you are but rather think of yourselves with silver judgment in accordance with the measure of your faith as God has given it to you. Just as each one of us has one body, with many members, and those members do not have all the same function, so it is in Christ that we who are many form one body and each body, each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace that God has given us.”

Ladies and gentlemen as it says in the reading, we have many members but we form one body, the MSFA and the LAMSFA. And each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace that God has given us. Use those gifts. Use them wisely for your service in your offices. Let us pray.

Father it is right that we give you praise and thanks for all things. We thank you for these Officers who labor for the fire service and the auxiliary across our great state. We thank you for instilling in them the desire, the commitment and the dedication to serve. We have come together this afternoon and we have set them apart. We ask you to bless them, bless the fruits of their labors, grant them wisdom to see beyond the facts to understanding and know the purpose of your will in all their undertaking. Grant them favor reception as they meet with others. Grant them travelling mercies as they traverse our great state. Let this year be blessed with success as they serve. Lord, we remember too their families for we know that such dedication does not come without cause. Cost away from those families, meals missed, family events unattended. When these men and women took the oath of office, they were not only dedicating themselves but also committing their families. So we thank you for their families and we ask that you bless them and support and sustain them as well. Lord, the leadership of these officers, be with them throughout the year ahead. And for all things we thank you. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and gentlemen there will be a receiving line in Room 209 immediately following the ceremony. And if it is still pouring down rain outside and you don’t want to dodge the raindrops, we will welcome you back here at 9:30 for the Pajama Parade. I have to get my commercial in. And if you would please, remain seated until our official party has excited down the center aisle. Our Benediction will be offered by Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Donna Struntz.

Donna Struntz, Vice Chaplain LAMSFA: Lord God thank you for this evenings’ ceremony. Please be with each and every one of our newly elected Officers. Please guide them, touch them with your spirit. Help them do the jobs to which they have been elected to do. Please stay with them, guide each and every one of them that is in this hall tonight and bring each one of us home to our destination safely. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoice in the power of his spirit and may God’s blessings be upon each and every one of us. Amen.
Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Madam. Ladies and gentlemen have a great evening. Please be safe out there in the weather if you go. Presidents if you would. Please lead the way. (Applause)
President Jackie Olson: Good morning! It is my pleasure to call to order the 4th Session of the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to order. At this time I would invite Chaplain Harry Hetz to the stage for the Invocation. Please stand.

Chaplain Harry Hetz: Good morning. Let us pray. Our Lord and our God as we gather in convention, Father we would ask that you continue to be with us throughout the day. Guide and direct our decisions. Guide and direct our activities. Continue to watch over us. Be with all those in the fire and emergency services that protect our communities. Father, be with our Armed Forces and all those who protect our nation and our way of life. Reach out to those who need a measure of your comfort. Surround them with your mercy and grace. Bring healing and touch those who are suffering on the bed of affliction. Father, we thank you for your mercy and grace on all. Amen.

President Olson: I would like to recognize Hoby Howell with the safety message.

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: Thank you Madam President. Good morning! I see a lot of people are awake. Fantastic! First, your Safety Committee would like to congratulate our Presidents: Jackie Olson, Dave Keller III and Johnny Roth for going into office. Okay we are coming to a close. Some will continue through the week before leaving for home. Others will leave today or tomorrow. We hope that all of you will take time to be courteous to all who may be driving or on the same roads as you. Be safe, arrive home alive for your own sake. Thanks for a wonderful safe week from your Safety Committee. For all of you who are going golfing, the enthusiasts, we hope that your Friday is sunny. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Olson: We have a few announcements to make.

The exhibits will be open until 12 o’clock.

The parade starts at 16th Street and will begin promptly at 1 p.m. The parade trophies will be given out at 5:30 p.m. and they will actually be in the building this year, in Hall C on the first floor.
Executive Committee meeting tomorrow will begin at 9 a.m.
The MSFA Day at Splash Mountain at Jolly Rogers is being held Thursday and Friday.
And of course, we are still looking for golf team members and that will start at 7:30 a.m. on
Friday at Eagle’s Landing.
Are there any other announcements?

I recognize Robyn Sheldon Hahn.

Robyn Sheldon Hahn: Good morning to all. First I would like to congratulate our newly
elected officers of the MSFA: Jackie, Dave and Johnny. Congratulations to all of you. I
would like to thank the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association, the Cecil County
Firemen’s Association, the Harford County Fire and EMS Association and all of you who
voted and supported me yesterday in my quest to become the Second Vice President of
the MSFA. At this time I would like to announce that for the year 2014, I will be a candidate
for the Office of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
Pappy and I will be traveling this year to meet and greet a lot of you and to give you some
of my qualifications and affiliations that I have done. I ask for your support and your vote
at next year’s convention. Thank you all so much. (Applause)

President Olson: One more announcement. If you have the time, would you please go
over and sign the cards for the Past Presidents who couldn’t be with us today. At this time
I recognize Roger Power P.P. for reading of the resolutions and report of the resolutions
committee.

P.P. Roger Powell: Thank you. Good morning everyone. I have the resolutions for the
Convention for this year. The purpose of this report is to advise the delegates of what the
resolutions are and who they are written for. And I am going to read the list of resolutions
so that you can then determine if you want any specific resolution read or otherwise move
that we do away with the reading of the resolutions.

The resolutions this year are for:
Singerly Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary of the Singerly Fire Company; Ladies Auxiliary
of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; Harford Cecil Firemen’s Association; Rick
Meehan, Mayor of Ocean City; Town of Ocean City, Maryland; Ocean City Fire Department;
Ocean City Fire Company; Governor Martin O’Malley; Cecil County Firemen’s Association;
Fire Marshall William “Bill” Barnard; and Past President John Denver.
Does anyone, any delegate, wish to have any resolution read? They will be printed in next
year’s Proceeding Book. Anyone wish any resolution to be read? Thank you.

President Olson: At this time I need a motion to do away with the reading of the resolutions.
Motions were made and carried (no names were given and no one could be heard on the
recording). Thank you.
President Olson: At this time I would like to introduce Madam President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Carol Hayden. Can you please join me in a round of applause and a warm welcome for them as they come up to be introduced? (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary President Carol Hayden: Good morning everybody. I would like to introduce my officers. First Vice President: Ann Price-Davis; Second Vice President: Darby Byrd; our Recording Secretary: Barbara Sue Nelson; Treasurer: Vivian Boyd; Financial Secretary: Nancy Jones; Corresponding Secretary: Marcia Roth; Chaplain: Lori Denbow; Vice Chaplain: Donna Struntz; Historian: Becky Wathen; Guard: Malea Daughton; Color Bearer: Jean Main; Color Bearer: Brenda Harrison; Bessie Marshall Chairman: Elaine Huttenloch; Conference Co-Chairman: Joan Kramer and Conference Co-Chairman: Danielle Thomas. Thank you for letting us come over this morning. (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you Madam President and I look forward to working with you all this year. Congratulations.

At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce this morning’s program main speaker. The topic this morning is “The Impact and Recovery from Super Storm Sandy.” The program will discuss Super Storm Sandy was the deadliest and most destructive tropical cyclone of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, as well as the second-costliest hurricane in United States history. Classified as the eighteenth named storm, tenth hurricane and second major hurricane of the year, Sandy was a Category 2 storm off the coast of the Northeastern United States. The storm became the largest Atlantic hurricane on record (as measured by diameter, with winds spanning 1,100 miles). Preliminary estimates assess damage at nearly $75 billion, a total surpassed only Hurricane Katrina. Learn from the Past Chief of one of the many volunteer fire departments which were severely impacted by the effects of this storm, not only directly on fire department operations, but on the lifestyle and ability to provide for the community, particularly fire department families; and the continuing struggle to return community services and life in general to the levels known before the storm.

It gives me great pleasure at this time and to also call him my friend, Past Chief of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 in Tom’s River, N.J., Past Chief Bob Sinnott. (Applause)

Past Chief Bob Sinnott: Good morning. Sorry, I guess only little people stand up here and I am too big for it. My name is Bob Sinnott, I am a fire chief up in Silverton in Toms River, NJ and it is an honor to come to your great State of Maryland. I have been here a couple times but this is the first time I have been to a fire conference/Convention and it’s definitely an amazing sight to see you have your act together and I am proud to be here.
With me today is Captain Mike Coco and Firefighter Nic Osborne, they both had severe
damage to their houses along with working hand in hand with all of us and damages we
got during the storm.

So I would start off with I have two videos I am going to play and then I have a power-point
presentation and then we will go from there. So we will watch the videos which are about 5
or six minutes long. The videos showed the damage incurred to Tom River from the storm
as well as a command center/emergency operations center during the storm.

Those two quick videos from CNN is only a little bit of the life we experienced while we
were there. The storm itself, we had 4 deaths, since the storm we have had about 6 or 7
suicides. Because the emotional state of what you saw and what happened. They were
civilian deaths and not firefighters.

We had a lot of firefighter injuries from minor injuries to severe lacerations. Luckily and
thank God, we had no one severely hurt or killed.

On Monday I had the honor of meeting the Fire Chief from Queensland and I talked a
bit and I think you’ll find his stories and my stories are the same. We’re all on the same
page. It could happen to you guys here in Ocean City the same as my neighborhood and
you guys lucked out. We weren’t supposed to get it and we got it. We’re rebuilding our
beaches and everything is moving forward.

I have a quick slide show and I’ll go through some things. We’ll go from there. Just some
quick demographics of my town. Tom’s River is the seventh largest town in New Jersey.
We have about 150,000 populations, same type of scenario as here in Ocean City. You
have a coastal highway, bridges then your mainland. Our mainland was worse than our
coastal land because the surge came in and delivered water four to five miles inland where
there have never seen water before. So that’s a huge contribution you have to think about
as far as planning is concerned. We’re losing houses and losing oceans. Our town is a
pretty good sized town and we have the resources to handle it, but we went into over load.
Without the support of other fire companies from far, far away, and close we would have
never survived.

Just a run down of emergency services in my town. We have six volunteer fire companies
with 350 members. A police force of 167 police officers. An Emergency Management staff
of 7 emergency management coordinators.

You always have to think positive. That’s the key thing. As much as you get down about
your neighbors house, your friends house, you have to think positive. That’s one of my
members giving a thumbs up while he’s out there rescuing two or three days after the
storm.

A quick timeline; we started planning for the storm several days before, not real planning
for the eye of the storm to hit my town or New York City, so we were on the northern swing of the storm. We were gearing for that. Once it got closer we realized the storm was going to come closer so we started to pay attention.

Once the storm hit, we kind of kicked it off saying we had a sports bubble and the sports bubble lost its air. We had a couple house fires and everyone started seeing the power going down. That's when we kind of kicked into it.

This is a picture of the morning. We had a fire alarm about 6 or 7 o’clock in the morning. We went over to the board walk. The picture to the left is what the pier looked like all the time. That’s in the morning before it collapsed. The right is a picture of the engine crew.

This is what a house looks like on the bay front. The water came in and in some spots the water was eight feet deep.

The storm response: In the beginning we had information overload. Once the cell towers went underwater, I don’t know about you but my entire life is on a cell phone, from emails to internet, to contact phone numbers. Every cell tower was underwater so we had no cell communications. I can’t survive 5 minutes much less go a week to a week and a half with no cell phone. That’s a key thing – cell phone. So how do you communicate with people? How do you get the word out? How do you talk to your communities to know what’s going on?

To the left is the picture that’s been on all the news, it’s the roller coaster and the picture to the right is what my house looks like. So that’s my house to the right and to the left is the roller coaster. All the news, all about roller coaster resorts, no talk about local homes.

If you’re wondering, that’s the Jersey Shore House, famous for the Jersey Shore Show. Everything around it got washed away but the Jersey Shore House is perfectly fine.

Just a way to communicate, in my fire house, we started to come up with ideas and we started handing out papers, photo copies of notes, what’s going on. We handed them out to the fire trucks in the response areas and districts just to get them out to our public. We used our sign board in front of our fire house. Everything was word of mouth.

That’s our coastal highway. That’s Route 35. That’s a pickup truck where somebody tried to evacuate and went into a sink hole.

That’s a typical street you saw once the water resided. It’s kind of hard to see with the dirt and wires. Anything you see is in the path of the fire fighters trying to make rescues.

Some call stats. My volunteer fire department handles about 400 calls a year, for the storm we handled 3,000. Within those numbers was rescues, fires, people assists so it’s
call overload. Our call volume is still high with house fires and dealing with people assists. The call volume is not a short term; it’s a long term thing. We’re seven months into it and we’re still trying to fill the pieces.

The one on the left is the command board and a picture of morning meetings on the right. Every morning we did briefings so everyone is on the same page. Our police department, New Jersey brought in police, we responded with Louisiana police. They don’t know the area so it was interesting to see the type assistance we got.

Response concerns; all the manhole covers came up so you have concerns with man hole covers. You have downed wires. Generators in houses back feeding through the grids caused the power lines to be live. Trees down, boats in streets, you name it, it can happen. Fuel tanks in the ground ruptured because of the pressure pushing them up. Sink holes; we still have sink holes today. They aren’t going away. Our department of transportation is working on fixing them but they just keep coming. Today if you go down the street this is what you’ll see, seven months later.

Search and Rescue, as far as trying to find out if a vehicle was occupied? Was that car driving down the street when the storm came in and washed away? Tactical operational issues that you had to plan for, to be ready to make sure there wasn’t any life hazard. That was our basic fire fighting truck right there. A front end loader, the only thing that went through the storm. A police officer and fireman would ride the tuck and we’d put all the residents into the scooper end of it and drive the truck out to a safe area.

Four by four or Army trucks the same thing. We started off with our little brush trucks and our utility trucks, but you can only get so far, because the water was so deep.

This is at our fire house. Once you got to the fire house we were off loading people into the fire house. One big thing for me, our emergency management says we have a shelter that holds 350 people. You do the math, a town with 150,000 people; it’s not going to hold 100,000 people. So everybody in my neighborhood went into my fire house. The fire house was the home of everybody. We bonded very well. There was no place for people to go because we had no shelters. On paper it looks great. In real life, it’s not.

This picture is what the street looks like, the debris piles, once the water starts to subside.

This picture has been on the news. This bridge is on the north side of my town. That’s where the inlet came through. If you look at the bottom of the picture, that’s where the state highway was. Now it’s an inlet and the bridge has houses next to it where the water pushed houses into it off their foundations.

This is our first fire call for my neighborhood. We got dispatched to a house fire with entrapment. The home owner took his generator and put it inside his house. When the
fumes inside the house he became burned. Fire suppression was on the way and the surge came in. That truck is a total loss. All our fire fighters and the burn victim had to be rescued by an Army truck and driven out of the scene because the water came in that fast.

This house here, split in half, to show you what the damage is, how the construction is, split in the middle. The house is split entirely in the middle of it.

To the left is a boat that wasn’t there that came across the bay. To the right is a crew in the lagoons in a boat with a jet ski going up and down to make rescues. Another interesting thing they never thought about, as the water came up, you can’t tell where the streets are and you can’t tell where the lagoons are, so when you look down, the picture to the left is a street and the other is a water way behind someone’s house. Same thing to the right. So that’s a huge issue. When you’re sending crews out there, you don’t know where your crews are until you start getting oriented with the area. You can’t use your cell phone for GPS because there is no cell towers.

Here’s a boat parked between two houses. That was definitely an obstacle as far as trying to see if somebody’s in the house or if somebody’s in the boat.

This was Tuesday morning. The storm came in Monday, this is Tuesday. The storm waters were still there. We have 72 hours worth of water before it subsided down into the streets.

To the right is a picture of the Louisiana State Police who were there on patrol. They brought their own cars. They came to assist us. They were sworn in as New Jersey Police Officers. To the left is our fire engine, guys or crews on top of Army trucks or dump trucks just to go to calls.

To the right is one of my member’s houses. To the left is a truck with a crew on it. Obstacles; that blue boat that is there, that was across the street, so if you wanted to go down the roadway we had to move the boat out of the way. So man power, and timing of people, crew status trying just to get the obstacles out of the street to get to people. Just showing how we got off the truck and on the truck.

Once the normalcy came back to life into November and December, school went back into session so the fire house decided to go to football games and other community events to build a stronger bond with the community. This is our members at a local high school football game.

Can’t forget about the snow storm. November 7th we go snow dumped on us. It was a complete mess. On top of that, everybody’s still in their house with no power, no fuel, no gas. Everybody was doing camp fires in the streets just to stay warm.

This is my key picture. This is a picture of an Easton Fire Dept engine, “Little Moe”. Are the
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Easton guys here? Drew you want to stand up? My fire company I grew up with, Drew’s from the town of Silverton and his father is a 37 year member. (Applause)

Information overload, lack of cell phone, and email, Danny said to me, Drew’s father, I can have a crew come up. I said sure. The next thing I knew there was a fire truck in my fire house from Easton, Maryland and the news people are there and the video of the people, Andy, Drew’s father getting interviewed, talking about Drew and his brother Kirk was in my fire house with Andy. Here it is four or five hours later an engine from Easton. I think your first call was a working fire in a commercial building. They were in the fire house for a short time and they went out for a factory fire. It’s amazing the support you guys give. People you don’t even know to help us out.

Voting in the dark or a school that has no power. Everything was done by generator. That was our elections. The Government doesn’t stop the elections, just like the mail. The mailbox in front of my house. They keep driving down the street every day. The left is the actual voting and the right is the room. They only had lights around the outside of the area. The voting was dark.

This is a house that was one of our North Jersey fire fighters house who comes out to his summer house. His house got destroyed, but the bar that he built survived. This is a break, our guys and their guys, you need the mental breaks. The bar’s ok but his house got destroyed.

Ice – Huge thing, MEMA said we’ll get you things, American Red Cross said they’d get things but it takes forever to get there because of the typical red tape. Go ahead move on. We said yes to everything so we ended up with tractor trailers full of ice. So we said what we do with the ice, so we started handing it out in the street.

The picture shows my guys standing on the road in front of our fire house handing out ice to the residents. It worked very well. We bonded, something we didn’t have to do, but that keeps our community going.

To the left is a little car from the Sea Side Boardwalk, that’s seven miles from the beach. And to the right some of the debris. The storm pushed stuff from spots from far away. You’d never believe it.

Next is an engine from North Jersey just driving the streets on patrol. That’s one of the things we did. There’s no communications so we deployed area wide commands and put engines and ladders there for contact with the residents so everything was face to face during the first two weeks of the storm.

Traffic – Everybody that was not affected by the storm from the other side of New Jersey and the world had to come see what happened, so you had the gawkers looking and the
looters. The traffic was a complete night mare, but it wasn’t from the people affected by the storm because their cars washed away.

Tye Pennington came from Extreme Makeover. He stopped by the fire house. That’s him with us at the fire house. He came to shed light and offer his good will. Everybody from politicians down to the local persons from Easton to movie stars came to help us out.

These are the signs posted in the neighborhood saying, one way in, one way out and we have guns. There was definitely marshal law, people walking around the street with guns.

Thanksgiving – The New York Jets offered to accept the fire department with the American Flag. We had two or three members go to the football game on Thanksgiving Day, as a mental break to go up and do something positive.

Holiday season, Christmas time, set up Christmas trees and to the right there’s a helicopter, one of the local aviation companies donated a helicopter and we put Santa in it and went around the neighborhood.

This is our annual Christmas party; this is where I met your current President Jackie Olson. Long conversations back and forth over the phone and your Past President John Denver was also in my fire house. Here’s our Council Woman talking to them, thanking them and at the end of the presentation, I’ll have a proclamation for everything you did for us.

This is myself and another Fire Chief with the Lt. Governor. As far as the Division of Fire Safety and the Governor, amazing support they gave the volunteers. I have the Lt. Governor’s cell phone number and I talked to her before already about issues and stuff and she’s opened her arms up to Governor Cristy. The Division of Fire Safety, the Fire Marshal’s Office and everybody worked well together putting all personality aside to make everything happen.

Just some storm damage numbers: We lost 3 fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, 2 fire houses, 2 first aid buildings completely destroyed, police station, post office. The post office may not seem critical but when its holiday time and we all want to send Christmas cards and you have no post office, which was a severe hit to the community. We had a lot of damage we’re still rebuilding. Our first aid stations are still out of service, the fire house; we’re still working out of trailers.

Our infrastructure, we had a gas fed fire that fed building fires and the Governor had to come into the gas company and order that the gas lines be turned off. By doing that the gas lines are condemned because they have to be hydrostatically tested. The whole community does not have gas because of that, it’s still a big pile of rubble as you drive down the Ocean front. If it wasn’t for the Governor doing that, it would have free burned for months and days. We watched it for weeks.
This is the current status of our waterways. My neighborhood is a very big community for fishing and crabbing, but the waterways are still filled with gasses, slime, sludge. That’s a determining factor of what you have to look for in the future.

To the left are lunches made by school kids and handed out. To the right is a poster, Sandy go away.

This is a list of all the fire departments that came to help us in some way, fire suppression or just a pat on the back and hey how you doing. Without them, in my little community we wouldn’t have survived. The Chief of FDNY said the same thing. When you need the support, you can’t say no. The departments that did say no are still struggling and not as advanced as we are.

To the left is the fire, the gas fed fire that we looked at for days. There’s nothing you can do, you can’t put it out because its gas fed. To the right is after the gas was turned off. So when it got dark at night, there’s no power, no noise, it was quiet and all you saw was a fire burning at the bay.

That’s a common site right now, the houses are still because of insurance, and people are trying to unload their houses. When you drive down the street you see everybody’s personal property out on the front lawn.

Two months ago, a house fire. No one is living on the street so the streets are empty so there’s no one to report the fire. With the power being turned on, the power grids, the fire gets fully advanced before reported.

Every place had their signs. Sandy you’re not welcome.

This is six months ago, I was actually pumping on this fire. We had a severe water problem because our water mains are compromised so we go to a drafting operation. Every day when the pager goes off it’s for a house fire. We used to have just alarms or small incidents. Now every time it’s a multi alarm fire call.

Some more signs people put on their buildings about where you can take our building away but you can’t take our heart.

We came up with a slogan called: Silverton Strong. One of our neighbors, a graphic designer made up a bunch of stickers and if your fire truck came to my fire house you were plastered with a sticker on your windshield. Apparently Ferndale, MD and Easton MD their trucks still have it on there so it’s an honor that Silverton Strong is still coming with us.

Rebuilding, we had a lot of rebuilding to do and this is a magazine, Jersey magazine we
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talked about on how you have to look forward, move forward, think positive, you can’t take
the negatives with you and we’re moving forward and I think my community is advanced
of other places.

That pretty much sums it up, picking up the pieces. We couldn’t have picked up the pieces
unless we had the help and support of everybody.

This is a current day picture I took just before I came down here. The house to the left
is a FEMA required built type house for flooding, so my neighborhood has to have a 14’
high elevation first floor house. The house to the left, the owner did not have insurance,
so it going to stay like that. A little tiny bungalow with a four story monster house next to it.

Some more pictures of work trucks. The picture to the right is a street to an apartment
complex that is still closed.

This kind of sums it up also: Random Acts of Kindness. I didn’t believe in random acts
of kindness and people coming as far and it’s amazing the amount of support you have.

The bear on the left came from Baltimore County Maryland Girl Scout Post 4061, from
the Brownies. They made this little prayer bear with the saying; squeeze me if you need
it. The bears were issued to our members. A little thing like that goes a long way when
you have nothing. You learn from yesterday, live today, and look forward to moving to
tomorrow to see what goes on.

Last we have a presentation to give to President Olson. I need anyone from Olson Wire
Products, Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company and
Woodland.

This is a proclamation that was done by our Mayor and Council of our town:
Whereas on Saturday December 8th, was no ordinary Saturday in Tom’s River but rather
a historical event marked by the loyalty, triumph and good cheer, It will forever be etched
in our hearts of members of the Silverton Fire Dept at the annual Christmas celebration;

Whereas a spirit of Saint Nick arrived from Maryland at the fire house door step to deliver
700 presents for children affected by this year’s catastrophic super storm Sandy;

Whereas all in attendance, Silverton Firemen near and far were really touched and reduced
to tears with the goodwill towards men;

Whereas the Silverton Township wishes to show its appreciation and heartfelt thanks,
Olson Wire Products, Maryland State Firemen’s Association, and Arundel County Volunteer
Firemen’s Association, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire
Company hereby noted on this date, Silverton is Strong in reality because of you. Thank you. (Applause)

Drew can you bring up your Easton guys?

**Drew Jensen:** They asked us to share a minute or two of our experience while we were up there. Before I do that, these guys, I don’t know if you really realize what they have been through, their families. Twenty seven members of their fire company had major damage to their homes. Twelve of them lost their home and to this day, Bob’s house and another guy, Pete are not in their homes. Their homes are damaged and they are living in other places. Here we are six/seven months later and they are still displaced. I’ve talked to different people in Tom’s River, I’ve talked to Fire Commissioners and different people and they can’t say enough about what these guys, members and particularly Bob, how they stepped up to the plate under unbelievable circumstances and served their community despite living in a bunk and a cot in the fire house, so you guys deserve a round of applause for what you’ve done. (Applause)

**Drew Jensen:** I’m a past Chief in the Easton Fire Department, Easton MD and currently serve as Chaplain there, but I’m also a past member of the Silverton Fire Company where my dad and brother still serve. We got the call, I spoke to my family, and hey do you need help? We’ll come up, we’ll make sandwiches, we’ll serve coffee and my dad talked to Bob who said forget the coffee, forget the sandwiches, bring a truck and help us. We’re tired, we’re worn out, we can’t go any further, we’re done.

So on Monday or Tuesday I started putting the word out around our fire house and by Wednesday we had a truck, a van and trailer loaded up and heading north into a Nor’easter in what we thought would be an inch or two of snow, which wound up being a foot of snow. As we were driving through New Jersey across RT 70 there was a tree down across the road. Our crew, which you will meet in a minute, had to cut through a tree even before we got there.

While we were there we had the opportunity to run a number of fires, I think 18 or 19 fire calls, we unloaded tractor trailers of supplies, sorted supplies, served meals with the American Red Cross, we drove around serving meals to people. Driving around the community nine days after the storm and there were people heating their garages and barbequing in the neighborhood at 9 or 10 o’clock at night in the dark, with food. People would run out of the dark, grab the food and run back into the dark. We helped cut trees.

You name it, we did it while we were there the two or three days we were there. The crew did a phenomenal job, I want to introduce them. I first want I want to introduce, the Chief of Easton for the last two years, Jamie McNeal was really supportive. Our Mayor was really supportive. This is Jamie McNeal our past chief, really supportive of us going up there. The rest of the crew: Sal James Lt. Conner Sashel, Don Avelatelo, Daniel Hewitt, and Adam Maox. That’s it. We had different guys, Adam is a paramedic, Sal’s great with
electrical and cable. Each one of these guys brought a different aspect to the team and we were able to do a lot of different things and help out just a little bit. It’s our pleasure to be a part of that. (Applause)

President Olson: As you heard the stories, as we talked about, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, it’s officers, members, did a food drive, we collected toys, and we went up as the Chief said, just tried to make a little smile to the kids. It was overwhelming to us as well. Olsen Wire Products tried to get in touch with several fire houses up there and when we heard what Easton was doing, we decided to adopt Silverton. What we did is; your generous donations from businesses that work with Olsen Wire Products, we were able to raise about $25,000 that we went shopping at Price Club and came up the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We made sure we brought Thanksgiving dinner. Usually if you haven’t learned yet, they were the pillar of the community. The community depended on them. They shared holidays together with their communities so it was really nice to be able to provide them with turkey dinners so they could still provide that service to their community. Like I said, we all are the pillar of our community, but they just went above and beyond at this time.

With me today is Chief Halland of the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department because he also helped out but we would like to present you with a shadow box that we put together which is Silverton, Ferndale and Woodland Beach and our motto that we adopted up there was: Communities Helping Communities and I hope during my Presidency we see a lot more of this, extending our hand out to other organizations in other states as well as taking care of our own in our counties. Another round of applause for them. Thank you. (Applause)

Also on behalf of the MSFA we have a resolution for your presentation today and a bag of goodies from our convention and we’re so glad you guys could come and join our family. You are always welcome and if there is anything we can do, don’t hesitate to ask. Thank you again. (Applause)

At this time I’d like to recognize Senator Roy Dyson.

Senator Dyson: Good morning! I sort of watched that presentation. For a minute I thought, I just kind of walked in, is this Ocean City? All the rain we had yesterday. I am very pleased to be here today. I have the, as Tip O’Neal used to say when the President of the United States would come speak to the Congress, he would say I have the high honor; well I have the high honor today to present a Senate Resolution to Jacqueline M. Olson. I think Jackie is behind me, would come over here. This is the Senate Resolution #1089 and it is to you it is in recognition of being elected as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We offer our congratulations, the first woman. God bless you. (Applause)
I have another Resolution in here for the State Fire Marshal and I have been told he is on his way. You know I do want to say one thing. We are, in Maryland, in my opinion, heavily indebted to all of you, and particularly to our volunteer service. In my area that I present, except for the Navy base, ALL of our services are provided by volunteers. I know we have a few EMTs but the fire service is provided by volunteers who do an extraordinary job.

You know when you come to Ocean City, Maryland, Ocean City, Maryland from probably this point to Labor Day is the 2nd largest city in Maryland. This city has provided fire service by volunteers and I don’t think that there is one city of this size in this country that is better served. And it is because of the volunteers. And I know they have some ups and downs with their council – if I can throw a political thought in there, I think that is a mistake. If you remember about two or three years ago I showed up at this event, I couldn’t find a parking spot, I parked in the Mayor’s spot, I figured he wasn’t going to get an invitation, so I figured that was an open parking space.

Are we ready back there? Okay. Now I have to get the hell out of Ocean City quickly before I get a ticket.

I am also pleased, he is here I’m told, but anyway, I have a Senate Resolution for William E. “Bill” Barnard. As you know he is our State Fire Marshal. There you are, how are you? Our timing is just great today isn’t it? Anyway this is a Senate recognition, Resolution from the Senate of Maryland, it is Senate Resolution #1087, and it is signed by me but also by the President and all the members of the Senate. We recognize your retirement as the Maryland State Fire Marshal and offer our grateful appreciation for your 43 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the Maryland fire and rescue service. Congratulations, the entire membership extends best wishes on this occasion and directs this Resolution be presented on this 18th day of June, 2013. You know I don’t know who is going to replace this guy. He or she will offer the kind of services that will ever match yours. You are just extraordinary and we appreciate it. (Applause)

**President Olson:** At this time I would like to recognize Past President John Denver for his outgoing remarks.

**Past President John Denver:** Good morning. What an incredible year. I want to thank each and every one of you in this room and the volunteers across state. We had a successful year because you did the work, you offered the help, support, the advice, friendship, the hospitality. The Association moved forward because of YOUR work. And I can’t thank you enough, you’ll be in my heart forever. Please continue to work as you have, in the future and continue to move the Association forward.

Congratulations to Jackie, Dave and Johnny. And one final thank you again to my family. Thank you. (Applause.)
President Olson: We will continue with the remarks from the incoming President.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure and excitement that I stand before you this morning as the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I am humbled that you have elected me to lead this premier fire service organization.

As I look around the room, I see in each of you, a deep sense of pride in what you are achieving. It is truly inspiring and impressive. So I pledge to you to do my best to make your voices heard when it comes to issues and I will always work toward finding a solution that benefits all of us.

The volunteers of Maryland are truly the epitome of the definition of a volunteer. You not only give of your time to others, you give back to your community. And some of us make the great commitment risking our lives to save the lives of others and making the ultimate sacrifice.

In my twenty-two years as a volunteer, whether it was joining the company as an administrative member or being a probe or rookie in my first couple of months, and as I achieved the rank of firefighter and EMT, and also held many administrative positions at my company, I witnessed many acts of generosity and kindness on a monumental scale. From saving property and life, whether raising your needs or raising funds in the community for apparatus, to help raise funds for an individual or a community in need or a business in your community in need. To step up and take a position on the Board, whether you had experience or not, you were the right person for the job. Just anything to help benefit your community and your company or you got up in the middle of the night with possibly no training just to make coffee and serve donuts to help us as the firefighters and first responders and EMTs after we had been on an incident for several hours.

I always say and as Mark and as previously said, don’t wait to make a difference in your community, if you have something to give, give it now. Not every day is going to offer us a chance to save someone’s life but everyday it offers us a chance to affect one. No challenge is too small, too simple but our direction and goal is clear – it is a common vision we all have, to serve our community to the best of our ability and to make a difference.

And at this time I would like to introduce Chief Bashore of the Prince George’s County Fire Department to explain how we can all affect each other to make a difference in our community.

Chief Marc Bashore: Thank you President Olson. After a particularly troubling fire we had in Prince George’s County, where a father and three of his four young daughters died in a home with no smoke alarm. I reached out to a local pastor and asked him if he would help us. His church had a population of over 10,000 folks. He let me come in and he let me speak before the crowd about smoke alarms and talk about why we do what we do.
That was videotaped and it went viral and as part of that Jackie called me and said that it really hit home, because truly paid or volunteer what we do is not understood by a lot of folks. So she asked me to adapt that for here and I am going to do that and I am going to go ahead and read that for you now. Basically it is an open letter to the community we serve.

Fire and EMS departments are part of your and our community. Young and old, men and women, your neighbors, sons, and daughters, mothers and fathers, is who we are. Some ride fire trucks and ambulances and some work the books and bylaws filling all the offices, doing all the administrative things that keeps the institution moving and still others work in auxiliaries making sure all the folks have food and drinks to keep them going.

Auxiliaries knowing that they could be called at any minute and to help raise money. Or to help bring drinks to a gaggle of firefighters working at the scene. Heating and reheating meals, cleaning up unsipped drinks, getting ready for the next one. It is what we do.

Those fire trucks and ambulances may have been purchased with tax dollars, grants or with money raised at a bake sale, car wash or door to door campaign. No matter where all the trucks, tools and toys do no good without willing souls, whether paid or volunteer to fill those seats. Those souls know that any moment the pager could sound, bells go off, sirens could wail, signaling another all night fire fight. A minivan fell over an embankment, a boat capsized and the occupants clinging to the haul waiting for us to rescue them. It is what we do.

No matter the weather, awfully hot or freezing cold, dark and dreary or the eye of a hurricane, or clear and bright, windy or as still as death itself, we are the ones you rely on. The faithful few 24 hours a day, 365 days a year it is how we live and it is what we do.

I wish you just once that you could experience the acrid smell of burning insulation, the fowl taste of soot-filled mucus, the eeriness of not being able to see your hand in front of your face or a host of other panic inducing sensations. My brethren and I have learned to instantly overcome and control as we blindly search a smoke filled bedroom at 3 in the morning. Our palms and knees burning as we crawl, the floor sagging from our weight with the kitchen on fire beneath us. With only eerie silence filling the audible void we so desperately wish could have been filled with the wail of a smoke alarm. That’s what we do.

I wish, just once you would have to cope with the wife’s horror at 6 in the morning while I check her husband of forty years for a pulse and find none. My crew starts CPR right away, wishing we could bring him back, but knowing intuitively it’s probably too late. Yet doing all we can because his wife and family deserve to know that everything possible is being done to try to save his life. It’s what we do.

I wish you could stand beside me just one time in the emergency room as the doctor pronounces the infant that my crew has been pouring 110% of their skills into saving a
child for the past 30 minutes. A child who we know will never say the words, I love you mommy again.

I wish you could read my thoughts as we extricate a teenager from the remains of her automobile as we ask; “where are her parents”. Wondering what will her family’s reaction be when they answer the door bell an hour from now to find a police officer at the door. That’s what we do.

I wish you could apprehend what it feels like to have a child tugging at your arm asking is mommy going to be ok. Not being able to look into her eyes, not knowing how to answer her plea. I wish just one time in your life you had the comfort to be a longtime friend who just saw his buddy having CPR performed on him as the medic unit pulls away. It’s what we do.

I wish just for one moment you could feel the frustration I feel just sitting in the officer’s seat. My driver slamming hard on the brake pedal and my arm tugging hard on the air horn as someone fails to yield the right of way. Knowing full well should they ever need us, the first words out of their mouth will likely be, what took you so long.

I wish for one time you could know how it feels to walk in the house and greet my family, not looking forward to explaining that I almost didn’t make it back from the last call. It’s what we do.

I wish you could experience just a tiny portion of the physical and emotional pain this body has had to overcome or the skipped meals, the lost sleep or missed social engagements, just a fraction of the horrible and needless tragedy these eyes have seen. It’s what we do.

Hearing all of this I know you are probably wondering if I’m crazy for choosing this as my life’s calling. However for just one moment I wish you could experience the camaraderie of my station, or the brotherhood of my crew, or the emotional reward of saving a life, or the personal satisfaction gained by preserving someone’s property or the unbelievable rush of being able to bring calm to chaos.

Unfortunately unless you live the life we live every day you will never completely understand or appreciate who we are or that indeed paid or volunteer, by the grace of God, it’s what we do, it’s who we are, it’s how we live. I wish your really knew. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Olson:** Thank you. One of the things I always talk about is how diverse an organization the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is, not even the black and white, but that we have administrative, as well as auxiliary, fire fighters, first responders, EMTs, and I just wanted to bring a point. I just think Chief Bashore just nailed it when it comes to what we do. Hopefully a lot of people will start to recognize what you all do every day. On behalf of me and the officers and the members we’d like to say thank you for what you do.
Last but not least I just want to congratulate President Denver. You know it was great friendship as we ascended through the chairs. As myself and Dave Keller, we have little stories to tell. There’s always laughter, always adventure and our three mottos would always be; we’d follow him anywhere. And John’s thing last night was he just wanted to ride off into the sunset, so I told him last night this sunset and riding off into it is actually a symbol of a new beginning or fresh start after the adventure is over. It’s the end of a movie when a drifter has to move on. So we wish him best of luck as he has other paths to follow. He’s not going very far and we say happy trails to him. So thank you very much and I look forward to working with you and for you next year. If there’s anything I can do don’t hesitate to contact me and at this time I will recognize 1st Vice President David Keller for his remarks.

First Vice President David Keller: Thank you and good morning. I am honored to stand here today as your First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. President Olson, Vice President Roth, I look forward to working with you in the up-coming year.

To my wife, Vickie, and son, Davie, I want to thank you for your support and letting me continue on this journey. I also need to thank my home company of Citizens Truck Company and also the support of the Junior Fire Company #2 and the Williamsport Fire and EMS Company. I also need to thank Charlie Abrecht for his willingness to serve as my Executive Committee Chair person. Finally I want to thank all of you, the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. You all have given me the opportunity to continue moving the fire service in Maryland to make it better and to continue the support that it needs as we travel through the state.

So thanks again and God bless. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I would like to recognize Second Vice President Johnny Roth for his remarks.

Second Vice President Johnny Roth: Thank you Madam President. I am new the kid on the block as they say. I come with no prepared statement except to thank everybody for all your votes. I am certainly am not going to be a stranger, I travelled 22 out of 23 counties this year seeking the office of Second Vice President. I am certainly glad to help anybody that would like my assistance – give you advice or whatever I can do, if I don’t have an answer I will look for it to try and help you the best I can. My phone numbers are in the book. I am certainly very accessible and I am glad to have sought the office and will certainly do everything I possibly can to help this great Association.

Thank you very much for your confidence. I look forward to working with you the next three years plus. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I would like to recognize P.P. Steve Cox for some remarks.
Past President Steve Cox: Thank you Madam President. I would like Past President Denver and Anna Marie to come up please.

John for months, for six months or so, it started out that Russ Strickland and I were talking what we were going to do for you. Then Vic Costa joined in and it is what are we going to do? We wanted to recognize you as our friend and the outstanding job you did. Then Sam Goldwater called and want to be a part of this.

We talked about giving it to you Saturday night and they were unable to make it then. Russ came down Monday and Sam was supposed to be here today but got delayed and Vic said he just couldn’t be here. So I am representing the four of us.

But before we go any further, the four of us also, Anne Marie, have a little presentation for you.

Anne Marie Denver: It is a gift certificate for Vera Bradley. Thank you.

P.P. Steve Cox: You are welcome. (Applause)

John I think a hundred emails went back and forth on what would we do for you. And we talked about the name and we said maybe with the name a guitar?! And I think it was Victor who said “No way!” and unanimous from all of us. Then we looked at the picture from your last golfing outing and we looked at the driver where the head of the driver was missing and just the driver itself in your bag. And I understand the driver went further than the ball. So we figure we would look into something that maybe you could have and the head stay on for you. So on behalf of the four of us I would like to present this to you.

Past President Denver: I am going to have more trouble hitting golf balls with this than with the driver I am afraid but this is great! This is wonderful, thank you very much. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I would like to ask Secretary Doyle Cox for his remarks.

Secretary Doyle Cox, P.P.: Good morning! Real quick, and I guess I’ll take less time than I did Monday or Tuesday morning, whatever morning it was. I am here to serve the Association. The Assistant Secretaries are here also to serve. Need any help, contact us. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I would like to introduce the Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Dennis Skinner.

Dennis Skinner, Executive Committee Chair: Thank you Madam President. At this time I would like to introduce the Executive Committee for the year 2013-2014. Myself,
Dennis Skinner, will be chair, from Anne Arundel County; the Vice Chairman will be Charles Abrecht representing Frederick and Washington Counties; Mark Bilger representing Carroll and Howard Counties; John Guntow representing Worcester/Wicomico/Somerset Counties and I understand he may not be here with us today; Jim Seavey representing Montgomery County; Richard Smith representing Talbot and Dorchester Counties; Dan Stevens representing Charles, St. Mary’s and Calvert Counties; John Denver, immediate Past President; Doug Simpkins Jr. representing Baltimore County; Ben Kurtz representing Harford and Cecil Counties; Tim Dayton representing Allegany and Garrett Counties; Michael Faust representing Kent, Queen Anne and Caroline Counties; and Chuck Walker representing Prince George’s County. Let’s give all the gentlemen a hand. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: I would like to call the following: Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Financial Secretary; Assistant Treasurers and Chaplains as well as the Parliamentarian and the Attorney to the stage. So as your name is called, please come on down.

Assistant Secretaries this year will be: Shirley Copado, Diana Gunther, Richard Hemphill, Nancy Scott and Thomas Scott;
Assistant Financial Secretary: Bobbi Aaron;
Assistant Chaplains: Rev. Frederick Bahr, Deacon Charles Barnhart, Rabbi Kenneth Block, Rev. Harry Hetz, Rev. Marvin Jackson, Deacon George L’Heureux, Calvin “Pete Walbert;
And Parliamentarian Chairman is Richard Brooks, members are: Ken Bush, William J. Wagner III; and,
Attorney, Michael Farlow.

At this time I would like to introduce Past President John Denver for the installing of these officers.

Past President John Denver: Congratulations to each of you and thank you for stepping forward to accept each of these leadership positions. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine. “I, John Denver, do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution and By-laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I will perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability. I will keep and maintain all money, equipment and records entrusted to my care and turn them over to my successor at the end of my term of office, so help me God.” Congratulations, I declare you all sworn in. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I would like to introduce Chief Chaplain John Long for his remarks.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning. I am proud to stand here with a full set of
teeth this morning. The Chaplains’ corps is always here to assist you. I want to put in a plug for the Maryland LAS Team while I am standing here. Folks we don’t know if it will ever happen or where it will ever happen but the LAS Team is here to assist fire companies if it does happen with a line of duty death. But before that we want you to be prepared. So please call on us to come and do a presentation for your company to let you know what the benefits are and how to be prepared in case you do have a line of duty death.

Line of duty death is not an easy thing to go through and it makes it a lot easier if your company is prepared, have forms filled out so beneficiaries can be given the proper benefits they deserve. So please call on the LAS Team, we will be glad to come out and do a presentation, let you know what the beneficiaries forms are all about. Have a good convention and thank you. (Applause)

**President Olson:** I would now ask Treasurer Ron Siarnicki to step to the podium.

**Treasurer Ron Siarnicki:** Well good morning! It looks like we are going to have another gorgeous day in Ocean City. We are going to try and keep things moving with the program and the weather, so hopefully you didn’t get too wet last night. I tell you it was pouring so bad that some of the roof of the Convention Center was leaking up in the Mezzanine Level but we got through that.

So I am going to do a couple of reports. The first, as your elected Treasurer, want to thank you for showing your support in what I have done as your Treasurer for the past few years. I want to thank everyone who has helped the Financial Team to work through the fiscal issues of the Association and to bring together a process where we have much better control over what is happening within the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Yesterday I did acknowledge that we are doing a lot of transition with the accounting process used by the Ladies Auxiliary. You may or may not know that we all function under one federal tax ID number relative to our federal status, so one report is filed as a 990 for both organizations. So we are working to streamline that process with both our officers and the financial officers for the LAMSFA.

So other than that, I know that there has been a little bit of change to the financial team. Bobbi Aaron was sworn in this morning as Assistant Financial Secretary and we welcome her to the team. She will be working on fixed assets and controlling the major purchases that the Association has relative to depreciative products. Anyway I want to thank you for that, if there are any questions of anyone relative to the financial aspects, the Financial Team is operating out of the ticket office. If anyone has any payment requests or other elements related to expenses for the convention, please get them down to us. We are trying to cut all the checks we can before we leave Ocean City and get those handed out either today or tomorrow at the Executive Committee Meeting. So that concludes the Treasurer’s report.
They have asked me to go right into the Convention Committee Report. And I have a couple of things I would like to talk about. First of all, over at the Registration Table and down at the Information Desk, are evaluation forms. We REALLY would like to get feedback from each of you on how well the Convention was presented this year. There are a lot of new things that occurred relative to programming, seminars, hands-on training, layout of the building, food and other elements, so we really would appreciate your feedback. So the survey forms are at the Registration Table and the Information Desk and the survey forms are over in the East Hall where the ladies are meeting.

Also as a reminder, a new member benefit this year, is a special discount at Splash Mountain, there are cards that were in all of the packets when you registered, there were cards given away in “D” Hall, and there are some cards left back at the Registration Table as well. It is a pretty neat deal, for $20 per person you can attend the activities at Splash Mountain all day Thursday and all day Friday. It is a forty dollar value at half price for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the LAMSFA. But you do need the card, there is a special barcode on here to get the discount and you can pick them up back at Registration.

Speaking of Jolly Roger, the Monday night event hit a banner mark, we were over the 2,000 mark for attendance. For any of you who were there, people were lining up at 5:30 for a 6:30 event and we actually opened the doors for the food at 6, we opened up a half hour earlier and the park allowed us to let people in at 6:30 which was a half hour earlier than the ticket said. So we are going to work with Jolly Roger, I have a meeting with them this afternoon to see if we can tweak those hours a little earlier but I will be candid, we are trying not to draw people away from the Convention Center because we need people to go to the exhibit halls, to attend committee meetings and visit the committee booths, and spend time here as they jockey their schedules for the entire week. But we hit the 2000 attendance mark and one of the things we are probably going to do, if you there, we did have a few people who were complaining about the long lines to get wrist bands, although it was moving fairly quickly, for those of you who were there and went through that. We will probably double the number of wristband stations for next year. Who would have thunk? It is a great place.

I think I said this yesterday but if I didn’t, our Memorial Service numbers were the largest ever. One thousand seven hundred and fifty (1,750) people were here for the Memorial Service on Sunday night. And as you could tell, the room was packed.

I am really concerned about what we are going to do next year, with the construction and number of seats we will be able to put into this room. I have a 1:00 p.m. meeting today with the Convention Center to discuss the construction project, we had to put MFRI and MIEMSS on notice that their booths will probably not be in that hallway next year. That is going to be a major issue for those of us looking for certification and training records and to be able to work with those two agencies. All of where the state agencies were and Safe
Kids this year are going to have to be moved because the other piece of this construction
is that we are going to lose five of our major classrooms; the two classrooms on the second
floor that are on this end of the building and the three classrooms that are on the first floor
will also be affected by the construction. So that is really going to put a cramp on our
ability to offer quality seminars. So I don’t have any answers yet. We need to get some
floor plans and some diagrams of how the construction is going to be phased out. But what
we have been told is that they intend to start removing this floor, concrete floor behind this
wall, where the Officers Banquet was and where the picnic was yesterday and where the
Prayer Breakfast was this morning, this wall. They are going to take the cement precast
floor out and start the construction on the Performing Arts Center. Which also means that
all our food events, we won’t have the room for the food events. But I am just not sure
where all that is going to go yet. So I wanted to do a full disclosure to everyone that is
out there. But either way, the convention has gone fairly well. I would be remiss if I didn’t
thank the committee that makes all this happen, the Convention Steering Committee, they
are all listed in the Program Book and, of course, the entire Convention Committee. There
are hundreds of people who work really all year long to pull together the aspects of this
caliber of convention.

And with my job with the Foundation, I go to a lot of conventions and trade shows, and I
talk to each one of those organizations that run them and they can’t believe the caliber of
our convention and the majority of work is done in house. We don’t contract out exhibits
services, we don’t contract out creating the Program Book, we don’t contract out audio-
visual, we don’t contract out scheduling seminars, we do it with all our members. I know
that can be tiresome and that can be a drain from time to time, but what that does is really
helps us to produce the net funds and the caliber of convention we have to be able to do
other programs and services such as offering free hands-on training that you would pay
$300 bucks to get at FDIC. Same instructors, same course and you can come to Maryland
and get it for free. So that is the kind of member benefits we want to try to give back to the
organization who are part of the MSFA.

The other group that I have to thank is all those little worker bees who have been running
behind the scenes. We call ourselves kind of the “go team,” it’s the ones that do the
camera, the stage, putting things on the chairs, keeping people in line for the events. I
know there are some behind the curtain and I’d ask them to come out, please all of the
Go Team.

Then the other group is the food committee that has been feeding and addressing elements
related to our nourishment, they’ve been working out of the 15th Street firehouse. And I
would be remiss if I did not thank the entire food committee that has been keeping the
waters, the sodas and the other things moving around. So somewhere back there is the
Go Team, they’re all going – that the curtain just said. We need to give a round of applause,
I appreciate what they do and those efforts. (Applause) And I appreciate the departments
that have anted up to help us deliver some of the programs and other elements.
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So that is the conclusion to my two reports, so behind the curtain – “Richard anything else?” We’re good – thank you. Have a great day everybody. See you at the parade. See you at the Executive Committee meeting tomorrow and see you at golf! (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I would like to recognize Jeff Thompson, Board of Trustees.

Trustee Jeff Thompson: Thank you Madam President. I would just like to take a moment to thank the Officers and members of the Chestertown Fire Company for their support in my effort to run for Board of Trustees. I would like to thank Mr. Phil Hurlock for his nomination and Mr. Bill Hildebrand for the second. I would also like to thank all the county associations that I have been able to visit for their hospitality and their support. And if I haven’t made your county association meeting, I promise I will get around to you. I also look forward to working with the other trustees. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their week and has a safe trip home. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I call on Past President John Denver.

P.P. John Denver: I would just quickly acknowledge those departments that sponsored Executive Committee meetings. Thank you for your hospitality, it was tremendous. I do have a Resolution to each of those departments. If there is someone here from Kent Island, Walkersville and Flintstone I would like to present you with the certificate. I’ll take the one for Singerly back myself. Is there someone here from Kent Island, Walkersville or Flintstone? Ok. I’ll make sure I get them out and delivered. Thank you very much. (Applause) David Kyle accepted Flintstone’s.

President Olson: At this time I would like to introduce First Sergeant Keith Runk, of the Maryland State Police to do the main program presentation on “Run, Hide, Fight; Personal Choices During Active Shooter Incidents.” A round of applause. (Applause)

Keith Runk, First Sergeant MSP: Thank you. I’m honored to be here today. First off I want to thank you all for the work you do. Most of you are volunteer or paid and volunteer mix, but you don’t hear thank you enough. I thank you and your families for your dedication and sacrifice in serving the people of Maryland as we do with the state police. Thank you guys.

Before we start, I know a lot of you guys have been partaking in the night time events. Some of you have been to Secrets. Raise your hand anybody. The owner of Secrets asked me to show this short video. We’re trying to identify this individual. I want to get this official business out of the way first. Chris if you could just hit that for me please.

Attempts to show a video. Nothing. Tell you what, don’t worry about it. If we can just get the presentation up that will do. That’s why I’m a policeman and not a comedian.
While they are trying to get that up, I’ll give you a little background on myself. I’ve been with the State Police for 27 ½ years. I’ve been in Special Operations close to 23 of those 27 ½ and 12 of those I was commander of our SWAT team. That is what brought me here today.

My main thrust today is active shooter response. Whether is with our academy, our in service. I’m dealing a lot now with the school systems, the lower grades up through the higher education system. Teaching them how to respond to these incidents. What they can do before this incident happens and when it happens. The Gods honest truth is most of these incidents are over before we ever get there. It’s what you guys do before we get there in those first few minutes that will predict the outcome. Our goal is to minimize the loss of life. We know it’s going to happen.

I was asked by Ken Bush from the State Fire Marshal’s Office to come here and do this presentation strictly for a Fire Department response. What I found is there are no protocols for your guys. You guys are usually going to these mass casualty incidents. We do drills for it, but nobody has specifically said, an active shooter, what do you do if you become the victims.

We saw this happen in Webster, New York. I’ve been involved in a barricade situation where a guy set a house on fire and held the fire department at gun point. Then we had the Georgia incident where five firemen were held hostage. So I looked at it from a law enforcement perspective and said, what is it we can do for your guys, to help you recognize this situation.

Chris, if it doesn’t come up, I’ll just keep talking. I’m good. Don’t even worry about it. I’ll keep flowing. I got the slide show in my head here, so I’m good. I’ve taught it enough so I have a good idea what I need to do.

There is nothing for you guys out there that helps you respond. So, in my dealings with a couple of the different companies and so forth and what we teach our regular academy in service troopers how to respond to an incident is what I want to get out to you guys.

First off and foremost; the key failure is that lack of communications. We don’t communicate enough. If there’s a break down between law enforcement and fire department on occasions that contribute to this. You guys have your protocols and we have ours, but we have got to change our thinking.

We’ve got to change how we approach these situations. It’s not just a law enforcement response. This is a community response. It’s a first responder response. It’s everybody that has a seat at the table. We’ve got to work together. There are changes coming about in law enforcement. We change our tactics constantly because we have to keep up with these people that are committing these crimes. As we change, you guys have to change.
One of the things I found out, I met with Chief Swartz from Arlington, Va. And he gave me the protocols they have had in place for a number of years.

It’s a rescue task force is what they call it. It’s now putting the paramedics and first responders in that hot zone. Where you would typically stage and wait for law enforcement to clear a scene, they are beyond that. They are well ahead of the curve. He has told me this is going to be a national protocol in the EMS side of the house as well as the fire side.

They still stay with the NIMS or ICS system however they are putting their medics in ballistic protection. Helmets and vests, they are going in with a pack that they can treat up to 14 victims. Now Columbine caused law enforcement to change out tactics. Those officers at Columbine did exactly what they were trained to do, just as you do.

Your protocols right now are to stage and to wait for law enforcement. We have to change that at these incidents. We are losing too many people. We are losing too many people because we have to wait for first aid. Some of that is because there is a break down in our communications.

Our role, we have to understand your role and you have to understand our role so we can work together and accomplish the main goal which is to save lives and get these people out. I understand that you guys don’t want to come into a building with a gun man. I totally understand that. You guys call me crazy because I love it.

If there’s a guy with a gun in a building, I want him. That’s what I love doing. And I look at you guys and call you crazy because you’re going in a building with fire. So there is a mutual respect, but our job is to get in. Our job is to end this problem, but we’re also realizing that we don’t have time to treat the injured. We have to change. We will be changing our tactics. So we have to change to incorporate that mutual response. That’s going to cause you guys to rethink your programs. That’s the biggest thing. We’re all afraid of change.

Unfortunately the way we think now days about our lives have changed. All we have to do is look at recent events. Aruora Co, Sandy Hook, just last week or two weeks ago in San Amonica. The Boston marathon. We’re on the front lines. You’re on the front lines. You’re right in the middle of it, but we need to be aware of what’s going on.

My goal today is to try to give you some alternatives to protect yourself. Look at the situation a little different. This medical protocol was one of the first things that’s going to be coming out. I don’t know when that’s going to be rolled out. If you can get in touch with me, I have the protocols, the policies, the articles that the Chief has given me and he has allowed me to pass them on so you don’t have to reinvent that wheel.

But it’s a hell of an idea and it’s a hell of a successful program. I think it will work for us.
We now just have to adapt, assigning two members to your medics for protection. They call it the warm zone.

You will be going in under protection. Our guys will still be going to solve this problem. But we will now allocate two people for this rescue task force. Your guys have ballistic armor, they go in. They are protected. They will be in a warm zone. The area will be initially cleared but they will be in the hot zone.

Our goal for that rescue task force is to minimize injury and get these people out. You will be afforded that protection but it's going to require a change in your thought process just like Columbine forced us to change our tactics.

So look for that to come out. I don't know when he wants to roll this out, but I would say within the next few months. He said the top three unions in the fire department have bought off on it. So I would look to see that. They are running classes on this program, but again I would be happy to forward the policies and programs to you guys.

As far as the fire department response, what we looked at and I did a class Sunday and it went very well. I'm trying to condense a two hour program into about another 15 minutes. What I want to give you is food for thought.

We call it situational awareness. As you are pulling up to the scene you guys have a lot on your mind. You are looking at the structure, you are looking how involved it is, color of the smoke, how much flame, where the hydrants are and probably a whole list of stuff that I haven't covered. But what we are asking you to do now is to be a little more alert because of the circumstances. If it is happening elsewhere in the United States, it is going to happen to you. We don't pick the time that fight comes to us but we can sure as hell pick when we end it. But we can sure as hell minimize our loss of life. Our world, your world, revolves around training and being prepared. This is just one more facet of it.

We are asking you guys to look for the obvious, thing that are out of place, look at the people, look at the things that just don’t belong when you are walking around. Whether you are off duty or on duty, as you are pulling up to the scene, what is out of place? Is there somebody there that just doesn’t have the right dress, does he have a backpack on? We all know to look for that arsonist in the crowd taking the pictures, well this is the same concept.

In Webster, New York, this guy used the terrain to hide himself. He was in a low lying area, a gulley and he started ambushing. In Georgia, one of the key mistakes that I was told was that they had an engine and a medic which is a normal response. But all five personnel went up into the room, nobody stayed down, so now they are all captured. So as I looked at these incidents, I am thinking about what we can do for you guys to protect you and how you can keep yourself out of position. We are all aware of where we stand. We call it 360
degrees of positioning and communications. If we don’t have one of three in our tactics then we are down. We have got to have 360 degrees of movement, we have got to have 360 degrees of coverage. You guys need to look at that in the same light.

As you are approaching the building, where do you have to park? Can you position your vehicle at an angle to provide you coverage? That engine provides you guys a lot of cover. You have the hose bed which is very ballistically sound. Most of them have between a 300 and I guess a 700 gallon tank, if that is correct, of water. Get on that back bed – I had pictures of guys hiding below that line – that is going to stop a lot of rounds. That is going to buy you time for us to get there. That may be the difference between you guys being a victim and being able to survive the incident. That vehicle provides you the cover and concealment. And depending on where you are on that vehicle, use the tires, be behind the tires. They will stop a lot especially at the rear.

If you are on the backside that engine is between you and the target. You have four tires and that water tank to go through. That is going to provide you a hell of a lot of cover and protection until we get there. It gives you time. Just by positioning a vehicle and being alert, and I don’t know what your protocols are now as far as you have to pull up now. I know you have to look for the hydrants, get the lines charged and hooked up. But we have to be ready for that thing to come when we are not expecting it.

If you start taking fire and you have that hose in your hand, use that stream to knock this guy down. Make him shoot through a wall of water. Most people are not going to be able to put with that. That is a lot of pressure. And these are things that I just thought of, I don’t know if you guys have thought about this. But we need to because you guys are under attack just as we are. So look at these different options. What do you have available to you to protect you to bide your time to get you help. So just by looking at the scene a little differently and add a different aspect to it. It can mean the difference between you guys surviving or getting injured. It allows you to do your job a little bit better. It allows you to do it a little bit safer.

With going into the building, from the medic standpoint, where do you position yourself in that room when you park that truck, park the engine. What is between the engine and your target that will provide you cover? We not only have to think about where we are when we pull up, but what happens between me getting off the engine or piece of equipment and me going to the target. Something happens, something jumps off, what is available to me that I can get behind that will provide me either cover or concealment and get me out of harm’s way.

When I am in the building and treating someone, where do I sit in the room, I don’t want to block myself in. I want to leave myself an out – that’s part of that 360. I have got to be alert to what’s around me, 360 degrees, but I also have as much of that 360 degrees of movement because sometimes the best thing to do is get the hell out. And that is true in our world and your world.
Chief Schwartz gave me a good comment that carries over in law enforcement and the fire department world. Save a lot, risk a lot. Save a little, risk a little. Save nothing, risk nothing. And that is all we are asking you to do, is think of these things and that concept. Don’t put yourself in harm’s way unnecessarily. We all know that our job we may have to sacrifice. But let’s not do it just because. Let’s make that the last resort.

So they are the things that I thought about. You know the positioning in the room, pieces of equipment. I had the fortune to get a partnership with Hard Wire, LLC, it is an armor company. They have government contracts, they are outfitting military vehicles with armor. And I came down, a good friend of mine, Lt. Dell Baker who is with the Ocean City Fire Department, hooked me up with Capt. Peterson who is the training officer for Ocean City. And I brought Scott Kendall from Hard Wire with me and we looked at your equipment. I look at it from the point of where you can get cover and what would protect you. And then we started looking at your equipment. How can we make equipment that will serve dual roles? It provides you the service that it was originally made for whether it is a backboard, just tell them I get them in one second. And it provides you ballistic protection and it is a useful tool. So we started looking at things you guys have available to you. We talk about use of force and protecting yourself. You guys are a rolling buffet of entry tools and implements of death. And I say that realistically, you have an axe, you have the haligans, you have the saws, you have the Jaws of Life, you have all these tools at your side, that fit in, that are typical. Nobody is going to draw the attention to it; that is your course of business; that is the tools of your trade. But guess what, if you are in that situation in Georgia and that guy is coming after you. You think he really cares about your health and wellbeing? You have an absolute right to defend yourself. Now some of the discussions we had the other day was on the use of force policies. We are bound by our use of force policies. I don’t know that that would apply in your world. You would have to run that by your legal counsel. But you do have an absolute right to protect yourself. You have the equipment with you to do it. It is just are you alert enough to think about it when it hits the fan. You are prepared on one aspect to deal with that fire and all the changes there, unfortunately circumstances and incidents have caused us to have to rethink the way we deal with incidents. So know what you have available. Know what resources you have and use them.

Scott and I and Capt. Peterson looked at the truck. Some of them have the roll down shades in the back of the engine. They can make that a ballistic shade, it gives you an extra layer of cover and it rolls up, it is self-contained, it doesn’t get in the way. That is just one thing that we came up with. The backboard, we found out that the reeves stretcher that you use, and I have a proto-type of one that was made that is ballistic protection. These are tools of trade, they blend in, you use them, they serve a dual purpose. This will do the same thing that the reeves stretcher will do. But the reeves stretcher will not give you that ballistic protection you need. This is what is going to save you.
Your husband, your wife, your kids, the people we serve, if a Georgia or a Webster, N.Y. happens to you in your little community. Nobody ever thought Sandy Hook would have happened, nobody thought Columbine would have happened but they continue to happen day in and day out. We see it every single day. All you have to do is watch the news and there’s another incident. It is just a matter of time as to when it is going to hit us. And we have to be prepared for it. And we have to change what we are doing. We have got to change our business but we don’t have to broadcast it. That equipment could be the difference between you and your fellow co-workers, your family at work, going home at night. Depending upon what piece of equipment you want. Hard Wire is phenomenal. I have a great relationship with them. They are here today with me. They will fabricate whatever you want. Their big key item now, beside the military armory, are the ballistic whiteboards. They have the clipboards, they have whiteboards, they have boards that they custom make for doors that they are putting in the school system to save our kids. And to save our teachers. It provides them that level of protection, it allows them if they decide if they want to get out, that they have a barrier to get out. Using that concept is how we came up with some of the idea that we have today.

You guys in the fire world are famous for the whiteboards. You have them to pull out. You have them in your trucks. Oversan is making that removable. Make it where it hangs on the door so if you open that door you got ballistic protection. You have got something that covers you from getting shot. It buys you time and gives us time to get there before you guys get hurt. It also allows you to get the hell out of danger with some level of protection. And all it takes is changing our thought process, changing the policy in the training to do it. It is not hard to train, it is very easy. But it is just a matter of what we want to do to protect ourselves and the people we serve. And I felt this was a good option of something – it is not just a piece of ballistic armor – it is a piece of equipment that you guys currently use, but it serves a dual purpose.

So that is where we are kind of going with this. The biggest think is that we have got to do this together and that’s probably the hardest part. We work together on a lot of different incidents but we have never really had to work knowingly like we are going to have to when this happens. Together we can do it and make it very successful and it is not a hard change.

I will show the reeves that they made up and just give you an idea of how it is used real quick. Oh I got the two minute warning. Hey look, I have a badge and a gun, I think I can stay as long as I want. (Laughter and applause). I’m just kidding! And I’ve got 4,000 firemen that will back me. This is the Reeves stretcher, it looks normal, it blends in, it is a piece of equipment you guys use. We can use it as a shield. If I am in a room or I am outside and I am carrying this, all I have to do is unroll it. They put two handles so we know what side faces out. But it also provides us an easy measure, I can line people up behind me and exit a building or exit an area and get out. I can protect us from moving injured people. If we have multiple guys that have to get out, it is not ideal but it will protect you.
(Let me just put this down. – he puts the mike down and you cannot hear what he is saying through the end of his presentation – about 5 to 6 minutes.) (Applause from audience as he ends his presentation.)

**President Olson:** Ken at this time we would like to present to you a Resolution for coming down and presenting us that wonderful presentation along with a goody bag with some items to help your remember the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Again, thank you. (Applause)

**President Olson:** At this time I will call for any unfinished business. Unfinished business? Two times. Any unfinished business three times?

At this time I will start new business. At this time I need to recognize Mitch Vocke, the Financial Secretary.

**Mitch Vocke, Financial Secretary:** (Applause) I would like to make a motion that the Association pays all expenses and expenditures invoices for this convention of the MSFA.

**President Olson:** I need a second to the motion. I have a second by Buddy Schweers. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed? Motion carried.

Any more new business three times?

At this time I would like to introduce Lou for the Ways and Means $10,000 raffle. Get your tickets out! (Applause) Assisting with the raffle is Danielle Crane, Miss MSFA Fire Prevention Ambassador and Christa Green, First Runner-up.

**Lou Jonsky, Chair Ways & Means:** Good morning everybody. Another year has passed and we worked our what you call it off. I don’t have a Delaware badge but I will take one anytime.

President Olson and Officers, members of the MSFA and delegates of the MSFA the 2013 raffle was conducted from June 2012 to now, June 2013. And we totaled $58,826 and it is closed, we still have money coming in. (Applause) Over $2,600 more than last year and the reason for that was we had a fantastic Spring Fest and we had a fantastic Sun Fest. We froze our butts off but we did good.

As of today the counter sales totaled out at $7,031, even though we were almost six feet from being in the Assawoman Bay, we still did pretty good.

The ladies auxiliary turned in and they always do fantastic, $13,770. And HARFORD County, Harford County again was the leader, we turned in $25,614. (Applause & cheers)
And I will challenge any county again to try and come anywhere near close to that. But we never do so.

We are going to be quick here because everyone is interested in who won. And we are going to try and get this thing done. I would like to bring up on the stage the people who did 99.9 percent of the work: Buddy and Luanne Schweers, Mitch and Darlene Vocke, John and Betty Byrne, Chris, WW and Susan, we all know who they are, Ruth and Joe Tolliver, M. Sunderland, Alan and Shirley Thompson from Darlington, Ron Silver from Bel Air, Jim Bair from Jarrettsville, Jeff Geiman – this guy does all the lifting, all the hard work, here he is right there. He’s the guy that got the barrel up here.

As always, we would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their help. The MSFA people who turned in their money for their help and tickets are already here for the next year’s raffle. So anybody that needs them we have them to give out at the Executive Committee Meeting tomorrow. We WILL be giving them out to all the Executive Committee members will get their share. The President, Vice Presidents and so on and so forth, will get their share so we can start the sales for next year. That is all really that I have to say. We are going to make the drawings now. The queens will make the drawings to see who won the money.

Watch your arms when you reach in there. They will get scarred-up. Oh I forgot Linda and Jim Younger and yesterday at the Ladies Auxiliary, I forgot to mention Anna – she hit me right behind the head. And Jim can hit me behind the head. Susan you need to come up here too because without you, I don’t know what we would have done.

Okay, do we have a name? Oh my goodness gracious sakes, the winner of the $10,000 is a fire and rescue department. See what happens when you sell your chances and turn them in! Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department from Friendsville, Maryland. (Cheers) All of you who didn’t sell your chances see what might have happened if you did.

Our next prize winner is Vance McCall III. That prize is $2,500. Vance are you here? If you were I guess you would be screaming and hollering and you’re not.

The third place winner James Duffy. James are you here? That was for $1,500. The queens are telling me if they are not here draw another one, I don’t think we can do that.

Look at this another fire department, imagine that! Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Greenbelt, MD. (Cheers) I think they must be here. They won $1,000. Is that Big Shirley’s company? Yes. Oh then I get $500 back from that then!

For $750 winner is Dave Caldwell. (Cheers) A Cecil County person! The $500 winner is B. Blakely.
The people you see standing up here on the stage have worked the Harford County Fair, the Chesapeake City Canal Days, Sun Fest, Spring Fest, the Darlington Apple Festival plus anything we had in between. These people spent hours, and I mean HOURS. The Sun Fest and the Spring Fest alone, we are on that parking lot from 8 a.m. in the morning until 10 p.m. at night. And most of the time the weather is not very good.

The next winner for $250 - we have is Kay Richardson.
The $100 winner is Joe Henry.
Next $100 winner is Susan Leman.
Last, but not least, is Carol Seranin for $100.

Okay that concludes the raffle for 2012-2013 and thanks to all those who did help and next year we are going to start off with a bang, I hope and break that record. Thank you very much! (Applause)

**Mitch Vocke:** We are going to start the raffle right now and right here. It are the first 10 tickets – 0001-0010 presented to the President.

**Lou Jonske:** Of which 500 more will be added during the year!

**President Olson:** Thank you. Please support this well worth cause. As you can see many of the fire companies and individuals – there is a good chance.

At this time I would like to recognize Chaplain Barnhart for the Benediction.

**Chaplain Charles Barnhart:** Let us pray. Gracious God, we give you thanks for this convention. And as we leave this place, may we enjoy the parade this afternoon, we ask you to bring us good weather. And as we fellowship one with another here, we ask you to be with all of us. Father we ask you to be with those fire people and auxiliary members who are ill and could not be here for this convention, we ask you to grant them health, grant them strength and grant them comfort. And we ask you to be with our new officers as they take on the task of leading this Association. We ask you to grant them safe travel as they visit around this great state. And we give thanks for you, the volunteers of this great state. And as you travel back to your own departments to do the work that we have been instructed to do, grant safe travel from here back to their homes and we ask your blessing to be upon us until we meet again. And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Madam President I make the motion that this Convention be adjourned. Second by Ben Kurtz.

**President Olson:** All those in favor. Any opposed? The 121st Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is closed. Please be safe and enjoy the rest of your convention.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

First Vice President Olson, Second Vice President Keller, officers, members, and guests. It has been an honor to serve as President of this great organization. I can’t thank you enough for the confidence that you’ve shown in me. I sincerely hope that I have lived up to that responsibility.

Sadly, since last year’s convention, we have lost several members of the MSFA family. LAMSFA Past President Bobbie McWilliams, MSFA Past President Ed Preston, MSFA Past President Lee Sachs, and Chaplain Rev. Dave Coblentz have all passed away in the last year. We will miss each of these individuals, and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families, friends, and departments.

On a happier note, several members of our association have received awards. In June, the MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee was honored with the 2012 Community Safety Award by the Partnership for a Safer Maryland. State Fire Marshal Barnard received the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition and NFPA Home Fire Sprinkler Initiative Bringing Safety Home Award. Treasurer Ron Siarnicki received the Everett E. Hudiberg Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the training of our nation’s firefighters. It has also been announced, Ron will be honored with the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award at the Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner in Washington, DC next month. Congratulations to each of the award winners, these awards are well deserved.

At the end of July, we had our three year planning retreat. Working with the Planning Committee, we identified three areas of focus for the retreat. Those areas were Recruitment and Retention, Marketing, and Communications. Three groups were asked to develop a three year plan for each area of focus, identify milestones, due dates, and responsible parties. To ensure adherence to the plan, the Planning Committee was asked to oversee the plan and report on progress. The report was approved in October, and all three committees reported in April that they met their six month goals. The Marketing Committee has developed brochures, posters and pull up banners. The Recruitment and Retention Committee continues to develop an online “toolbox” of resources for member companies. The print version of the Volunteer Trumpet has been reestablished and several editions have been printed. In late July, we also met with General Adkins to discuss the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF). One of the issues identified was the length of time it took for member companies to receive the funds. The Department of the Military, the VCAF Committee, and the MSFA Treasurer’s Office have been working together to streamline the loan process.

One of the reasons that the MSFA is successful is our close working relationships with our partner agencies. When we met with MFRI last summer we requested that MFRI develop training programs for Administrative Officers. Director Edwards agreed and some of that will
be rolled out during this convention. MFRI, along with several MSFA Committees, recently also hosted the *Beyond Helmets and Hoses* class.

The Legislative Session ended on April 8th. It was a very successful session for the MSFA. I would like to thank Legislative Committee Chair Doyle Cox and Vice Chair Richard Smith. They both put in many, many hours at 17 State Circle. Another group I would like to thank are the many partner agencies that work with us to support fire safety legislation. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who came to Annapolis, or who contacted their legislator, to support legislation important to the fire service.

The most critical issue for us this year was the impending insolvency of the Maryland Emergency Services Operating Fund (EMSOF). Failure of EMSOF would have had a severe impact on the entire EMS system in Maryland. While the MSFA supported the needs of our partner organizations, an increase in the Amoss Fund was especially important for us. The Amoss Fund was set at $10 million in 1999. Due to cost increases, the purchasing power of that $10 million has eroded significantly since 1999. Legislation was passed that included a $5 million increase in the Amoss Fund, raising it from $10 million to $15 million. The increase will be phased in over a three year period beginning in FY 2015.

Other legislation passed included a bill which establishes minimum distribution requirements for Amoss Fund money received by the counties. This bill also creates a workgroup to make recommendations on other distribution issues. The Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program was changed to a scholarship program. A bill was passed which will require that smoke alarms with replaceable batteries be replaced with sealed smoke alarms powered by a ten year non-replaceable battery and equipped with a hush button. Another bill of interest to the fire service will require that 911 Center fees be included on prepaid cell phone cards.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work, help, advice, and support but most of all for their friendship. While there are way too many people to name individually, I do need to specifically thank First Vice President Olson and Second Vice President Keller, and wish them continued success. I would also like to thank LAMSFA President Soper and congratulate her on her successful year. Ben Kurtz did a terrific job as the Executive Chair, and I will forever be in his debt. All of the Past Presidents were very helpful, especially Past Presidents Steve Cox, Gene Worthington, and Phil Hurlock. A special thank you also goes to all of the MSFA officers, committee chairs, and committee members.

In addition, I would like to thank Flintstone, Kent Island and Walkersville for hosting Executive Committee Meetings.

Lastly, I thank Singerly Fire Company and Singerly Ladies Auxiliary for all of their support including hosting the Christmas Party and the Executive Committee Meeting. The North
1ST VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Denver, Second Vice President Keller, Chairman Kurtz, Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, and Guests of the Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association 121st Convention and Conference. These past two years have been a learning experience for me as I travel throughout the State it is again so clear to me that we all have one common goal and that is to provide the best service to our community, whether saving lives, protecting property or just being an integral part of their community. We will do what it takes to get the job done and fight to keep what we need to keep providing this service as well as to survive. I thank all of you, for what you do on a day to day basis and for your support during these past two years, it is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Please remember those many dedicated members who have passed in the last year and my condolences to each family member and their home company. The MSFA lost two loyal pioneers in the passing of Past President Ed Preston (Arbutus) and Past President Lee Sachs (Pikesville). The contributions of these two men to their home companies and the volunteer fire service of this state over the last half of a century is invaluable and will be sorely missed. The MSFA family was deeply saddened recently by the loss of Ladies Auxiliary Past President Bobbi McWilliams, as well as the loss of Assistant Chaplain David Coblentz, Past Asst Secretary William Hawkins and Mr. Hartwood Cornell, Past Executive Committee Chair. The thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with not only the families and friends of those mentioned here, but also all of those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year.

Let’s not forget all those affected by Super Storm Sandy, the Marathon bombings and to our fallen firefighters who lost their lives in West, Texas — Kevin, Morris, Joey, Ken, Cyrus, Douglas, Robert, Perry, Jerry and Cody. Also, I would like to wish a speedy recovery to Ryan Emmons (West Lanham Hills VFD) and Gene Kirchner (Reisterstown VFC) and for all our brothers and sisters who were not mentioned and are dealing with health issues.

Congratulations to John Denver on your tenure as President and thanks for your friendship and guidance over these past two years. I would also like to congratulate David Keller and look forward to working with him as he assumes the office of Vice President. My appreciation is also extended to the Past Presidents of this great association for your support, fellowship and assistance this past year. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary President Sherry Soper, Carol Hayden and Ann Price-Davis, officers and members of the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, for your assistance and for always being there to help and support our organization, while working hard to support your home companies and counties as well.
Also, as I reflect over this past year, many events come to mind; we hosted an MSFA Retreat at the National Fire Academy in July and put together three work groups concerning (1) Recruitment & Retention, (2) Communications and (3) Marketing. Each group established goals for the next 24 months and as of our last Planning Meeting was on track for the 6 — 12 month accomplishments. I would personally like to thank the Planning Committee, chaired by Tom Diem and Vice Chairman Roger Steger for overseeing these committees and for working and supporting me as I work towards my goals for next year. In August we participated in the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo). The MSFA booth placed emphasis on Marketing and awareness of our organization. In September, all three MSFA Presidents attended the Annual Life Safety Conference held at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. Once again, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and the committee are commended for another great Conference. Congratulations to Teresa Ann Crisman, LA MSFA PP (Greenbelt VFC) for receiving the Life Safety Educator’s Award. We also attended the Maryland Fire and Rescue Gala and enjoyed a day of hospitality at Dover for the NASCAR race. We once again supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation with the Memorial Weekend in Frederick and Emmitsburg. Families of fallen firefighters were greeted as they registered and the MSFA Presidents presented each family with a lithograph of the NFF Memorial and a resolution from the MSFA. In November of this year the MSFA President along with members of the Ferndale VFC and Olson Wire Products delivered needed donations to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Company who was affected by Sandy earlier in the month. They were very appreciative and I hope you get a chance to attend the seminar that Silverton VFC Past Chief Bob Sinnott will be doing at the convention as well as his presentation on Wednesday at the convention. He and the members and the ladies auxiliary stepped up to help their community, whether it be shelter, food, rescue or just a place to see a familiar face, they defined the words volunteer fire company. We were also able to go back in December to host a Christmas party for over 200 children in their neighborhood, I was humbled to be able to coordinate and participate in this event. I want to thank the Ferndale VFC, Woodland Beach VFC, the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters, The Prince George’s County VFA Ladies Auxiliary and many others for your generous donations to help make this a successful event for their community. A job well done to you the MSFA family for bringing donations of canned goods to the annual Holiday Party, those donations were delivered to Crisfield residents and I thank the United Communities VFC for letting us tag along on their delivery of Christmas dinners for the 25 families affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Thank you to the Legislative Committee, and our partner agencies for accomplishing the passing of the 508 bill, 911 bill and for obtaining money in the MEMSOF budget. Thanks for your hard work, long hours and dedication to these issues.

On a personal note, I am very fortunate to have so many great individuals with the willingness and capabilities that each of them have to help me carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position, thank you for your continued support and assistance during these past years. To Lee, my BFF, I miss you and will take what you have taught me and
will do the best I can to lead this great organization as successfully as those who have gone before me.

To my family, Jay, Tyler, Mom, Jo and Ashley, my friends and my extended family of Ferndale a big THANK YOU for your continued support, well wishes, thoughts, prayers and encouraging words that make me know that anything is possible and I can accomplish my goal. To my dad, who is not with us but I know is watching over me, he never got the chance to know how I followed in his footsteps of public safety, he served as a police officer when I was young and it took me a while to realize how great giving back to your community, county or state feels, I never got a chance to say “Thank You” for showing me how giving back to others and your community is a great thing and I am blessed to have the ability to do so, thanks Mom and Dad.

Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and I look forward to another challenging and exciting year as I move to the next leadership position, President elect of this great organization. On behalf of the MSFA members, I have traveled over 25,000 miles and over 500 activities/events since being elected in June.

Yours in service,
Jacqueline M. Olson,
1st Vice President

2nd VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Denver, 1st Vice President Olson, Chairman Kurtz, Officers, Members and Guest of the Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association 121st Convention and Conference it has been a pleasure working with you over the past year.

I wish I could thank and mention each person individually who has supported me during my year as 2nd Vice President however the number is too great. The overwhelming generosity, guidance and hospitality as I have traveled around the State has been more than I could have asked or wished for. I must give an extra special thank you to my wife, Vicky, and son, David, the Citizens Truck Company, Charlie Abrecht, Junior Fire Company and Frederick County for their continued support and dedication.

President Denver, I need to thank you for your leadership and guidance as I was learning my role as 2nd Vice President and Congratulations on a successful year. 1st Vice President Olson, thank you for the knowledge you shared with me and I look forward to working with you next year.

With their support I have had the opportunity to experience many new things that will assist me in my goal to be 1st Vice President. Over the past year I have participated in the MSFA Retreat and the legislative process. Both of these experiences showed me the political and
systemic processes which I have an even greater appreciation for after this year. I also had
the privilege of representing the MSFA at Company Banquets, Conventions of neighboring
States and ground breaking ceremonies for new fire houses. All of these allowed for building
partnerships and sharing ideas at the local and state levels.

My time traveling was often spent with the 2012 LAMSFA President, Sherry Soper. I want
to thank her for her support and, even more, to congratulate her on a successful year in
office and on holding two very successful Conferences this year.

I want to offer Best Wishes to the incoming LAMSFA President, Carol Hayden. In addition,
I want to extend my Congratulations and support for the upcoming year to her and all of
her Officers. The excitement and joy of my first year in office did not go without sorrow.
The MSFA/LAMSFA lost several exceptional members this past year that will forever leave
a void for the MSFA and for those who knew them. My condolences to their families and
friends.

As I look back over this past year I realize just how much I have learned and just how much
I will continue to learn. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as the MSFA 2nd Vice
President. Now as I begin to focus on the upcoming year I hope to further my knowledge,
extend my partnerships and build on the foundation that was laid by the exemplary Past
Presidents of the MSFA.

David Keller
Second Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Members
of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Secretary. The members
of the Secretary’s Office have attended all of the Executive Committee meetings that
were scheduled by the President. The Executive Committee Meetings were held at the
following locations and dates listed below, with all correspondence and business from
those meetings duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

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I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Assistant Secretary Nancy Scott for her efforts in the area of recording, transcribing the minutes. On June 21st of last year, she stepped into a position and did an outstanding job without any prior training. Special thanks also to Assistant Secretaries Shirley Copado, Tom Scott and Rick Hemphill for taking care of the additional responsibilities of the Secretary’s Office. Each of you are doing an exceptional job for the association. Each of these individuals has dedicated countless hours in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office to which they were appointed. To the many other individuals that have stepped up and assisted when needed through the year, without your assistance, the office would not have been able to provide the service that was requested.

This year some changes were made in the Secretary’s Office, one being the electronically filling of your 2013 Credentials Form. The form was revised and only information that is not collected through other means is requested.

Our Association membership now consists of 385 member organizations. The membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association now consists of: 368 Active fire, rescue, ambulance and ALS departments; 15 Associate members; and 2 sustaining members.

Thank to all for allowing me to serve as the Secretary of this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, PP, Secretary
Leonard T. King, Sr., PP, Secretary Emeritus
Joseph A. Cooper, Assistant Secretary Emeritus
Shirley Copado, Assistant Secretary
Rick Hemphill, Assistant Secretary
Nancy Scott, Assistant Secretary
Thomas W. Scott III, Assistant 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 121st 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, the Finance Team would like to thank our elected officers, President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller for their continued support and assistance as we have worked through the financial concerns of this organization. They have worked many long hours and traveled numerous miles 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.
The MSFA Financial Team has continued their efforts to have a solid financial stature of the organization in place and will continue to do so in the years to come. We were faced with some adversity this year when we lost one of our team and a very good friend to all of us: Past President and Assistant Treasurer Lee N. Sachs. Lee was a vital part of the team and helped get the financial status of the MSFA back on track when we were facing some of our most difficult times. His efforts and council will be missed, but most of all he will never be forgotten. With the passing of Lee, the team needed to rebuild our structure and with that, Wylie Donaldson was appointed to the position of Assistant Treasurer and serves as the liaison to the Maryland Military Department. During the past couple of months, Wylie has hit the ground running and is working hard to ensure the VCAF program keeps moving forward. As a team, we will continue to work on addressing every organizational fiscal issue we face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to all of us.

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. Our efforts this year also have included working with the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA as they convert their records and reporting system to come in line with that of the MSFA. Through the use of newly acquired technology this effort is well underway.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Mike Faust, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurers; Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross and Wylie Donaldson and, Budget and Past President Chair Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Benjamin W. Kurtz, and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Bobby Balta and Past President 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. Additionally, it has been a pleasure working with the Board of Trustees whose charge it is to support the families of our lost and injured brothers and sisters. The Trustees have worked hard to bring additional resources to the forefront for our families and assisting them is both rewarding and the right thing to do. As a team, we would be remiss if we did not extend thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Ben Kurtz, always supported our efforts and helped 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.
REPORT OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

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

As I write this report I am reminded of all the many people who are no longer with us. Some of these folks contributed some, and some contributed greatly to the success of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue services here in Maryland. I personally miss some of those folks who have been a great support of the MSFA Chaplain Corps. May their families find peace and comfort from their grief.

I would like to recognize a few people who work so hard to put together the Chaplain events at the convention. As has been the custom our Sunday morning worship service is put together by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart, with the help of Ellen Martin (organist), Dave Miller (trumpet), and Sandy Miller for putting the bulletin together. Working hard for us every year on the Memorial Service are Chaplain Harry Hetz, Elaine Huttenloch, our MIEMSS partners Jim Brown, and Brian Slack for putting the power point together, and Gail Koster who assembles the memorial book, along with the stage crew and the pipe and drum corps.

We enjoy a special relationship with R.Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. That relationship has proven to be a great asset to the families and members of the Maryland Fire and Rescue services. I want to acknowledge Jaime Huggins (EMS Coordinator), who no matter what time of the day or night, she always answers her phone when I call and helps me and the families of our members who are taken there for treatment.

_Psalm 121_

A song of ascents. “I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you, will not slumber; 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord watches over you the Lord is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm He will watch over your life; 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Sometimes we don’t acknowledge where our skills and abilities come from. Daily we need to take time in our day to remember to thank God for giving us the will and abilities to help save a life or some property. God is Great.

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

Chief Chaplain

REPORT OF THE MSFA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty one (31) widows/widowers, four (4) dependent children, eight (8) Line-of-Duty-Injury and one (1) Line-of-Duty-Death claims.

We are saddened to report a Line-of-Duty Death this past year. Please keep the James E. Fitzgerald family in your thought and prayers.

The Trustees did increase benefits again this year. Benefits were increased for widows/widowers from $550.00 to $600.00 per month (effective 7/12), benefits for dependent children from $450.00 to $500.00 per month (effective 7/12). Education for dependent children is now $4,000.00 per year. The Line-of-Duty-Death benefit was raised from $7,000.00 to $8,000.00 (effective 7/12), and the Line-of-Duty Disability benefit from $550.00 to $600.00 per month (effective 7/12).

Please remember to visit the www.msfa.org web site and look under the Board of Trustees for the updated manual with all the forms and procedures you will need to file a claim.

Lastly, I would like to thank Vice Chair C. Dan Carpenter III, Secretary Gene Worthington, PP, Terry Thompson, PP and Doug Alexander your very dedicated Trustees for their service. Thanks, for the opportunity to serve the volunteer fire service of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen V. Hales, Chair

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Denver, Officers, Delegates and Guests to the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I would like to thank President Denver for the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee had a very busy and successful 2012-2013 year.

The Committee’s first action item in Ocean City was to approve the 2012-2013 operating budget, prepared by the Budget & Revenue Committee. The committee also approved the Task Force Report of the Survival of Volunteer Firefighters. The MSFA Retreat, which is held
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every 3 years was held in late July of 2012 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The members invited to the retreat were placed in work groups with topics as Recruitment & Retention, Communications and Marketing. At the August meeting at Singerly in Elkton, the committee approved the report of the MSFA Retreat recommendations. The committee also approved the Marketing Committee’s flyers, banners to promote the MSFA. The Executive Committee also approved a new recording system for the Secretary to not record, but transcribed the minutes electronically. A trailer was approved for the Public Address committee to transport their equipment. The October meeting in Flintstone, shortened by the income Super Storm Sandy approaching Maryland, the committee approved advertising the sale of the surplus MSFA trailer. In the February meeting, at Kent Island the committee approved the Future Committee recommendations. The committee approved the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund board’s recommendations on loans and grants for our volunteer fire companies/departments throughout the state of Maryland. Due to the untimely death of Lee Sachs, PP, and Assistant Treasurer, the Committee approved Wylie Donaldson for the vacant Assistant Treasurer position.

Members of the Executive Committee had the opportunity to meet in five different locations in this great state. In addition the Executive Committee had a few telephone conference calls to conduct and approve business items.

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I would like to thank all committee chairpersons, allied agencies for their cooperation. I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their time, guidance and support throughout the year. A special thanks goes to Vice-Chairman Dennis Skinner and Secretary Doyle Cox for your assistance and advice.

I want to wish Vice-Chairman Dennis Skinner the best of luck in June as you assume the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee.

Finally, congratulations to President Jackie Olson, 1st Vice-President Dave Keller and the newly elected 2nd Vice-President.

Respectfully submitted;
Benjamin W. Kurtz, Chair
Dennis Skinner, Vice-Chair
MSFA Executive Committee
Charles Abrecht John Guntow Jr.
Joel McCrea Daniel Stevens
Mark Bilger William Hildebrand
James Seavey Sr. David Lewis, PP
Rodney Bowser Lee Lutz
Richard Smith

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee met on January 5, 2013 at the Fallston Volunteer Fire Company. As a result of that meeting one amendment regarding standards was developed and presented to the Executive Committee at the February meeting at Kent Island.

The amendment was approved to be placed upon the ballot at the June Convention and Conference. The EMS Committee had a concern over wording in the amendment and requested the Executive Committee to modify the wording or remove the amendment from the ballot.

The Executive Committee at their April meeting decided to remove the amendment from the ballot since there was not enough time to modify the wording and still meet the constitutional deadline for distribution of amendments.

There will be no amendments on the ballot at the 2013 Convention and Conference.

Since I will be taking over the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee following the Convention and Conference I will no longer be the Chairman of this Committee. I would like to thank the Association, the Officers, and the Executive Committee members for their support during my term as Chairman of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Skinner, Chair
John R. Keyser Sr. Vice Chair
Michael W. Farlow, Esq. MSFA Attorney
Robert Allen Steven J. Scheinin, Esq.
George Hardee Barbara Steiner
Donald Howard William J. Wagner III
Donald Knauer H. Edward Woods Sr.
REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

President Soper, Vice-Presidents Hayden and Price-Davis, President Denver, Vice-Presidents Olson and Keller, Ladies Auxiliary, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary, I am pleased to report that again this year there has been an extraordinary effort put forth by many individuals to provide to you and our membership the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA.

We continue to make changes within the Convention Committee and the convention event as a whole. Convention center construction has been completed and the new Exhibit Hall “D” and the main ballroom are great enhancements to the structure. The committee made numerous visits to Ocean City during the construction process and with the help of the Mayor, Convention Center Manager and the Town of Ocean City we have been able to ensure our needs were met with this project. I would like to take a moment at this time 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 has been hard at work to plan events for this year’s convention. During the year, we lost one of our own with the passing of Past President and Convention Co-Chairman Lee N. Sachs. Lee worked hard to handle many aspects of the convention and his presence in the lower foyer of the convention center all week will truly be missed. Our condolences go out to his family, friends and his department as he was very special to all of us. Past President Danny Davis has assumed his duties on the Steering Committee and he joins the many others who make us this outstanding team; Susan Taylor, Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management, sector leaders: Administration, (Vice-Chair Past President Doyle Cox); 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). We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year’s Convention and Conference experience.

As has occurred in the past, behind the scenes there is a group of special individuals who work on the production of the convention 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, Past President Danny Davis, Rose Davis and Past President Fred Cross. In addition, helping is the Leonardtown VFD who provides their facilities for the book layout, the staff of the Printing Press 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 out and enjoyable event. This year is another fine example. A special thanks to Rose Clark and her team (Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Darlene and Steve Woodhurst, 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 will be supported by the Town of Ocean City, we thank them for that.

Miss Fire Prevention Contest interviews will occur on Sunday morning and the actual contest is Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. The location of the contest will be in the East Hall and our appreciation goes out to Sherry and Amanda Soper along with Tom Collins for making this work. Special thanks to Frank Underwood and Clark and Rosie Beall for pulling together the annual Convention Flea Market. The location will again be in the Sunset Room which is located on the North Side of the Convention Center and will start at 11:00 a.m.

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 5:00 p.m. with an intention to allow more family time that evening after the service.

Secretary Doyle Cox, Rick Hemphill and Skip Menzies 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 be relocated to the rear of the new Main Ballroom and should provide for more room and amenities to service our membership.

The Program Development 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 afternoons. Please take some time to review the schedule to ensure you do not miss any learning opportunities. A special thanks goes out to the Program Team, under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, Jim Hem and Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard along with Jim Brown and Dr. Bass at MIEMSS for their devotion and assistance.
The Hands-On Components of this year’s convention have been expanded greatly. The MSFA has formed a training alliance with the Ocean City FOOLS and, as a result, have been able to schedule three full days of Hands-On training with instructors from around the United States. These classes are being brought to you by the Convention Committee in hopes of expanding the member benefits for attending the convention. This will be a great opportunity to be exposed to new ideas and concepts, so please bring your turn-out gear and participate in the learning experiences.

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 coordinated by Dennis Beard, 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. The second session that day will include reports from our partner state organizations and a special program presentation mid-day. Monday afternoon will conclude with more partner reports. Do not forget about the Coach Bag Bingo Monday Night since Matt Heard, Doyle Cox and Jackie Olson has been working hard to make it an excellent event. Bingo will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary will begin their business session on Monday afternoon beginning at 12:00 noon and the location of their meeting will remain the same this year. East Hall has proved to be an excellent location for the ladies activities for the entire convention term. It has been a real pleasure working with their planning team and with Flo Collins who has led their efforts for many years. All of the food service events will again be in Ballroom 2 and 3, like last year.

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 p.m.

Tuesday morning will again start with voting by the membership followed by the MSFA
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Awards Ceremony. Special thanks to the awards committee, especially Evelyn Graf and Past President Doyle Cox and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. A buffet lunch will again be served at the Convention Center, inside Ballroom 2 and 3.

A time change is in place for the Joint Installation of Officers which will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday night. This earlier start is intended to allow more time for the newly installed officers to be with their family and friends to celebrate their new roles with the Association before returning to the convention center for the Pajama Parade which will start at 9:30 p.m.

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 audio-visual team 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. Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, John Spiker, Jen Wilbanks, Ben Kurtz, Bill Hawkins, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Jim Brown, Hobey Howell, Laura Woods, Harve Woods, Richard Snader, John Guntow, Bruce Bouch, Matt Tobia, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Woods, Charlie Phillips, Chris and Lisa Tona, AJ Papa, Leigh Papa, Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy Hinton, Joy Hinton, J. Franldin Harvey, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, Steven Scheinin, Past Presidents Worthington, Preston, Yinger, Cumberland and Underwood, Ladies Past President Teresa Crisman, Ladies Past President 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 Chair Wylie Donaldson, who has stepped in to fill the role that Lee performed in years past and to his team who are helping to ensure another year of great exhibitions.

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 Soper and her entire leadership team as they conduct their events this week.

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 Sandi Lutz and her team; who have managed the Special Activities Booth. A special thanks to Lou and Anna Jonske, along with Mitch and Darlene Vocke and their great 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, Ocean City based block parties and others. Thanks to all who make them possible for their dedicated work in producing these various events. A special thanks to all of our corporate sponsors and the Town of Ocean City for sponsoring many of our events. A special thanks to Past President Fred Cross, First Vice President Jackie Olson, Chuck Austin, Past President Tom Mattingly, Past President Steve and Nancy Cox and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing. Good job guys.

In cooperation with the Town of Ocean City, the parade route will be the same as last year, starting at 16th Street on Baltimore Avenue and ending at 30th Street. 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 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 will work to ensure your experience is the best.
Finally, the Convention Committee extends a special thanks 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. Many thanks to the entire Town Council who helped in many ways over the years to assist us and to every single town employee who has contributed in some way — we really do appreciate your efforts. Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center, under the leadership of Mr. Larry Noccolino, and his wonderful team that includes; Reatta Tate, Regina Brittingham, Amanda Evans, Centerplate and the entire Convention Center Staff. Their assistance, cooperation and dedication make the difference 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. Siamicki Convention Chairman

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

We would first like to thank President Denver for his support and appointment of this committee. The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee has worked very hard to keep current on the trends and demands for prevention efforts to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and its member companies. We look forward to working with President Olson and President Keller in support of their respective years.

This past year this committee had a true leader in the efforts of Fire Prevention and Life Safety step down as the chair. To Chairman Emeritus Collins I wish to thank you for hard work and dedication to the state and the efforts of fire prevention. Your leadership has allowed this committee to strive to the best that it can be. The efforts that you have placed before us have given us the insight and need to advance the message of prevention. AND we cannot be more grateful for this. Thank you is not enough but we wish to say it again and again. THANK YOU for everything you do in the efforts of making this state safe.

This past year we have worked with several of the county associations on helping implement a tip sheet program specific to certain action items for their own programs. We look forward to helping any association or department in the development of information for any related topic that they need support on. The committee is always ready to assist when called upon.

The committee supported efforts of the State Fire Marshal in the Code Change and Update on bringing 10 year long life smoke alarms to the state. The committee attended the hearings and supported written testimony in the efforts to help make the needed change to this code. It
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is with great pride that we are pleased that the state will be changing the Smoke Alarm Code to start the phase out program of all 9 volt battery operated smoke alarms from store shelves and bringing compliant having a 10 year long lasting battery to the store shelves. We commend the Fire Marshal’s Office on a great job this year in Annapolis.

BUT, it is with bittersweet knowing that Fire Marshal Bill Barnard has chosen to step down and retire after July of 2013. FMB you are a great leader and true gentleman that you have given your life to ensuring that Fire Prevention and Life Safety are at the states forefront. Your work will lead to many lives saved. The committee kindly thanks you for always being there for us when we needed the support and we were very happy to extend to you the committees support when you called upon us. THANK YOU is not enough and I wish we had more for you but for now we cannot say THANK YOU enough. God Speed to your next adventure.

To the sub-committees I must thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the programs we work on. Each program is unique to the issue and it is a great resource and tool that can be used to help support the messages we work so tiredly on. Mr. Tom, Mr. Bob, Fire Marshal Bill, Mike, Dave, Mellissa, Mr. Ed, Jennifer, Butch, Pinoake, Lori, Donald, David, Marcia, Emmons, Mr. Jim, James, Heather, William, Sharon, Debbie, Kristi, Allan, Marlene, John, Kay, Bruce, Jane, Steve, Mellissa, Amanda, Robyn, Nora, Sherry, Bridget, Stacy, Solveig, Donna, Tammy, Kim, Holley, Ms. Audry, Marie and Cyndy.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for all that you do in the efforts. Your work is very important and I cannot say thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the committee.

Stacy and Solveig I want to wish you the very best for an outstanding year that you have given as the Queens to Fire Prevention. You both did a great job and your travels and efforts are greatly appreciated.

To President Soper and Chairman Jane Huffman and to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association thank you for your continued support and efforts also in spreading the word of prevention to the state. The committee thanks you all for attending our meetings and taking a vested interest in the spreading of Fire Prevention and Life Safety.

Each of us has a very valued interest in Fire Prevention and Life Safety. This committee is at its ready to support the needs of the members of this state. We have many valuable tools to support a department’s needs when it comes to implementing programs. Please contact any of us when your department needs the many items that we are proud to support you with. We are only a phone call away.

Respectfully,
Teresa Ann Crisman, Chairman
REPORT OF THE RISK WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE

President Denver, Delegates, Alternates and Invited Guests on behalf of the Risk Watch subcommittee and the local community teams we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support of the work of the Risk Watch program. For the past ten years, the Maryland State Firemen's Association has provided both monetary and personnel support that has enabled the teams to educate children and their families on injury prevention. Activities occur year round in the local communities through schools, after school programs, day cares and educational programs within Fire and Rescue stations. At the MSFA Convention the static display has expanded into interactive stations.

**MSFA Convention** includes Fire & Injury Prevention interactive stations for the entire family and provides information to four different audiences. The stations objectives are:

1. To provide young children and school age children hands-on education experiences to be safer in their homes & communities through both psychomotor skills and new knowledge about high risk injuries.

2. To provide young life safety advocates (tweens, teens and young adults) with a mentored experience and specific lesson plans to work with younger children and their families.

3. To empower parents and care providers with knowledge on both the risks and the prevention strategies to keep everyone safer in their home and community (infants through seniors).

4. To demonstrate interactive safety displays based upon evidence based and best practices for life safety advocates across Maryland's EMS, Fire & Rescue services.

Again this year the Risk Watch team served as many adults seeking new information, tools and resources on teaching fire & injury prevention as we reached children and families. The response from the youth and young adults increased significantly this year providing the mentors with the ability to rotate these volunteers through a number of different risk areas and provide coaching. Cecil County DES, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center Pediatric ED, MIEMSS EMS for Children’s Program, Silver Spring VFD Life Safety Unit all participated throughout the convention.

Three new displays were piloted at the convention and based upon feedback have been finalized and produced for Risk Watch and Safe Kids programs in geographically balanced areas. The Maryland Poison Center is the lead advisory on the new Poison Display and gathered input from the American Association of Poison Control Centers. At the 2012 MSFA Convention the interactive displays included the following:

- In An Emergency — Dial 9-1-1, don’t play around (9-1-1 magnets will be available to each family)
- Is it Hot? Or Not? Play It Safe — Burn awareness game for younger children, written
maryland state firemen’s association 121st annual convention and conference

materials for families

☐ Is it safe? or not? play it safe- poison awareness game for younger children, new 40th anniversary maryland poison center material for families.

☐ get out and stay out — fire safety table top house and “map” for younger children, edit plan for families

☐ champions prepare and play safe — safe kids & cdc sports safety display with family checklist and concussion assessment tools along with correct fitting of a helmet

☐ visit in the ambulance — virtual ambulance with stretcher and emt equipment to prepare children for the environment inside an ambulance

☐ understanding aging: it’s not child’s play — sensory tools to demonstrate the changes that occur in the normal aging process and assessment tools for home safety

safe kids maryland was awarded a sports safety grant for the second year and the expand display was available along with information on how to order the display materials free on concussions from the center for disease control. innovative concepts partnered with the risk watch subcommittee to design and produce new displays based upon feedback from last year.

after the 2012 convention the risk watch team posted an online feedback survey to gather information from families on the interactive stations. planning for the 2013 convention activities were based upon feedback from families, committee members and those who participated in teaching the young adults.

risk watch activities 2012-2013 year:

risk watch programs continue in many counties both in classrooms and in after school programs. activities have included:

☐ august outreach to school and day care programs with focus on bus and pedestrian safety

☐ september 5th 2012 ems for children annual injury prevention forum — poison center’s 40th anniversary and presentation on the history of poison control.

☐ safe kids maryland september 10th 2012 meeting @ carroll county health department with focus on tween and teen driving and occupant safety programs

☐ september included child passenger safety week and seat check saturday 9/22/2012

☐ september included disaster preparedness training across the state

☐ buckle up display at the mid-Atlantic life safety conference in september 2012

☐ october fire prevention activities took place across the state

☐ november focus was on correct use of car restraints and car seats

maryland safe kids coalition met on december 4th 2012 @ montgomery county fire and rescue with a focus on safe transport of children in ambulances including skills demonstration

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December issue of EMS News provided information on Toy Safety
Safe Kids Maryland March 2013 meeting @ MIEMSS with a focus on pediatric falls and window safety and joint meeting with Child Passenger Safety Board

- Poison prevention and Medication Safety activities took place across the state in March
- March 23, 2013 Public Educator and Life Safety seminar theme is Myth Busters and included new technology, that allows for audience response within each presentation, live sprinkler trailer demonstration and presentation from National Weather Service
- April information included Window Safety Week with PSA to be filmed with the pediatric trauma centers in early May
- April — October will again be the national “Where’s Baby” campaign from NHTSA and Safe Kids — also known as NEVER Leaver Your Child Alone in a Car - Campaigns to prevent heat stroke from hyperthermia when children are alone in a car. Safe Kids & Weather Service Special Focus: ACT — Avoid, Create Reminders, Take Action
- May will focus on Bike Safety and over Memorial Day Weekend will kick off the boating safety season.
- May 22 2013 is EMS for Children’s Day and MIEMSS will award the Right Care When it Counts award to children nominated by many of our Risk Watch teams.

Risk Watch Communities currently active in schools, after school and community events include:

- **Carroll County**: Winfield & Linton Springs Elementary Schools
- **Cecil County Department of Emergency Services** — Safe Kids Maryland chapter continues planning for early summer safety events and is building a team of CPS technicians
- **Kent Island Fire Department** — continues with their school system’s staged integration of Risk Watch into elementary schools
- **Montgomery County Fire & Rescue**: continues to work with public, private and home schools; they are distributing the education standards document to new teachers and programs. Silver Spring VFD is expanding their team of life safety volunteers and working to establish a CPS fitting station along with senior adult outreach teams.
- **Prince George’s Early Childhood Education Centers** has expanded to Tanglewood Center providing the school with teacher and classroom activities. Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center is hosting a Risk Watch celebration on May 2nd, an annual thank you to the Risk Watch volunteers.

Risk Watch resources continue to be used in community programs in:

- Frederick County
- Howard County Park & Recreation
- Johns Hopkins Children’s Center in Baltimore City
The MSFA Risk Watch subcommittee members are revisiting the Disaster Preparedness curriculum from NFPA and the online resources from MEMA and FEMA and plan an August Training for all companies interested in offering community education to children, youth and families. Please stop by the 2013 Convention Risk Watch & Safe Kids interactive displays for a preview and sign up to receive information about the training workshop. Risk Watch Injury Prevention curriculum and Risky Business Boxes are available to new communities as new coalitions are developed. The teacher training kit for new communities remains available through the MIEMSS EMS for Children Program office. Please contact the subcommittee by email at riskwatch@msfa.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted
Maryland Risk Watch Community
Cynthia Wright Johnson MSN RN

REPORT OF MISS FIRE PREVENTION

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**TOTAL EVENTS** 73  
**TOTAL MILES** 3,364

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stacie Jeret  
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention
REPORT FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your Association Presidents, John Denver and Sherry Soper. Your terms of office have been very productive and your service to your members is one your entire Association should be very proud of. It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

In 2012, there were 44 fires that resulted in 53 deaths in 12 Maryland counties and Baltimore City, a new record low. Those totals represent a 21 percent decline from the 67 deaths reported in 2011 and 21 percent decrease in the number of fatal fires reported, 56.

Twelve fire deaths in eight fires in Baltimore City represent a significant 29 percent drop from the 17 fire deaths in 13 fatal fires reported during 2011, as well as, a 38 percent decline in the number of fatal fires compared to the previous year.

In Baltimore County, the seven deaths in six fires during 2012 reflect a 30 percent decline from the 10 deaths in as many fires during that time in 2011. Ten people lost their lives in nine fires in Prince George’s County during 2012, which was 37 percent less than the 16 fire deaths reported in 2011. Anne Arundel County reported seven deaths in as many fires during 2012, sadly revealing a dramatic increase over the one death reported during 2011.

Consistent with most previous years, more fire deaths occurred in the late night and early morning hours than at other times of the day, and the hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. proved to be the most deadly eight-hour period in 2012. The 20 fatal fires that started during those eight hours resulted in 26 deaths accounting for almost 50 percent of the 53 fire deaths for the year, compared to 2011 when 27 fatal fires led to 35 deaths accounting for 62 percent of the 67 fire deaths that year. Three of the five multiple-death fires occurred during those hours in 2012.

In 2012, as in many other years, most fire deaths occurred in residential structures, including 32 deaths in one and two family dwellings, nine victims of apartment fires, and two victims of mobile home fires. Residential fires accounted for 81 percent of the fire deaths in 2012, compared to 79 percent in 2011, and 86 percent in 2010.

Unfortunately, 2013 has not been so kind. During the first quarter of 2013, twenty-nine Marylanders have lost their lives to the ravages of uncontrolled fire when compared to 18 fire deaths recorded in the first quarter of 2012, an increase of 61 percent. Baltimore City and Prince George’s County have been particularly hard hit with very significant increases in fire deaths. I applaud the fire service leaders in every local jurisdiction for continuing efforts to reduce fire deaths and injuries.

Congratulations to all local jurisdictions that experienced a decrease in fire deaths last year. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies play a critical
role in promoting fire and life safety to help make our State safer from the devastating effects of fire.


This year, the legislative session in Annapolis began on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Once again, the Maryland Fire Service Legislative Working Group (MFSLWG) held weekly meetings at the Annapolis City, Taylor Avenue Fire Station to discuss numerous legislative issues. Many thanks are offered to Annapolis City Fire Chief David Stokes for hosting the MFSLWG and a very special thank you to MSFA Past President Phil Hurlock of MIEMSS for his leadership, guidance and for his willingness to chair these important weekly legislative exchange sessions. The legislative session wrapped up on Monday, April 8, 2013. Additionally, I would like to recognize the untiring efforts of Senator Barry Glassman and Delegate James Malone for their leadership on fire and EMS issues and for co-chairing the Fire and EMS Caucus.

Just like the MSFA legislative team, the OSFM followed the 2013 session of the Maryland General Assembly with an eye towards protecting the many items of interest impacting citizens of Maryland and the fire and emergency services. I want to thank the MSFA leadership for their continued support in working on a number of important legislative issues. The MSFA leadership has always operated by the guiding principle of protecting Maryland’s citizens as its highest priority.

The OSFM and the MSFA effectively joined forces to successfully address updates to Maryland’s outdated smoke alarms laws. Through the hard work and diligence of many fire service professionals, Senate Bill 969 and House Bill 1413, sponsored by Senator Barry Glassman and Delegate Jim Malone, passed both the Senate and the House with unanimous votes.

The original Maryland smoke alarm (then smoke detector) law took effect in 1975 with significant changes made to the law in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1988, 1989 and 1990. Before this year’s legislative changes, the 38 year-old law had become piecemealed and antiquated. It was difficult to follow, understand and enforce.

Just as with everything else, smoke alarm technology has continued evolving and improving leaving the previous Maryland smoke alarm law incompatible with adopted fire and building codes. The Maryland Smoke Alarm Technology Task Force spent nearly two years reviewing smoke alarm technologies and the present model code requirements before recommending updates to the smoke alarm law, which are now clear, concise and up to date. A key element of the new law requires the use of sealed long-life battery smoke alarms with a built-in hush / silence feature and a requirement for a minimum of one smoke alarm on every level when certain triggers are reached.
As State Fire Marshal, I have always promoted the partnerships our agencies share with local, State, and private industry in helping us gather more resources, disseminate more information and accomplish more tasks in the name of fire and life safety. For the 11th consecutive year, Delmarva Power’s Emergency Services Partnership Program donated residential smoke alarms to the OSFM for distribution throughout Maryland’s Eastern Shore. This year we received 600 smoke alarms, which have a long life sealed batteries. The Delmarva Power also donated 40 special needs smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing.

By working with partners like Delmarva Power, PEPCO and others, we are able to increase resources and extend our reach into the community to those people who need the most help. The public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power have enabled the distribution of over 17,000 smoke alarms, 1,000 special needs alarming devices and 1,650 carbon monoxide alarms.

Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries.

In 2012, the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 53rd Anniversary and the title of the program held on September 26, 2012, was “Caring for Your Community and Yourself.” The morning address, “The Power of Five” was provided by Vickie Taylor of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This premier educational conference began in August of 1959 when then Governor J. Millard Tawes asked then MSFA Chairman, Howard Springer to serve as Chairman of the Governor’s State-Wide Conference on Fire Prevention.

Every year the OSFM experiences some staffing changes. Regretfully this year, the OSFM experienced the unexpected loss of Wayne Anthony “Tony” Altomonte on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. He was a Fire Safety Inspector with the OSFM for eight years in the Metro Regional Office and an active member of the Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County. His service and experience are greatly missed. Program Manager Jane Edwards who many MSFA officers worked with in Annapolis for the past several years left her post in November. Deputy State Fire Marshal Kirby Travers stepped up to take on her legislative duties in Annapolis and did an outstanding job.

In 2012, the OSFM brought on board one Deputy State Fire Marshal and two Fire Safety Inspectors. Also, we were able to fill a much needed Administrative Aide position at the Upper Eastern Regional Office in Easton.

In 2012, the OSFM conducted 716 fire investigations. The criminal case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals was 38% which is twice the national average of 19%. OSFM staff members completed 16,186 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is an outstanding example of the level of commitment to the safety of the citizens of Maryland. OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed 1,685 construction and
fire protection system plans. 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 the mission of protecting life and property.

The OSFM works in partnership with a number of law enforcement agencies across the State as well. A joint investigation by the OSFM, Maryland State Police, Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Frederick County Fire Investigation Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives brought to a successful conclusion a serial arson case that began on March 17, 2013 involving 34 fires in Washington County and eight fires in Frederick County. Eight suspects were charged for their involvement with setting multiple fires involving everything from trash containers to vehicles to barns. The cooperative efforts of each of these outstanding public safety agencies was instrumental in closing this significant case.

During the continuing difficult financial times, the perseverance and overall commitment of the OSFM staff continues second to none. With tough financial challenges, come opportunities. The ongoing economic downturn has forced us to rethink current practices in order to position our agency for what the future may hold. We look ahead to finding potential opportunities in the upcoming year and with your continued support; move both the Agency and ever important fire service issues forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the OSFM has a very clear picture of its mission and will continue to confront the challenges that lie ahead. The citizens of the State of Maryland deserve the best service that can be provided. The staff of the OSFM looks forward to working closely with incoming Presidents, Jacqueline Olson and Carol Hayden. We wish them great success during their term in office.

This completes my final report to you as the Maryland State Fire Marshal. I will be retiring on July 1, 2013. Over the past twelve years, it has been a real pleasure working with all of the members of MSFA and your many fine leaders. Together, we have achieved much success while working on numerous fire and life safety issues including, residential fire sprinklers, fire-safe cigarettes and smoke alarms. Most importantly, working together we have seen fire deaths in Maryland continue to decline, reaching a record low in 2012. Thank you for all of your support and stay safe!

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE

President Denver, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guests, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. My committee has been working for the past two years on developing, printing and distributing the 2012 edition of the Fire
Laws of Maryland. The newest edition contains all the information from the previous edition 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.

My committee is currently working on reviewing the legislation that was recently passed during the 2013 legislative session in Annapolis to determine what needs to be included in the 2014 edition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

President Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This year the Hall of Fame Committee received twenty eight (28) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and thirty six (36) nominations for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

A complete set of rules for the Hall of Fame and Marbery 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, and 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 Marbery 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 Marbery 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 next year before April 15.

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee Report will be given during the presentation of awards on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 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 Denver 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. We have a standing offer to assist any county that wants to start a program.

The high failure rate among the Career Tech students in EMT and other classes continues to be a nagging problem. We are concerned about this and we are looking for ways to improve the pass rate. The new EMT program has not helped with this.

It will be increasingly important that students be assigned to the Fire/EMS programs with regard for their ability and probably more important — their desire and drive to be EMTs and Firefighters. This will make it imperative that the fire and EMS service be actively involved in the recruitment process and that the program coordinators maintain close contact with the high school guidance staffs. The challenge of incorporating the additional hours of the new 165-hour EMT program into the school year was done in several different ways. Some areas opted for the 55-hour EMR in lieu of the 165-hour EMT Class, some jurisdictions split the programs and have an EMS track and a separate Fire track, some areas dropped classes to free up time for the EMT class and some counties were able to fit the program in the time allocated.

During the past couple of years we have seen several counties suspend the cadet programs for a variety of reasons. The most common reason seems to be the lack of students. We believe a renewed effort by the fire service in these counties to recruit students may solve this problem. Most of the affected counties have the population base that should support a viable program if they aggressively recruit.

The rebirth of the program in Prince George’s County is finishing its first year. The pilot program at Flowers High School and Station 806 appears to have been successful with a few glitches. We have met with the coordinators of the program a few times during the year and assisted as we could.

We would like to thank Director Edwards and the staff at MFRI for their continued support
of the programs around the state. 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 throughout the state and encourage County representatives to communicate issues and challenges to us. It may be that we have seen the issue in another program somewhere in the state and can provide some guidance.

We also encourage all counties with programs to intensify their recruitment efforts. These programs can be 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 and energy at this stage of the program and aggressively recruit have very successful programs.

We stand ready to advise and assist any county that wants to start or revitalize a program.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Stevens, Chairman

REPORT OF THE INCENTIVES PROGRAM COMMITTEE

President Denver, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 121st Annual Convention.  

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)  The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. All changes received since our last convention were made and the LOSAP Summary Chart was updated.

In 2006, the Garrett County Commissioners appointed a committee to formulate a LOSAP for the County. Joe and I met with the committee on November 30, 2006, at the Wisp Resort. Joe is a budget and numbers person, I am not, so he explained the various county funding methods. I gave them a copy of the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Sheet and we discussed the various county programs. Their program will go into effect July 1, 2013. There will then be three counties, Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico, without a LOSAP. This 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 Chart were filled. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Chart may be kept current. The LOSAP Summary Chart follows this report.
TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

Since this convention report is due prior to the date the qualifying members are received from the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2012 is unavailable. A total of 13,454 volunteers qualified in Tax Year 2011. In 2010, 13,349 volunteers qualified.

Each year, there is confusion with the 36 months in the last 10 years for 25-year members. No changes have been made in the legislation. That is to qualify for the subtraction modification, a volunteer with less than 25 years of service must have been active in 2011 (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 2011; 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. Please make sure you are not certifying members who do not qualify. That is in violation of the law and the State can impose a penalty. Additional information may be found on the Comptroller’s website, www.maiylandtaxes.com-accessMaryland, Income Tax Administrative Release No. 29, dated September 2009, or any of the Senate and House bills. This should clear up any questions you may have or any member of this committee is available to assist you.

MISCELLANEOUS

As chairman 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 over the years. The committee would like to thank President John Denver 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 Denver on a very successful year and know he will have a successful and productive convention. We offer our congratulations to incoming president, Jacqueline Olson, and all of the newly elected officers. We wish them a successful and productive year and offer our assistance to them.

Even though I believe I am back among the living and am finally doing better health-wise, I believe I should no longer serve as chairman of this committee. I have enjoyed the years of service to the MSFA and would like to stay on this committee. I particularly liked interacting with the many people I have met. For the first few years, the Incentives Programs Committee did a lot of traveling around the state to company and county meetings. Since then, most of our assistance has been over the telephone or e-mail.
I was appointed to serve on the LOSAP Committee in 1987 by President Bob Cumberland. In 1993, President Phil Hurlock appointed me as Chairman of the LOSAP Committee. In 1996, the name was changed to include the Income Tax Subtraction Program. President Steve Cox appointed me Chairman of the newly formed Incentives Programs Committee, the position I have held since that time. I love you. God Bless You and God Bless the USA.

Incentives Programs Committee:
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| Joan Robison, Chair | C. Douglas Bostian |
| Patricia A. Bowser | Ken Bush |
| Stuart W. Carter | Joseph A. Cooper |
| Gary Crampton | Anne Hawkins |
| Donald Howard | Donald Phillips |

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Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)

This chart summarizes the current LOSAP information by County. All information was taken from the latest programs that have been furnished to this committee.

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** per month added for each full year of certified service over 25 years
*** changes yearly based on the Consumer Price Index
** cannot be increased or decreased by more than 45%
** in the event of death before receiving $15,000 in monthly payments, the member's designated beneficiary will receive a partial benefit equal to the difference between payments received and a minimum award of $15,000
** age 55 with 25 years of service before 1996 or any age with 25 years of service after December 31, 2003
** $6 per month per year of past service (maximum 5 years). Must have 12 months of qualifying service after effective date.
** $6 per month per year of past service (maximum 25 years). Must have 12 months of qualifying service after effective date.
** amount equal to the total annual contributions made on behalf of each volunteer plus investment earnings
** per month added for each additional year of certified service (maximum 15 years). Must have 10 years of certified service after effective date - January 1, 2009.
** per year added for each full year of certified service over 25 years

The Town of Ocean City and the City of Salisbury have programs.
REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests. The 2013 Legislative session started on January 9th and ended at midnight on April 8th during the ninety days, there were a total of 2,610 bills submitted by our legislators this year. Of these bills, 42 were monitored for any potential impact on the Fire, Rescue or Emergency Medical Service.

A partial list of the bills that were introduced in the House and Senate that will have an effect on the Fire, Rescue and EMS service:

HB100 and SB125 - Fiscal Year 2014 Budget - Passed
- The bills contained the funds for the MSFA Appropriations, Widows and Orphans Fund, Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and the Senator Amoss (508) Fund.

HB778 and SB899 - Local Government - Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds Distribution - Passed
- These bills will ensure that the Maryland Counties distribute at least 51% of the Amoss (508) funds to the local Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Departments. An amendment was placed on these bills that requires a workgroup be established to study the laws and policies related to the distribution of money to volunteer and career companies. The workgroup shall submit a final report on its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2013. The Committee and Presidents held several meetings with legislators and their staff on this bill. Without those meetings, it is felt that the bills would have failed.

HB1413 and SB969 - Public Safety - Fire Protection and Prevention - Residential Smoke Alarms - Passed
- Special Thanks to State Fire Marshal William Barnard and his staff in getting these bills passed.

SB745 - Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Systems - Prepaid Service - Collection of Surcharge - Bill passed.

SB1054 and HB1515 - Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013 - This is better known as the Gas Tax Bill - Bills Passed
- This bill contained the five million increase for the Amoss Fund (508). The additional funds of 1.5 million will start in FY2015, 3.3 million in FY2016 and the full 5 million in FY2017.

511587 - Higher Education - Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship - Bill Passed.
- This bill will replace the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services tuition reimbursement program. Special thanks to Senator Garagiola and his staff for working with us on this bill.

There were several other bills that passed which will also have an effect on the Fire, Rescue
and EMS. To review all bills that were passed or defeated in the 2013 Maryland Legislative Session, go to Maryland General Assembly and you can get a full report on all bills for the 2013 Session.

The annual MSFA Legislative reception was held on January 22nd. The event was well attended by members of the House and Senate. Special thanks goes to Sharon Worthington for all of the hard work in preparing and serving the food. Thanks also goes to the ladies that assisted in setting up as well as assisting with serving the food. Thanks also go to James Towers and Ed Mullikin of Easton VFD for serving the refreshment.

To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, your support was second to none, under the leadership of LA-MSFA Legislative Committee Chairperson Carene Housenfluck. Carene, you and your committee did an outstanding job. We are proud to have Carene, Marian Nicholson, Elaine Huttenloch, Jane Huffman and Teresa Ann Crisman as part of the team.

The Committee offers special thanks to the following for their efforts of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Senator Barry Glassman, Senator Roy Dyson, Senator James Mathias, Senator Rob Garagiola, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, Delegate John Bohanan. To the members of the Fire Caucus, we extend a special thanks for your support and all of the Delegates and Senators for your continue support of the fire service. Thanks are also extended to the Metro Chiefs, Maryland Fire Chiefs, Mike Rund (career firefighters), State Fire Marshal William Barnard, MIEMSS, MFRI, Shock Trauma, MSP Aviation for their help and support. Special thanks are also extended to Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and their staff for their support this year.

To the members of the MSFA Legislative Committee and all the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association a tremendous thanks for your support for contacting your Senator and Delegate when requested to seek their support on various bills during the session.

Respectfully submitted,

Doyle E. Cox, Chairman
Richard Smith, Vice Chairman
REPORT OF THE MARKETING COMMITTEE

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson & Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Guests and the MSFA Membership. The Marketing Committee has been continuing its work by expanding on our main ideas and plans that have been developed to market the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to the membership of the State by getting any and all information and resources available from the MSFA to our Company Members. Through the extra efforts of 1st Vice President Jackie Olson and Vice Chair Mike Faust, we have developed and printed out Tri-Fold Flyers, 250 Large Posters and have also received several 6 foot tall Pull-Ups with the MSFA Information printed on them to use as a visual during Association and Company Visits, Classes for the Member Companies and Convention use, just to name a few. We have also developed a couple of Power Point Presentations to use in getting our message out the Member Companies. These presentations can be held anywhere from 10 minutes up to a full 2 hour class to show Department Personnel about the many resources available to them and how to access these resources.

The Committee has also met the first set of goals that were established at the MSFA Retreat that was held this year at the National Fire Academy. Chairman Buddy Schweers and Vice Chairman Mike Faust had attended the Retreat representing the Marketing Committee.

The Marketing Committee has also been very busy working closely with the California Casualty Insurance Company on how to promote the best way to incorporate their association with the MSFA into our Marketing Plans. The California Casualty Company is also a Gold Sponsor for our MSFA Convention again this year. We have been meeting with their representatives at the Executive Committee Meetings and coordinated some of the other meetings that they have been attending with various County Associations.

We have also been contacted by the Nissan VIP Program and the Hyundai Circle Program to be involved with the MSFA to assist with Members in possibly receive discounts from these dealers. We are contacting MSFA Attorney Mike Farlow with procedures on how to go about this program and to see if their involvement is possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Herman N. Schweers, Jr, Chairman
Mike Faust, Vice Chair
Dennis Beard
Eileen Edelin
Debbie Perry
Courtney McHenry
Clarence “Chip” Jewell
Paul Tinsley
James Kohl
Angela Cowan
REPORT OF THE MARYLAND FIRE SERVICE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation is sad to announce the LODD of Mr. James Fitzgerald. We will be honoring him at the annual ceremony on June 2. Our prayers are with his family. Also the Foundation bears a heavy heart with the passing of our charter member Lee Sachs. Lee had been the Foundation attorney since its inception. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. We will be adding Lee’s name to the memorial plaque in the Circle of Remembrance.

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of over 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. We have signed a contract with McGregor’s of Havre de Grace for the GALA on September 28, 2013, to be held at the Minter Hall in Perryville for a second year. We need your support as always to make this event a success. Please sponsor a table and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dancing and recognition.

We have upgraded the lighting at the flagpoles to LED type and will be installing new pathway lighting later this summer.

Again, this year we will have our booth at convention, stop by and visit. We will be having some fundraisers throughout Ocean City during convention week, please participate with your patronage, additional info will be available at the booth.

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 will be holding our annual ceremony on June 2 to honor all those who have given the ultimate over the years. Retired Chief Rod and his committee have been working diligently to make this a memorable event for all. Please join us in honoring our brave.

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 thank the MSFA and specifically the convention committee for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. Again, 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
REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FALLEN
FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2012 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. In 2012, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation continued programs to carry out our Congressional mandate: “To honor and remember the nation’s fallen firefighters, provide assistance to their families and coworkers, and work to prevent firefighter injury and fatalities.”

Survivor Programs

The Fire Service Survivors Network is a group of dedicated family members who volunteer to provide peer support and help the Foundation with projects throughout the year and during the Memorial Weekend. In 2012, Network members sent 3,360 Remembrance cards to families to let them know that their firefighter is not forgotten. “It’s been almost six years since Randy left us, but the NFFF never has.”

The NFFF provided assistance with transportation and provided lodging and meals for the families of 85 firefighters who were honored during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. More than 6,000 attended the Memorial Service which was broadcast and streamed live. “We were very pleased and thankful with the Memorial Weekend activities. Although we shared tears for our loved one, we were deeply honored and grateful that his life and departure were not in vain. The activities and tribute were all spectacular”

The Hal Bruno Camp for Children of Fallen Firefighters, a weekend bereavement camp, provided an opportunity for 31 children to network with other children who had experienced the death of a firefighter parent and helped them gain skills to cope with their
loss. “It was fun once we got there. I thought ‘Healing Circles ‘was going to be stupid and boring, but that was one of my favorite things at camp.”

The Sarbanes Scholarship Program gives spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of fallen firefighters the opportunity to pursue their personal, educational and career goals. With assistance from the Motorola Foundation, ICMA-RC, and Global Health & Safety, more than $234,000 in scholarships was awarded to 82 recipients. “When our daughter left high school and started college you reminded me of the scholarship she was now eligible for. She watched the mail for weeks looking for some word that she had been chosen. I wish you could have seen her when the letter came; she ran, jumped and screamed. The whole community must have heard her”

The 6th annual Fire Service Survivors Conference was attended by 230 survivors and members of the fire service. Attendees were able to network, attend life skills workshops and sessions on coping with grief. “This week has meant more to me than I’m able to express! Making me speechless is quite an accomplishment! If you haven’t made contact with other survivors—please do! It’s life changing!”

The Foundation provided resources for survivors, including 400 grief brochures, a quarterly newsletter, and The Journey, a bi-monthly publication with articles written by survivors and sent to more than 4,000 family members. “I just want to express my deepest thank you for what your organization stands for in helping us to remember that we are not forgotten, nor will our loved ones ever be forgotten. Every newsletter is an absolute ‘GODSEND,’ and I can’t thank you enough! It connects us with others who are trying to put one foot in front of the other. Although we stumble and fall, we always know that others are out there and this is what they are dealing with.”

Fire Service Programs

Taking Care of Our Own© training helped 287 fire service officers in five states prepare for a line-of-duty death, including information on how to make notification to the family. During each class a fire chief who has experienced a line-of-duty death and a fire service survivor share their stories. “It is comforting to know there are resources out there in the event of a tragedy, and thank you for sharing your personal experiences.”

The Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) are fire service volunteers trained by the Foundation to assist departments and families when a firefighter dies. Services can include operational support to the community, planning of the funeral, obtaining behavioral health counseling for family and department members and preparing local, state and Federal benefit claims, including the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits (PSOB). Five trainings were attended by 123 fire service members, and LAST assisted with 76 firefighter fatalities, 14 EMS fatalities, and 5 law enforcement fatalities. “Great class! I feel I have a better understanding while new to the team, it was a great learning experience.”

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The **Vulnerability Assessment Project** is an online tool for fire departments to assess their weaknesses and areas that make them vulnerable for firefighter injuries and deaths. The building phase of the project, including an online survey tool, was completed. The next phase of the project is software development.

The **Everyone Goes Home© State Advocates and training coordinators** continued efforts to implement the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives in fire departments across the country. Several regional and State training programs now include the Courage to Be Safe course.

A new **Firehero Learning Network** is being developed to bring critical training in safety, operations, and community relations to all firefighters and fire officers in the country.

A four-year effort resulted in development of a **Stress First Aid** program in support of Firefighter Life Safety Initiative #13: “Firefighters and their families must have access to counseling and psychological support.”

Firefighters have been the victims of violence when responding to incidents. In 2012, a summit was held to determine actions needed by fire departments to prepare for **responses to violent incidents**. Coordination between fire departments and law enforcement must be strengthened. In some cases, administrative changes need to be made at communication centers to alert firefighters to previous violent incidents at locations to which they are responding.

The Foundation worked with FDNY to complete the video, **“Still Working So Everyone Goes Home,”** highlighting the efforts of FDNY since the devastating attacks on 9/11. A video was also completed with Chicago Fire focusing on firefighter health, fire behavior and the use of Personal Protective Equipment.

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 4, 5 and 6, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald Jon Siarnicki, Executive Director

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL**

2012 was a great year of progress for the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and both of your representatives, Past President Lee Sachs (Director) and Chief Jimmy Seavey, Sr. (Alternate) were heavily engaged in much of the progressive work of the Council.
Director Sachs, a charter member of the EMS Section, now three years old, was of great aide in assuring the in just this short span of time, the NVFC has become the “go to” Organization for discussion or review of EMS issues by most of our Federal agencies. This feat is incredible, when just five years ago a majority of the Directors on the NVFC Board were of the opinion that the Council should not involve itself in EMS concerns or allow EMS Organizations to join the group responsible for representing volunteer fire and rescue interests in our Nation!

Additionally, with positions on the Finance and Audit Committees, Director Sachs has been a great contributor towards the implementation of conservative spending and appropriate program cuts that allowed the NVFC to remain safely within an extremely positive financial posture, even through the period of recession!

Alternate Director Seavey continued working feverishly on the Volunteer Advocacy Committee in dealing with the continued spread of "Iwo-hatter" harassment by various affiliates of the International Association of Firefighters across the country. This year, states never before affected, became hot beds of activity, with local governments entering into the disturbing trend. A number of recently bargained Collective Bargaining Agreements, signed by government officials, prohibit the off-duty volunteering by employed fire rescue personnel. Conversely, some local municipalities took issue with the prohibition, when it was realized that their volunteer fire rescue department would essentially be wiped out. The Volunteer Advocacy Committee, with the assistance of the NVFC’s Director of Government Affairs, Dave Finger, began to investigate whether or not the “offending” jurisdictions had been awarded any Federal SAFER Grants that were currently active; as there is language in the SAFER application guidelines prohibiting the discrimination against career personnel, who volunteer during their off-duty hours. The Council was successful in identifying several local governments, who were in violation of the SAFER guidelines and this information was presented to officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Both, Directors Sachs and Seavey worked with the Government Affairs Director, Finger, to push for enhanced protection of volunteer first responders through the implementation of new Federal legislation. These Bills were gaining tremendous support before the Congress entered into the period of inactivity due to the Sequester and all will now need to be reintroduced in the new Congress.

Your Directors to the NVFC were euphoric to have the unanimous support of the MSFA Leadership, Finance Team and Executive Committee towards the marketing of the “All State Membership” Program in Maryland. Currently, five states have increased their membership within the NVFC using this Program by several thousand percent and are flourishing. At the first Executive Committee meeting of the Convention Year, your Finance Team agreed to budget monies for the next three years to defray one-half of the cost per MSFA member to join the NVFC through this great program. The benefits are wonderful for our members, including a $10,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy
for each member. Your team was pursuing the initial marketing of this program, when Director Sachs became ill and a meeting never materialized prior to his passing.

The spring of this year, President John Denver appointed Past President, David Lewis to join me in representing our State Association on the NVFC. He and I have met several times with Dave being a very eager Alternate Director with a tremendous thirst to get involved in representing the MSFA to this great Organization. At his request, we reviewed NVFC and its structure, operating procedures and the involvement of the MSFA Directors over the last seven years, since our return as a Member Association of the Council. We are looking forward to serving together in representing your best interests, along with those of the volunteer service across this great Nation!

Now, Dave and I look forward to representing all of the member companies of the MSFA in the coming year with vigor and commitment in the continued forward progression of the NVFC. Our first objective in the coming months will be to continue work on the “All State Membership” Program and rolling out the marketing of this great opportunity to all member companies in the MSFA. Additionally, we will continue to work closely with the Government Affairs office of the NVFC to assist in preparation and support of Federal legislative that affords further protection to our volunteer first responders. If either of us can answer any questions that MSFA members might have or be of assistance with any issues that you believe are within the scope of the NVFC as a national Organization representing our personnel, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time!

Finally, this report would not be complete without acknowledging the vision and persistence of the late Past President Lee Sachs in forging our return into the National Volunteer Fire Council during his term as President of the MSFA in 2005. Lee was very clear on our need to be involved on a national level, as well as the fact that upon our return, we would put forth a strong agenda, in working with the other NVFC represented states in working towards more vocal support of the volunteer fire, rescue and now, EMS services across our country. It was an honor and a privilege to serve alongside Lee and to have been mentored by him over the past seven years in service to each of you.

Respectfully,
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr., MD Director — NVFC
Past President David Lewis, MD Alternate Director - NVFC

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS COMMITTEE

It has been a great pleasure to serve under President John Denver this past year as the chairman of the Public Address Committee. The committee and I have had a very successful year making several improvements to the portable audio system. Although the system has been streamlined to be very portable and quickly set up, it had been a small
burden to load up, transport, and set up due to the large amount of gear required to run 18 wireless microphones. This was very time consuming and required lots of labor and was usually up to one person to load and unload from storage.

After reviewing our resources, the Public Address Committee was afforded a great opportunity to purchase a small aluminum trailer to house and transport the audio gear. This was made possible by the strong support of the Executive Board and through cooperation of neighboring committees who no longer had use for an existing trailer. A new 5’x 10’ NEO aluminum trailer was purchased and the existing trailer was auctioned through a sealed bid which offset the new trailer purchase price by 100%!

Along with the trailer purchase, new gear boxes and a hand truck were also purchased to facilitate quick set-up and worry free storage. Just like a rescue truck, everything has its place in a case and is easily deployable. Set up time is now less than 30 minutes from unloading to fully functional. We are also working to finalize a storage system inside the trailer to secure the equipment and spare parts to make it better organized.

I would like to say “Thank You” to the committee members and anyone else who has helped throughout the past year helping set-up and tear down. I sincerely appreciate the hospitality of the meeting hosting companies. Their support allows us to have successful meetings and create new friendships.

In closing, I also want to thank the Executive Committee Members, both past and present, for their continued help and support. We look forward to another successful year!

Sincerely,
Michael A. Davis, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee of the MSFA consists of three Sub-Committees — Public Information Group, chaired by Frank Underwood, Marketing, chaired by “Buddy” Schweers, and the Volunteer Trumpet, chaired by Mike Dixon. Amber Leizear was the initial Chairperson, but having recently become a mother, she asked to be taken off that position in July.

The Public Information Group has functioned well throughout the year, with Frank making sure that any requests for information were routed to the proper source. The committee dispatched releases to various media connections in regard to the previous Convention, and in doing so again this year as this is written. Photos of the Convention were provided to the Data Systems Committee for insertion onto the MSFA Web Site, and onto our Facebook page.
Buddy Schweers has met with his sub-committee several times. They have been working on ways we can better promote the MSFA and the programs we provide and support.

Mike Dixon took over the editorship of the Volunteer Trumpet in mid-August, and has done a very good job of “learning the ropes” and publishing several issues of the Trumpet this year. The latest one should be available at the Convention. Anyone that has information about happenings in the Maryland fire service is encouraged to send it along to Mike for possible inclusion in the Trumpet.

We recently concluded a task of re-doing the pictures of the volunteer fire stations in Maryland for use during the Memorial program at the Convention in June. Many new additions and construction had made many of the older pictures obsolete. These pictures may also be used with news items of interest during the year.

We are encouraged to see more and more of our departments using the electronic media (E-mail, facebook, etc) to advertise their activities. Please remember that when you post an ad, put the whole name of your organization in the ad instead of just the initials. This makes it a whole lot easier to find you!

I would like to thank President John Denver for allowing us to continue to serve our Association. If anyone has need of our services, our addresses are in the program book and on the MSFA Web site. (www.msfa.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald E. Watkins, Chairman
Herman “Buddy” Schweers, Vice-Chairman

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION COMMITTEE

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, and Delegates/Alternates to the 121st Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference. The Recruitment & Retention Committee has worked very hard this past year on the items that we established as our priorities and goals as part of the President’s Retreat. The committee is right on schedule with our commitment to the 3-year plan.

“Tools for the Toolbox”:
We currently have many items entered into the drawers of the Toolbox and are preparing for the rollout during this year’s convention. The R & R committee will update the information regularly. We will be looking for additional items from all of the members of the MSFA. The Toolbox will contain resources that the departments can use to help run their departments.
Beyond Hoses and Helmets Seminar:
In its continuation to provide training opportunities for the leadership of the local fire & rescue departments, held in cooperation with IAFNCO and VFIS, the Recruitment & Retention committee presented “Beyond Hoses & Helmets”. The committee selected the following as our topics of concern:

1. Team Building
2. Communications
3. Marketing & Branding
4. Principle of Negotiation
5. Managing Change

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As part of the 121st MSFA Convention the Committee will present with Past President Dave Lewis during the MFRI “Leadership Seminar” to Roll out and introduce the “Tools for the Toolbox”.

The Recruitment & Retention Committee would especially like to thank the following individuals for their tremendous efforts to assist this committee on behalf of the MSFA: President Denver, Jim Brown — MIEMSS Liaison, Past President David Lewis, Vice President Jackie Olson, Joel McCrea — Planning Committee Liaison, and Barry Johnson.

As Chairman, I would like to thank a special group of this committee for their dedication and determination: Vice-Chair Troy Odendhal, Wayne Powell, William “Bill” Wagner III, and Julie Casey, without their help we would not have met our goals.

Sincerely,
Joseph S. Chornock, Chair
Troy Odendhal, Vice Chair

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This year the scholarship committee continued with the mentoring program that was developed three years ago and also works with the newly revised process of applications. I am pleased to report that all worked well.

The statistics for the 2012-13 school years.
Total students supported ....................................7
Amount of money distributed ..............................$23,500.00
Schools that our students are attending
University of Maryland Baltimore Campus
University of Maryland College Park
University of Maryland University College
I would be remised if I didn’t take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters: 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. I also would like to thank each and every committee member for their dedication and support of the students.

Finally, I wish to thank President Denver, 1st Vice President Olson, and 2nd Vice President Keller 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

REPORT OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) COMMITTEE

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Chairman Kurtz, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 121st Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The Watercraft Committee and Emergency Support Function/ Resource Typing and Credentialing Workgroup were merged in 2010 and a new Search and Rescue Committee was formed by then President Cox. This Committee has continued to work on issues carried over from the previous committees. Please refer to the bulleted information below for the details of these matters.

SAR Committee plan and goals:

- Combined Watercraft Committee and ESF/RTC Workgroup to provide task recognition to the work of member companies providing SAR and the MSFA role in that work; i.e. other organizations use the SAR term and have had difficult time identifying the role of the “Watercraft Committee” at various meetings.

- Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.

- Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA.

- Monitor the field of technical SAR and work on positioning the MSFA and member companies to respond to any changes in a way that promotes the work of the MSFA.
Serve as the MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) and attend the annual NASAR Conference as funding allows.

Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues.

Specifically serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF-9 matters including:

- Providing subject matter experts as required in the ESF-9 annex to the State EOP.
- Staffing the SEOC when required/requested.
  Developing and maintaining a roster of MSFA member companies that provide technical SAR response; type and credential those resources based on NIMS; and serve as the contact for mobilization of those resources when requested outside of normal mutual aid requests.

The following work has taken place this year to address the goals listed above:

Provided support and coordination of MSFA member company SAR assets for MEMA during the following ESF9 activations:

Chair Todd Johnson was contacted by Erica Carlson to report to the SEOC on June 1, 2012 and assist with coordination of ESF-9 functions following severe weather in Harford County. I arrived at approximately 1930 hours and remained on duty until 2400 hours coordinating reports from a SAR field observer and rostering collapse and water rescue assets. Rostered assets were not needed. **Hurricane Sandy:** Chairman Johnson began receiving communications from MEMA on Friday 10/26/13 and was requested to report to the SEOC for Hurricane Sandy planning and staffing. I attended an ESF-9 briefing and planning meeting 1700-2100 Sunday 10/28/13 and returned to serve in the SEOC from 1030 Monday 10/29/13 to 1530 Tuesday 10/30/13. In addition to maintaining general SAR situational awareness and participating in planning issues MSFA was specifically tasked with developing a Large Animal Rescue resource plan with Maryland Department of Agriculture and assisting Crisfield Unified Command with allocating resources for their SAR operation on 10/30/13. Despite the fact that 20 water rescue teams were identified as available in local jurisdictions out of state teams were called in due to the uncertainty of local needs. The ESF-9 group demobilized on Tuesday after the SAR threat had diminished.

The MSFA ESF-9 Resource List has been published. Hard copy is at the MEMA Fire Desk, electronic copies provided to MEMA ESF-9 rep, the SEOC Managers,
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and SAR committee members. It is also available on the MSFA website under the SAR Committee. It should be noted by all that this is a dynamic document and updates/changes will be made. There are still some resources that need to provide information and contact with these providers continues in attempt to achieve this. I again want to emphasize that we want to hear from any SAR resource that a member company operates that may meet the NIMS Typing requirements. Even a Type III or Type IV resource is valuable to have in the resource matrix. Committee members can assist you with review of the NIMS Typing and compliance planning as needed.

The SAR Committee met to discuss the previously reported gaps analysis of MFRI training and requisite training for SAR job descriptions under NIMS. The committee would like to have MFRI serve in the role as a broker for organizations requiring SAR training over and above the NFPA standard but meeting the NIMS requisite training. Essentially this would mean that MFRI would maintain a list of vetted vendors and broker specific training as requested. Over the course of brokering these courses MFRI would have the opportunity to identify where the demands are and possibly develop in-house instructor cadre. The SAR Committee would serve a role in this development by assisting MFRI with identifying and contacting vendors, such as NASAR, that would be able to deliver the training and participating in meetings to develop the brokering system. Chairman Johnson met with MFRETC at the invitation of Lynn Gilroy to state our concerns of gaps in MFRI SAR training and requisite knowledge and skills needed to both meet any NIMS requirements and to perform safely and efficiently in the field. Following my presentation Dan Stevens, as Chair of the MFRETC Minimum Standards sub-committee, was tasked to work with the group. The committee has developed a preliminary list of gaps in the various SAR disciplines based on NIMS job descriptions. There is currently a test case in progress between MFRI and a local jurisdiction to deliver a swift water/flood boat operators course. The committee decided to await the outcome and then build on the process developed there to allow an across the board process to have MFRI, or another agency with greater capacity (i.e. MD Department of Agriculture for technical animal rescue training), begin brokering vendors and classes to meet the identified gaps.

Finalization of the ESF-9 document was tasked by MEMA to Major Scott Wayne of MSP Special Operations Command. A meeting was held with Maj. Wayne on November 15, 2012 to address MSFA concerns. The document had been re-worked and MSFA/MFCA is now listed as Subject Matter Experts instead of a Support Organization as we were in the last document. However we have the same responsibilities as a Support Organization, the only difference is Support Organizations have their own assets and SME do not. I am very comfortable with the document and the discussions I have had with both Maj. Wayne and MEMA staff.
in that MSFA will continue to play the same role we have recently as evidenced by the Hurricane Sandy participation. There were still some additional changes to be made by Maj. Wayne concerning wording about other assets before the document is complete and ESF-9 stakeholders will be meeting in May 2013 to finalize wording.

The committee completed two line-by-line reviews of the MSFA Standard Operating Procedures for Watercraft (SOP No. E005) and a draft revision was sent on to the Standards Committee. The committee looked at revisions on the basis of actual field practices, other required standards, and in a way to be as inclusive as possible while meeting those requirements.

I would again personally urge each department providing technical search and/or rescue services to pursue Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications where applicable) above the NFPA standard but meeting the NIMS requisite training. Essentially this would mean that MFRI would maintain a list of vetted vendors and broker specific training as requested. Over the course of brokering these courses MFRI would have the opportunity to identify where the demands are and possibly develop in-house instructor cadre. The SAR Committee would serve a role in this development by assisting MFRI with identifying and contacting vendors, such as NASAR, that would be able to deliver the training and participating in meetings to develop the brokering system. Chairman Johnson met with MFRETC at the invitation of Lynn Gilroy to state our concerns of gaps in MFRI SAR training and requisite knowledge and skills needed to both meet any NIMS requirements and to perform safely and efficiently in the field. Following my presentation Dan Stevens, as Chair of the MFRETC Minimum Standards sub-committee, was tasked to work with the group. The committee has developed a preliminary list of gaps in the various SAR disciplines based on NIMS job descriptions. There is currently a test case in progress between MFRI and a local jurisdiction to deliver a swift water/flood boat operators course. The committee decided to await the outcome and then build on the process developed there to allow an across the board process to have MFRI, or another agency with greater capacity (i.e. MD Department of Agriculture for technical animal rescue training), begin brokering vendors and classes to meet the identified gaps.

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I would also encourage departments with any questions related to search and rescue to contact a member of the SAR Committee. We are here to serve the member companies and can most likely use the expertise of the committee members in addressing any concerns. We are frequently consulted by departments for information on equipment and training and welcome such contacts.

The Committee would like to thank President Denver and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. The Committee looks forward to continuing its’ work with each of you and others in the coming year.

Submitted for the Service by:
Todd “Scuba” Johnson, Chair

REPORT OF THE STANDARD AND NFPA REVIEW COMMITTEE

For the past year, it has been my honor to serve as the Chair of the MSFA Standards and NFPA Review Committee. This Committee plays a critical role in the review and adoption of standards which directly impact the safety and survivability of firefighters and first responders throughout the State.
The prevailing issue to this Committee continued to be the review of the current MSFA Bylaws to recommend any necessary revisions to existing MSFA standards requirements. The Bylaws revisions proposed by this Committee were forwarded to the EMS Committee, as a number of revisions had a direct impact on the delivery of EMS services by member companies of this Association. Following that review, a consensus of all revisions was accepted by both Committees and this version was forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for placement of a final version onto the Ballot for consideration of the MSFA membership at the 2013 Annual Convention and Conference.

In cooperation with the liaisons from the MSFA Office of the Parliamentarian, MSFA EMS Committee and MSFA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, a recommended draft for Article D of the MSFA Bylaws was reviewed and approved by the Standards Committee. That draft incorporated the modifications to Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 as proposed by the MSFA EMS Committee. In addition, the Standards Committee recommended modification to Section 1 of the Bylaws to address training requirements for marine vessel operations.

Upon approval of a final form of any modifications to the Bylaws, the Standards Committee will then review these changes to commence a review of the current Standard Operation Guidelines as adopted by the Executive Committee, and prepare recommendations to those Guidelines to coordinate with any MSFA revisions and to more closely reflect currently accepted operating practices and nationally recognized standards for safety. The MSFA Standards Committee agreed to reserve any further actions regarding modifications to the Guidelines to insure agreement with changes made, if any, to the MSFA Bylaws regarding this subject.

The Standards Committee now plans to continue the process of revising the MSFA Standard Operating Guidelines regarding apparatus standards. It was decided to begin this process by assigning different sections of these SOGs to Task Groups of Committee Members for initial review and recommendation of each SOG Section for approval by the entire Standards Committee. In addition, a request has been sent to other MSFA Committees, including the Rural Water Supply Committee, EMS Committee, and Water Craft Committee to lend special expertise on proposed revisions to pertinent MSFA SOGs. It was noted that the final reports should be reserved pending the approval of the proposed changes to Article D of the Bylaws by the MSFA Membership, and prepared for submission to the MSFA Executive Committee at a future meeting of that Committee. All members of the MSFA Standards Committee were encouraged to participate in the review of these SOGs.

The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members. The goal of this Committee is to continue the review and revision of current MSFA SOGs for Fire apparatus and EMS vehicles to coordinate these SOGs with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While the recommended SOGs will attempt to comply with the current NFPA Standards as much as possible, it is understood
that many local conditions will require modification to the National standard in order to provide an adequate level of cost effective services. All of these issues will be considered as a part of the MSFA Standards Committee review and recommendation of proposed regulations, with the prime consideration for the safety of the emergency responders of this State and the citizens that they are committed to protect. It is my personal commitment to continue the fine efforts and tradition of this Committee that has been long established. If anyone has any questions or comments that they wish to bring before the Standards Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Bush, Chair

REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

President Denver, 1st Vice President Olson, 2nd Vice President Keller, Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This year’s Training Committee continued to build on joint relationships with other committees within the Maryland State Firemen’s Association including the Safety Committee, the Rural Water Supply Committee, the EMS Committee, and the Recruitment and Retention Committee.

During the year our committee bonded in unified training issues with the Training Committee of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association with many positive results. It is hoped that all our partner committees will be able to jointly offer training opportunities beneficial to all member companies.

Although the MSFA 10 year Training Plan was updated and completed recently the committee was requested to continue to update goals met and evaluate continued progress very little feedback has been received except from a couple of our partners.

The new 165 hour EMT Basic was implemented July 1, 2012 and all early data indicates that it is moving along with slight glitches here and there. The program is being watched carefully with the concerns raised earlier by the member companies.

At the urging of the MSFA Officers and member companies a request was put into MFRI for this year for Training Classes to be designed for our growing Administrative Member population. PP Dave Lewis has taken on that assignment and is in the process of designing a seminar as well as training modules to address the needs of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This will give those leaders as well as potentially future leaders the tools necessary to do their jobs whether it be on how to conduct a meeting, formulating a budget, and successful note taking. It is hoped that this won’t be a one-time offering but will be available for regional distribution.
This year the MSFA Training Chairman attended most of the monthly meetings with President Denver throughout the state for the Council of the Academies, the MFRI Board of Advisors, and MRETEC where we have a seat at the table and where valuable training information is disseminated and obtained. This year the Training Committee continued to put out as many Training Announcements as it received on its portion of MSFA website and continues to encourage MSFA Partners and Member Companies to submit announcements to its chairman.

Chairman Roth, and Vice-Chairman Lynott distributed a thank you gift of a portfolio to the 175 participants and instructors, (purchased by both the MSFA and Maryland Fire Chief’s Association Training Committees) promoting the “Unity through Training” theme that was adopted by the two organizations at the Maryland Weekend held at the National Firefighter Academy in January 2013.

The Chairman of the MSFA Training Committee made a special effort to visit as many MSFA County Association meetings to encourage member companies in submitting entries in this year’s Zembower Training Awards program. For the last three years only a few companies have taken the time to submit entries for these awards. At the time that this report is submitted before the convention it is unknown how many companies have made submissions for 2013.

The MSFA Training Committee met 5 times since the last convention at the following locations:

- College Park, Maryland July 12, 2012
- Ellicott City, Maryland September 9, 2012
- Westminster, Maryland November 18, 2012
- Centreville, Maryland January 13, 2013
- Takoma Park, Maryland April 28, 2013

As the Chairman for the last several years I will be stepping down to pursue other areas within the MSFA and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Past Presidents of the MSFA for their faith and confidence placed in me of this vital committee, the member companies for their hospitality shown us at our meetings all across the state, the committee members for their time and dedication, our partner liaisons, and finally the officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you one and all.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnie F. Roth, Jr. Chairman

**REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The focus this year has been the preparation of the tag data-base for the 2013 recertification of member companies. The MVA provided the committee with a copy of the active MSFA
tags in the State of Maryland as of August, 2013. The committee has spent many hours comparing the MVA data-base to ours. This was time consuming but should provide the member companies with a more accurate recertification print-out.

The recertification print-out of member companies was started in February 2013 and will be completed by June 2013. The following counties have been sent: St. Mary’s, Charles, Kent, Princess Anne, Cecil, Caroline, Howard, Calvert, Baltimore, Wicomico, Howard, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Somerset Talbot, and Washington. We are now receiving some of the completed print-outs along with the company’s recertification fees.

The recertification is a requirement for member companies that are part of the MSFA and have MSFA logo tags. This happens every five (5) years. The individual that has the MSFA tag is required to pay $5.00 to the MSFA. This will insure that the member is in good standing and still has the tag. 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 cannot be renewed.

The number of active tags is now approximately 7,300. There were approximately 350 new tag requests this year. This number is down from last year.

There was one new Coordinator appointed this year. The Calvert County Coordinator, Herbert Dowell, was replaced by Thomas Scott who is a member of Prince Frederick VFD. His contact information will be listed in the new MSFA directory. I extend sincere thanks to Mr. Dowell for his many years of service to Calvert County and the MSFA Transportation Committee.

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.

I wish to extend my thanks to President Denver 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 Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests to the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board held four meetings this past year. There were two loans; one grant and one combination loan/grant approved totaling $895,374.92. There is one pending meeting to be held on May 19, 2013 with at least one application to be reviewed, possibly two.

It is important to note that all applications must be “complete” and be in the hands of the secretary 30 days prior to a scheduled meeting. This is due to the new requests and requirements now imposed by the DMIL and the BPWs.

The Board has been attempting to narrow the time from approval to settlement. It is hoped to compress this time down to 45 days or less, once the project is acquired or completed. We’d like to thank those who have worked on developing and presenting this overview to the VCAF Board and the Executive Committee. We continue to accept loan and grant applications from all companies. All 14 copies of a loan and/or grant application must go through the county representative and be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board for distribution to all Board members.

As of April 07, 2013, there’s approximately $12 million available to loan.

It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and colleague; for his generosity of the time contributed to the VCAF Loan program; Mr. Lee Sachs, Esq. His support and assistance was invaluable to the workings of this board and will not be forgotten. We’d like to welcome Mr. Wylie Donaldson and Ms. Catherine Kelly for assuming the duties of the Assistant Treasurer and Liaison to the Dept. of the Military.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Curfman, Chairman
Patricia A. Bowser, Secretary

REPORT OF THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE - $10,000

President Denver, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2012 raffle, which was conducted from June 2011 through June 2012, yielded a total of $56,279.00. The expenses totaled $24,055.00 which left a profit of $32,224.00.

Counter sales at the 2012 convention produced $6,842.00 and the remaining $49,437.00
was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by
the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold $11,314 worth of chances. Harford
County was again the leader in ticket sales with $20,589.00. This is the tenth year in a row
that Harford has led in sales, and the challenge is still open for anyone to take the lead.

Although every county returned money, 157 out of 369 (43%) MSFA member companies
did not! The following list by county represents the percentage of companies that did not
return money:

- Allegany: 38%
- Anne Arundel: 40%
- Baltimore: 46%
- Calvert: 14%
- Caroline: 71%
- Carroll: 21%
- Cecil: 11%
- Charles: 50%
- Dorchester: 63%
- Frederick: 39%
- Garrett: 31%
- Howard: 17%
- Kent: 57%
- Montgomery: 32%
- Prince Georges: 55%
- Queen Anne's: 22%
- Somerset: 33%
- St. Mary's: 36%
- Talbot: 43%
- Washington: 44%
- Wicomico: 79%
- Harford: 23%

The committee would like to thank the county coordinators, member companies, ladies
auxiliaries, and special individuals who have worked very hard to make the raffle a success.

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**Expenses for 2011-2012 Raffle:**

- Prize Money: $16,800.00
- Printing: $ 4,250.00
- OC Sunfest & Springfest Fees: $ 1,990.00
- Darlington Apple Fest: $ 65.00
- Raffle License (Worcester Co.): $ 25.00
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|$ 175.00  Maryland BBQ Bash
|$ 750.00  Tent Rentals
|$24,055.00  Total Expenses

|$56,279.00  Total Sales
|$24,055.00  Total Expenses
|$32,224.00  Total Profit

Prize Winners for 2011-2012 Raffle:
1st  $10,000  Pat Walsh – Hunt Valley, MD
2nd  $ 2,500  Potomac Fire Company – Westernport, MD
3rd  $ 1,500  Lauren Kidd – Hydes, MD
4th  $ 1,000  Guy Geisel – Denton, MD
5th  $  750  Diane R. Love – Montgomery Village, MD
6th  $  500  Richard Allen – Anne Arundel, MD
7th  $  250  Ken Wilson, Del Ray, FL
8th  $  100  Reese Vol. Fire Co. – Westminster, MD
9th  $  100  Danielle Rodrigue – Glen Burnie, MD
10th $  100  Debbie & John Shockey – Lonaconing, MD

The committee would like to congratulate all of the winners and thank them for their support. Also, many thanks are in order to the MSFA & LAMSFA officers and members who helped with the raffle. Without you, we could not have had such a successful year.

The committee has had a very busy year with the 2012-2013 raffle. We have attended the Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland BBQ Bash, the Darlington Apple Festival, and Ocean City’s Sunfest and Springfest. The committee would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, informative, and safe conference and convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Jonske, Chairman
Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman
Anna Jonske, LAMSFA Co-Chairman

REPORT OF THE WILLS FOR HEROES COMMITTEE

Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairmen, Delegates and Guests: It has been my honor once again to have served President Denver and The Maryland State Firemen’s Association as chairman of The Wills For Heroes Committee.

The Wills For Heroes Committee is charged with providing wills for qualified members
of our member companies. The “package” of forms to be completed to submit to the committee to have a Last Will and Testament written, without any cost or obligation, is available on the MSFA website (msfa.org). The procedure is to download the forms and instructions and then to mail the “completed” package to a committee member to have the will written in accordance with the information you supply. Once written, the completed Last Will and Testament will be mailed back to you, to sign in accordance with the instructions. The MSFA will not retain any of the documents which you submit to have the “will” written. This service is but another of the benefits available to you as one of the many, many benefits that The MSFA provides to our member companies. We recommend that county associations consider setting up a day for their member companies to have our committee come to your county to have your “wills” written as a group project.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. For the committee,

Respectfully,
Roger N. Powell, Esq., PP, Chairman

Committee Members
C. Daniel Davis, PP, Michael Farlow, Esq.
Franklin Roth Gayle Moreland

REPORT OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

President Denver, Vice President Olson and Keller, officers, and members of the Association. The 125th Anniversary Planning Committee has met twice thus far and discussed the planning of our 125th anniversary celebration. Along with those meetings, I have had the opportunity to discuss offline with a number of members of the association.

Our first meeting involved bringing together a group of interested representatives from across the state and people very interested in preparing for an appropriate celebration. We have reviewed the plans and success of the centennial celebration held in Frederick looking at the planning, implementation, logistics, budget and attendance. Members reviewed these areas and open discussion, along with committee member recommendations, were placed on the table. Suggestions and plans for a meeting with the Frederick County Fire/Rescue Association and representatives of the County and local city officials were discussed. Those arrangements were made and those meetings took place. Thanks to Bob Jacobs, Chip Jewell, Richard Yinger and Dewey Forman for arranging these meeting and attending. As we left the first meeting, we were of the opinion that we would repeat the format of the centennial celebration and our efforts were in that direction.

During the second meeting, we began to review data from the centennial and discuss budget requirements for the 125th celebration. We reviewed availability of facilities for hosting the event, timing of celebration as it relates to the annual convention, attendance at centennial and budget. We discussed developing a purpose and theme during the
meeting, how we could reach the largest segment of our membership in order to recognize the history, dedication and success of the association. As this meeting progressed, the conversation shifted to holding several events during the year culminating with a special program at Ocean City in June. The events during the year would be offered to the organizing members of the association, they would be planned in cooperation with the association from proposals submitted to the MSFA planning committee. The association would provide funding to assist the host and the selected locations would be in conjunction with the regular MSFA Executive Committee meetings for the year 2017. The host, in their proposal, could opt to have a grand ball and/or banquet, parades, competitions, educational programs, music events, historical re-enactments or other ideas they may submit.

The budget committee has proposed a funding level for the celebration that will be presented to the Executive committee for approval. The expectation is that request for proposals will be sent to the original member companies in the summer of 2014, reviewed and interviews during the fall. Recommendations by the planning committee will then be suggested to the President and Executive Committee. If the proposals are not sufficient to meet the needs of the association, companies may be selected outside of the originating member companies.

I would like to thank the members of the planning committee for their participation and suggestions. I hope that as we move forward an appropriate 125th celebration schedule can be developed and enjoyed by our general membership during a full year of activity and events for our member companies.

Respectfully,
Thomas Mattingly, Chairman
LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013
1800 JOINT OFFICERS’ BANQUET – Ballrooms 2 & 3, by Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013
7:30 Hands-On Registration – Convention Center “C” Hall
8:00 Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
8:00-4:00 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops
8:00-4:00 Hands on raining
9:00-3:00 MSFA Store Open in Exhibit Hall “D”
9:00-5:00 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center

9:00-12:00 LADIES AUXILIARY EARLY REGISTRATION – Outside Convention Center Hall “East”
10:00-12:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Exhibit Hall “D”

10:30 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Convention Center Ballrooms 2 & 3
11:00 Fire & EMS Memorabilia Flea Market – Convention Center

2:00 MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Convention Center East Hall

1700 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Main Ballroom

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2013
8:00-3:00 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops
8:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Exhibit Hall “D”

08:30 CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION - Convention Center Main Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES
9:00 Exhibits Open
9:00-4:00 MSFA Store Open
Behavioral Health Consultant, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, MD

After the Keynote Speaker has presented her program, the LAMSFA will be excused and will then meet in the East Hall.
FIRST SESSION

11-11:45 REGISTRATIONS

12:00 CALL TO ORDER – President Sherry Soper
Presentation of Colors – Color Bearers: Malea Daughton and Brenda Harrison
Invocation by Chaplain – Marcia Roth
Pledge to the Flag – President Sherry Soper
Conference Song Music Chair – Susan Derlumas
Welcome Convention Chair – Flo Collins
Greetings Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nominations of Officers 2013-2014
Reading of Election Rules – Corresponding Secretary Nancy Jones
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests
Recognition of MSFA President – John Denver
Report of the Credentials Chair – Fran Fusco
Approval of Minutes – Recording Secretary Darby Byrd
Report of the Treasurer – Barbara Sue Nelson
Report of the Financial Secretary – Vivian Morgan Boyd

AWARDS CEREMONY
  Jane Todd Award – Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
  Hall of Fame Induction Chairman – Leone Gatton, PP
  Honey Award – Past President Leonard King – MSFA Treasurer Ron Siarnicki

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS
REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
Communications and Bills – Corresponding Secretary Nancy Jones
Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Benediction – Vice Chaplain Lori Denbow
Recess
4:30 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 4:14 pm

6:30 MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK
7:30 COACH BAG BINGO - Convention Center (Doors open at 6:30)

TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2013

SECOND SESSION

8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION AND BALLOTTING – Only the person who is the Chairman of Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman’s badge.

9:00 CALL TO ORDER – President Sherry Soper
Invocation – Chaplain Marcia Roth
Recognition of Guests
Report of the Fire Prevention Committee – Chair Jane Huffman
Report of the Election Committee – Chair, Past President Leone Gatton

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- Ads and Patrons – Chair Denice Melito, Paula Robison
- Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund – Chair, Past President Elaine Huttenloch
- Pins and Badges – Chair Marian Nicholson
- Safety – Chair, Past President Nora Ryan
- Ways and Means – Chair Gloria Schaeffer and Kim Thomas
- Hall of Fame – Chair, Past President Leone Gatton
- Report of Credentials – Chair Fran Fusco
- Benediction – Vice Chaplain Lori Denbow
- Recess

Meeting of the 2013-2014 Officers, Past Presidents and Pages in front of the Ladies Meeting room with Installing Officer, Past President Teresa Crisman

12:20-3:30   ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC – Convention Center Ballrooms 2 & 3
4:30   Exhibits Close
4:30   JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Main Ballroom
Presentation by Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers

6:00-9:00   OC FOOLS Block Party, 45th Street Bay Side, Benefits Fallen Firefighters
9:00   Fireworks on the Beach – Boardwalk at the Inlet
9:30   PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Main Ballroom

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, 2013

THIRD SESSION

7:30   PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Ballrooms 2 & 3
8:30-9:00   Registration
9:15   CALL TO ORDER – President Carol Hayden
- Invocation – Chaplain Lori Denbow
- Dismissal 2012-2013 Committees
- Except Ads/Patrons – Past President, Sherry Soper

OFFICERS’ REPORTS
- COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – President Carol Hayden
- New Business
- Good of the Order
- Door Prizes – Ocean City Auxiliary
- Adjourn Convention Meeting
- Benediction – Vice Chaplain Donna Struntz
- Retirement of Colors
- Past Presidents Luncheon – by Invitation Only

1:00   Exhibits Close – No entry after 12:45
FIREMEN’S PARADE – DOWNTOWN OCEAN CITY – RAIN OR SHINE
Please remember that the parade route is between 16th and 30th Streets on Baltimore Avenue

Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies – Convention Center
Sherry Soper
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
Frederick County
2012-2013

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Carol Hayden
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
Montgomery County
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Report of L.A.M.S.F.A. Officers

Report of the President

It has truly been my honor to serve as the 2012-2013 President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This year has flown by. It seems like only yesterday that I began this journey to achieve the goal of President. It has been a most rewarding experience. The memories and friendships I have made along the way of the past 13 years is one I will cherish forever.

Serving as a State Officer is truly a privilege and honor. The LAMSFA and its member auxiliaries are a wonderful, hard working organization. In my travels I have gotten to know many of them and they have become like family to me. My sincere THANKS to all for the invitations I have received and the courtesies shown to me along the way.
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To all the Officers I have served with along the way, THANK You so much for the memories. To my current Officers, I could not have asked for a better group of dedicated women to have behind me. You have preformed your offices with dedication and devotion to the fullest, and I THANK YOU for all you have done this year.

To all my LAMSFA Committee Chairman and Committee members, THANK YOU so very much for all your hard work and dedication during my term. Your efforts truly show that you are a TEAM, and Together Everyone Achieves More, and you did just that!

To the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Ladies Auxiliary and the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as my Auxiliary of Woodsboro, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your support. It has been my honor to represent you.

As incoming President Carol Hayden and her officers come into her year as President, I wish them much success and my sincere best wishes. I am only a phone call away if I can be of any assistance to any of you,

To all the Past Presidents of the LAMSFA, THANKS to all of you for your words of wisdom, guidance, and support over the past 13 years. You will never know how much each and every one of you mean to me. I am very much looking forward to becoming a member of the Past Presidents Club.

To my Past President Joyce Thorne. You have always been there for me and I truly appreciate it. Your guidance has gotten me to where I am today, and I hope I have done you proud. Thank you for the phone calls I have had to make to you and the “talks” we have had over the past years. You will always be special to me.

To MSFA President John Denver and wife Anna Marie, THANK YOU for your friendships and assistance this year. I feel we have worked very well together this year. It was, I feel a wonderful experience for both of us. I wish all the incoming MSFA Officers the best for 2013-2014. Under the leadership of 1st VP Jackie Olson and 2nd VP Dave Keller III, I feel the MSFA will be in good hands.

There are special people who are always there for you at any time when you need them, and I would like to THANK my dear friends, Ruth Martin and Jean Main, Conference Chairman and Co-Chairman for two great Conferences this year. You two did an outstanding job and I THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. Your hard work and dedication to me as well as the LAMSFA and your home Auxiliaries of Woodsboro and Lewistown have shown what dedication you have to the LAMSFA and your home departments.

Thank you to the Auxiliaries and Members of Woodsboro and Level for the wonderful job you did in hosting my two conferences this year.
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To my family, daughter Amanda, brother Chuck, nephews Eric and Chad, thank you for your support and I love you all very much.

Finally, my THANKS to my parents, Charles F. and Thelma K. Handley for giving me the spirit of being a volunteer and always being with me at all times. Even though they have passed, I have always felt that they have been with me. Their spirit of “giving back” is something they gave to me and will always keep with me.

Thank you to all of YOU, and I love each and every one of you very much.

Respectfully,
Sharon E. “Sherry” Soper
LAMSFA President 2012-2013

Report of the Senior Vice President

This year I proudly served as Sr. Vice President to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (LAMSFA) for the year 2012-2013.

As Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Committee and I are working on the proposed By-Law changes for the year which will be presented at the 2013 Convention of the MSFA.

I attended many banquets and represented the LAMSFA and also attended them in place of Sherry Soper, LAMSFA President and enjoyed all of the festivities each time. I want to thank all of the auxiliaries for their invitations to their banquets, installation, 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 my Mom and Dad for all of their support during this year. Thanks to all of you for your support and friendships.

I want to congratulate Presidents Sherry Soper and John Denver for a great year. I am also looking forward in working with Jackie Olson, 1st Vice President of the MSFA.

To my fellow Officers, thank you for your support and friendships and let us have a successful year and I look forward to working with each of you.

Respectfully, Carol Hayden
LAMSFA Sr. Vice President
Report of the Junior Vice President

Serving the LAMSFA and MSFA as Junior Vice President for the year 2012-2013 has been an honor and privilege. I have attended numerous banquets, memorial services, meetings, parades, and also judged fire prevention. Thank you for the opportunity to travel the state and get to know you and your fire community better.

In my role as Jr. Vice President I am also Membership Chair. I am actively working with three auxiliaries in order to have them join the LAMSFA.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Firemen’s Association, Catherine Price (mother & LAMSFA Safety Committee Member), Paul H. Price (father), Leone Gatton (LAMSFA Past President), and Mike Davis (husband & MSFA Public Address Chair) for their support and guidance through the year.

President Soper and President Denver have been a pleasure to work with this year. I look forward to working with incoming Presidents Hayden and Olson as well as my partner in Fire Service, President Keller. To the 2013-2014 Officers of the LAMSFA and MSFA I look forward to working with you for a successful and productive year. If you need me I am only a phone call away.

Thank you to the LAMSFA and MSFA family for all your well wishes, cards, and gifts honoring the birth of our son, Asa Quentin. He joined the family on February 3, 2013 and attended his first MSFA meeting February 21-23 at Kent Island and LAMSFA meeting at Level on April 6th. So we hope that we have a future firefighter in the making.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann F. Price-Davis

Report of the Recording Secretary

It has been my honor to serve the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as the Recording Secretary for 2012-2013.

I would like to congratulate President Sherry Soper on a successful year and thank her for allowing me to represent her and the association at several banquets this past year.

I would like to thank my home department of Dentsville Volunteer Emergency Medical Services and Auxiliary, Inc., the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary, my Past President Eloise Healey, my page and daughter Kate Byrd, my mother Guelda Farrall and my heart and soul Kevin. Without each of you I could not have traveled this path!
Finally, to my fellow officers, thank you for your friendships and support during the past year. Each one of you has truly become a part of my extended family and for that I am grateful. I look forward to another successful year!

Respectfully submitted,
Darby Byrd

Report of the Chaplain

I want to say what a pleasure it has been to be LAMSFA Chaplain this year. I have enjoyed traveling around the state and being able to guide our organization spiritually. I have also had the opportunity to step up and pray for other organizations in our fire and rescue service.

The preparing of the Joint Memorial Service for Convention is not an easy task and I went into this project with great trepidation. I want to thank all of those who helped me this year with this job. First off, Nancy Jones, for giving me the support I needed to get through and for being so gracious. I want to thank Rev. Harry Hetz for all of his guidance and help, I could not have gotten through this year without him.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me throughout this and past years as I have moved up the chairs in this organization. First off, my family: my husband Johnie and my son Eric for being there for me as support and travel companions.

I want to thank the members of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary for their support and belief in me. Thank you to the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Auxiliary for being there for me. And last, but not least, my Past President Pat Deamond, you are a true inspiration.

May we all be lifted by the spirit of our God as we go through our life’s journey. May he be there for us in our times of need and lead us safely through this life.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Roth, Chaplain

Memorial Special Tributes
Margaret H. Woltz, Chillum-Adelphi VFD Aux.
Margaret H. Woltz, Ladies Aux. of the Bladensburg VFD
Margaret H. Woltz, College Park VFD Ladies Aux.
Barbara “Bobbie” McWilliams, 7th District VFD Aux.
Allegany
Lucila A. Swain, Baltimore Pike VFC Aux.
Calara Etta Dye, Barton Hose CO No. 1 Aux.
Mary E. Snider, Barton Hose CO No. 1 Aux.
Eiza M. Hamilton, Bowling Green VFD Ladies Aux.
May Robison, Bowling Green VFD Ladies Aux.
Sandra J. Boor, Corriganville VFC Aux.
Helen V. Mason, Cresaptown VFD Aux.
Wilma G. Lantz, District 16 VFD Aux.
Leona F. McClellan, Ladies Auxiliary to the La Vale VFD
AnnLee M. Femi, Shaft VFD Aux.

Anne Arundel
Ethel Louisa Wood Nutwell, Deale VF & RD Ladies Aux.
Mary Eleanor Nutwell, Deale VF &RD Ladies Aux.
Mary Phibbons, West Annapolis Vol. Fire & Improvement Company Aux.

Baltimore
Lillian Clark, North Point Edgemore VFC

Calvert
Billie M. Cox, Huntingtown VFC Aux.

Caroline
Louise D. Singer, Denton VFC Aux.

Carroll
Helen Adams, Aux. to Hampstead VFC
Kathryn Dom, Aux. to the Harney VFC
Ethel Long, Aux. to the Harney VFC
Pauline Folk, Aux. to Linesboro VFC
Virginia Robbins, Aux. to Linesboro VFC
Wanda Warner, Aux. to Linesboro VFC
Harold M. “Mac” Molesworth, The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC
Nancy L. Adler, The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC
Isabelle H. Windsor, The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC
Evelyn G. Culler, New Windsor VFC #1 Aux.
Theda Dyer Dayhoff, New Windsor VFC #1 Aux.
Ruth S. Keefer, Union Bridge VFC Ladies Aux.
Gertie Spurrier, Union Bridge VFC Ladies Aux.
Hilda Barnes Haugh, LA to the Winfield & Community VFD
Cecil
Shirley L. England, Community FC of Rising Sun
E. Rosemary Culley, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder CO No#1 of Elkton LA
Belva Lee, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder CO No#1 of Elkton LA
Sarah Peterson, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder CO No#1 of Elkton LA
Gail Purcell, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder CO No#1 of Elkton LA.

Charles
Audrey Robertson, Bel Alton VFD Aux.
Mary Lillian Cole, Indian Head VFD & RS Aux.
Audrey Robertson, Indian Head VFD & RS Aux.

Dorchester
None

Frederick
James E. Gayer, Junior FC No.Two Aux.
Francis C. Sappington, Jr., Junior FC No.Two Aux.
Lucy M. Smith, Middletown VFC Aux.
Helen Marie Waters Gladhill, Middletown VFC Aux.

Garrett
Alice H. Howard, Bloomington FC Aux.

Harford
Sue Schantz, Aberdeen Fire Department
Frances P. Espy, Abingdon FC Aux.
Connie Martin, Jarrettsville VFC Aux.

Howard
None

Kent
Thelma P. Willis, Kennedyville VFD Aux.
Frances A. Money, Kennedyville VFD Aux.
Sharon Hickman, Rock Hall VFC & Aux.
Montgomery
Audree Virginia Brandenburg, Damascus VFD Aux.
Thomas “Buddy” Kinder, Rockville VFD Aux.
Pauline V. Kindet, Rockville VFD Aux.
Marilyn Ann Jarboe, Takoma Park VFD Aux.

Prince George’s
Carol Kiernan, Berwyn Heights VFD & RS
Idella Hensler, Bladensburg VFD & RS Ladies Aux.
Rita H. Leggett, Bladensburg VFD & RS Ladies Aux.
Louise Tierney, Boulevard Heights VF&RD Aux.
Lucille Kimball, Chillum-Adelphi VFD Aux.
Carroll F. Linkins, Chillum-Adelphi VFD Aux.
Margaret H. Woltz, Chillum-Adelphi VFD Aux.
Margaret H. Woltz, College Park VFD Aux.
Barbara A. Facini, Forestville VFD No.One Aux.
Mary Marcus, Greenbelt VFD Ladies Aux.
Jackie Greenway, Oxon Hill VFD Ladies Aux.

Queen Anne’s
Mabel Davis, Crumpton VFD Aux.
Kathrine A. Thompson, Goodwill VFC Ladies Aux

Somerset
None

St. Mary’s
Mary A. Burroughs, Auxiliary of the Leonardtown VFD
Jeanne M. Cross, Auxiliary of the Leonardtown VFD
Cynthia K. Adams, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.
Mary P. Burroughs, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.

Talbot
Frances H. Shortall, Cordova Vol. Firemen’s Association LA

Washington
Dorothy G. Stouffer, Leitersburg FC Aux.

Wicomico
None
Tribute to Barbara McWilliams

At the request of Chaplain Kathie Lohman, who was unable to attend Barbara McWilliams’ Memorial Service, due to health issues, Past President Leone Gatton offered the following words on behalf of the Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

As a poet once wrote;

At times like this, we are helpless.,
It is only God who can speak the words
That will calm the sea, still the wind, and ease the pain
So lean on Him and you will never walk alone.
On the wings of death and sorrow,
God sends us new hope for tomorrow.
And in His mercy and His grace,
He gives us strength to bravely face
The lonely days that stretch ahead,
And to understand that our loved one is not dead,
But only sleeping out of our sight.
And that one day, we’ll meet again, in that land where there is no night.

In 1995, after some persuasion by a few friends, Bobbie decided it was time for her to extend her wings a little further with her fire service family. I think I remember Bobbie saying George was a little hesitant about the adventure at first. Prior to this she had served as a member on some committees and in 1994 she served as a Page. During the 1995 annual convention of the LA-MSFA, Bobbie ran for the office of Color Bearer and was elected to that office. During the next ten years, she held the offices of Color Bearer, Historian, Vice Chaplain, Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Junior Vice President, and Senior Vice President. In June 2005, she was elected to the office President of the LA-MSFA and became the second individual from St. Mary’s County to serve in that capacity.

During her many years of involvement in the LA-MSFA, Bobbie served on the Audit, Bessie Marshall, Constitution and By-laws, Count Organizer, Legislative, Membership, and Public Relations, Publicity, and Sick committees. However, the one committee that was most special to Bobbie was the Bessie Marshall Committee. She was always looking for ways to financially help the sick and injured Fire Fighters in our State through the Bessie Marshall Committee.
In June 2006, at the end of Bobbie’s term of office as President, she was initiated into the LA-MSFA Past President’s Club. In June 2012 she was elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the PP Club and was currently holding that position.

Bobbie will be missed by all of her friends in the Fire and Emergency Services Community.

And now I would like to share with you another poem by Helen Sterner Rice entitled A Word of Understanding:

May peace and understanding, give you strength
and courage, too.
And may the hours and days ahead, hold a new hope
for you.
For the sorrow that is yours today, will pass away,
and then,
You’ll find the sun of happiness will shine for you again,

The Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association wishes to extend our sincerest condolences to Bobbie’s husband, George, to her children, George, Gall, Lynn, Carol and their spouses, her grandchildren and her extended family as well as to the members of the Seventh District Fire Department and Auxiliary as well as her many friends. May she rest in peace.

Report of the Fire Prevention Committee

On behalf of the members of the LAMSFA Fire Prevention Committee, I would like to thank President Soper for our appointment and friendship. I personally would like to thank my entire committee for their work and dedication this past year.

Our fire prevention project this year was a paper SCHOOL FOLDER with fire prevention messages created on both sides. At Spring Conference, we had 46 entries submitted from the state auxiliaries and its members. These entries were taken to the Baltimore City Fire Department Fire Prevention Office for judging. Thank you to Inspector Kevin Williams of the Baltimore City Fire Department for his help with this project.

We were extremely happy to acquire 4 nominees for the Jane Todd Award and 4 submissions for the Silver Spring Award. The numbers are growing and we thank the leaders who submitted their members for these awards.

Thank you to MSFA Fire Prevention Chairperson Teresa Crisman for including the ladies auxiliary in all of the MSFA meetings and for the sharing of fire prevention information. The
fire prevention meetings are a wonderful source of information and I encourage all of you to sign up for this committee.

I would like everyone to keep two very special committee members in their thoughts and prayers. These ladies were very dedicated to the committee for many years, but are having some health issues as of late. We hope they return to us soon. Hugs and prayers for a quick return to Gracie Mothershead and Kathy Causey. We would also like to extend Best Wishes to Marcia & Dave Garnice on their move to Phoneix, Arozona.

In closing, I would like to thank Rose Pandolfini for her help in writing the Siren Silencer. Great job Rose!

Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2013-2014.
Jane Huffinan, Chairperson

Report of the Seventeen State Circle Committee

I would like to thank President Sherry Soper for the appointment as chairman of the Seventeen State Circle Committee. I have enjoyed working with committee members Jane Huffman, Marian Nicholson, Teresa Crisman and Elaine Huttenloch. Our team reviewed 1075 Senate bills and 1535 House bills seeking to identify any proposed legislation that might affect the interests of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Of those bills submitted, the MSFA identified 107 bills to track their progress through the State legislature. The State Circle Committee closely monitored 42 bills of specific interest to the MSFA.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the MSFA Seventeen State Circle Chairmen Doyle Cox and Richard Smith for all their help. We enjoyed working with them and hope to have the opportunity to do so again. In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the committee members for their devotion and hard work.

Best wishes for a successful convention,
Carene Housenfluck, Chairman


Officers, Members and Guests, it has been a very busy year for the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund this year. As of this report we have paid 49 cases for a total of $40,350.00. It is because of your continued support of this committee we have been able to meet this goal. My thanks to each of you for your donations and support of all of the raffles. To the “Special” auxiliaries who have held additional fund raising events I can only say “THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU!”
The special funds that were turned in at the convention last year have been very instrumental in keeping the fund solvent. My thanks to Sherrie Schrama from the Forestville Ladies Auxiliary for the donation of 31 Longaberger baskets to use for raffles. Also a very special thank you to PA Past President Mr. Steele for his many donations to be used for the raffles. This year he has donated a handmade fire truck for your table top.

A special thanks goes to MSFA Past President Frank Underwood. Last year he donated 100 Susan Pins and again this convention he has donated another 100. This is a really great savings of over $500.00. Thanks Frank!

My special thanks to the committee members who have been there for every raffle at the conferences and convention. I am sorry to report that we lost two very special members of our committee. PP Bobbie McWilliams and Carroll Linkins were very dedicated to the Bessie Marshall Committee for many years and they will be sorely missed.

Finally I would like to thank my daughter Ginny Wilhite. She has been printing our tickets for all of our raffles which save us a lot of money for printing.

To President Sherry Soper, Thank you for my appointment. I have enjoyed serving as your Chairman.

Ladies this committee gives you a very rewarding feeling when you are able to help so many firemen who are sick and down and out. I share this feeling with all of you for this is your committee and you have always made it a success. My thanks again to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Huttenloch, Chairman
(Code: ** Registered at 2013 Convention)


**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: Mike Simmons, Tim Simmons, Hobe Bowser, Allen Bach, Alva Rexrode. Alternates: Richard Carlson, Paul Custer, Dean George, Paul Hook, 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. No Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 128, 3676 S. Upper Ferry Road, Allen, MD 21810; Wicomico County. Telephone: 410-546-3515; Fax: 410-546-5053. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 113 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3334, 301-733-9385; Website: www.antietamfirecompany.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1818. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. OF BALTIMORE COUNTY - 5200 Southwestern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County. Telephone 410-242-6601; E-mail: 350@bcvfa.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: John W. McDowell, Vice President: Steven Gower, Secretary: Gina K. Birsner, Treasurer: Jessie Tacka, Chaplain: Steve Owens, Chief: Douglas Simpkins Jr. Delegates: John McDowell, Douglas Simpkins Jr., Lewis Harvey IV, Donald Gutberlet, Joseph Antoszewski Sr. Alternates: None Listed.


**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, Harve E. Woods, Laura Woods, Carene Housenfluck. Alternates: Steve Race, Dave Ayres.

**AVALON SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO BOX 528, 5270 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-
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Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. – P.O. Box 359, 15010 Baltimore Pike, NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-4170; E-mail: co4@allconet.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Gary Carpenter, Vice President: Michael Woodsen, Secretary: Lisa Hout, Treasurer: Kenny Fuller, Chief: Sam Wilson. Delegates: Gary Carpenter, Calvin Athcy, Steven Hout, Sam Wilson. Alternates: None Listed.

**Barton Hose Co. No.1, Inc.** – PO Box 277, Barton, MD 21521; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6305; Organized: 1919; Chartered: 1947. President: Stanley Broadwater; Vice President: Joseph Langham; Secretary: John Shuhart; Treasurer: John Shuhart; Chief: Kevin Rounds. Delegates: John Shuhart, Wayne Rounds, Stanley Broadwater, Marilyn Rounds, Kevin Rounds. Alternates: Gene Foutz, Joseph Langham.

**Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.** – PO Box 1440, 46900 Shangri-La Drive, California, MD 20561; 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: L. Wayne Johnson; Vice President: Richard Sullivan; Secretary: Joseph A Cooper; Treasurer: Bruce Thedden; Chaplain: Keith FairFax; Chief: Shawn Downs. Delegates: L. Wayne Johnson, Shawn Downs, Joe Cooper, Richard Sullivan, Joe Zienda. Alternates: Doug Medley, Bob Braddock, Les Hansen, Melvin Tennyson, 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: Derek Crippen. Delegates: Tim Growden, Derek Crippen, Mike Helmstetter, Geena Kile. 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: Tony Coliano; Vice President: Charlie Walls; Secretary: Tom Fry; Treasurer: Paul Chizmar; Chaplain: Rabbi Kenneth Block; Chief: Eddie Hopkins. Delegates: Russel Eyre, Mike Lochary, Gary Kadolph, Joe Price. Alternates: Will Price.

**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: Tom Albrettain; Vice President: Hoover Thompson; Secretary: Larry Fisher; Treasurer: Billy
Robertson; Chaplain: Julian Hayden; Chief: Cory Frye. Delegates: Tom Albright, Hoover Thompson, Billy Robertson, Larry Fisher, Bobby Presley. Alternates: Tom Hutchinson, Ryan Armstrong.

**BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 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: Rev. Harry Hetz; Chief: Alfred Schwartz. Delegates: Margie Dickey, Harry Hetz, Alfred Schwartz, Tony McCall, Billy McNeal. Alternates: Brian Hart, Janice Gardliner, Robert Allen Jr., Matt Tomlins, Steve Flora.

**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: Francis Griffin III; Secretary: Destiny Cusick; Treasurer: Katie Vanslyke; Chaplain: Chief: Sean Kerringan. Delegates: Brian Cusick, Sean Kerrigan, Katie Vanslyke, Buzzy Griffin, Aaron Rushhnder. Alternates: Wayde Peaper, Calvin DeMar, Jr.


**BERWYN HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and 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 Hurley, Vice President: Chris Wipprecht, Secretary: Cindy Frend, Treasurer: Eric Norris, Chaplain: Chief: Danny McCoy. Delegates: Peter Isaacson, James Hurley, Ryan Wagner, Jimmy Kiernan, Paul J. Martein. Alternates: Brent Woodhouse, Kenny Cooper, Jaime Simpson, John Hoffman, Chelsea Miller.

**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 B. Murgolo, Vice President: Jerry Morenoff, Secretary: Dr. Ted Rosen, Treasurer: Grant L. Davies, Chaplain: Chief: Lawrence J. Gaddis. Delegates: Lawrence J. Gaddis, Michael Kay, John Murgolo, Chris Mullaney, Virginia Miller. 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: Brooke A. Davis, Vice President: Robert Kretzmer, Secretary: Paul Mackell,

**BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610; Kent County; Telephone 410-348-5678 Fax 410-348-5300; Organized: 1938; President: Chris Fox, Vice President: Kip Matthews, Secretary: Amanda Clark, Treasurer: Amanda Clark, Chaplain:, Chief: Jim Price. Delegates: Teri Avrett. Alternates: None Listed.


BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 176 Brenneman Road, Bittinger, MD 21522; Garrett County; Telephone 301-245-4414; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1982; President: Wayne Jacquet, Vice President: Dennis Yoder, Secretary: Jeffrey Beitzel, Treasurer: Bill Buckel, Chaplain: Leon Beitzel, Chief: Daniel Warnick. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed.

**BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 348, 4213 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710-0001; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-864-4415 Fax 301-277-9366; President: Donald S. Wells, Vice President: Gary Katz Jr., Secretary: Jason Byrnes, Treasurer: Robert Pickel, Chaplain: Roger Rinehart, Chief: Randy S. Kuenzli. Delegates: Donald S. Wells, John Aryes, Gary Katz Jr., Jane Wells, Randy Kuenzli. Alternates: Michael Hooper, Gary Katz Sr., Robert Wells, Raymond Edwards, Robert Pickel.

BLOOMINGTON FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 12, 77 North Branch Avenue, Bloomington, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone 301-359-3729 Fax; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; President: Kenneth Haugnt, Vice President: Donald Harvey, Secretary: Dave Robey, Treasurer: Jonathan Dowden, Chaplain: Paul Wilson, Chief: Dan Bever. Delegates: Danny Bever, Kathy Bever. Alternates: John Dowden, Krissy Fritz.

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: Mary Jane Blickeinstaff, Vice President: Jean Burns, Secretary: Samantha Jones, Treasurer: Fred Smith, Chaplain: Tom Fralin, Chief: Morgan A. Boyd. Delegates: Rick Beall, Mary Jane Blickeinstaff, Morgan Boyd, Jean Burns. Alternates: None Listed.

BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 14711 Old Hanover Road, Boring, MD 21020; Baltimore County; Telephone 410-429-5200; E-mail: ca0420@bcvco.org. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.
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BOULEVARD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4101 Alton Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-568-8112 Fax 301-568-0581; Organized: 1920; Chartered: 1923; Joined MSFA: 1925. No Credentials were submitted for 2013

**Bowie Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.** - 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 P. Bigony, Vice President: Glenn Locker, Secretary: Gary Blanton, Treasurer: Shirley Meadows, Chaplain: Chief: Lee Havens. Delegates: Jonathan P. Bigony, Marysanta Bigony, James Bloom, Jason Bloom, Denise Bloom. Alternates: None Listed.

**Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.** 12420 McMullen Highway, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1522; E-mail: bowlinggreen@hereintown.net Website: bowling-green-vfd.org; Organized:1947; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1947; President: Ray Bradley, Vice President: Dave Thompson, Secretary: Lance Adams, Treasurer: Rick Ross, Chaplain: Joanne Bradley, Chief: Shannon Adams. Delegates: Mary Carr. Alternates: None Listed.

**Bowman’s Addition Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.** – PO Box – 868, 11710 Boardwalk Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone 301-759-3272; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942; Joined MSFA: 1943; President: Charles Jones, Vice President: Amanna Jones, Secretary: Carole O’Baker, Treasurer: Sue Blacker, Chaplain: Carole O’Baker, Chief: Justin Blacker. Delegates: Dennis Bonner, Arron Blacker, Sue Blacker, Shay Burrette, Carole O’Baker. Alternates: None Listed.

**Braddock Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.** – PO Box 320, 6715 Jefferson Boulevard, Braddock Heights, MD 21714; Frederick County; Telephone 301-371-6820 Fax 301-371-6234; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1942; President: Mike Butler, Vice President: Sam Lenhardt, Secretary: Rachel Marsteller, Treasurer: Joe Fairchild, Chaplain: Chief: Pat McTighe Sr.. Delegates: Joe Fairchild, Jen Butler. Alternates: None Listed

**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 Cresman, Vice President: Thomas Tanner, Secretary: Lani Lindsey, Treasurer: Frank J. Underwood, Chaplain: Chief: Richard Leizer. Delegates: Richard Leizer, John Gardiner, John Hughes, Ronald Leizer Sr., Jeff Dicke. Alternates: None Listed.

**Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department** – PO Box 238, 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-372-8507. See Volunteer Fire Department of Brandywine.
**BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-927-0615; Fax 301-927-5713; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1923; Joined MSFA: 1922. Website: www.brentwood4.com; President: Richard Melito, Vice President: Steve King, Secretary: Anne Chestnut, Treasurer: Bill Travel, Chaplain: Ed Mutchler, Chief: Steve Hampton. Delegates: Richard E. Melito, Bill Travel, Anne Chestnut, Debbie King. Alternates: None Listed.

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 5100 Ritchie Highway, Baltimore, MD 21225; Anne Arundel County; Telephone 410-789-0242; E-mail: Cdoegen@msn.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Charles Doegen, Vice President: Joseph Laumann, Secretary: Norman Ray Jr., Treasurer: Norman Ray Jr., Chaplain; Chief:. Delegates: Charles Doegen, Lester Helfrich, William Ray, Joseph Laumann, Norman Ray Jr. Alternates: Phillip Laumann, William Gibson.

**BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 156, 223 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: Nelson Smith, Vice President: Shane Pyles, Secretary: Christian Strancer, Treasurer: Donna Snoots, Chaplain:, Chief: Andy Smothers. Delegates: Susie Nicol, Eric Smothers, Andy Smoothers, Donna Gosbee. Alternates: None Listed.

**BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1500 Volunteer Drive, 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: Kenny Nicewarner, Secretary: Lyndi Deminco, Treasurer: Kevin Myers, Chaplain:, Chief: Roy Lipscomb. Delegates: George Houser. Alternates: None Listed.

**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: John C. Allison, Vice President: Joseph Gronay, Secretary: Michael Chapora, Treasurer: Paul McCormick, Chaplain: Chris Iekel, Chief: David McCormick, Delegates: Elvan Hedges, Robert Eastburn, Paul M. Tackish, Dennis N. Tomlinson, Alternates: Rick Green.

**BUNKER HILL VOL. FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION** – 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood Maryland; Telephone 301-927-5713; Fax 301-927-5713; E-mail: information@bhvfrass.com; Website: bhvfrass.com; President: Steven King, Vice President: William Broadus, Secretary: James Mcateer, Treasurer: Debbie King, Chaplain: Ed Mutchler, Chief: Howard Ewing. Delegates: Steve King, James Pilkerton Sr., William C. King, Dale Sellers, Anthony George. Alternates: Howard Ewing, Diane Schmidt, Anthony King, Brenda Sarmiento, Opal Benoit.
**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: Lawrence Tramum, Treasurer: Barry Miller, Chaplain:, Chief: Jason 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: Tamera G. Bulla, Vice President: Michael Nelson, Secretary: Leonard Newman, Treasurer: Christine Stephan, Chaplain: Harry Hetz, Chief: Glenn Fitzpatrick. Delegates: Gary Jones, Michael Nelson, Tamera Bulla, Glenn Fitzpatrick. Alternates: Joseph Pignataro, Michael Bulla, Michael Ryaman, Jophin Robinson.

**BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –** PO Box 75, 15019 Falls Road, Butler, MD 21023; Baltimore County; Telephone 410-887-7913; Fax 410-771-4103; E-mail cao490@bcvfd.org; Website: butlervfd.com; Organized:1953; Chartered:1954; President: Cary Rutledge, Vice President: David Arbogast, Secretary: Milton Curtis, Treasurer: Wayne Hackley, Chaplain:, Chief: Danny Wilhelm. Delegates: Cary Rutledge, David Arbogast, Danny Wilhelm, Wayne Hackley, Todd Rutledge. Alternates: Stewart Mann, David Kane, Harold Wertz, Milton Curtis, David Hundertmark.

**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 Lee Hunter, Vice President: Michael Harting, Secretary: Christian Mage, Treasurer: Elaine Custead, Chaplain:, Chief: James P Seavey Sr., Delegates: James Seavey Sr., Paul Sterling Jr., Christina Mage, Mary Morgal, James Lee Hunter. Alternates: John Muffarij, Patti Morgal, Harrison Wilson, Denise Morgal, Paul Krause.

**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; resident: Rick Tallman, Vice President: Eileen Jenkins, Secretary: Kevin Wells, Treasurer: Mark Carrico, Chaplain:, Chief: Chris Shannon. Delegates: Kelly Zimmer, Gary Jenkins, Eileen Jenkins, Rick Tallman, Travis Fillmore. Alternates: Brandi Elliott, Simeon Klebaner, Robert Fenwick, Barbara Fenwick, Chris Shannon.

CAPE ST. CLAIR 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: Jessica Rindos, Vice President: Tina Dembowski, Secretary: Nancy Wright, Treasurer: George Ryan, Chaplain:, Chief: Drew Mutch. Delegates: Bob Seibel III. Alternates: None Listed.
**CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-336-2111. See Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Capitol Heights, MD.

**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. No Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**CECILTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 565, 110 East Main Street, Cecilton, MD 21913; Cecil County; Telephone 410-275-8686; Fax 410-275-8686; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Buddy Evaland, Vice President: David Duff, Secretary: Logan Pardee, Treasurer: Christy Biggs, Chaplain: Jay Pardee. Delegates: Jennie Brackell, Natalie Dixon, Robert Plato. Alternates: None Listed.

**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. No Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**CHARLES COUNTY MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, INC.** – PO Box 366, 17 Billingsley Road, White Plains, MD 20695; Charles County; Telephone 301-645-7707; Fax 301-638-3915; Organized: 1978; Chartered: 1986; President: Mike Thrift, Vice President: William Wedding, Secretary: Rachael Zelechoski, Treasurer: Bob Petroni, Chaplain: Dave Petroni, Chief: David Staples. Delegates: Charles Shaw. Alternates: None Listed.

**CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 40, 2 Calvert Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone 301-934-4434; Fax 301-934-4108; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1984; President: Robert Gregory, Vice President: Phyllis Viara, Treasurer: R. J. Earnshaw III, Chaplain: Chief: Susan Grote. Delegates: Susan Grote, Robert Gregory, Leanne Reece, Ashley Martin. Alternates: None Listed.

**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@ixim.com; Organized: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949; President: Thomas Bicking, Vice President: Jason Barrow, Secretary: Kenneth Schockley, Treasurer: Rosalyn Bott, Chaplain: Chief: Gary R. Bott. Delegates: Gary Bott, Ronnie Daniels, Mike Starling, Mike Walsh, George Stanko. Alternates: Thomas Bicking, Mike Doss, Norman Doss, Jason Barrow, Jacob White.

**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 T. Blackiston, Vice President: Donald Hodges Jr., Secretary: Cindy Morris, Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney,
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 121st Annual Convention and Conference


**CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 12020 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone 410-262-9734; Fax 410-252-6111; E-mail: crvfc@home.com; Website: crvfc.com; Organized:1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA: 1961. President: Larry Getlan, Vice President: Ari Kodeck, Secretary: Megan Stover, Treasurer: Harry R. Kakel Jr., Chaplain: Chief: Dan Uddeme. Delegates: Fred Cross, Chuck Faver, Larry Getlan, Dan Uddeme, Harry Kakel. Alternates: Scott Cohen, David Cameron, Thomas Cook, Ian Kodeck, Megan Stover.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2013.


**CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone 410-228-4156; Fax Same; E-mail: bsteiner@fastol.com. President: Tina McWilliams, Vice President: Jamie Harding, Secretary: Stephanie McWilliams, Treasurer: Russell Hurlet Sr., Chaplain: Russell Hurlet Sr., Chief: Rusty Hurley. Delegates: Tina McWilliams, Rusty Hurley, Guy McWilliams, Brittany Shermon. Alternates: Barbara Steiner, Mike McWilliams.

**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: Kenneth N. Rhodes, Vice President: Philip M. Hurlock, Secretary: Darren M. Reed, Treasurer: Sandra A. Reed, Chaplain: M. Shane Moran, Chief: Charles D. Jester. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Patrick Robertson, Brett Vanant, Shawn Rideout. Alternates: Stephen T. Hurlock, Kenneth Rhodes, Charles Jester, Francis Jester.

**CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4, INC.** – PO Box 3855, 15 South Court Street, Frederick, MD 21705; Frederick County; Telephone 301-694-1713; Fax 301-694-1734; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: William Nichols, Vice President: H. Thomas Larson, Secretary: Vicky Keller, Treasurer: Timothy Ganley, Chaplain: Timothy May, Chief: Frederick Enos. Delegates: William Nichols, Frederick Enos, S. Jeff Wisner, David Keller, Tim Ganley. Alternates: Vicky Keller.
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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**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: David Glaze, Vice President: Christine Lovell, Secretary: Lori Irvin, Treasurer: Brenda Keefer, Chaplain:, Chief: James Miller. Delegates: Walter Irvin Sr., Lynn Hunsberger, Grace Irvin, Dave Irvin Jr., Lori Irvin. Alternates: James Miller, David Glaze.

**CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone 301-842-3775; Fax 301-842-3794; E-mail: fireco4@safe.quik.com; Website: clearspringfire.org; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Ronald Downs, Vice President: Gary Mariotti, Secretary: Cheryl Bumbaugh, Treasurer: Charles Mundey, Chaplain: Theodore Hovermale, Chief: Michael Reid. Delegates: Gary Mariotti, Brittany Mariotti, Rick Blair, David Irvin, Robert Downs. Alternates: None Listed.


**COBB ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & EMS, INC. – PO Box 156, 17069 Cobb Island Road, Cobb Island, MD 20625; Charles County; Telephone 301-259-4258; Fax 301-259-0527; Organized: 1949. President: Edward B. Godwin Sr., Vice President: Gail Pilkerton, Secretary: Kathy Kilinski, Treasurer: Michael Burnham, Chaplain:, Chief: Bill Goldsmith. Delegates: Edward Godwin, Gail Pilkerton. Alternates: None Listed.

**COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 344. 11210 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone 410-527-1634; Fax 410-527-1634; E-mail: ctracey@cvfc.org; Website: cvfc.org; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896. President: Michael Holland, Vice President: Christopher Roberts, Secretary: Linda Holland, Treasurer: John Dixon, Chaplain: Elwood Banister, Chief: Kenny Cole. Delegates: Clarence Tracey, Kenny Cole, Mike Davis, Lawrence Gribble, Jack Roberts. Alternates: David Crumbie, Tom Jeffers, Kathy Walker.

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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013
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: Jean Reese. Secretary: Jason P. Ppen; Treasurer: Joseph T. Delisle. Delegates: Joseph Delisle, Jean Reese, Jason P. Ppen. Alternates: Charles Doegen, J. G. Delisle, David E. Reese III.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BOWLEY’S QUARTERS AND VICINITY, INC. - 900 Bowley’s Quarters Road, Middle River, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-335-8820; Fax: 410-335-9277; Organized:1944; E-mail: 210@bcvfa.org, Website: bowleysquartersvfd.org; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Max King, Vice President; Frederick Fischer III, Secretary: Bernard Eckert III, Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic Jr., Chaplain: Roy Elder, Chief: Eric Baumgart Sr. Delegates: Jerome Cusic, William Stockum, Paul J. Cusic, John Hammon, Larry Grannas. Alternates: Max King, Eric Baumgart, John Leuschel, John Ritz, Jimmy Oliver.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON, INC. – PO Box 255,185 Sassafas Avenue, Millington, MD 21651; Kent County; Telephone 410-928-3171; Fax 410-928-3945; Organized:1921; Chartered: 1923. President: Leroy David, Vice President: Wayne Starkey, Secretary: Edie Morales, Treasurer: Paige Hickman, Chaplain: Kevin White, Chief: Marshall Ellsworth. Delegates: C J Morales, Jessica Morales. Alternates: None listed.

**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: Lloyd Beard. Delegates: Terry Grove, Karen Jones, Dale Brown, Charles Thomas. Alternates: John Jones, Daniel Mahan, Charles Gardner, Mark Fayer Sr.


COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE, INC. –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: Donna Long, Vice President: Lynn Brumbelow, Secretary: Charlie Shindle, Treasurer: Michael Zampelli, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: James Sprecher III. Delegates: James Sprecher III, Christopher Amos, Donna Long, Lynn Brumbelow, Scott Leeneey. Alternates: Gerald Kendle, Cory Lescalleet, Ronnie Bolyard, Terry Gearhart, John Shaw.
**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY DISTRICT 12, INC.** – 18002 Tilgmanton Road, Fairplay, MD 21733; Washington County; Telephone 301-582-0099; Fax 301-582-4013; E-mail: fairplay12@earthlink.net; Organized:1947. President: William Pennington, Vice President: Robert Moncreif, Secretary: Ira Heller, Treasurer: David Grabill, Chaplain: Leonard Heller. Delegates: Robert Moncreif. Alternates: None Listed.

**CONDUIT ROAD FIRE BOARD/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: John Witherspoon, Vice President: Jane Callen, Secretary: Adele Seifried, Treasurer: Marc Hersh, Chaplain: Herbert Leusch. Delegates: John Witherspoon, Herbert Leusch, Joseph Chornock, Christina Richardson, Audrie Dugger. Alternates: Michael Kay, Adare Byrd, John Hardison, Noah Gutman, Jane Callen.

**CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 102, 11864 Kitty Corner Road, Cordova, MD 21625; Talbot County; Telephone 410-364-5400; Fax 410-364-5119; Organized:1926; Chartered:1926. President: Randall Satchell, Vice President: William Dulin, Secretary: Kath Dulin, Treasurer: Bill Beheens, Chaplain: William Cheezum, Chief: Mark Secrist. Delegates: Thomas Diem, Vernon Dulin, John Keyser. Alternates: None listed.

**CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 187, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone 301-722-7418; Organized: 1939. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**COTTAGE CITY-COLMAR MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-985-5400; E-mail: pres2ccfc@aol.com; Website: www.cc2fd.org; Organized:1921; Chartered: 1922. President: Steve Parker, Vice President: Keith Schenk, Secretary: Diane Schmidt, Treasurer: Fred Hull, Chaplain: Ed Mutchler, Chief: Chip Ewing. Delegates: Steve Parker, Michele Bunce, Diane Schmidt, Keith Schenk, Steve Schmidt. Alternates: Chip Ewing, Herb Bartlett.

**CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 5129, 13109 Warrior Drive, Cresaptown, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1111; Fax: 301-729-1820; E-mail: co9@allconet.org; Website: cresaptownvfd.org; Organized:1932; Chartered:1933. President: Christopher Cage, Vice President: Calvin Pete Walbert, Secretary: Jackie Thomas, Treasurer: Sue Clark-Cecil, Chaplain: Pete Walbert, Chief: Jeremy Athey. Delegates: Christopher Cage, Calvin “Pete” Walbert, Jeremy Athey, Patrick Reid, Charity Collins. Alternates: Sarah Stosick.

**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 A. Hickman, Vice President: Steve Marshall, Secretary: John Dize, Treasurer: Randy Laird Jr., Chaplain: Russell Ward, Chief:


**CUMBERLAND HOSE #1, INC.** – PO Box 1340, Dorn Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone 301-777-7114; Fax 301-777-8196. NO Credentials submitted for 2013.


**DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 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: James Corbett, Secretary: Jimmy Muir, Treasurer: Daniel Webster, Chaplain: David Webster, Chief: Donald Ford. Delegates: Donald Ford, George Miste, Eileen Cross, Ryan Evans, Greg Fink. Alternates: None Listed.

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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.


**DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314; Harford County; Telephone (717)456-7133 Fax (717)456-7958 Organized: 1898; Chartered:1910; Joined MSFA:1942; President: Jeff Griffith, Vice President: Troy Testerman, Secretary: Sandra Kennedy, Treasurer: Joyce Smith, Chaplain: Gale Parthnee, Chief: Joe Strickler, Delegates: John R. Williams, Jeff Petty, Tina Carrier, Daniel D. Blake, Thelma A. Blake; Alternates: Daniel L. Blake.

**DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 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: Allen Blessing, Vice President: Chris Baier, Secretary: Tracy Griffin, Treasurer: Bryan North, Chaplain: Bill Davis, Chief: Dennis Porter. Delegates: Wayne Fretter Sr., Donna Fretter, Wayne Fretter. 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: Robin Windsor, Vice President: David Hofmaster, Secretary: Darlene Thompson, Treasurer: Darby Byrd, Chaplain: Chief: Madison Brady. Delegates: Darby Byrd, Guelda Farrall. Alternates: None Listed.

**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-
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 121st Annual Convention and Conference


**DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone: 301-855-8895; Fax: 410-286-2890; E-mail mwells@dunkirk5.com; Website: dunkirk.com


**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: Andrew Condor, Vice President: Ken Walker, Secretary: Kevin McArindle, Treasurer: Victor Henderson, Chaplain: Keith Zucco, Chief: Ed Detwiler. Delegates: Paul J. Demasky, Michael Sohn, Chuck Austin, Ed Detwiler. Alternates: David Crawford.


EAST NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 280, 101 Main Street, East New Market, MD 21631; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3663; Fax: 410-943-0900; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1939; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Adam Tolley, Vice President: Tammy Wielgosz, Secretary: Jessica Jones: Treasurer: Shirley Satterfield, Chaplain:, Chief: Jaye Hastings. Delegates: Adam Tolley, Jaye Hastings, Eric Blake, Patrick Wielgosz, David Thomas III. Alternates: None Listed.

**EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 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: James T. Knotts Jr., Vice President: J. Edward Lynch, Secretary: Rebecca A. Caldwell, Treasurer: Kenneth E. Bush, Chaplain: Andrew Jensen, Chief: Morris Jones Jr. Delegates: Ed Mullikin, Fred Ireland, Leonard Rieck, Rose Miles, Lyle Fuller. Alternates: Barry Slaughter.
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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

ELDORADO-BROOKVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 5752 Rhodesdale-Eldorado Road, Rhodesdale, MD 21659; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-4004; Fax: 410-943-1311; E-mail: ebvfd@dmv.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Mark Adams, Vice President: Ronnie Marvil, Secretary: Barbara Warrell, Treasurer: Shirley Breuil, Chaplain: James Cole, Chief: Norman Werrell. Delegates: Ben Eskridge, Dan Ebling. Alternates: None Listed.

**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, Chaplain: Russell Pryor. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Keith Summers, Vince Glorioso. Alternates: Pam Summers, Dan Casey, Daniel Casey Jr.

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – PO Box 188, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0476; Organized: 1980; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1982. No Credentials were received for 2013.

**ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –** PO Box 237, 12000 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. See Volunteer Fire Company of Ellerslie.

**ELLICOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. –** PO Box 292, 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21041; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-2600; Fax: 410-313-2671; Organized: 1888; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: John Meitl, Vice President: Jeff Germain, Secretary: Megan McAuliffe, Treasurer: Secora Rosebrough, Chaplain: Kathleen Ralston, Chief: Scott Wood. Delegates: Craig Ralston, Shawn Germain, Megan McAuliffe, Nora Davis, Kathleen Ralston. Alternates: None Listed.


EMMITSBURG VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC. - 17701 Creanery Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-447-6626; Fax: 301-447-3887; Website: emmitsburgems.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1988. President: Marylou Little, Vice President: Eric Stackhouse, Secretary: Kaitlyn Smith,
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**ENGLISH CONSUL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSN.,** 2827 Michigan Avenue, Baltimore, MD; Baltimore County; Telephone: Fax: E-mail; Organized:; Joined MSFA. President: Donald Condon, Vice President: Arthur Hoffman, Secretary: Helene Nally, Treasurer: Gerald Mathison, Chaplain: Ronald Ware, Chief: Robert Bury Sr. Delegates: Frank P. March III, Donald Condon, Robert Bury Sr., Bradford Thomas, Arthur Hoffman. Alternates: John Campbell IV, Robert Bury Jr., Mary Condon, Savoy L. Millwe, Nicholas Hannigan.

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. NO Credentials were received for 2013.

FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – P.O. Box 395, 27407 Fairmount Road, Westover, MD; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2888; Fax: 410-651-1018; Organized: 1999, Chartered: 1999; Joined MSFA: 1999. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE COMPANY** - P O Box 141, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4890; Fax: 410-638-4880; E-mail; Website:fvfac.org; Organized: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1974. President: Christopher Gibbons, Vice President: Scott Golly, Secretary: Kathryn Sanner, Treasurer: William Miller, Chaplain: Chief: Will Rosenberg. Delegates: Steven J. Scheinin, Christopher Gibbons, Cathy Pilachowsk, Ed Benesch, Mark Pilachowsk. Alternates: None Listed.


**FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-7215; Fax: 410-
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313-7219; E-mail: clarksvillevfd@erols.com; Website: www.erols.com/clarksvillevfd; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Miji Kim, Vice President: Carol Stevens, Secretary: Edgar Zepp IV, Treasurer: Roy Ferguson, Chaplain: Chief: F. Patrick Marlatt. Delegates: Furman Hipp, Pat Puglisi, Ron Price, Wendy Norwitz. Alternates: None Listed.

**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; NO Credentials were submitted for 2012. President: Blair Snyder, Vice President: David Stevens, Secretary: Raymond Lushbaugh, Treasurer, Gerald Smith, Chaplain: Dan Garnard, Chief: Warren Royce. Delegates: Blaine Snyder, Brian Stallings, Dan Garnand, Sarah Snyder. Alternates: Tony Lida, Tiffany, Long, Steve Jacobs, Leno Parham, Chris Rinehart.


**FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, Inc.** – 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-736-7170; Fax: 301-736-3596; E-mail Forestville-vfd@erols.com; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Dorothy Talbaert-Burket, Vice President: Joe Gray, Secretary: Jennifer Johnson, Treasurer: Paul Thorne Jr., Chaplain: Anne Sheperd, Chief: Robert Wilhite. Delegates: Mark Worth, Robert Wilhite, Joseph Gray, Dorthy Talbert-Burket, Ed Thurston. Alternates: Paul Thorne Jr., Jeff Thorne, William Honeycutt, Tommy Lloyd, Charles Thorne.

**FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD 21531; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-746-5577; Fax: 301-746-6195; Website: fire110.com; Chartered: 1909. President: Rodney W. Bowser, Vice President: Edward B. Kelley, Secretary: Patricia A. Bowser, Treasurer: Craig P. Umbel, Chaplain: Robert L. Sisler, Chief: Terry E. Spear. Delegates: Rodney W. Bowser, Terry E. Spear, Patricia A. Bowser, Wayne A. Anderson. 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; Website: frostburgambulance53.bravehost.com; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2005. President: Wayne Lewis, Vice President: Dorothy Turner, Secretary: Linda Rase, Treasurer: Shelley B. Drees, Chaplain: Chief: David Ogden. Delegates: Wayne Lewis. Alternates: None listed.

**FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 461, 75 W. 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: Gary E. Tummino, Vice President: Ronald W. Dugan, Secretary: Emily A. Bladen, Treasurer: Dayne L. Lancaster, Chaplain: Harry W. Poor, Chief: Richard L. Atkinson. Delegates: Gary E. Tummino, William H. Price, Richcharde L. Atkinson Jr., Dayne L. Lancaster. Alternates: Emily A. Bladen, Dale L. Bladen, Matthew E. Briskey, Erik A. Phillips, J.B. Hovatter.

**FRUITLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 70, Fruitland, MD 21826; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-9421; Organized & Chartered: 1909. No Credentials were received for 2013.

**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 L. Hill, Vice President: A. Larry Iseminger, Secretary: Judith Ann Bowers, Treasurer: Joan Kotanko, Chaplain: Dan L. Fraley, Chief: David W. Fraley. Delegates: Edward Clopper, Jean Clover, Dale L. Hill, David W. Fraley, Kyd Dieterich. Alternates: Steve Pifer, Dave Johnston, Larry Iseminger, Eric Fraley, Paul Hottinger.

**GAITHERSBURG - WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-0660; Fax: 301-948-6836; E-mail: cuzgwg@juno.com; Website: gwgvfd.com; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Steve Hayes, Vice President: Sheila Colihan, Secretary: Robert B. Harding, Treasurer: Garry Walker, Chaplain: Father Joseph Catrambone, Chief: Ken Knopp. Delegates: Austin Nelson, Chris Fortier, Ezequiel Perez, Phillipe Ngoma, Joe Bradley. Alternates: Scott Huffman, Ann Fortier, Steven Hayes, Sheila Colihan, Ken Knopp.

**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; E-mail: galenavfc@.net; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Richard Koch Sr., Vice President: Jack Duhamell, Secretary: O. Raymond Long, Treasurer: Ethel Duhamell, Chaplain: Larry Hanifee, Chief: Chris Powell. Delegates: S. Richard Powell, Christopher Powell, Rick Koch Sr., Jeff Haley, Obin Powell. Alternates: None Listed.

**GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 174, 956 Main Street, Galesville, MD 20765; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1521. President: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Vice President: Raymond L. Hardesty, Secretary: Gladys S. Sears,

**GAMBER & COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 3838 Niner Road, Finksburg, MD 21048; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-3456; Fax: 410-795-0208; E-mail: info@gambervfd.org; Website: gambervfd.org; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964; Joined MSFA: 1964. President: Dale Bollinger, Vice President: Lionel Stickles, Secretary: Jeannie Green, Treasurer: Clay Myers, Chaplain: Arthur Frotton, Chief: Charles Green Jr. Delegates: Dale Bollinger, Charles Green Jr., Lionel Stickers, Michael Franklin. Alternates: Dennis Leppert, C. Daniel Green Sr.

**GEORGE’S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.** – 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: Jennifer Knox, Treasurer: James W. Dawson Sr., Chaplain: Mary Guthrie, Chief: Andrew Droll. Delegates: Barbara Knippenburg, James W. Dawson Sr., Harold Nicol. Alternates: None listed.


**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: Jeff McMahon, Treasurer: Jeff McMahon, Chaplain: Ralph Carman, Chief: Brad Hauck. Delegates: Virgil Dukes, Kenneth Dukes, Joe Truitt, Brad Hauck. Alternates: None listed.


**GLEN ECHO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-229-9766; Fax: 301-229-
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9767; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1933. See Conduit Road Fire Board/Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department.


**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: Richard Stem Jr., Vice President: Cleve Armacost, Secretary: Richard Cole, Treasurer: Susan Coroneos, Chaplain: Pastor Jeannie Marsh, Chief: Danny Bollinger. Delegates: Richard Stem Jr., Scott Warner, Kathy Reitz, Frank Corasaniti III. Alternates: Richard Stem Sr., Paul Wilhelm, Cleve Armacost.

**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; E-mail goldsborofirecompany@yahoo; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Joel McGinnes, Vice President: David Wathers, Secretary: Edna Talley, Treasurer: Vincent Ebling, Chaplain: Doug Morley, Chief: JT Bartz. Delegates: Chrissy Bartz, Shelly Gray, Brian Cahall, Paul Gray, Robin Cahall. Alternates: 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: Cliff Green, Vice President: Lester D. Downes III, Secretary: Raymond D. Aaron, Treasurer: Donald Dawkins, Chaplain: Rev. Mark Farnell, Chief: Thomas A. Palmatory Jr. Delegates: Butch Britton, Dan Tabler, Butch Kaufman, Raymond Aaron, Jeremy Davis. Alternates: Marie Mchug.


**GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-1600; Fax: 301-334-1392; E-mail hneel01@
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**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: Scott Willard, Secretary: Kelly Willard, Treasurer: Sterling Sers, Chaplain: Chief: Jim Kirby. Delegates: Brian Boller, Jim Kilby, Scott Willard, Kelly Willard, Bill Morgan. Alternates: Carol Boller, Amy Morgan, Ken Shoemaker, Matt McKeel.

**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: Raymond Yoder, Chief: Duane Stein. Delegates: John Vought, Jerry Orner, Charles Yommer, Keith Durst, Anthony Bittenger. Alternates: Shawn Broadwater, Raymond Yoder, William Kelly, Doug Wilburn, Steve Miller.

**GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 457, 4925 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-827-8100. President: John Werkheiser, Vice President: Jimmy Tiernan, Secretary: Jessica King, Treasurer: Phyllis Black, Chaplain: Pastor Jon Rediger, Chief: Jason Anthony. Delegates: Wayne Lee Lewis, Adam Anthony Ryndell, Chris Fleshman, Robert Hill, Matthew Kulle. Alternates: None Listed.

**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: Terry Frushour, Secretary: Robert Oxendale, Treasurer: Russell Schantz, Chaplain: Rev. James Hamrick, Chief: Christopher Kinnaird. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed.

**HACKS POINT FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1185 Glebe Road, Earleville, MD 21919, Cecil County; Telephone: 410-275-8308; Fax: 410-275-9018; Organized: 1948; Chartered:
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**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: Leon Fleming, Secretary: Gary Wheeler, Treasurer: Dennis Rhoten, Chaplain: Mark A. Bilger, Chief: Jeffrey Carroll. Delegates: Mark A. Bilger, Leon Fleming, Brenda Parry, J J Lynott, John Korman. 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: Robert Barnhart Jr., Vice President: Thomas Leach, Secretary: Graham Snow, Treasurer: Mike Stewart, Chaplain: Graham Snow, Chief: Danny Shirley. Delegates: Greg Yost, Robert Barnhart, Graham Snow, Thomas Leach, Mike Stewart. Alternates: Danny Shirley, Robert Hoopengardner, Cassidy J. Barton.


**HARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 51 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.


HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 200, 300 South Main Street, Hebron, MD 21830; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-3037; Fax: 410-749-0511; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1937. President: Peter Hanson, Vice President: Lance Collins, Secretary: Grady Rombld, Treasurer: Wayne White, Chapalin: Charlie Smith, Chief: David Beach. Delegates: Tom King, Kirby Traveers, Mike Jones, Billy Millies, Doug Parker. Alternates: Mike Carbaugh, Harold Brown, Ryan Bartchleder, Liz Cramer, Kyle Cole.
**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: Robert Jones, Vice President: John Storm, Secretary: Rose Conrad, Treasurer: Alex Graham, Chaplain: Billie Armstrong, Chief: Dennius McDonald. Delegates: John Storm, Lynn Storm, Joe Larson, Kathy Gies, Karen Larson. Alternates: Sherman Collins, Alex Graham, Marty Orndorff, Ruth Orndorff, Dennis McDonald.

**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@herefordemsrescue.org; Website: herefordemsrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Gery Simms, Vice President: Mike Burton, Secretary: Cindy Humphrey-Elwood, Treasurer: Jennie Welsh, Chaplain: Robert Pearce. Delegates: Gery Simms, Robert Pearce, Jennie Welsh, Victoria Schwalka, Steve Wilcoxson. Alternates: Hope Bilger, Richard Bilger, Paul Tice, Casey O’Brien, Dave Crow.

**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 G. Smith, Vice President: Michael Bonchewsik, Secretary: Deborah Campion, Treasurer: Christina Baldwin, Chief: Chuck Bollinger. Delegates: Kenneth Bollinger III, Wayne G. Smith, William Klapaska, Keith Bonchewsik. 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; Join MSFA: 1941. President: Russell S. Hartung, Vice President: John G. Bork, Secretary: Betty J. Phifer, Treasurer: Earl Clime, Chaplain: Frank Gaegler. Delegates: Joseph Weisgerber, Kelee Norris, Earl Clime, Frank Gaegler. Alternates: None Listed.


**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; Join MSFA: 1986. President: Natalie Himes,

**HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3311; Fax: 410-397-3024; E-mail hivfc@safe.quik.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953. President: Marcus Flowers, Vice President: Jesa Lewis, Secretary: Teresa Flowers, Treasurer: Rosemary Dean, Chaplain: Chuck Davis. Delegates: Richard L. Yinger, Mark Flowers. Alternates: None Listed.

**HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637; Charles County; Telephone: 301-274-4488; Fax: 301-274-9729; E-mail: rozej@nswc.navy.mil; Website; www.dsport.com/nickh/hvfd/hvfd.htm; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Steve Cook; Vice President: Craig LeValley; Secretary: Jimmy Rose; Treasurer: Mary Ellen Hutchinson; Chief: Mike Carroll. Delegates: Steve Cook, Craig LaValley, Patty Therres, Beverly Jarboe, Mike Carroll. Alternates: Tim Goff Sr., Bill Hemming, Matt Herbert, Chris Cole, Scott Hutchinson.

**HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 482, 4030 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-3111; Fax: 410-535-4438; E-mail huntingtownvfd@chesapeake.net; Website: www.hvfd6.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Jason Jones, Vice President: Dale Bowen, Secretary: Josh Miller, Treasurer: Eugene Farrell Jr., Chaplain: Rev. Larry Swink, Chief: Mike Montgomery Sr. Delegates: Jason Jones, Dale Bowen, Scott Bowen, Jessi Borden, Mike Montgomery Sr. Alternates: Crystal Willson, Ronald Nahas, Carol Spriggs II, Michael Clark, Brittney Collifower.

**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: Jerry Rhue, Vice President: Ralph Thompson, Secretary: Rachael Cox, Treasurer: Ward Higgins, Chaplain: Chief: Steve Mills. Delegates: Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, Jerry Rhue, Ralph Thompson, Lauren Thompson. Alternates: None Listed.

**HYATTSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 25801 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-831-8248; Fax: 301-831-8901; E-mail: hyattstownfire@yahoo.com; Website: hyattstownvfd.org; Organized:1929. President: Scotty L.Testerman Sr., Vice President: Douglas Bennett, Secretary: Peggy A. Webb, Treasurer: Douglas W. Edwards, Chaplain: Kenneth Day, Chief: Jeffrey Gross. Delegates: Scotty L. Testerman Sr., Larue Moxley, Douglas Bennett, Douglas Edwards, Bonnie Horvath. Alternates: None Listed.
HYATTsville VOlunteer FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 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: Dave Iannone, Vice President: Tommy Falcone, Secretary: Anna Vanvalkenburgh, Treasurer: John Tull, Chaplain:; Chief: Dave Hang. Delegates: Dave Iannone, Dave Hang, Nick Welter, Tom Falcone, John Carey. Alternates: Anna Van Vakerbust, Matt Leonard, Kevin Esser, John Tull, Chris Evans.

INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY No. 2, INC. – PO Box 1884, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-295-5226; Organized: 1838; Chartered: 1838. President: Reginald B. Chambers, Vice President: Lewis P. Jackson, Secretary: Anthony P. Capezio, Treasurer: George D. Clark III, Chaplain: George D. Clark, Jr., Chief. Delegates: George D. Clark Jr., Thomas Newquist Jr., David Hollidayoke. Alternates: George D. Clark III, Robert D. Rakls, Anthony P. Capezio.

**INDEPENDENT HOSE Co. No. 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: Terry Foreman, Treasurer: April Ausherman, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Rodney Masser. Delegates: Clarence Rinehart, Jinnt Rinerhart, Martin Fuller, Carol Fuller, Ryan Fuller. Alternates: Wait Cramer, Chuck Hondley, Benny McGaha, Kevin Ausherman, Amy Ausherman.


**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: Donald Chappell, Secretary: Ashleigh Allen, Treasurer: Larry Johnson, Chaplain: John M. O’Neil, Chief: Jeffrey Williams. Delegates: Richard Bowie, Jeffrey Williams, John O’Neil. Alternates: Joanna Simpson, William Valentine, Barbara Kile.

**JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 471, 3500 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: William Shields, Vice President: Steven Watkeys, Secretary: Barbara White, Treasurer: Cheryl Persico, Chaplain: Joan Paquet, Chief: Stephen Stelmack. Delegates: Dean Wiggins, John Gribble, Claud Gamble, Oscar Shapiro, Joe Tamberino. Alternates: Joe Hoffmann, Kathy Boblits, Andrew Laird, Scott Dundas, Judy Myers.

**JARRETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 3500 Sweet Air Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084; Harford County; Telephone: 410-692-7890; Fax: 410-692-7896; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Theodore Burkhardt, Vice President: John Simpson III, Secretary: Denessa Fruhling, Treasurer: Laura Barwick, Chaplain: Terrence Murphy, Chief: Rudolf Waltes IV. Delegates: Benjamin W. Kurtz, W. Mitchell Vocke, James Blair, Thomas Fruhling, Ernest Tracey. Alternates: Rudolf Walter IV.

**JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 578, 4603A Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-473-5160; Fax: 301-473-9789; E-mail: jufc20@aol1phia.net; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1960. President: David Remsburg, Vice President: Ronald Ahalt Sr., Secretary: Ashley Corun, Treasurer: Susan Corun, Chaplain: Bernard Remsburg, Chief: Thomas Lakin. Delegates: Thomas Lakin, William Nichols, Donna Gosbee, Stacey Lakin, Cathy Lakin. Alternates: None Listed.

**JESSUP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 146, 7891 Max Blob’s Park Road, Jessup, MD 20794; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-799-1314; Fax: 301-473-9789; E-mail: jufc20@aol1phia.net; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Mark Hartz, Vice President: Jennifer Priest, Secretary: Kathryn Morgan, Chaplain: Chief: Stephen M. Maceiko. Delegates: Stephen M. Maceiko Sr., Jennifer Priest, Delta Priest-Maceiko. Alternates: None Listed.

**JOPPA MAGNOLIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1403 Old Mountain Road South, Joppa, MD 21085; Harford County; Telephone: 410-679-1055; Fax: 410-679-3420; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951. President: Jeffrey Wainwright, Vice President: James Lyons III, Secretary: Ron Solod, Treasurer: Gary Skillman, Chaplain: Margaret Bullock, Chief: Ryan Barrow. Delegates: William Lay, Jeffrey Wainwright, Lou Jonske, Johnny Brynne, Ron Solod. Alternates: None listed.

**KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 98, 11993 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5340; Fax: 410-348-5150; E-mail kvfc@dmv.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Peter H. Lott, Vice President: T. J. Miller, Secretary: Patti S. Catt, Treasurer: Mark Dixon, Chaplain: Rev. Vonnie Paxton, Chief: Phillip Lott. Delegates: M. Heather Miller, Phillip Lott, Joy Price, Jim Sample. Alternates: Peter Lott.


**KENT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-643-5454; Fax: 410-643-5457; Website: kivfd.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**KENT-QUEEN ANNE’S RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 126, 140 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-4495; Fax 410-810-0346; E-mail: kqars@verizon.net; Organized: 1961; Chartered: 1961. President: Allan W. Schauber, Vice President: Mary Grussing, Secretary: Kathy Hastings, Treasurer: Raye Jones, Chaplain: Leonard Miller, Chief: Allan W. Schauber. Delegates: Allan W. Schauber, Larry Hastings, Kathy Hastings, William Bobley, Alex Dolgos. Alternates: Mary Grussing, Kevin Kerr, Charles Prince, Maurucs King, Robert Coleman.

**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: Donald Akers Jr., Vice President: John Burns, Secretary: Oleg Pelekhaty, Treasurer: Bret Bestpitch, Chaplain, Chief: Anthony Kelleher. Delegates: None Listed. 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: Mario Melfa, Vice President: Dennis Eyre, Secretary: Rita Sayler, Treasurer: Victoria Clayton, Chaplain: Ronald Cassett Sr., Chief: Michael Bena. Delegates: Mario Melfa, Dennis Eyre, Rita Sayler, Gary Weer, Ronald Cassett Sr. Alternates: Michael Bena, Jeffrey Weer, John Cooke, Donald Coster III, Shane Sierakowski.
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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**LA PLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 728, 911 Washington Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-934-9201; Fax: 301-934-4217; E-mail: treasurer@laplatafiredepartment.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA. President: Ronald S. Talley, Vice President: William A. Frazier, Secretary: Mary E. Gilroy, Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy, Chaplain: Joseph Gardiner, Chief: Matthew E. Gilroy. Delegates: William A. Frazier, Lynn D. Gilroy, Robert Hutchins, Matthew E. Gilroy, Mary E. Gilroy. Alternates: Ronald S. Talley, Luther A., Della Jr., Bruce Bridgett, Joe Gardiner, Garyton Echols.


**LAVALLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 3343, 977 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-4458; Fax: 301-729-8191; E-mail: co52@allconet.org; Organized: 1969; Chartered: 1941. President: Kenneth L. May, Vice President: Dianne G. Shoemaker, Secretary: Kristina M. May, Treasurer: Scott C. Whetsell, Chaplain: Dale Evans, Chief: Adam Miller. Delegates: Adam Miller, Kenneth May, Dale Evans, Scott Whetsell, Walter K. May. Alternates: Dianne Shoemaker, Kristina May, Diane May, Steve Wilkerson, Tim Thomas.

**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 M. White, Vice President: John E. Thursby, Secretary: Debrh Kartub, Treasurer: Ellen Thursby, Chaplain: Bob Belford, Chief: Timothy Hall. Delegates: Michelle Bell, Mary Bell. Alternates: Jane Huffman, Tina Brown.

LAKES & STRAITS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2103 Farm Creek Road, Wingate, MD 21675; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-8154; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**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; E-mail: JRRoberts@co.pg.md.us; Website: Lhvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA. President: Dawn M. Rowe, Vice President, Secretary: Nancy L. Roberts, Treasurer: Nancy L. Roberts, Chaplain, Chief: John R. Roberts. Delegates: Dawn M. Rowe, John R. Roberts, Nancy L. Roberts. Alternates: Christopher M. Saputo, Keith A. Mitchell.
**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; E-mail: cao360abcvfa.org; Website www.lansdownevfd.com; Organized: 1902. President: Jason Dimeler, Vice President: Donna Kern, Secretary: Jennifer Lancaster, Treasurer: William Kern, Chaplain: Kristi Kunkle, Chief: Robert Jacobi. Delegates: Jason Dimeler, Robert Jacobi, William Kern, Kennith Younger, Bernard Smith. Alternates: Michelle Younger, Charles Kountz, Victoria Airey.

**LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – PO Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD. 20725; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-776-3600; Fax: 301-725-2026; Website: www.laurelvfd.org; Organized: 1902; Chartered: 1902. President: Victor Whipple, Vice President: Robert Grant, Secretary: Rose Maher, Treasurer: Ken Wilson, Chaplain: Warren Litchfield, Chief: Trey Kelso. Delegates: Joseph R. Robison, Victor Whipple, Robert Grant, Trey Kelso, Bryan Cavanaugh. Alternates: Craig Moe, Brian Moe, Kevin Frost, John Maher, 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: Mike McNeill, Vice President: Rich Sein, Secretary: Dawn Nakroshis, Treasurer: Pam Docarmo, Chaplain: Chief: Rafael Gibson. Delegates: Barry Johnson. Alternates: None Listed.

**LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 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: Mathew K. Browles, Vice President: Gregory Albrecht, Secretary: Yana Babii, Treasurer: Murphy Richards, Chaplain: Phillip Herbert, Chief: Stanley S. Sutton Jr. Delegates: Robert Balser, Clark Beall, Blake Bullard, Phillip Herbert, Murphy Richards. Alternates: Marge Turnbow, Tim Richards, Greg Albrecht, Lisa Lessin, Yana Babii.


**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 S. Bell Sr., Vice President: Charles C. Cooksey, Secretary:

**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: Dean Gass, Vice President: Donna Whites, Secretary: Mary Ellen Borland, Treasurer: Jaime Weber, Chaplain: Wendy Hite, Chief: Amy Smith. Delegates: Shirley Copado, Mary Della Trossbach, Donna Whites, David Wright, Marvin Jones. Alternates: Kerry Klear, Jaime Webber, Dean Gass, Joe Wilkinson, Amy Smith.

**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: Edward Steininger, Secretary: Karen E. Lopes, Treasurer: Sharon Worthington, Chaplain: Rev. Lonna Smith, Chief: Daniel Hawkins. Delegates: Gene Worthington, C. Dale Burkins, Alan Caudill, Russell Gallion Sr. Nolan Gallion Jr. 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 R. Stull Sr.; Vice President: Charles Jenkins; Secretary: Karen Stull; Treasurer: Lena Stull; Chaplain: Elza Hurst, Chief: Mike Stull. Delegates: Jean Main, Warren Main. 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; E-mail: president@lpvrs.org; Website: lpvrs.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Kenneth J. Hicks, Vice President: Kathy Koch, Secretary: Pat Davidson, Treasurer: Doug Walmasley, Chaplain, Chief: Shawn Davidson. Delegates: Tim Synder, Brian Brown. Alternates: None listed.


**LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. 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: April Welsh, Treasurer:


**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: Randy Travers, Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Melissa Meredith, Chaplain, Chief: Martin Pepper. Delegates: Linda Horsman, Rick Travers Jr., Adam Pritchett. Alternates: Robert Travers, Randy Travers.

**LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 4009, 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: Ronald Harrison, Vice President: Lawrence Hayes, Secretary: Wiliam Saur, Treasurer: Amber Butcher, Chaplain, Chief: Ronald Harrison II. Delegates: Rick Eyer, Joel McCrea, Sherry Eyre, Amy Eyre, Ron Harrison. Alternates: Greg Stolins, Bill Delcher, Ron Harrison II, Bill Saur, Justin Ragaini.

**LONG MEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY;** 19307 Long Meadow Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742, Telephone: 301-797-5504; Fax: 301-797-7585; E-mail: Jeffdon12@myactv.net. Website: www.longmeadowfire.com. President: Kiel Lyons, Vice President: John Latimer IV, Secretary: Terry Martin, Treasurer: John “Jack” Latimer, Chaplain: Don Talbert,

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 236, Westernport, MD 21562; 500 Grant Street, Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone 301-359-3311x3240; Fax: 301-359-20486; E-mail: amm15@meadwestvaco.com; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: William Squires, Vice President: Danny Beaver, Secretary: Jim Jenkins, Treasurer: Ron Files Sr., Chaplain: Philip Whetstone, Chief: Timothy Dayton. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Timothy Dayton, Brian Holbrook, Justin White, Pete Pamepinto. Alternates: None.

**LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 232, 1609 Bellona Avenue, Lutherville, MD 21094; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-252-3134; Fax: 410-252-3134; Website: Burnkev@us.hilti.com; Website: lvfc.com; Organized: 1909; Chartered: 1909. President: Michael L. Huber, Vice President: Robert J. Schott, Secretary: Janet M. O’Rourke, Treasurer: Anthony Manistre; Chaplain, Chief: Steve Weatherby. Delegates: Michael L. Huber, Steven Weatherby, James Cahn, Janet M. O’Rourke, Robert J. Schott. Alternates: James E. Doran, Frank Barranco, MD, Mark Goodwin, James Kenney, Anthony Manistre.

**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, William Stevens. Alternates: Ronnis Reynolds, Samuel Horsman.

**MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-2286; Fax: 410-374-2596; Organized: 1885; Chartered: 1885; Joined MSFA: 1885. President: Richard Dell, Vice President: David Marshall, Secretary: Ralph Dull, Treasurer: Corrie Sanders; Chaplain: Terri Lankford; Chief: Donald Nott Jr. Delegates: Ralph Dull, Malcom Helwig, Gary Eppley, Elwin Wagner, Danny Bloskey Sr. Alternates: None Listed.

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. NO Credential were submitted for 2013.
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**MARION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, 28390 Chrisfield Marion Station Road, Marion Station, MD 21838; Somerset County; Telephone 410-623-3791; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1937. President: Ray Somers, Vice President: Alan Butler, Secretary: Gary J. Powell, Treasurer: Alfred Bradford, Chaplain: Hank Ward; Chief: Toby Swift. Delegates: Donald L. Howard, Brandon Hitching, Alfred Bradford. Alternates: None Listed.

**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: marborofire.com; Organized:1925; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Jeff Wyvill, Vice President: Jay Tucker, Secretary: Jennifer Miller, Treasurer: Nicole Hunter, Chaplain: Roberta Strine, Chief: Tim Clark. Delegates: Jeff Wyvill, Jay Tucker, Tim Clark, Kevin Hodges, Glen Walton. Alternates: Eric Mutchler, Bobby Beavers JR Kerns, Matt Crocker, Jennifer Miller.

**MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. 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: Joe Collins, Vice President: Ralph Rossi, Secretary: Denise Fox Madden, Treasurer: Denise Fox Madden, Chaplain, Chief: Gary Madden. Delegates: Bary Maden, Bobby Helmer, Les States. Alternates: Denise Fox Maddey, Jason Mills, Justin Madden.

**MARYLAND CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 3498 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, MD 20724; Anne Arundel County; Telephone 301-498-6161; Organized: 1969; Chartered:1970. President: Nello Burian Sr., Vice President: Kevin Newman, Secretary: Mary L. Swidow/Krista Shepard, Treasurer: Linda Henry, Chaplain, Chief: Rayburn Smallwood. Delegates: Mary Louise Snidow, David Tibbetts, Josh Strenger. Alternates: None Listed.

**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/mlfvfc; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: Jerry Beck, Vice President, Secretary: Carolyn Rosier, Treasurer: William Schmalzer, Chaplain: Gladys Pearce, Chief: Glen Wilhelm. Delegates: William Schmalzer, Linda Schmalzer, Brett Jones. Alternates: Bradley Wright, Charles Fogle Jr., Amanda Jones.

**MAUGANVILLE 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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**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;

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: Kathy L. Suite, Vice President: John Breitmaier, Secretary: Diane M. Mandel, Treasurer: Joyce Downs, Chaplain, Chief: Jessica Vallandingham. Delegates: Jessica Vallandingham, Ray Myers. Alternates: Courtney Wathan.

**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: Jason Bivens, Vice President: George Zulauf, Secretary: Robin Coulbourne, Treasurer: Arthou Kohne, Chaplain, Chief: Thomas Gilbert. Delegates: Thomas Gilbert, Jack Amrhen, Austin Frye, Neal Miller, Robert Klein. Alternates: Kurt Davis, John Palasik, Gena Bivens, Jay Schanberger, Paul Sullivan.

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: Craig Stambaugh, Vice President: Joe Backhaus, Secretary: Chris Jessa, Treasurer: James Sollenberger, Chaplain, Chief: Tim Sinnott. Delegates: Craig Stambaugh, Joe Backhaus, Jim Sollenbereger, Tim Sinnott, Jason Moore. Alternates: Chris Jessa, Bill Connelly, Dan Mroz, Paul Moucheron, Mike Johnson.

**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: Debbie Smith, Treasurer: Paul Fink, Chaplain: Alan Cahoe, Chief: Jason Loveless. Delegates: Stetan Nalboaczyk Jr., Janie E. Nalbrczyk, Wayne Smith, Debbie Smith, Pete Kafauver. Alternates: None.

**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: David Hansen, Vice President: Jamie McAllister, Secretary: Lisa McKlveen, Treasurer: Jamie Hansen, Chaplain: Les Hedrick, Chief: Michael White. Delegates: Charles Phillips, Les Hedrick, Dave Fuller, Michael White, David Hansen. Alternates: Lisa McKlveen, Carl McKlveen, Michael Poetker, Pat Wise, Michael Mavaddat.

**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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**MOUNT AIRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 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: Janet Woodfield, Treasurer: James Linton Jr., Chaplain, Chief: Ivan Browning. Delegates: Thomas Walters, Ivan Browning, Doug Alexander, Ricky Baker, Kenny Stull. Alternates: Jeff Lowman, Gary Hubble, Dale Lowman, Sue Hubble, Steven Stull.

**MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO.1, INC.** – PO Box 533, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-264-3311; Fax: 301-264-3145; E-mail: corrado@hereintown.net; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Gerard McGann, Vice President: Chad Robison, Secretary: Kay Tharp, Treasurer: Scott Richard, Chaplain: Lloyd Wade, Chief: Rick Robison. Delegates: Gerard McGann, Gunter Corrado, Kay Wade, Lloyd Wade, Jack Walsh. Alternates: Chad Robison, Scott Richard, Rick Robison, Jennifer Lashley, J R Lashley.

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MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 95, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-9817; Fax: 301-293-9828; E-mail: raymon115@aol.com; Website: myersvillevfc.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925. President: Ed Coutchley, Vice President: Ray Hinkle, Secretary: Linda Frushour, Treasurer: Ellen Coutchley, Chaplain: Glenn Lantz, Chief: Justin Clipp. Delegates: Carol Linton, Linda Frushour, Katelyn Frusher. Alternates: None Listed.

NANJEMOY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-2115; Fax: 301-743-2151; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Dan McClarren, Vice President: Charles Perry, Secretary: Mike Kisamore, Treasurer: Brad Arbogast, Chaplain, Chief: Doug Campbell. Delegates: Rick Sregmeier, Dennis Smith. Alternates: None Listed.

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: Marty Heiberger, Vice President: Reva Winkler, Secretary: Sunia Pharham, Treasurer: Sandy Russum, Chaplain, Chief: Dennis Russum. Delegates: Dennis Russum, Alan Wright, Bobby Jones, Sandy Russum. Alternates: None Listed.

NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 925, 76 W. Main Street, New Market, MD 21774; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-865-5700; Fax: 301-865-8148; E-mail: fddep1@xecu.net; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1955. President: Paul Hackey, Vice President: Nate Wood Wilson, Secretary: Matthew Thews, Treasurer: Robert Skelton, Chaplain: Gary White, Chief: Ben Nalborczyk. Delegates: Jeff Broyles, Tyler Conaway, Matt Thews, Jay Betts, Greg Lawson. Alternates: Matt Chapman, Brady Thews, Joyce Vincent, Ben Nalborczyk, Kelly Sullivan.

**NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 67, 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-0543; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Matthew Moser, Vice President: Bryan Pescatore, Secretary: Helen Eyler, Treasurer: Joe Lenhart, Chaplain: G. Monroe Main, Chief: Gary Keller. Delegates: Gary Keller, Nancy Keller, Joe Lenhart, Mary Lenhart, Denny Derry. Alternates: None Listed.

**NEW WINDSOR FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY #1, INC. – PO Box 247, 101 High Street, New Windsor, MD 21776; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-635-6373; Fax 410-848-6711; E-mail: info@nwfd10.org; Website:nwfd10.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. President: Rick Fritz, Vice President: Richard Koontz, Secretary: Sarah Lowman, Treasurer: Jack Coe, Chaplain: Neal Roop, Chief: Tom Coe. Delegates: Rick Fritz, Steve Koontz, Dianne Gunderson, Tom Coe, Feliz Hill. Alternates: Richard Warrenfeltz, Mike Moser.

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NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 82, 8338 Newark Road, Newark, MD 21841; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3980; Fax: 410-632-3980; Organized: 1929. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

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. President: Stephan Johnson, Vice President: John Thomas, Secretary: Lisa Yates, Treasurer: Charles Thomas, Chaplain: Diane Thompas, Chief: George Hayden. Delegates: John Thomas, Mike Abell. Alternates: None Listed.


**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; E-mail: admin@nefc4.com; Website: nefc4.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. President: Otis Isaaca Jr., Vice President: Harry Cheyney, Secretary: Kathy Scott, Treasurer: Anne Husfelt, Chaplain: Phil Meekins, Chief: Stephen Piatelli. Delegates: Howard D. Flower, John Hamilton IV, Paul Huntzberry, Charles Stewart, Steven Piatelli. Alternates: Penny Stewart.

**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: Adam Davies, Vice President: Buddy Staigerwald, Secretary: Stacey McElwee, Treasurer: Albert Palcher, Chaplain: James Caris, Chief: Todd Aupperley. Delegates: Jim Riegel Sr., Adam Davies, Jonathan Tarburton, James Harvey. Alternates: None Listed.

NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 293, Ravine Street, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5520; Fax: 301-895-4618; Website: ngcrs.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Terry Spear; Vice President: Barry Beal, Secretary: Nancy Savage, Treasurer: Harold Fink, Chaplain: Alan
Johnson, Chief: Justin Orendorf. Delegates: Patricia Bowser, Gary Teats, Mike Simmons, Pauline Faucett, Terry Spear. 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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 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: Clifford Christello, Vice President: Joseph Sexauer, Secretary: James L. Jester, Treasurer: John F. Guntow Jr., Chaplain: Phil Tunk, Chief: David N. Cropper. Delegates: Roger Steger Sr., Reggie Bell, Charles Bunting, J. Paul Adams, Larry Lewis. Alternates: John F. Guntow Jr., Richard Bayles, Jim Smith, Steve Hales, David Hedges.


**ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-674-4444; Fax: 410-672-0758; E-mail: joinovfc@verizon.net; Website: ovfc28.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Robert L. Rose, Vice President: Wylie L. Donaldson, Secretary: Michael C. Davis, Treasurer: David M. Savadeba, Chaplain, Chief: Ray Hodgson. Delegates: David W. Lewis, John E. Rose, Wylie L. Donaldson, Troy Odendhal, Ray Hodgson. Alternates: Robert L. Rose, Michael C. Davis, Nicie L. Organek, Jammie M. Allen, Charles D. Rodgers.

OLDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 83, 18712 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-5151; Fax: 301-478-5400; E-mail: co13@allconet.org; Website: www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd. President: Robert Piper, Vice President: Kevin Bender, Secretary: Cindy Crabtree, Treasurer: Dennis Mallery, Chaplain: Rodger Long, Chief: Ken Wolford Jr. Delegates: Dennis Mallery, Robert Piper, Ken Wolford Jr., Roger Long, Justin Hetrick. Alternates: Kevin Bender, Andy Brown, Dan Breeding, Ron McFarland, Royce Crabtree.

**ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 645, 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, Chief: James Evans. Delegates: Walter Snyder, Wayne Snyder, Donna Bushong, John
Wenzel, James Evans. Alternates: Mike Maurer, Will Rogers, Rick Cummings, Tom Pierczchalski, Janet Aro.

**ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, 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: Pamela Pyles, Treasurer: Judy Sowers, Chaplain: Robert Littleton, Chief: John Clingerman. Delegates: Janet Elbin, Randall Pyles, Michael Yonker, Jason Reed, Christopher Sullivan. Alternates: Shannon Elbin, Daniel Pyles, Chad Yonker.


**OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 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: Darrin Clem, Vice President: Henry Hale, Secretary: David Baker, Treasurer: Dave Bradley, Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Cross, Chief: Michael Greenhawk. Delegates: Richard Smith, Richard Schmitt, Steve Mroczek, Henry Hale, Ron Anderson. Alternates: None listed.

**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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 160, 33030 Old Ocean City Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-742-2408; Fax: 443-260-0725. President: Ryan L. Whittington, Vice President: Jeffrey K. Willis, Secretary: Ashley Richardson, Treasurer: Carol Fisher, Chaplain, Chief: Steve E. White. Delegates: Ryan L. Whittington, Jeffrey K. Willis, Steven E. White, Eric Tyler, Vance Wester Jr. Alternates: Leigh Tyler.

**PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-486-9834; Fax: 410-602-8583; E-mail: cao320@bcvfa.org; Website: pvfc32.org; Organized: 1897. President: L. Allen Roody, Vice President: Samuel I. Dansicker, Secretary: Jonathan M. Polirer, Treasurer: Carl J. Phelps, Chaplain: Kathleen M. Resnick, Chief: Lawrence H. Goldberg. Delegates: Stuart W. Carter, Roger N. Powell, Richard B. Udell, Aaron Robinson, John Pelton. Alternates: Glenn C. Resnick, Kathleen M. Resnick, John D. Gentzel, Sharon A. Bull.

**PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 2799, 21 West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3338; Fax: 301-733-
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**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: pvfd4t.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929. President: Anthony Webster, Vice President: Ronald Adkins, Secretary: Kristina Powell, Treasurer: Jennifer Hammond, Chaplain, Chief: Mark Bratten. Delegates: Essel T Farlow, Essel T. Farlow III, William R. Wilkins, Mark Bratten, Gary Bratten. Alternates: George Whited III, Rick Powell, Josh Farlow, Kristina Powell, Michael Farloe, ESQ.

**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: dckrgrs@msn.com; Website: pleasantvalleyfire.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931. President: Stephen Wantz, Vice President: Michael Stewart, Secretary: Nancy Wagner, Treasurer: Jack Wagner, Chaplain: Donna Geiman, Chief: Michael Gist. Delegates: Richard Smith, Jack Wagner, Charlie Simpson, Steve Wantz, Michael Swartzbaugh. Alternates: None Listed.

POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 116, Pocomoke City, MD 21851; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-957-2310; Organized: 1888. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY #2, INC.** – PO Box 326, 61 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3701; Fax: 301-359-3377; E-mail: co22@allconet.org; Chartered: 1912; Joined MSFA: 1912. President: William F. Kigh, Jr., Vice President: Paul Metz, Secretary: Steven E. Householder, Treasurer: Judy S. Hamilton, Chaplain: Lonzy Clark, Chief: Timothy F. Dayton. Delegates: Timothy F. Dayton, William Knight Jr., Darrell Wildesen, Judy Hamilton, Mark Karalewitz. Alternates: None Listed.


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; Joined MSFA: 1975. President: Amber R. Hewett, Vice President: Nancy Tarmon, Secretary: Jeanne Gray, Treasurer: Terry Rohrer, Chaplain, Chief: Eric L. Gray. Delegates: Arnold Martin, Ronnie
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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. NO Credentials were received for 2013.

**PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 3680 Choptank Road, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-673-7874; Fax: 410-673-1961; Organized: 1927. President: Andy Garey, Vice President: Mike Bradley, Secretary: Bryan Milligan, Treasurer: Lori Jester Childers, Chaplain: Chief: Troy Plutschak. Delegates: Donald Cheezum, Jacob Garvey. Alternates: None Listed.

**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; E-mail: pfvfdjwo@verizon.net; Website: pfvfd.org; Organized: 1940. President: Patrick F. Hassler, Vice President: Robert W. Helms, Secretary: Linda F. Reamy, Treasurer: Alan Billings, Chaplain: Michael Bowen, Chief: Brian Ficke; Delegates: Dwight Armiger, Michael Bowen, Robert Helms, Thomas Scott III, Mark Carrico. Alternates: Brian Ficke, Linda Reamy, William J. Reamy, Timouth Delehanty, Nancy Scott.

**PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 346, 755 Solomon’s Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone 410-535-9836; 410-535-5750; E-mail: jwelpf@hotmail.com; Website: pvrs.com; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: Robert Francis, Vice President: Roland “Sonny” Brady, Secretary: Melissa Billings, Treasurer: Diane Billings, Chaplain. Chief: Stanis Inscoe. Delegates: Tommy Tettimer, Cora Stockhausen. Alternates: None Listed.

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY VOLUNTEER MARINE FIRE & RESCUE, Inc. – 13600 King Charles Terrace, Ft. Washington, MD 20745; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-888-1803. President: Janet Demeritt, Vice President: Doug Gerzalle, Secretary: JoAnne Bomkoski, Treasurer: J D Brooks, Chaplain, Chief: Jimmy Edelen. Delegates: Janet Demeritt, Doug Gerzalle, J.D. Brooks, Jimmy Edelen. Alternates: None Listed.

PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2144; Fax: 410-651-2159; E-mail: pavfc@verison.com; Organized: 1914. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

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: Robert K. Hornbacher, Vice President: John W. McLean, Secretary: Susan Denning, Treasurer: Jeff Mims, Chaplain: James Westervelt,

**QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 226, 13512 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: Danny McNeal, Vice President: Phillip Starkey, Secretary: Thomas DiFatta, Treasurer: Linda Chalupa, Chaplain: William Cooper Sr., Chief: Chris Morgan. Delegates: William Cooper Sr., Lynn Humpleby, Robert H. Gibson Jr., William Cooper Jr. 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. NO Credentails were submitted.

RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone 301-729-8229: E-mail: co47@allconet.org; Organized: 1985; Chartered: 1985; Joined MSFA:1986. President: R. Garth Nassor, Vice President: Mike McKenzie, Secretary: Paul Gaetani, Treasurer: Paul Gaetani, Chaplain: Wesley R. Roor, Chief: Wesley Foor. Delegates: Wesley R. Foor. Alternates: Ken McKennie.

**REESE and COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-7172; Fax: 401-848-2396; E-mail: reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org; Website: reesevfc.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Phil Hild, Vice President: Tim Crews, Secretary: Kyle Hale, Treasurer: David Davidson, Chaplain: Christopher Karolenko, Chief: Donald Love. Delegates: Norman Schaeffer, Phil Hild, Ed Geordt, Donald Raver. Alternates: None Listed.

**REISTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 108 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136; Baltimore County; Telephone: 301-833-1370; Fax: 410-833-0258; Website: rvfc.org; President: Michele Crumbacker; Vice President: Tim Hennigan; Secretary: Eric Marquess, Treasurer: Brian Quick, Chaplain: Rev. Timothy Feaser, Chief: Robert Murray Sr. Delegates: Michelle Crumbacker, Steve Hennigan, John Wright, Ted Schultz, Craig Coleman. Alternates: Dorthy Schultz, J.P. Snyder.


**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: Timothy A. Ridgell, Vice President: James I. Raley, Secretary: Joseph T. Bradburn, Treasurer: John E. Wathen Jr., Chaplain, Chief: Bruce R. Raley. Delegates: Timothy A. Ridgell, Philip W. Ridgell, John E. Wathen Jr., Francis J. Raley, Bruce R. Raley. Alternates: Phillip R. Cooper, Robert Lee Owens, Matthew B. Ridgell.

**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: Christy Merrell, Jessica Snyder. Alternates: None Listed.

**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: George Cohey, Vice President: John Gott, Secretary: Tammy Taylor, Treasurer: Bryan Ebling, Chaplain, Chief: Robert Utz. Delegates: Bryan Ebling, John Hurley, Justin Ebling, Robert Utz, George Cohey. Alternates: None Listed.

**RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-336-3731; Fax: 301-499-5916; E-mail: info@ritchie37.com; Website: ritchie37.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1966; Joined MSFA: 1970. President: Steve Wilson, Vice President: Steven Bernard, Secretary: Christie McGee, Treasurer: Terry Hill, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Wilson. Delegates: Lawrence H. Lee, Steve Wilson, Christie Wilson, William Cunningham Sr. Alternates: William Cunningham Jr., Steven Bernard.

**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, Chaplain, Chief. Delegates: John Fluharty, Maurice E. Carr, David E. Carr, Joel Greenwell. Alternates: None Listed.

**RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 6101 Roanoke Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George’s County; Telephone:
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301-985-4680; Fax 301-699-0477; E-mail info@rhvfd.org; Website: rhvfd.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925. President: Robert Goninan, Vice President, Secretary: Sharon Shoemaker. Treasurer, Chaplain, Chief: Aldo Zambrana. Delegates: Robert Gonian, Aldo Zambrano, Sharon Shoemaker, Troy Emilio, Todd Reedy. Alternates: Ken Gilroy, Tim Donoghue.

**RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-927-0356; Fax: 301-699-3204; E-mail: whiting@jonez.com; Web Site: www.riverdalevfd.org. President: Stephen Lamphier, Vice President: David Sutton, Secretary: Nova Johns, Treasurer: John Campbell, Chaplain, Chief: Brian Carpio. Delegates: Stephen Lamphier, James Johns III, Nova Johns. Alternates: None Listed.


**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: Timothy C. Jones, Vice President: Matt Frank, Secretary: Russell W. Dawson, Treasurer: Danielle Thomas, Chaplain: Father Valentine Keveny, Chief: Scott E. Emmons. Delegates: Scott E. Emmons, Timothy C. Jones, Tom Kavanagh, Christopher Hinde, John T. Ferguson III. Alternates: Matt Frank.

**ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.** – P.O. Box 9661, 8037 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, 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, Chaplain, Chief: Jim Pizzini. Delegates: Eric Endryas, Eileen Endryas, Jack Mazza, Scott Small, Debbie Channey. Alternates: Bill Pearson, Steve Stachowski, Brian Strak, Jim Pizzini, Chuck McJilton.


**SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1, INC.** - P.O. Box 3215, 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: W. David Elliott Sr., Vice President: Charles E. Boskey, Secretary: Justin Elliott, Treasurer: Billy Lewis, Chaplain: Roger Kondrup, Chief: Richard Hoppes. Delegates: W. David Elliott Sr., Justin L. Elliott, Billy Lewis, Eric Boskey, Gerald Beauchamp. Alternates: Charles E. Boskey, David Cooper.


**SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-774-7400; Fax: 301-774-4821; E-mail: info@ssvfd.com; Website: www.ssvfd.com; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1925. President: Michael A. Valente, Vice President: Jennifer Musgrove, Secretary: Michael Mctighe, Treasurer: Stephen C. Lamphier, Chaplain: Rory Crawford, Chief: George W. Brown. Delegates: George Brown, John Lindner, Michael Thornton, Nancy Thornton, Johnie Roth Jr. Alternates: Joseph Aceto, Patricia Congdon, Loues Kaufman, Kevin Parker, Michael Valente.
SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 905, 8521 Corridor Road, Savage, MD 20763; Howard County; Telephone: 410-498-5061; Fax: 301-776-0024; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937. President: Michael Hitt, Vice President: Kristin Cox, Secretary: Charisa Carkhuff, Treasurer: Alan Conway, Chaplain: Mary McNamee, Chief: Ronald Hunley. Delegates: Kristin Cox, Terry Thompson, Ronald Hunley, Alan Grimes, Michael Hitt. Alternates: Kevin Larkins Sr., Kevin Larkins Jr., Jonathan Day, Mormon Wines, David Hunley.

SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 10305 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-336-2331; E-mail: eng8sqd@ao0l.com; Website: www.seatpleasantfire.com; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1915. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.


**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: secretaryfiredpt@comcast.net; WebSite: www.fire-ems.net/view/firedept/secretary/md; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: David Cox, Vice President: John Burton, Secretary: Casey Kewan, Treasurer: Amanda Gullion, Chaplain, Chief: John Burton. Delegates: Samuel B. Yockey, Michael W. Larrimore Sr., Michael W. Larrimore Jr., Amanda Gullion, William Gullion III. Alternates: David Cox, Casey Kipwan, Susan Kirwan, Ryan Bramble, Christopher Snort.

**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: Michael R. Huseman, Secretary: Anthony Hammett, Treasurer: Robin Morgan, Chaplain: John H. Nelson Jr., Chief: John A. Nelson. Delegates: John D. Nelson, Michael R. Huseman, John H. Nelson Jr., Anthony Hammett, John A. Nelson. Alternates: Justin Hall, Chris Mattingly.

**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: Mathew Colliflower, Secretary: Hattie Norris, Treasurer: Robert Lawrence, Chaplain: George H. L’Heureux, Chief: Todd Hayden. Delegates: George Kennett, Joan Raley, Donald Phetteplace, Jennifer Huntington. Alternates: None Listed.
SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC. - 19303 Shaft Road, SW., Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-1535; Fax: 301-687-0121; E-mail: co17@allconet.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. President: Ryan L. Chapman, Vice President: Jeff Pfister, Secretary: Samantha Bennett, Treasurer: Patricia McGowan, Chaplain: Aaron Winters, Chief: Scott Yates. Delegates: Aaron Winters, Ryan Chapman; Scott Yates. Alternates: None Listed.

**SHARPSBURG AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. – P.O. 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: Peggy Myers, Vice President: Shawn McCoy, Secretary: Ashley Grimm, Treasurer: Walter Kipe, Chaplain: Delancy Catlett, Chief: Lester Bussard. Delegates: Darryl Benner, Harry Gossard. Alternates: None Listed.

**SHARPSBURG VOLUNTER 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 E. Gossard, Vice President: Daryl Benner, Secretary: Dolly Jones, Treasurer: Ron Delauney, Chaplain: Rev. Delancy Catlett, Chief: W. Allen James. Delegates: Harry E. Gossard, W. Allen James, Chris Mullendor, Jay Morgan, Jay Brandenburg. Alternates: Daryl Benner, Henry Jones, Dolly Jones, Ron Delaunfy, John Routzahn.


SHOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 11620 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD 21862; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-641-2380; Website: showellvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA:1945. NO Credentials were summited for 2013.

**SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-423-7293; Fax: 301-423-3280; E-mail: silverhillvfd@comcast.net; Website: silverhillvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1948. President: Charles A. Diana, Vice President: Wayne Higdon, Secretary: Matthew Holt, Treasurer: Matthew Holt, Chaplain: Chief: George M. Thompson. Delegates: Charles A Diana, George M. Thompson, Steffen Santos, Diana M. Diana, Carl Andersen. Alternates: Jeffrey Kramer, Michael Alfieri.

**SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-587-3400; Fax: 301-588-3548;
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E-mail: ssfd@dstarpower.net; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1918. President: William Reindollar, Vice President: Kevin Horahan, Secretary: Susan Myatt, Treasurer: Jerry Leener, Chaplain, Chief: Roger McGary. Delegates: Susan Myatt, Burton Brenner, Barry Contee, Harold Traver, Margaret Fowke. Alternates: None Listed.

**SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-7300; Fax: 410-620-0797. SEE - WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

**SMITHBURG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 32, 22 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: 301-824-2889; Fax: 301-824-3880; Organized:1932; Web Site: www.smithburgvfc.org; Chartered: 1933. President: Phil Rohrer, Vice President: Glen Reynolds, Secretary: Barb Miller, Treasurer: Mac Hutto; Chaplain: Martha Wolfe, Chief: Chris Rohrer. Delegates: Dale Fishack, Glenn Fishack, Phil Rohrer, Margaret Fishack, Raymond Clack. Alternates: Donny Bradburn, Pat Smith, Steve Lewis, Buddy Blake, Mike Johnson.

**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: Joseph Palls, Vice President: Cynthia Hull, Secretary: Mike Arnold, Treasurer: Emily Demmons, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: James Ulrich. Delegates: James Ulrich, Garrett Snyder, Krystina Snyder, Andy Smith, Joseph Palls. Alternates: Kevin Demmons, James Daily, Mary Palls, Lisa Hodges, Todd Frey.


**SOLOMONS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 189, 13150 H G Trueman Road, Solomons, MD 20688; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-326-6657; Fax: 410-586-2019; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Renee Crampton, Vice President: Kevin Haines, Secretary: Celeste Church, Treasurer: Shirley Millette, Chaplain: Bill Miller, Chief: Jim Taylor. Delegates: Renee Crampton, Jim Taylor, Cathy Sheckels, Celeste Church, Danielle Dillion. Alternates: Gary Crampton, Kevin Haines, Raymond Lankford, Kiersten Shea, Jerry Church.

**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 D. Coffelt, Vice President: Steve Mitchell,
Secretary: Todd Chocran, Treasurer: Jerry L. Cunningham, Chaplain, Chief. Delegates: Jerry Cunningham, William Hastings. Alternates: None Listed.


**ST. LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO. 7, INC. – PO Box 101, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-586-1713; Fax: 410-586-3031; E-mail: president@slvfd.com; Website: slvfd.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982. President: George Anderson, Vice President: Robert “Earnie” Earnshaw, Secretary: Jessica Jones, Treasurer: Alexander Graham, Chaplain: Rev. John Howanstine, Chief: Jennifer Lankford. Delegates: George Anderson, Jennifer Lankford, D.O. Baker Jr., Robert Earnshaw, Danielle Dunn. Alternates: None Listed.


**ST. MICHAELS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1001 South Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-745-9393; Fax: 410-745-9947; Website: stmichaelsfd.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Robert Traynelis, Vice President: Jessica, Secretary: Donna Cheezum, Treasurer: Frank Hopkinson, Chaplain: Rev. Emmanuel Johnson, Chief: Phil Jones. Delegates: James Ferguson, Dan Mautz, Robert Traynelis, Phil Jones. Alternates: None Listed.

**STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1501 Snow Hill Road, Stockton, MD 21864; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3030; Fax: 410-632-3075; E-mail: svfd200@ezy.net; Organized: 1924. President: Thomas C. Beauchamp, Vice President: John Foxwell, Secretary: George Ward, Treasurer: Bruce W. Lambertson, Chaplain: David Selby; Chief: Neil A. Payne. Delegates: Tim Wynne, George Ward, Tom Beauchamp. Alternates: None Listed.

**SUDLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 61, 203 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD 21668; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-438-3155; Fax: 410-438-2946. President: Michael Faust, Vice President: Kurt Wise, Secretary: Monica Stant, Treasurer: Nicole Brown, Chaplain, Chief: Francis Kinnamon. Delegates: James Shelton, Michael Faust, Matt Fletcher, Logan Faust, Robert Nicholson Jr. Alternates: None Listed.
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**SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 58, 911 Revolution Street, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-4070; Fax: 410-939-5648; Organized: 1902. President: Charles Packard Sr., Vice President: Frank Hawley, Secretary: Gail Reeder, Treasurer: Steven Gamatoria, Chaplain: Frank Roth, Chief: Scott Hurst. Delegates: Scott L. Pentz, Craig Triplett, Ron Cordwell, Walter Glen, Shawn Hurst. Alternates: None Listed.

**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: Lynn Gabler, Kevin Shiloh, Paula Buck, Sue Tarrant. Alternates: None Listed.

**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 E. Hamm, Vice President: Richard Willey, Secretary: Stephen Knovik, Treasurer: Bruce Allen, Chaplain: David Hooker, Chief: Thomas Musgrove. Delegates: James E. Jarboe, Thomas Musgrove, Glenn Butts, Elmer Hamm, Richard Willey. Alternates: Jorge Alfaro, Tina Willey, Andrew Willey, Leslie Deleon, Bruce Allen.

**TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-756-6253; Fax: 410-751-0510. President: James Haines, Vice President: Donald Shoemaker, Secretary: Daniel Haines, Treasurer: James Parker, Chaplain: Charles Barnhart, Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: James Haines, Craig Austin, Charles Barnhart, Tom Hogg, Steve Aberts. Alternates: Fern Haines, Wayne Baker, Ryan Houck, Donald Shoemaker, Charles Parrish.


**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: Wallace Danielson Jr., Secretary: Thomas Milstead, Treasurer: Susie Tanner, Chaplain: George Abell, Chief: Daniel Hudson. Delegates: Charles Burroughs, Daniel Hudson, Thomas Milstead, Wallace Danielson, Michael Gordon. Alternates: Bernie Dalcanton, John Graff, Nicholas Genevie.
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: Jim Humerick, Secretary: Joyce Stitely, Treasurer: Judy White, Chaplain: James Hamrick, Chief: Dennis Ott. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed.

**TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 297, 5978 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-886-2101; Fax: 410-886-2677; E-mail: tivfc@goeaston.net; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1938. President: Mark Cummings, Vice President: Charles Schneide, Secretary: Debby M. Sweet, Treasurer: Donny Mautz, Chaplain: Rev. Everett Landon, Chief: Jeremy Cummings. Delegates: David McUrrey, Danny Mautz. Alternates: None Listed.


**TRI-TOWNS AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** - 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: Lonzy Clark, Vice President: Lynn Sweitzer, Secretary: April Clark, Treasurer: Rhonda Clark, Chaplain: Thomas Morgan, Chief: Robert Pattison. Delegates: Lonzy Clark, Tim Connor, Josh Clark, Lynn Sweitzer, Josh Burkett. Alternates: Dora Clemons, Rick Wildwesen, James Mayhew, Jessica Brandt, Rhonda Clark.

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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013

**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: Edgar C. Wentz, Secretary: Linda Bostian, Treasurer: S. Michael Kreimer, Chaplain, Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Jerry Harris, Tom Garber, David Nelson, Steve Keeney, Dough Bostian. Alternates: None Listed.

**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: rsiamicki@aol.com; Website: www.ucvfd.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Ronald J. Siarnicki, Vice President: Ken Whalen, Secretary: Pat Neil, Treasurer: Charles Ferrin, Chaplain: John Bossert, Chief:
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**UNITED STEAM ENGINE FIRE COMPANY NO.3, 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: Robert Hiltner, Secretary: Angie Hummer, Treasurer: James Morgan, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Jerry Dorsey. Delegates: Marc McNeal, Robin McNeal, John Droneburg, Dave Smith, Jerry Dorsey. Alternates: Keith DuVall, James Graham, Derek Graham.

**UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –** 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-972-8888; Fax: 301-407-0453; E-mail: umcvfd@hotmail.com; Website: umcvfd.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946. President: Ross Meem, Vice President: George T. Hillard, Secretary: Teresa Meem, Treasurer: Robert Settelmaier, Chaplain: Lynn Lipp, Chief: Mike White. Delegates: Ross Meem, Mike White, Robby Bliss, Earl Moore, Alexa Brown. Alternates: Bob Settelmaier, Mike Burns, Dick Bauer, Teresa Meem.


**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: Tim Clarke, Vice President: Frank Rauschenburg, Secretary: Steve Valentine, Treasurer: Steve Hollinger, Chaplain, Chief: A. Franklin Davis. Delegates: Frank Davis, Allysa Cool, Rob Rosensteel Jr., Wayne Powell. Alternates: Gabe Baker.

**VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –** P.O. 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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS, 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: James E. McClelland, Vice President: Dwayne A. Frost Sr., Secretary: Robert M. Russell, Treasurer: Charles E. Miller, Chaplain: Dwayne A. Frost Sr., Chief: John H. Weaver. Delegates: James E. McClelland Sr., Robert M. Russell, John H. Weaver, James C. Crawford, Kimberly F. Lee. Alternates: Jennifer A. McClelland, Charles E. Miller, David S Breeden Jr., Raymond C. Jones, Robert Fralin.

**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: Donald Briscoe, Vice President: Terry Ferguson, Secretary: Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Treasurer: Ed Long Sr., Chaplain: Robin Sheldon Hahn, Chief: Thomas Morris. Delegates: Donald L. Briscoe, Terry Ferguson, Thomas Morris, Ed Long Sr., Robyn Sheldon Hahn. Alternates: Rich Lyttle, Don Burch, Frankie Stubbs, Randy McLennan, Robert 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: Jeff Kimble, Vice President: Dave Donohue, Secretary: Brenda Dattilio, Treasurer: Steve Heefner, Chaplain, Chief: Nick Dattilio. Delegates: Steve Heefner, Jeffrey Ringer, Jeff Preston, Jamie Drawbaugh, Kim Anderson. Alternates: Tammy Drawbaugh, Tina Adams, Scott Adams, Ed Ernst, Teresa Preston.

**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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013.

**WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602; Charles County; Telephone: 645-3000; Fax: 301-870-0136; E-mail: dstevens@waldorfvfd.com; Website: waldorfvfd.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: David C. VanGasbeck, Vice President: Ron Marth, Secretary: Lee Hayes Jr., Treasurer: Jennifer Stevens, Chaplain: Chief: James R. Hayden. Delegates: Daniel J. Stevens, David VanGasbeck, Vernon Monday, Thomas Edwards, William Cooke. Alternates: Bobbie Stevens, Jerry Hardy, J. R. Hayden.

**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: John Zimmerman, Secretary: Brenda Staley, Treasurer: James Graham, Chaplain: Chad Weidle, Chief: Matt Staley. Delegates: Matt Staley, Billy Horine, Brian Hildebrand. 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: Rick Hull, Vice President: Norman Bannon IV, Secretary: Ashley Hennemuth, Treasurer: Fred Mott, Chaplain: Rev. George Hipkins, Chief: Greg Miller. Delegates: Wayne Tome Sr., Donald Poist, Tony Dimarco Sr., Fred Mott, Richard Brooks. Alternates: Cindy Clark.


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**WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 439, 12535 Old Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-5403; Fax: 410-442-1664; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944. President: Carroll L. Roles, Vice President: Carl Buell, Secretary: Teresa Beck, Treasurer: Steven Fleming, Chaplain: Jeffrey Sturgess, Chief: H. Mickey Day. Delegates: Carroll Roles, Mickey Day, Carl Buell, Mike Collins, James Piersall. Alternates: Theresa Callins, William Spicer, Norma Spicer, Marthe Roles, Sadi Hawkins.

**WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC** – 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784; Prince Georges County; Telephone: 301-577-0777; Fax: 301-731-5163; Organized: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. See Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad of West Lanham Hills.

**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: Crystal Pickerson, Treasurer: Rusty Dennis, Chaplain: William Pusey, Chief: John Wilson. Delegates: Joe Dickerson, Don Messick, John Catlin, Brian Catlin, Crystal Dickerson. Alternates: Pat Tobat, John Wilson, Jerry Nelson.

**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: Michael Bobbins, Vice President: Cherry Hiser, Secretary: Dennis Huffer, Treasurer: Terry Mose, Chaplain: Richard Bower, Chief: Rick Blair. Delegates: Jim Schaffer, Mitchell Dobbins, Rick Blair, Charles Barr. Alternates: None Listed

**WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 357, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1800; Fax: 410-848-3407; E-mail: westfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us; Website: westminstervfd.org; Organized: 1823. President: Robert Cumberland, Vice President: Daniel Plunkert, Secretary: Charles Ray, Treasurer: Robert Ruby, Chaplain: Kevin Dayhoff, Chief: James Bangerd III. Delegates: Fred Plunkert, Daniel Plunkert, Robert Cumberland, James Bangerd III. Alternates: Robert Ruby, Brian Vanfossen.

**WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 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: Steve Sobolewski, Secretary: Stephan Dassoulas, Treasurer: Nick Hrabak, Chaplain, Chief: Allan Platky. Delegates: Robert Lawson, Benn Mull, Rhonda Cohen, Mark Dempsey. Alternates: None Listed.

**WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – P.O. Box 309, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, Maryland 21162. Telephone: 410-335-5112; Fax: 410-335-1842; E-mail: cao200@bcvfa.org; Website: wmvf.org. President: Kevin Palmer, Vice President: Al
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Vaughn, Secretary: Kelly Murray, Treasurer: Vicky Davidson, Chaplain: Rev. Jack Bussard, Chief: Rick Blubaugh. Delegate: Kevin Palmer, Al Vaughn, Mike Connelly, Rick Blubaugh, Barry Betts. Alternates: Ron Wright, Zachary Adams, Paul Perry, Roseann Whittaker, Carol Vaughn.

**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: C. Larry Holbrook, Vice President: Dan Lemon, Secretary: Janet Holbrook, Treasurer: Charles Mohr, Chaplain: Michael Karmann, Chief: Matt Barben. Delegates: James R. Williams, John R. Williams, David C. “Rusty” Leftwich. Alternates: None Listed.


WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC. – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-7300; Fax: 410-620-0797; Organized: 1892; Joined MSFA: 1896. President: Donald S. Hicks, Vice President: David Meaders, Secretary: Steven G. Horan, Treasurer: Norman E. Marquess, Chaplain, Chief: Fred Hill. Delegates: William R. Caldwell, N. Kay Trego, Michael A. Patrick, Donald Miller, John J. Denver. Alternates: None Listed.

**WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS COMPANY, INC.** – 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; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Craig N. Osborne, Vice President: Timothy Ammons, Secretary: Terry Barnes, Treasurer: John Raidt Sr., Chaplain: Robert Fraley, Chief: William R. Ball III. Delegates: Brian Lowman, Karen Lowman, Craig Osbourn, Tim Ammons, William Ball III. Alternates: Skip Menzies, Jason Miller, Terry Barnes, Robert Fraley, Kevin Lewis.

**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: Robert Farver, Vice President: Carl Broussard, Secretary: Kim Legore, Treasurer: Norman Zepp, Chaplain, Chief: Zach Schneider. Delegates: Kevin Warner, Matt Paskowski, Nicholas Haspert, Dave Wallace, Zach Warner. Alternates: None Listed.

**WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 214 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-288-0710; Fax: 410-288-6095; E-mail: co270@
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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; Joined MSFA: 1968. NO Credentials were submitted for 2013

**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: Richard Steer, Secretary: Candyee Hilgenberg, Treasurer: Margaret Stalsberg, Chaplain: Margaret Stalsberg, Chief: Joseph Howlin. Delegates: Joseph M. Connell, Roy Faudree, Jim Howard, Melissa Gore, Mac Connel, Jr. Alternates: Ashley Hoover, Paul Mills, Bobby Howlin, Rick Ster, Candyee Hilgenberg.


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: Kenneth Rippean, Secretary: Diane Fyock, Treasurer: James Writer, Chaplain: Kay Ensor, Chief: Michael Fyock. Delegates: Michael Fyock, Diane Fyock. 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.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION - P.O. Box 881, Millersville MD 21108; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-222-8200, Fax 410-987-2904; Organized: 1932; Joined MSFA: April 2007.

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**CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT** – 1790 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-7975

**CITY OF SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT** – 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21802; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410- 548-3120

**FREDERICK COUNTY DIVISION OF FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES** – 5370 Public Safety Place, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1536; Fax: 301-600-2592

**FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION** - 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

**HARFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMS ASSOCIATION** – 343C Granny Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050.

**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; E-mail: rfaith@co.ho.md.us; Website: ho.co.md.us

**MARYLAND COUNCIL OF FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMYS** - 25 W. Church Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740

**MARYLAND FIRE & RESCUE INSTITUTITE** - MFRI, University of Maryland, 4500 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20742; Telephone: 1-800-275-6374
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE - 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-777-2400; FAX: 240-777-2443

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD, 20850; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-777-2400; Fax: 240-777-2443

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

ST. MARY’S COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS – P.O. Box 653, 23090 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD, St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-475-8016; Fax: 301-475-4370; Website: www.co.saint-marys.md.us

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PROVIDENT AGENCY - P.O. Box 11588, 272 Alpha Drive, Pittsburgh PA15238; Telephone: 800-447-0360; Fax: 412-963-0415; E-mail: cbens@providentbenefits.com; Website: providentbenefits.com.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S INSURANCE SERVICES - P.O. Box 2726, 183 Leaders Heights Road, York, PA 21030
“The Mission of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is to Serve, Promote, Advocate, and Represent the interest of the Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services of Maryland”
An Act to Incorporate the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Section 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.

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 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 5 - And be it enacted, That J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway,
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 121st Annual Convention and Conference

Edward Israel, Edward E. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin R. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, O. D. Gilbert, William M. Crimmins and Hiram R. Heck shall be officers and managers of said corporation until the second Thursday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and shall serve as such until their successors are elected.

Section 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 STATEFIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
by C. EDWIN TURNER, SR.,
President
(SEAL) (SEAL)
STATE OF MARYLAND, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of June, 1975, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared C. EDWIN TURNER, SR., President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, acknowledged the a 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 a foregoing Amendments were enacted and that the said Amendments were adopted and that the matters and facts set forth in the a 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

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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, 20751.

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 presentees 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 a foregoing 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 a foregoing 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 a foregoing 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
# Maryland State Firemen’s Association

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**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 session of the Annual Convention and Conference 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 MSFA for review and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Sustaining Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference.

The application shall identify the applicant with regard to the name of the applicant, whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, the primary business of the applicant, the nature of activities in which the applicant
is involved; other than its primary business, the reason for the application, the type of pecuniary or collateral support the applicant proposes to provide to the MSFA, and the nature and constituency of its directors or membership or any other persons having a directorial or managerial interest in the applicant organization. The application will be accompanied by the first year’s annual dues of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), plus a five-dollar ($5.00) initiation fee. Two hundred dollars ($200.00) of the annual dues shall be 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- 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 9- 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 the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference, shall automatically be suspended. The Secretary shall notify the Member Company that it has been suspended for failure to pay dues and shall not be permitted to register at the Annual Convention and Conference. If the suspended Member Company does not pay its dues by the Executive Committee meeting, held at least thirty (30) days following the Annual Convention and Conference, the suspended Member 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 Committee and a financial report conducted by an outside accounting service of their status made to
the Executive Committee, prior to the next Annual Convention and Conference.

**Section 7-** There shall be a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Manual maintained by the Constitution and By-laws Committee which shall contain administrative and operational procedures approved by the President and the Executive Committee. SOPs shall be developed in accordance with SOP A001 “Preparation and Control of Standard Operating Procedures.”

**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 and 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. They shall make an annual report to the Association and shall perform all other duties as may be required of them 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.

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 an appropriate medium 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.

Section 8- The Financial Secretary shall receive all monies and turn them over to the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary shall keep in an appropriate medium, 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 the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference.

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.

**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 Board of Trustees shall make a report, in writing, to the MSFA at each Annual Convention and Conference.

**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.

**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 their 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 attending the MSFA Executive Committee shall be in accordance with SOP A003 “Travel Reimbursement”.

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 shall review and approve the creation and/or presentation of any new awards based upon the review and recommendations of the Awards Committee.

**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.

Section 21- MSFA Officers will be reimbursed for expenses occurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with SOP A002 “Expense Reimbursement”.

Section 22- The MSFA presidential vehicles are provided for the use of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents for official business of the Association as authorized by the Executive Committee. Rules for the operation and maintenance of the President’s vehicles shall be in accordance with SOP A004 “Operation and Maintenance of the President’s Vehicle Fleet”.

ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES

Section 1- The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:

17 State Circle Committee- At least three (3) 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.

Budget and Revenue Committee- Six (6) members, plus the Treasurer and the
Financial Secretary shall constitute the Budget and Revenue Committee. Two (2) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee**- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

**Convention and Conference Committee**- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

**Data Systems Committee**- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.

**Emergency Medical Services Committee**- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

**Financial Committee**- The Committee shall consist of the Office of the Financial Secretary, the Office of the Treasurer, the Budget and Revenue Committee Chairman and a representative of the Executive Committee.

**Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee**- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

**Firefighter of the Year Committee**- At least nine (9) members, appointed annually.

**Grants Committee**- At least five (5) 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.

**Historical, Archives, and Volunteer Firefighter’s Room Committee**- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.

**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.

**Legislative Committee**- Chairman and one (1) member from each county represented in the MSFA, all to be appointed annually.

**Planning Committee**- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

**President’s Vehicle Committee**- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.
Public Relations Committee- At least five (5) members all to be appointed annually.

Recruitment and Retention Committee- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.

Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee- At least eleven (11) members, all to be appointed annually.

Risk Management Committee- At least three (3) 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 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.

Sergeant-At-Arms Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

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.

Statistical Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Training Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

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.

Ways and Means Committee- At least six (6) members, all to be appointed annually.

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 for Committee Chairman or their
designated representative shall be in accordance with SOP A003 “Travel Reimbursement”.

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 squadsman or ambulance personnel whose death has been caused by an accident resulting from active participation in the performance of his/her duties or while going to or from the scene of any emergency or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the company, after having graduated from an accredited high school, shall have the right and privilege of attending schools of higher education at the expense of the MSFA, which shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the said MSFA.
(F) This by-law shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect volunteer firefighters and individuals serving on volunteer rescue squads who have died, on or after July 1, 1996, while fighting a fire or performing any official task under circumstances that would cause the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to pay death benefits under this by-law.

**Section 2-(Disablement)** - For the purpose of requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association pay a certain benefit to a person who is a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad who is disabled under certain circumstances, regardless of the district in which the person was disabled while acting alone at the direction of or with a fire company or rescue squad in this State or certain neighboring states; and generally relating to benefits for volunteer firefighters and individuals who serve on volunteer rescue squads.

(A) In this section, “Board” means the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

(B) A person who is a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad is eligible to receive a benefit from the Board if:

   (1) The person is temporarily or permanently disabled:
      (I) As a direct result of actively participating in fighting a fire or while going to or while going to or from a fire;
      (II) While performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company;
      (III) While actively participating in the ambulance advanced life support, or rescue work of a volunteer fire, ambulance, or rescue company or volunteer advanced life support unit in the State; or
      (IV) While providing emergency or rescue assistance, whether acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire, ambulance or rescue company or advanced life support unit.

   (2) The person is supported by the recommendation of the fire company or volunteer rescue squad of which the person is a member.

(C) Benefits under this section shall be paid from the treasury of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in an amount and in a manner that the
Board determines for as long as the beneficiary is disabled.

(D) Benefits under this section shall be paid to a beneficiary regardless of
(1) The district in which the beneficiary was disabled; or
(2) Whether the beneficiary was disabled in
   (I) This State
   (II) One of the following adjacent states- Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or Virginia; or
   (III) The District of Columbia

(E) The secretary of the Board shall place and keep the name of each beneficiary under this section on a “Disabled Firemen’s and Rescue Squadmen’s List”.

(F) Any child or children of permanently disabled volunteer fireman, rescue squads man, or ambulance personnel whose disability has been caused by an accident resulting from active participation in the performance of his/her duties or while going to or from the scene of any emergency or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the company, after having graduated from an accredited high school, shall have the right and privilege of attending schools of higher education at the expense of the MSFA, which shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the said MSFA.

Section 3: Claims for benefits paid by the Association shall be made in accordance with the following “Rules of Procedures for Obtaining Benefits” as adopted by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Executive Committee. The term widow as used in the article shall include widower.

The following rules of procedures shall be in effect in the administration of the provisions of 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” (MSFA-BT 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.

(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

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 mis-stating the true facts of the accident shall be SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION
AT THE TRUSTEES UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957
EDITION AS AMENDED), 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 or distribute by an appropriate means 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
Washington, Frederick Counties
Carroll, Howard Counties
Harford, Cecil Counties
Baltimore County
Anne Arundel County
Prince George’s County
Montgomery County
Calvert, Charles, St. Mary’s Counties
Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s Counties
Talbot, Dorchester Counties
Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester Counties

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Board members shall be appointed annually by the President for the stated terms, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association. A Board member should not be appointed to serve concurrently as an Executive Committee Member. The following credentials should be considered for selection of members to the Board:
Ten (10) or more years of fire organization experience  
Operational fire service experience  
Administrative fire service experience  
Financial Background

Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years with four (4) members appointed each year. Of the initial twelve (12) appointments, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. A Chairman shall be appointed annually by the President.

Section 3- Board members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.

A) The Board shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is unable to fulfill the term of appointment. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Board, maintain all records of the Board and initiate and receive correspondence on behalf of the Board.

B) Initially, the Board shall meet and consider, adopt and publish such rules of procedure as is necessary to carry out the functions of the Board as mandated by the aforesaid statute and shall thereafter enact or amend such other rules and regulations as it might be necessary to carry out its purpose. The Board, shall in addition to the foregoing, provide for applications for a low interest loan or grant and provide for distribution of such applications. The rules and regulations enacted by the Board shall include but not be limited to, the following provisions:

1) That any volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company of the State of Maryland be entitled to apply for assistance pursuant to the provisions of the statute, to the Board, irrespective of affiliation of the applicant;

2) Develop loan and grant criteria;

3) Develop loan and grant terms;

4) Develop criteria for the loan and grant application process;

5) Develop criteria for prioritization of loan and grant requests;

6) That the business of the Board be conducted in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure.

C) The Board shall meet as and when necessary to consider or otherwise act upon applications that are pending or as is otherwise necessary to transact the business of the Board. The Board Secretary shall make notification of the meetings to all appropriate parties.
D) The applications submitted to the Board shall be complete and shall have attached thereto the following:

1) Applicants audited financial statements for the most recent two (2) years. For applicants that do not have audited financial statements, each application must have attached thereto financial statements in the form requested by the Board for the applicants most recent two (2) year period along with IRS Form 990 for each year presented on the financial statements.

2) A completed Non-Discrimination Certificate.

E) The Chairman of the Board shall regularly report on the business of the Board to the Executive Committee of the MSFA. No action with respect to any applicant or application recommended by the Board shall be valid unless the Executive Committee of the MSFA approves the same. Initially, all rules and regulations proposed by the Board in reference to its operation, including application forms, shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the MSFA; and thereafter, any amendments to the rules or regulations or changes in any application forms are subject to the herein approval of the Executive Committee of the MSFA.

F) The provision of an application form to an applicant, or the approval by the Board and Executive Committee of the MFSA, shall nevertheless be subject to approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and available funding, in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

G) The Board shall recommend annually to the Executive Committee of the MFSA the rate of interest charged on the loans.

H) The Board shall not be limited nor otherwise bound with regard to its consideration of an application by any previous action it has taken with respect to any other applicant or application.

I) The Board shall receive and disburse funds in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

J) The Board shall in any event be subject in all of its activities to the provisions of the, herein before, statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

K) The Board shall submit an annual report to the Association, which shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management and to the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland by August 30 of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX- 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) The standards for pumpers will be found in SOP S001 “Pumper Standards”.

Section 3- PUMPER-TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS:
   a) The standards for pumper tankers will be found in SOP S002 “Tanker Standards”.

Section 3A- TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS-TANKER WITH PUMP
   a) The standards for this unit will be found in SOP S002 “Tanker Standards”.

Section 3B- TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS- TANKER WITHOUT PUMP
   a) The standards for this unit will be found in SOP S002 “Tanker Standards”.

Section 3C- TANKER EQUIPMENT-SUGGESTED-NOT MANDATORY
   a) The equipment list will be found in SOP S002 “Tanker Standards”.

Section 4- LADDER TRUCK MINIMUM STANDARDS
   a) The standards for this unit will be found in SOP S003 “Ladder Truck Standards”.

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-B certification (or higher-level certification) issued through MIEMSS. The EMT-B (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. Ambulance supplies and equipment are listed in SOP E001 “Ambulance Company Standards”.

ARTICLE F- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS (MICU)

Section 1- Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) Companies, performing ALS with a mobile intensive care unit (MICU). A MICU is an ambulance equipped to render ALS and transport the patient to a medical facility. Minimum standards for MSFA member ALS companies operating at the MICU level are:

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ambulance service. For purposes of membership in the MSFA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section (e) of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command and control. Said equipment shall be operated in
accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications systems, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

e) From and after July 1, 1994, it shall be the standards of every MICU belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations Level course. One (1) of those attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher-level certification issued through MIEMSS. The attendant with the higher-level certification shall ride in the patient compartment and shall be responsible for patient care during transport. The second attendant or other person, who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver.

f) Each MICU shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the MVA, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.

g) Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates a MICU shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if a company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections.

i) Each MICU shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and appropriately marked. The equipment on each MICU and all records to its operation and maintenance shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA.
j) Each MICU shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as set forth in SOP E002 “ALS (MICU) Standards”.

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 stated in Section 3.2 of SOP E002 “ALS (MICU) Standards”.

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) Equipment standards are found in SOP E003 “Rescue Company
Standards”.

ARTICLE I- MINIMUM STANDARD BLS FIRST RESPONDER UNITS

Section 1- The standards for this unit are found in SOP E004 “BLS First
Responder Standards”.

ARTICLE J- MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MARINE UNITS

Section 1- Standards for watercraft are found in SOP E005 “Watercraft
Standards”.

ARTICLE K- COMMITTEE DUTIES

NOTE: For duties of the Executive Committee, refer to MSFA Constitution, Article
IV, Section 16.

Section 1- 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 2- The Awards Committee shall coordinate functions of the
MSFA Committees responsible for the selection and making of awards.

Section 3- 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 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 Convention and Conference Committee shall make arrangements for the Annual Convention and Conference and, as needed, shall coordinate activities with local organizations.

**Section 6-** 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, and 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 7-** 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 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 8-** The Financial Committee shall function as a team consisting of the Office of the Financial Secretary, the Office of the Treasurer, the Budget and Revenue Committee Chairman, and a representative of the Executive Committee.

The team will be responsible for the fiscal matters of the Association and shall provide an annual Financial Report conducted by an outside accounting service to the Executive Committee by the Annual Convention and Conference.
**Section 9**- 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 and Life Safety 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 10**- 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 11**- The Grants Committee shall promote participation in grant programs and provide assistance to Companies/Departments with grant applications and grant writing.

**Section 12**- The Hall of Fame Committee shall be responsible for naming persons to the MSFA Hall of Fame, Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award, and the Roll of Honor, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Fire/EMS/Rescue service.

**Section 13**- 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 14- 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.

Section 15- 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 on behalf of the Association also keeps and files records required by law. The Chairman shall report regularly and seek advice from the Officers and the 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 16- The Planning Committee shall in conjunction with the Presidents and Executive Committee develop short and long range goals and plans of the Association.

Section 17- The President's Vehicle Committee is responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of Association vehicles and accessories.

Section 18- 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 19- The Recruitment and Retention Committee is responsible for developing and executing programs to assist members with recruiting new members and keeping their existing members.

Section 20- The Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee supports and works with local fire service groups in establishing requirements for residential sprinkler systems in new one (1) and two (2) family dwellings and educate various groups on the facts about residential sprinklers.
Section 21- The Risk Management Committee shall monitor MSFA insurance requirements and recommend adjustments as needed.

Section 22- 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 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 23- 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 to 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 of any grant or loan.

Section 24- The Sergeant-At-Arms Committee shall maintain order at all Executive Committee meetings, the MSFA Convention and Conference, and other meetings as required.

Section 25- The Standards Committee shall study and keep abreast with fire fighting, emergency medical services and rescue requirements and
make recommendations for any changes that would improve the standards of this Association, and to make inspections or perform such other duties as may be required by the Association.

Section 26- 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 27- 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 28- 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 department, 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 of 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 29- The Ways and Means Committee shall operate the MSFA's annual raffle and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it.

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 120th Annual Convention and Conference held at Ocean City, Maryland, June 16-22, 2012.

Dennis Skinner
Chairman
Constitution & By-laws Committee

APPENDIX A
MSFA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

SOP A001 “Preparation and Revision of Standard Operating Procedures”
SOP A002 “Expense Reimbursement”
SOP A003 “Travel Reimbursement”
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### MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

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Check msfa.org (Awards) For details and specifics for each award
RUSSELL J. STRICKLAND AWARD

Purpose of Award: The Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board has established an award in honor of Russell J. Strickland. This award is to be presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated professionalism in the field of fire service certification in the same manner that Mr. Strickland performed for the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board.

Mr. Strickland was instrumental in the organization and founding of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board and has served in many capacities including Treasurer, Chairman of the Accreditation Training Review Agencies Task Force and while holding the position of Assistant Director of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute served as a member of that agency’s Accredited Training Review Agency Local Review Board and as their Representative to the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. Mr. Strickland also served many years as the Maryland Representative to the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Professional, dedicated, honest and fair were the hallmarks of Mr. Strickland’s daily life and work. His words and deeds were always courteous and respectful. It is in this light that the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board honors Mr. Strickland through this award.

Award Criteria: The Russell J. Strickland Award is presented to a worthy individual who has made significant contributions towards the promotion of certification for fire and emergency services personnel in the State of Maryland in keeping with the high standards of dedication and professionalism exhibited by Russell J. Strickland.

Nomination Process: A call for nominations will be open to all member agencies during the months of January thru February each year and all member agencies are invited to participate. Nominations for the Russell J. Strickland must be submitted to THE RUSSELL J. STRICKLAND AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE, Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board, c/o Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, University of Maryland, Building 199, College Park, Maryland 20742-6811 by March 1st of each year on the form designed specifically for this award. A one-page narrative shall be attached to the nomination form detailing the nominee’s contributions and up to 3 endorsements for the nominee may be included. The endorsements shall be no more than three pages in length and should thoroughly detail the nominee’s contribution.

Previous Recipients:
2013
FRANCIS L. BRANNIGAN
INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education.

Award Sponsor: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors, and the Maryland Chapter of the International Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors.

Award Administered By: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors

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

Award Rules:

1. In order to be considered for the award, the following should be addressed in the nomination:
   A. The contribution during the previous calendar year with any specific information related to fire, rescue, and EMS training and education.
   B. The contribution made to fire, rescue, or EMS training and education during the years prior to the previous calendar year.
2. Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland fire and rescue service or the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors to be considered.
3. Nominations should be sponsored by a chapter member and submitted in a narrative format with as much specific information as possible to:

   Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Upper Eastern Shore Regional Office
   Wayne C. Colburn
   Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
   University of Maryland
   College Park, MD

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.
**Previous Recipients:**

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Applicants may apply for scholarship assistance in the following areas:

1) Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland.

2) Emergency Health Services at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

3) Current approved curricula are the Management and Paramedic tracks, which lead to a Bachelor’s Degree.

4) Any Maryland Community College, in a curriculum that leads to a Bachelor’s degree in Fire Protection Engineering.

5) Programs at any Community College in Maryland, in Fire Sciences or Emergency Medical Services leading to a Bachelor’s Degree.

6) Any Maryland University, in a curriculum leading to a Bachelor’s Degree in Fire or EMS related fields.

7) Programs at any Community College in Maryland, in Emergency Medical Services leading to an Associate’s Degree.

8) This scholarship is paid directly to the educational institution for the purpose of tuition and fees. At no time will this scholarship be awarded directly to the student or third party for cash or payment.

The committee has assigned the following priorities to control scholarship grants:

1) Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. (Juniors in good standing or higher standing, enrolled in a 4-year program, faculty recommendation.)

2) Fire Science at the University of Maryland University College. (UMUC). (Juniors in good standing or higher standing, enrolled in a 4-year program.)

3) Emergency Health Service Majors at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). (Juniors in good standing or higher standing or higher, enrolled in a 4-year program, faculty recommendation.)

4) Community College in Fire or EMS related programs leading to a Bachelor’s Degree.
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Application must be submitted by **April 15** to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year.

Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

Applications are available via download from the MSFA Web Site.

**Program Requirements:**

All applicants must enter full time or part-time status as a student in his/her respective College/University to be eligible for the scholarship.

Verified acceptance by the respective College/University with confirmation of approved program acceptance will be a prerequisite for receipt of a scholarship.

The awarded scholarship will be made available to the finance office of the College/University specified in the application at the beginning of the academic school year or designated semesters. At no time will the scholarship be awarded as cash funds to the individual recipient.

Unused funds are to be returned by the academic institution at the end of the academic year.

Applicants are required to advise the committee of any other grants or scholarships that have been awarded or for which the applicant is eligible at the time of application.

The respective campus finance office will be asked to review each application for scholarship assistance.

All applicants must be Maryland State High School Graduates or hold a GED. Verification of five years of active volunteer service in a Maryland fire or EMS company/department may be substituted for this requirement.

The applicant for any approved degree program shall be required to submit a letter of recommendation from his/her volunteer Fire/Rescue or EMS Company.

This letter must be signed by the President of the applicant’s member company and accompany the application for scholarship.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 121st Annual Convention and Conference

Applicants must have completed one year of study at a college/university earning no less than 12 credit hours per semester and have been accepted to participate in an approved degree program.

Currently supported college level students will be required to maintain an acceptable Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.0 to be eligible for scholarship support for the ensuing academic year.

Currently supported college level students who have not maintained an acceptable GPA of 3.0 but have a GPA above 2.5 or greater will be placed on academic probation and required to bring their GPA back to the accepted standard with in one academic year to remain eligible for the scholarship.

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

All students that have been awarded a scholarship are required to submit their transcript at the completion of each semester while receiving the scholarship.

Failure to present current grades at the completion of each semester to the scholarship committee may result in future funds being with held and ineligibility for future academic years.

Students must maintain full time status and carry no less than 12 credit hours per semester to be eligible for the scholarship.

Students dropping below the required credit hours per semester will forfeit their scholarship and be required to reimburse the Maryland State Firemen’s Association the full amount of the scholarship.

Students changing to a major not supported by the program or dropping out of school may be required to reimburse the Maryland State Firemen’s Association the awarded scholarship or a portion there of.

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

In an effort to conserve funds and to give our younger persons the opportunity for a college experience, committee policy is to deny scholarship support to those applicants currently holding a Bachelor or equivalent degree.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 121st Annual Convention and Conference

For more information, please contact:
Glenn Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Scholarship Committee
14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com
Name: _____________________________________________________
Date of Birth: _____/_____/_______
Home Address: ____________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________ State: ___________
Zip Code: _________________
Phone Home: _____________________________
Cell: _____________________________________
Email Address: ____________________________

Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary:
Address: _______________________________________________________
City: _________________________________________State: ____________
Zip Code: _________________
President of Department: ___________________________________________
Phone #: ______________________________________
Year Joined: ________________________________
Years of Membership: ____________________________

List all Fire or EMS Certifications and Courses, (ATTACH Copies of Cards and Transcript):
_____________________________________________________________________
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High School Attended: ____________________________________________
Date Graduated: ___________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
City: _________________________________________State: ____________
Zip Code: _________________

If GED, Give date entered, received and location: ___________________________
Maryland State Firemen’s Association Scholarship Application

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Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: __________________________
____________________________________________________________________

*****ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*****

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a Member or Participated in High School. (Include any Office Held):
____________________________________________________________________
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*****ATTACH A COPY of TRANSCRIPT with APPLICATION*****

Name of Educational Institution that you are attending: _______________________
Address:_______________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:_______________
Zip Code:____________
Major: _____________________________
Name of Faculty Advisor: ______________________________
Phone:__________________
Status: FULL TIME / PART TIME Credits per Semester: ______________
Credits completed towards Major: ______________________ GPA:______________

Please circle Level for academic year that you are seeking scholarship:
Sophomore / Junior / Senior

*****ATTACH A COPY of TRANSCRIPT with APPLICATION*****
Maryland State Firemen’s Association Scholarship Application

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: ____________________________
______________________________________________________________________

*****ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*****

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a member or participated in college. (Include any Office Held):
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List any other financial assistance opportunities for which you have applied or will be receiving: __________________________________________________________
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List any other financial assistance that you have been awarded: __________________________
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List scholarships or awards previously received: ____________________________
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Employer: _____________________________________________________________
Address:_______________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: __________________________
Zip Code:____________
Supervisor: __________________________
Phone #: __________________________
Full Time/ Part Time Hours per week: __________________________

Do you plan to continue to work while in school: YES / NO Full Time/ Part Time
On a separate sheet of paper to be submitted with the application please answer the following questions in typed essay format approximately 250 to 500 words.

1. Why are you applying for financial assistance?
2. What inspired you to pursue this course of study?
3. What are you career goals and objectives upon completion of this degree?

Before submitting this application, be sure the following items are enclosed:

1. Application
2. High School Transcript
3. College Transcript
4. Letter from President of Fire Department/Auxiliary
5. Copies of Awards and Certifications
6. Essay

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the selection committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

I hereby declare that all of the above information is complete and correct to the best of my ability.

Signature: __________________________ Date: _____/_____/_______

Please return the completed application with all accompanying documentation to the chairman, at the address indicated below, no later than April 15th to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year. Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

CHAIRMAN:
Glenn Dale Fishack Jr.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Scholarship Committee
14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com
Name: _____________________________________________________
Date of Birth: _____/_____/_______
Home Address: ________________________________________________
City: ____________________________________________ State: __________
Zip Code: ________________
Phone #’s: Home: _________________________ Cell: _________________________
Email Address: ________________________________________________
Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary: _______________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________________ State: ____________
Zip Code: _______________
President of Department: _______________________________________________
Phone #: ________________________________
Year Joined: __________________________________
Years of Membership: ______________________
Name of Educational Institution that you are attending:
____________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________ State: _____________
Zip Code: _______________
Major: ________________________________________
Name of Faculty Advisor: ___________________________________________
Phone: _____________________
Status: FULL TIME / PART TIME Credits per Semester: _______________
Credits Completed towards Major: __________________________ GPA: _________

Please circle Level for academic year that you are seeking scholarship:

Sophomore / Junior / Senior

*****ATTACH A COPY of TRANSCRIPT with APPLICATION*****
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Scholarship Renewal Application
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Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College:
______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________

*****ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*****

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a Member or Participated in college. (Include any Office Held):
______________________________________________________________________
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List any other financial assistance opportunities for which you have applied or will be receiving: ___________________________________________________________
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List any other financial assistance that you have been awarded:
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List scholarships or awards previously received:
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Employer: _____________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ______________
Zip Code: ______________
Supervisor: ______________________________
Phone #: ____________________________
Full Time/ Part Time Hours per week: ______________
Do you plan to continue to work while in school: YES / NO Full Time/ Part Time

Before submitting this application be sure the following items are enclosed:

Application Letter from President of Fire Department/ Auxiliary

College Transcript Copies of Awards and Certifications

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the selection committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

I hereby declare that all of the above information is complete and correct to the best of my ability.

Signature: ___________________________________________________

Date: ______/______/______

Please return the completed application with all accompanying documentation to the chairman, at the address indicated below, no later than April 15th to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year. Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

CHAIRMAN:
Glenn Dale Fishack Jr.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Scholarship Committee
14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com
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 Past President 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. Past President 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). Past President 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 our citizens we all serve that Past President C. Oscar Baker exemplifies. The award is to be presented annually during the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Award Rules:
1. Nominee must be from a member company or department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Any active member of a member company or department of the MSFA may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Junior/Cadet members of a member company or department are NOT eligible for this award. Time spent as a Junior/Cadet member does not count towards the 24 months of service.
4. Nominee must be an active Senior Member of the sponsoring company or department, and at least 17 years of age at the time of award application.
5. Nominee must have at least 6 months, but less than 24 months of active membership with the sponsoring company or department, calculated from the April 15th application due date.
6. A nominee that transfers from one company or department to another is not eligible for the award unless their total time of membership is less than 24 months combined.

7. Nominations in the form of a resume must be submitted on an individual basis only and on official company or department letterhead or stationary.

8. Nominations must be submitted to, and received by the MSFA Secretary no later than April 15th of each year. Late entries will NOT be considered.

9. All of the elected officers of the MSFA will judge nominees.

10. The mailing address for entries is:

    Doyle E. Cox, Secretary
    Maryland State Firemen’s Association
    29132 Superior Circle
    Easton, MD 21601

**Award Details:**

Upon selection of the winner of the award, the President or Chief of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company shall be notified no later than May 15th of the selection. This will allow preparation of the personal trophy and the recording of the individual's name on the master trophy.

The master trophy will have the date of the award, name and fire company of the recipient engraved 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 company. The personal trophy also suitably endorsed will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever. The selected award winner will also receive the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the MSFA Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue/red and the gold medal is inscribed as Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year, with the year and the MSFA Seal in the center.
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Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Company Cadet Program

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President Roger N. Powell

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Background: The Edwin L. Emkey Sr. Cadet Memorial Award was established by President Roger N. Powell and underwritten by American Claims Service and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee at the November 2011 meeting. The award was established to recognize Edwin L. Emkey Sr. for his outstanding service in promoting Cadet Programs. The outstanding Cadet Program must be sponsored by a fire, rescue, and or EMS department, company or squad. The program should be based on the teaching of safety and basic skills required for firefighting or Emergency Medical Service.

The nomination may be submitted by a committee within the department, company and/or squad, as long as it is verified by the president and/ or chief. The award will be presented each year at the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The winning department, company or squad will be awarded a master trophy, which will be held for one year and relinquished at the following convention and conference, at which time, the past-year recipient will receive a plaque for permanent possession. The trophy will have the award date and name of the company engraved 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 fire, rescue, and/or EMS department, company or squad. The winning department, company or squad will also receive a Five Hundred Dollar ($500) prize, which will be utilized to assist with providing funding for the cadet program.

Award Rules:

1. The department/company must be a member in good standing of the MSFA

2. To be eligible for the nomination, cadet program must:
   a. Have a minimum of seven cadets between the ages of 9 and 15
   b. Program must have been established no less than 5 years prior to nomination
   c. Must hold monthly or bi-monthly meetings, drills, training events, community service programs and be involved in other department or company activities
3. The nomination must be submitted in a resume form letter on department/company letterhead, indicating when the Cadet Program was established, number of members, activities over the previous year, including all community activities, training and fund raising.

4. Any book entered, including scrapbooks, photo albums, or loose-leaf binders, cannot exceed 12 x 15.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited. The book entered will only be used as backup information to the resume.

5. Slide presentations, DVD’s, slide/tape presentations and video tape presentations will not be accepted.

6. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources indicated.

7. Entries must be in the hands of the Selection Committee by April 1st.

8. All materials submitted should reflect activities of the previous calendar year (Jan. through Dec.)

9. Judges shall be the elected officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the decision of the judges shall be final.

10. Any evidence of material from previous years will automatically disqualify the entry.

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

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COLBURN TROPHY AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Act of Heroism

Award Sponsor: Princess Ann Volunteer Fire Company

Award Administered By: Board of Trustees

Background: At the 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in June, 1932, the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the Association by retiring President George W. Colburn Jr. The award is to be awarded in line of succession from year to year to a firefighter in our organization for some outstanding act of heroism or from some act for the good of the Association. Qualifications and awards to be made by the Board of Trustees who shall act as judges. This cup is to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association with appropriated ceremonies.

At the 66th Annual Convention in Ocean City in June 1958, due to the lack of space for more recipient’s names, the original Colburn Silver Cup was retired and presented to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in their fire station in honor of Dr. Colburn. Since the retirement of the original cup, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company has agreed to supply a replacement for the Colburn Cup each year with this difference; “that it will be retained by the recipient for keeps.” Your department surely must have a member who would be eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Board of Trustees to be considered for this high award.

The recipient will receive the Colburn Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is solid red and the gold medal, with red, white and blue enamel paint is inscribed as the “Medal of Heroism”, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules: Nomination submitted for consideration must follow the following requirements:
1. Must be on fire, rescue, or ambulance department stationary giving detailed summary of his/her outstanding actions or reason to be considered.
2. Must be received by the Board of Trustees prior to May 1st of each year.
3. Must be mailed or delivered to:

   Gene Worthington, P.P.  
   MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary  
   3663 Old Level Road  
   Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078
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2010  Johnie R. Walters                          Deal Island-Chance Somerset
2010  Ryan Evans                                 Deal Island Chance Somerset
2011  Asst. Chief Kris Keene                     Princess Anne Somerset
2012  Brent Harne                                Middletown  Frederick
2013  Chief Ryan Barrow                          Joppa Magnolia Harford
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Citizenship and Exemplary Job Achievement

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Firefighter of the Year Committee

Background: The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) established the Firefighter of the Year Award in 1978, to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference each year from nominations received from the member department or individuals. Qualified nominations will be judged by the Firefighter of the Year Committee appointed by the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The committee solicits your support in this fine program and asks that you select someone in your department or from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the award.

Award Rules: The rules and guidelines for the Firefighter of the Year Program are as follows:

1. Nominee must be from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Any active member of a department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Nominations must be submitted on an individual basis only on official letterhead or department stationary with the official MSFA Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form attached. Form must be signed with title of person submitting the nomination. A photograph of the nominee shall be submitted with the form.
4. Nomination must be submitted to the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee no later than May 1st of each year. Any late entries will not be considered. The mailing address for the entries is:

   David “Rusty” Leftwich
   Chairman, MSFA Firefighter of the Year Committee
   2121 Harkins Road
   Pylesville, MD 21132

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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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 is to have at least, but not less than 50 years of continuous and faithful service to organizations within the Association. Individuals nominated must be living prior to the cutoff date of April 15th of the year to be presented.

2. The Master Cup will have the award date, name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA Annual Convention, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual’s fire company. The Personal Cup also suitably endorsed, will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever.

3. The individual selected by the Committee will receive the Marbery F. Gates Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee is 2002. The ribbon is gold with four stripes of purple and the gold medal is inscribed as Marbery F. Gates Award.

4. Each individual nominated will receive a plaque the first year nominated and any sequential years a certificate recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service. Each individual will also receive a Governors Citation.

5. The Committee will receive nominations until April 15th. The President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department will be notified no later than May 20th of the individual selected, to allow preparation of the individual trophy and the recording of the individual’s name on the Master Cup.

6. Nominations in the form of a resume shall be submitted No Later Than April 15th 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

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 the profound distinction for the forty-two years in many capabilities, 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 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).
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-eighths inches long, eight inches wide, and two inches high, has a smooth bottom, polished top, and rough sides with rounded corners. This granite resembles the gravestone of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

1.4 SPEAKING TRUMPET - The Speaking Trumpet is an exact duplicate of the antique speaking trumpet presented to Chief Gibbons by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department upon his election to President of the MSFA. The Speaking Trumpet was cast in bronze from a mold made from the original trumpet. The bronze trumpet was then polished and chrome plated. Chief Gibbons instituted the use of chrome to accent equipment and apparatus in order to build pride within the Department. The red, white and blue braid and tassels are a ceremonial halyard representing the patriotism of Chief Gibbons.

SECTION 4 - ADMINISTRATION

1.1 SET-UP AND RELOCATION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award should be displayed in a dry, level location. Care should be taken to protect the pedestal base molding from damage. After an appropriate location has been decided, determine where the front of the Award will face. Place the pedestal in position and rotate until the “pointed” portion of the dust cover groove is facing away from the front. Place the granite base in the center of the felt field with the name plate toward the front. Align the rear side of the base with the “pointed” portion of the dust cover groove. Place the plastic trumpet holder (plastic rod) in such a fashion that the ends point toward the front. Place the Trumpet on the plastic holder so as to tilt the trumpet toward the back. The Trumpet should rest on the holder. Adjust the location (front to back) to space the Trumpet evenly over the granite base. Lift the dust cover over the Trumpet and place in groove with “seam” of dust cover at the “pointed” portion of the groove. Check the alignment of the Trumpet
by standing at the front; the dust cover seam should be invisible behind and in line
with the Trumpet.

1.2 MAINTENANCE AND CARE - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award has
been designed with minimum care required. The pedestal requires only occasional
dusting. Prior to returning the Award to the next MSFA Convention, the pedestal
should be waxed with a good grade furniture wax. The dust cover should maintain
the granite base and Speaking Trumpet relatively dust free. Prior to returning the
Award to the next convention, simply dust the trumpet with a soft cloth. The granite
base may be wiped with a damp cloth. The dust cover should be cleaned with the
plastic cleaner provided.

1.3 INSURANCE - The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department initially carried insurance
on the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award. The insurance is now provided under
the MSFA insurance coverage. In the event of damage or theft, please contact
Secretary and/or Convention Chairman.

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,
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Maryland; New Arts Foundry, Baltimore, Maryland; Precision Plastics, Beltsville, Maryland;
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The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief
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GLADHILL – THOMPSON TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Outstanding contribution to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Sponsor: Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill, and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Elected Officers

Background: This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen’s Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson.

Award Rules:

1. Eligibility
   A. The following are eligible:
      1. Members of the “Official Family” (i.e., members of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, Special Committees, etc.).
      2. Bona fide members of member fire companies or;
      3. Members of part-paid or paid fire departments, within the state, or;
      4. Former members of an organized Fire Department within the state.
   B. The following are not eligible:
      1. The judges
      2. Any candidate that received compensation for the performance of the act or acts considered for the award

2. Criteria
   A. The Candidate accomplished assigned (or assumed) duties in such a manner as have been clearly exceptional among all who have performed like or similar duties in a superior manner and/or;
   B. The candidate developed and improved methods and procedures, or produced an innovation or invention which accomplished extraordinary results for the MSFA or the U.S. Fire Service; or
   C. The candidate may have exhibited great courage and voluntary risk of personal safety or personal possessions in the face of danger, over
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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:

Doyle E. Cox, Secretary
29132 Superior Circle
Easton, Maryland 21601

before April 15st 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 to be service to the MSFA and then service to the individuals department and local jurisdiction. Through the year 1985 the Hall of Fame Committee was authorized to select up to twenty (20) inductees into the Hall of Fame, and hence the selection shall be limited to ten (10) inductees, either living or deceased. The award shall be made at the Annual Convention. Distinguished service to the MSFA is the primary consideration, with service to the member’s company and county to be considered also.

Award Rules:

1. During the year 1981 thru 1985, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.

2. Beginning in the year 1986, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue or EMS department/company, either living or deceased, and up to three (3) individuals who are not members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS department/company, either living or deceased.

3. Names of individuals for nomination to the Hall of Fame may be submitted by:
   a. The nominee’s home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
   b. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
   c. A member department/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.
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5. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon distinguished service to the MSFA. Distinguished service to the nominees’ individual department/company or County may be considered.

6. All 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. All nomination letters must be signed.

7. Selection of nominees to the MSFA Hall of Fame will be made annual by the members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. A permanent plaque may be installed in the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, 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.

11. Submission of nominations shall be mailed to:

C. Dan Carpenter III
Chairman
1106 Cornwall Drive
La Plata, MD 20646
301-609-8651
Previous Recipients:

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C. Robert Entwisle

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Glen Echo
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Robert N. Dempsey, P.P.
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Russell Denbow             Level       Harford
Roy L. Wood, P.P.          Beltsville  Prince George’s
C. Oscar Baker, P.P.        Mt. Airy    Carroll
Peter Paul Lochary, P.P.   Bel Air     Harford
J. Donald Mooney           Lansdowne  Baltimore
Norris J. Beard            Laurel     Prince George’s
Samuel Ahmuty Sr.          Odenton    Anne Arundel
Garyton Colvard Echols Jr. La Plata  Charles
Edgar S. Freeman, III      Earleigh Heights  Anne Arundel

1985

Charles W. Riley, P.P.          Abington  Harford
Harry J. Devlin                Midland    Allegany
W. Newton Carey Jr.            Salisbury  Wicomico
Joseph A. Weisgerber           Hillandale Montgomery
William T. Dorsey              West Friendship  Howard
Lindsay L. Browning             Mt. Airy    Carroll
Arthur Lowman                  Mr. Airy    Carroll
Bill R. Bliss                  Upper Montgomery  Montgomery
James J. Snyder Jr.            Laytonsville  Montgomery
Robert E. Mumma                Rocky Ridge  Frederick
Scott Lambert Smith            Pleasant Valley  Carroll
Melvin F. Schwearing           Independent Hose  Frederick
Catherine Small                West Annapolis  Anne Arundel
Donald E. Stitely              Guardian Hose  Frederick
Orville J. Morgan              Federalsburg  Caroline
William F. Cooke               Waldorf    Charles
Clyde Kreitzer                 Manchester  Carroll
Stanley H. Patterson           Cockeysville  Baltimore
Herbert L. Corbin              Westminster  Carroll
Calvin W. Growden              Bedford Road Allegany

1986

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Donald L. Howard Marion Somerset
Mayor James N. Mathias Jr. Liberty Road Baltimore
James T. Riegel Sr. North Point-Edgemere Howard
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Sam Vallandingham Ridge St. Mary’s

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Douglas C. Alexander Mt. Airy Carroll
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James C. Roberston State Fire Marshal

2003
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John Thomas “Jack” Gosnell Jacksonville Baltimore
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Daniel J. Stevens Waldorf Charles
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William G. "Willie" Wilkerson  Mechanicsville VFD  St. Mary’s
Charles H. “Chuck” Austin  Orchard Beach  Anne Arundel
Gayle P. Moreland  Deale  Anne Arundel
George W. Brown Jr.  Sandy Spring  Montgomery
David McQuay  Tilghman Island  Talbot
Major Andrew “A.J.” McAndrew  Maryland State Police
Captain Daniel Cornwell  Maryland State Police

2010
Shirley Copado  Leonardtown VRS  St. Mary’s
Nancy L. Cox  Norrisville  Harford
William J. “Bill” Dousa  Abingdon  Harford
Emmons Horner  Mt. Vernon  Somerset
Walter David Irvin  Clear Spring VFD  Washington
John F. Long Jr.  Ferndale  Anne Arundel
Johnie Roth  Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue  Montgomery
Herman “Buddy” Schweers  Susquehanna Hose Co.  Harford
Earl “Tim” Warehime  Lineboro  Carroll
Marianne Warehime  Lineboro  Carroll
Patricia Cross  Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Flow Collins  Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Elaine Huttenloch  Maryland State Firemen’s Association

2011
Richard A. Snader  Arbutus  Baltimore
Stephen J. Wisner  Citizens Truck Company  Frederick
Chris Hyzer  Middle River VFC  Baltimore
Daniel “Skip” Mahan  Community Fire Co. of Perryville  Cecil
Barbara L. Steiner  Church Creek  Dorchester
Stuart “Stu” Cater  Pikesville  Baltimore
David Keller III  Citizens Truck Company  Frederick
Phillip L. “Pee Wee” Dyott  Easton  Talbot
Thomas Nevin Jr.  Glen Burnie  Anne Arundel
Luther E. “Jay” Grimes  Williamsport  Washington
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JOSIAH A. HUNT 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, 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 April 30th.
6. The nominee must be a Maryland certified EMT or above.
7. The nominee must have a minimum of fire (5) years service to the Maryland Emergency Medical Service Community.
8. Recipient of the award will receive the EMS Person of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue and white and the gold medal is inscribed as “Josiah Hunt EMS Person of the Year”, with the MSFA Seal in the center.
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9. Submit nominations to:
   William Dousa  
   Chairman, MSFA EMS Committee  
   600 Rivershore Court  
   Edgewood, MD 21040

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FIRE PREVENTION AWARDS

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Department Prevention Efforts

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Volunteer Firemen’s Insurance Services, and Individuals

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

Background: The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) sponsors an annual contest to recognize fire, rescue, and EMS departments’ efforts in promoting fire prevention in their communities. Contest awards are provided for companies who participate in a year-round fire prevention program as well as departments who participate in special projects, such as an open house or other fire prevention activities. An additional category recognizes departments who have shown an outstanding overall contribution to fire prevention and fire safety education activities. Starting in 1977, a seventh class in both Year Round Projects, and Single Projects was added. This will be for County Fire Prevention Committees to enter.

A project may be submitted by an organization within the department as long as it is verified by the president or chief. The awards are presented each year at the annual convention and conference for the following categories:

Year-Round Program or More Than One Project - - -
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Class VII  County Fire Prevention Committee

Overall Activities - - -

1st Place - $200.  6th Place - $50.
2nd Place - $100.  7th Place - $50.
3rd Place - $75.  8th Place - $50.
4th Place - $75.  9th Place - $50.
5th Place - $50.  10th Place - $50.

(Award monies must be spent by the winning department/organization in the area of fire prevention)

Award Rules:

1. The department/company must be a member in good standing of the MSFA.
2. A cover letter on department letterhead is required to accompany all entries.
3. Any book entered, including scrapbooks, photo albums, or loose-leaf binders, cannot exceed 12 x 15.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited.
4. Slide presentations, slide/tape presentations and video tape presentations are acceptable.
5. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources indicated.
6. Entries must be in the hands of the State Fire Marshal’s Office by April 30th and must be marked with the proper entry classification (Area and Class).
7. All materials submitted should reflect activities of the previous calendar year (Jan. through Dec.)
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office and the decision of the judges shall be final.
9. Any evidence of material from previous years will automatically disqualify the entry.
10. Any department/company entering any contest must have a representative at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
11. Auxiliaries and Junior Companies any submit entries for their department as long as the president or chief forwards a cover letter as verification.

Send or deliver all entries to:

MSFA Fire Prevention Contest
State Fire Marshal’s Office
1201 Reisterstown Road
Pikesville, MD 21208
MISS MSFA FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST

Purpose of Award: To select a spokesperson for the 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. Contestant must be single, never married, have no children or be pregnant.

2. Must be between 16 thru 24 years of age. Contestants under the age of 18 must have a parental/guardian consent form signed and must be chaperoned to all events by a parent/guardian, representative of her County Association or Fire Company.

3. If seeking college or advanced education, the contestant must reside within a reasonable distance of the state and in the event that her schooling interferes with her ability to attend events and functions, her sash, crown, and other properties will be turned over to her runner-up.

4. One contestant per county, Harford-Cecil Firemen’s Association and the Maryland Fire Chief’s 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. MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is allowed to hold this position for one year. Once you hold this position, you will not be able to compete for this position again. A previous MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner-up is allowed to run again.

6. A panel of judges in the preliminaries will interview contestants. These judges
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will officiate the stage portion of the contest.

7. Judges are not associated with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Ladies Auxiliary, or members of Maryland Companies or Departments.

8. Preliminary judging will be held on the morning of the contest. The contest will be held during the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City. Information regarding the date and time of the contest will be provided as it is finalized.

9. 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 the packet.
   b. Presentation on a fire prevention related subject (limited to 5 minutes).
   c. Interview questions by judges.

10. 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

11. Applications must be received by May 1. If your county contest occurs after this deadline, then the current Miss Fire Prevention is eligible. All applications must be sent to contest chairperson by certified mail, return receipt requested. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ANY OTHER WAY. Any applications that are received other than certified mail, returned receipt requested will be deemed ineligible and will be returned to the contestant.

12. This is not a talent or beauty contest.

13. The contestants selected at MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up are required to attend the following activities:
    • Convention activities on day and times designated (a tentative schedule is enclosed).
    • Awards ceremonies; various events and times
    • Selecting winners of the $10,000.00 Raffle

14. The newly elected MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up must vacate and previously 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.
15. Miss MSFA Fire Prevention and the First Runner-up will take an oath of office immediately after they are crowned.

16. 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.

17. A monthly activity report must be submitted by the last day of each month to the Miss Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson.

18. A quarterly written report (summary of events and input) must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson at the quarterly fire prevention meeting. 10 copies of this report must be brought to each executive committee meeting.

19. The annual written report (summary of year’s events) must be submitted by May 1 for printing for the MSFA Convention Book. This report must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, the Miss Fire Prevention Chairperson.

20. 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 Committee’s and Chairperson
     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

21. THE MSFA CONTEST RULES EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR 2012
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MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Application

Name ____________________________________________________________

Date of Birth ____________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

Phone ( ) ____________________ Email ______________________________

County ____________________________

Escort __________________________________________________________

Parents __________________________________________________________

Present School/College/Job __________________________________________

Hobbies or activities you participate in ______________________________

Date chosen as Miss Fire Prevention _________________________________

The winner of the contest MUST attend the convention events as outlined in the contest rules and as listed in the agenda which will be given to all contestants. You must also give full support to the MSFA and LAMSFA during your reign by attending State and County functions when requested, to the best of your ability. If you win and you hold another State or County title and the term of those titles exceeds two months, you agree to give up those titles upon becoming MSFA Miss Fire Prevention.

If chosen, I agree to all of the above. Signature: ______________________

All applications must be returned by May 1st unless your county president has made previous arrangements. Mail applications to:

Amanda Soper
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest
P.O. Box 1743
Frederick, Maryland 21702
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 2003 Sarah Blackowicz
1981 Kimberly Ann Kessler 2004 Michelle Gallion
1982 Melanie Susan Webster 2005 Kristi Gartrell-Kemp
1983 Cheryl Reese 2006 Erin Drumheller
1984 Carolyn Boone 2007 Brittany Myers
1985 Alice Kozier 2008 Colleen Frances
1986 Verra Fleming 2009 Erin Drumheller
1987 Tammy Conners 2010 Elyssa Cool
1988 Terri Gartner 2011 Jennifer Barciz
1989 Jennifer I. Laird 2012 Stacey Jaret
1990 Bonnie Rae Crispin 2013 Danielle Crane
1991 Nicole Bordogan
1992 Jennifer Harman
1993 Susan Truslow
1994 Jennifer Weedon
1995 Melissa Ann Turner
1996 Heather Langley
1997 Rachael Testerman
1998 Jessica A. White
1999 Anne Marie Histon
2000 Rachael Lyons
2001 Heidi Johnson
2002 Katie Ritter
SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL
LEGISLATIVE AWARD

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, 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 the “Senator William H. Amoss Fund.” Introduced in 1985 by Senator Amoss, the 508 Bill was created to financially assist the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services department on an annual basis. This award was presented by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and accepted by the Executive Committee in 1999.

Award Qualifications: In order for a candidate to be considered for this award, he/she must meet at least (1) one of the following criteria:

1. Be a duly elected legislative official representing a Maryland municipality, a Maryland county, the State of Maryland or the Federal Government.
2. Be a member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Legislative Committee
3. Be a member of a county emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

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

   Chairman MSFA Legislative Committee
   17 State Circle
   Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1904

Previous Recipients:

1999  Senator William H. Amoss – Harford County
2000  Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2000  Charles W. Riley, P.P.
2001  Senator Thomas M. Middleton – Charles County
2002  Delegate John F. Wood – St. Mary’s County
2003  Bernard J. Smith, P.P.
2004  Delegate Richard B. Weldon Jr. – Frederick County
2005  C. Daniel Davis Jr., P.P.
       Pat Gainer – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System
       James Brown – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System
2006  Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2007  Delegate James Malone – Baltimore County
2008  Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2009  Senator Barry Glassman – Harford County
       Senator James DeGrange – Anne Arundel County
2010  Delegate Norman Conway - Wicomico County
2011  Senator Roy Dyson - St. Mary’s County
2012  William E. Barnard - State Fire Marshal
       Senator Roy Dyson - St. Mary’s County
       Delegate James Malone - Baltimore County
       C. Daniel Davis Jr., P.P.
       Richard L. Yinger, P.P.
2013  Delegate John Bohanan
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 Allegan-Garrett Counties Fire and Rescue Association, President of the Allegany County Fire-Rescue Board and President of the Potomac Fire Company. Mr. Shimer was also an active member of the State Fire Prevention Commission, Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission, the Governor’s Emergency Management Advisory Council and the Emergency Numbers Service Board. This award has been established in honor of Mr. Shimer for his many years of dedicated service to the community of Westernport, Allegany County and the State of Maryland.

Award Rules:
1. The nominee must be a volunteer from a member company that is in good standing with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Names of individuals for nomination for the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award may be submitted by:
   A. The nominee’s home fire, rescue, or EMS department/company on official letterhead, or
   B. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue, or EMS department/company, or
   C. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, on official letterhead, or
   D. An individual member of this committee or a Past President of the MSFA.
3. The nominee must have not less than ten (10) years of service with his/her department or company.
4. The nomination must be submitted for an individual’s effort only and, therefore, submission of the nomination is to recognize the one individual and not a group, department or company.
5. The nomination must be submitted in the form of a resume/bio. Including information on his/her department or company activities, administrative positions
held within the company or department, county, regional or state association. Information should also be included on job achievement, establishment of programs, fund raising, community activities, and the reason the nominee should be selected.

6. Time Period - Although it is realized that to be fully effective, an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award, however an accumulation of the previous five years of accomplishments may be added.

7. The nomination must be mailed and received by the Shimer Award Committee no later than May 1st at the following address:

Robert W. Jacobs, Chairman
Shimer Award Committee
410 East Ninth Street
Frederick, MD 21701

8. The Award will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the Shimer family shall be notified no later than May 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the award that will be given.

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SILVER SPRING TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of fire prevention efforts by an individual

Award Sponsor: Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

Background: The Silver Spring Trophy was established in 1981 by the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Executive Committee. This award is presented each year at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most in fire prevention for his/her community. The award is for an individual effort and, therefore, submission on the entry must be for one individual rather than a group or department effort. The intent of the award is to recognize fire prevention activities which the individual performs within his/her community. The trophy is held by the individual for one year and then passed on. The winner will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The individual will also receive the Silver Spring Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is silver/blue and the silver medal is inscribed as Silver Spring Fire Prevention and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:
1. The recipient must be a volunteer firefighter
2. The individual must be nominated by their fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.
5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State fire Marshal’s Office on later than April 30th.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee’s procedures.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Nominations must include the 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. Stathem Jr. “Smitty” as he was affectionately known was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), Past President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and Past Chief of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company.

Award Administered By: MSFA Safety Committee

Background: The Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety Award was established in 1998 by the MSFA Safety Committee and the family of Past President Stathem. The award was accepted by the Executive Committee in 1997. This award is to be presented each year at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most to promote firefighter/EMS safety within his/her department/company and or the State. The award is for an individual effort. The intent of the award is to promote safety within the member department and to encourage the safety officer program. The trophy is held for one year and relinquished at the following MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. At that time, the past-year recipient will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The winner of this award will also receive the Smith N. Stathem Jr. Safety Award Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is green/white/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Smith N. Stathem Jr., Safety Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a member of an organization that is a member of the MSFA.
2. The submission must be on the official MSFA Nomination Form and include the name and contact information on the person recommending the nominee in the space provided. The Company Chief or President must sign the “endorsed by” line of the form.
3. The nomination must include complete detailed information on the efforts performed by the individual during the previous calendar year. Supporting exhibits and documentation must be submitted in detail.
4. The nomination package must be submitted to the MSFA Safety Committee on later than 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. and Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell Zembower of LaVale and accepted by the Executive Committee. Cromwell Zembower was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) and a member of the Training Committee for many years. The Zembower Fire Service Training Award is based on the average number of formal training hours per active member for fire and rescue training completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. The original award was based solely on the formal training offered by MFRI, however, in 1995 the award will be based on formal training offered by other recognized agencies.

The award consists of a trophy which is presented to the winning department at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. The department is permitted to display the trophy until the next convention. The trophy is then returned for presentation to the next recipient. The department surrendering the trophy is then presented with a plaque for permanent display. First and second runner-up awards are also presented. The first runner-up award is sponsored by the Daniel J. and Bobbi Stevens in honor of former Bay District VFD Treasurer Bob Stevens. The second runner-up award is sponsored by the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company in honor of former Chief Herman Dill.

Award Rules:

1. This award is to the department which has the highest average number of formal training hours per active member. Formal training include:
   - All courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI
   - Formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies
   - Courses seminars sponsored by MIEMSS
   - Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy, and
   - Refresher training classes in the following areas:

   In order for the training to be considered, it must be validated by a pocket card or certificate and verifiable by the organization providing the training. The training year will be from July 1st through June 30th of the year prior to presentation of the award.
2. The number of active members in your department as reported on the Statistical Report provided to the MSFA Statistical Committee for the most recent fiscal year will be used to compute the average number of training hours per active member. The Statistical Report submitted by each member company should reflect the actual number of members responding to calls and taking training. Accurate and up to date training records can prove to be an asset in legal decisions and ISO rating. If you did not submit a report to the Statistical Committee, this information cannot be verified and your application will not be considered.

3. To be considered for this award, complete the attached application and submit it to the following address no later than April 15th to:

MSFA Training Committee
c/o Maryland Fire Rescue Institute
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742

APPLICATION FOR ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. CROMWELL ZEMBOWER
TRAINING YEAR JULY 1, ______ THROUGH JUNE 30, ______________________

Department Name: ______________________________________________________

Mailing Address: City ___________________________ County ___________

Zip Code ______

On an attached sheet, list all courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI, formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies, courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS, and courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy which your department has participated in during the training year noted above. Enter all information as requested and be as accurate as possible to ensure eligibility. All Formula for Computing Points

1. Multiply number of hours for each course or seminar by the number of students successfully completing that course or seminar to determine the number of student hours for that course or seminar. The training information will be based on information provided by the sponsoring organization.

2. Total the student hours for all courses and seminars.

3. Divide the total number of student hours (in #2 above) by the number of active members in the department from current Statistical Report.

4. The result is your training hours per active member.

5. Enter training hours per active member:

Layout for Course List to Quality for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award –
Enter all information in columns using the following format:
Full Name of Student; Social Security Number; Location/Host Co.; Ending Date; Class Title; Course Hours; and Total Student Hours ______. Total Number of Active Members from MSFA Statistical Report ______. Number of course hours for MFRI courses ______. The hours should be similar for courses sponsored by local academies.

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Trench Rescue 30
Confined Space Rescue 30
Instructor Training I 30
Instructor Training II 36
Hazardous Materials Operations 24
Hazardous Materials Technician 51
WMD 6
Swift Water Rescue Tech 30
Boat Operations 8
Strategy & Tactics 45
NIMS 100 3
NIMS 300 24
NIMS 400 16
NIMS 700 3
NIMS 800 3
ACLS 8
PALS 16
PTLS 16

Refresher Classes - (annually)

SCBA 1.5
Hazardous Materials 1.5
Blood Borne/Airborne Pathogens 1.5
CPR/AED 1.5
Trench Rescue 1.5
Confined Space Rescue 1.5

One day seminars are considered 6 hours and two day seminars are considered 12 hours. Seminars may include Executive Development Seminars, Chief Officers Seminar, Hazardous Materials Training, Confined Space, Rescue Weekends, Water Supply Drills, etc. CPR training and other classes offered in stations must be documented with the number of hours of all students. Documentation could include AHA or ARC pocket cards, or a signed letter from a certified instructor. All courses will be reviewed by the Training Committee for verification and acceptance of the appropriateness of the training for award consideration.

The following list of National Fire Academy courses in not an exhaustive list, but are those that are routinely offered and are 12 hours each: IRHMIBC, IRHMICI, MCTO: Decision Making, MCTO: Preparation, MCTO: Tactics, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, and Basic Life Support-Hazardous Materials.
### Previous Recipients:

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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 vendor’s conditions.
10. Members of the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee, Executive Committee and MSFA Presidents are excluded from the program.

Family Appreciation Program Award Nomination Form

Nominee must:

- Exhibit consistent positive effort toward training, response, and administrative duties
- Exhibit consistent positive effort to attend meetings, help with fund raising, and work on committees

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- Exhibit overall effort to support the team concept (NOTE: Not necessarily the team leader, but an active member of the team)
- Active member for at least one year
- Narrative of 250 words or less, typed or printed. This award is NOT based on a single act of heroism, but rather the consistent community volunteer effort in the fire/rescue service
- No attachments

Name of nominee: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

Telephone: (Day) __________________________ (Evening) ________________

County _____________________________

Department or Squad _________________________________________

Name and Title of Nominator: __________________________________

___________________________________________________________

Address of Nominator: _________________________________________

Telephone: (Day) __________________________ (Evening) ________________

Mail 3 copies of this page + 3 copies of narrative to:

Joseph Chornock, Chairman
MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee
20001 Crystal Rock Dr.
Germantown, MD 20874

All nominations must be received by May 1st

2012 Recipient: Charles M. Kelso, III  Laurel VFD  Prince George’s
2013 Recipient: The Logore Family  Winfield & Community  Carroll
GOVERNOR’S FIRE PREVENTION TROPHY

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

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee and Fire Prevention Committee

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee, Fire Prevention Committee and the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

Background: The Governor’s Fire Prevention Trophy is awarded each year at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference for the best fire prevention float, demonstration, or entry in the line of parade. The award is in the form of a large permanent trophy. Awards are also awarded for second through fifth places.

Award Rules:

1. Clowns and commercial participants in the parade will not be eligible for this award.
2. Any individual, group, unity, float, etc., are eligible as long as they are in the line of parade and have been pre-judged.
3. Judging will be done by the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office.
4. Entries will be prejudged prior to the parade as a pre-announced location.
5. The decision of the judges will be final.
6. Judging will be on the following point system:
   A. Theme and originality – (0 – 25 points) – Within a fire prevention subject area such as Fire Prevention Week, Home Inspections, Halloween, Christmas, Fire Safety, Spring Cleaning, Sparky, Smokey, Sweepy, Smoke Detectors, Etc.
   B. Uniqueness in presentation – (0 – 25 points) – Construction aspects such as neatness, stability, occupant safety, and fire-safe materials.
   C. Overall appearance – (0 – 25 points)
   D. Conduct of participants – (0 – 25 points) – General conduct of, and how well participants carryout the theme of the entry.
7. Size, cost, and elaborateness are not a criteria.
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 an 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.

THANKS 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.
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TROPHIES AND AWARDS LIST

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance
Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Easton VFD

Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance
Easton VFD

Presidents Award
Ferndale
Ocean City

Company Coming Longest Distance
Burnham Fire Company

Company Coming Second Longest Distance
Schuykill Haven, PA / Liberty Fire Company #4

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Easton VFD

Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
Schuykill Haven, PA / Liberty Fire Company #4

Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
Hollywood VFD

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel
Easton VFD
Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance
Rising Sun VFD

Second Best Appearance
Landover Hills VFD

Third Best Appearance
Easton VFC

Honorable Mention - Trappe VFD
Honorable Mention - Hollywood VFD
Honorable Mention - Savage VFD
Honorable Mention - Laurel VFC, DE
Honorable Mention – 2nd District VFD
Honorable Mention - Arnold VFD
Honorable Mention - Mechanicsville VFD

Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance
Cordova VFA

Second Best Appearance
Trappe VFC

Third Best Appearance
Arcadia VFD

Honorable Mention - Mechanicsville VFD
Honorable Mention - Leitersburg
Honorable Mention - Grasonville VFD
Honorable Mention – Capital Heights VFD
Honorable Mention - Federalsburg VFC
Honorable Mention – Ellicott City VFC
Honorable Mention - Marion VFC
Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance
Arcadia 1954 I.H.

Second Best Appearance
Fruitland 1983 Pierce

Third Best Appearance
Dagsboro 1966 Ford Pierce

Honorable Mention – Showell 2005 Pierce
Honorable Mention – Pittsville 1955 Force Big Job
Honorable Mention – Millville, DE 1988 E-1

Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance
Stockton VFC

Second Best Appearance
Leitersburg VFC

Third Best Appearance
Mary Del VFC

Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance –
(1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
Preston VFD

Second Best Appearance
Second District Valley Lee VFD

Third Best Appearance
Mechanicsville VFD
Tanker Making Best Appearance  
(1500 gallon capacity tank and over)  
Prince Frederick VFD

Second Best Appearance  
Potomac Heights VFD

Third Best Appearance  
Grasonville VFC

Brush Unit - Making Best Appearing  
Mechanicsville VFD

Second Best Appearance  
Rescue Fire Company

Third Best Appearance  
Trappe VFC

Honorable Mention – Parsonsburg VFC  
Honorable Mention – Arcadia VFA  
Honorable Mention - Arnold VFD

Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance  
Rising Sun T861

Second Best Appearance  
Grasonville T-2

Third Best Appearance  
Bay District T-3

Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance  
Laurel T-81
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Second Best Appearance Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
Church Hill VFC

Third Best Appearance Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
West Friendship T-3

Squad Truck Making Best Appearance
Mechanicsville VFD

Second Best Appearance
Delmar VFC

Third Best Appearance
Snow Hill VFC

Ambulance Making Best Appearance
Cordova VFA

Second Best Appearance
Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps

Third Best Appearance
Arcadia VFA

Honorable Mention - Hollywood VFD
Honorable Mention – Laurel, DE
Honorable Mention - Reisterstown
Honorable Mention – Cecil County 292
Honorable Mention – Rising Sun 892

Emergency Services Special Unit Making Best Appearance
(Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, Etc.)
Central Alarmers Canteen 155
Second Best Appearance
Havre de Grace Special Unit 598

Third Best Appearance
Maryland Dept. of Environment 5602

Honorable Mention – Chesapeake City Boat
Honorable Mention – Kent-Queen Anne’s Boat
Honorable Mention – Kensington Canteen 705
Honorable Mention – Delmar Traffic Control 74
Honorable Mention – 2nd District Traffic Control

Best Appearing Company from Delaware
Dagsboro Fire Co.

Second Best Appearing
Laurel VFC

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania
Schuylkill Haven

Second Best Appearing
Burnham

Best Appearing Company from Virginia
No Entry

Second Best Appearing
No Entry

Best Appearing Company from New Jersey
No Entry
Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(Over 25 Years Old In Service)
Ocean City '53 Ford

Second Best Appearance
Ocean City Mack Rescue '75

Third Best Appearance
Trappe Tanker 36 (1974)

Honorable Mention – 1980 Liberty Pumper-Mack
Honorable Mention – 1956 Ford Pumper

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(25 years or older not in service)
1924 Berlin Mack Pumper

Second Best Appearing
1919 American LaFrance

Third Appearing
1950 Ford Mechanicsville VFD

Honorable Mention – 1947 International E-71
Honorable Mention – 1973 Seagrave T-29

Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance
(25 years or older)
Fruitland 1959 Wagon

Second Best Appearing
1936 Chevrolet (Private Owner)
Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun

Second Best Appearing
Hollywood VFD

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance
Hollywood VFD

Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Easton VFC

Second Best Appearing
Elkridge VFD Juniors

Third Best Appearing
Cordova VFA

Honorable Mention – Ferndale VFD

Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Silver Starlettes

Second Best Appearing
No Entry

Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance
Governor’s Award
Easton VFC

Fire Prevention Entry Making Second Best Appearance
Hollywood VFD
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Fire Prevention Entry Making Third Best Appearance
Cordova VFA

Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Savanna Purvis – Cordova VFA

Second Best Appearing
Christa Green – St. Michaels
MSFA 1st Runner-up

Third Best Appearing
Danielle Crane – Rockville VFD
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

Fourth Best Appearing
Lindsey Graudin – Trappe VRFC
Miss Fire Prevention

Honorable Mention – Cassidy Stewart – Tilghman Island VFD
Miss Fire Prevention
Honorable Mention – Shelby Simmons – Allegany/Garrett Co.
Miss Fire Prevention

Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Madeline Moore – Cecil County

Second Best Appearing
Madelyn Patrick – 1st Runner-up Cecil County

Third Best Appearing
Brittney Hinman – Lower Eastern Shore

Fourth Best Appearing
Jessica Holden – Harford County
Honorable Mention – Stephanie English

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1st Runner-up Lower Eastern Shore

Honorable Mention – Sami Jo Knight
Southern Maryland

**Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance**
Allison Schmidt – Cecil County 1st Runner-up
Little Miss

**Second Best Appearing**
Kayla Arthur – Little Miss Caroline County

**Third Best Appearing**
Olivia Orrell – Little Miss Talbot County

**Fourth Best Appearing**
Ava Willis – Little Miss St. Michaels

Honorable Mention – Emma White – Little Miss Trappe
Honorable Mention – Madelyn Bartz – Little Miss Goldsboro

**Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance**
Eric Jordan – Community Fire Company of Rising Sun

**Second Best Appearing**
Riley Pinder – St. Michaels VFD

**Third Best Appearing**
Stevey Veness – Goldsboro Fire Company

**Fourth Best Appearing**
William Brown – Sharptown VFC

Honorable Mention – Bryan Pilpel – Rockville VFD
Honorable Mention – Gus Clark – Greensboro VFC
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Best Appearing Junior Or Cadet Company
English Consul Juniors VFA

Second Place
Elkridge VFD Juniors

Marching Band Making Best Appearance - ($500)
Westminster Community Band

Marching Band Making Second Best Appearing - ($250)
Maryland Fire Service Pipe & Drum

Third Best Appearing - ($200)
No Entry

Best Drum And Bugle Corp
No Entry

Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes
Marvelettes Stars Drums

Majorettes Making Best Appearance
Marvellettes Star
Second Best Appearing
Silhouettes Twirling Corp.

Third Best Appearing
Silver Starlettes Majorettes

Fourth Best Appearing
No Entry

Pom Pom Squad Making Best Appearance
No Entry
Second Best Appearing
No Entry

Comic Entry Making Best Appearance
Water Witch

Mascot Making Best Appearance
Belair Dalmatian

Second Best Appearance
Arcadia Juniors Dalmatian

Hard Luck Award
Parsonburg VFC

Judges Awards
Arcadia Juniors Marching Unit
Rising Sun Rehab 8
Laurel, MD Rescue Squad
Elkridge Juniors
1975 Mack Pumper (Clinton)
United Communities VFD
Elkridge Juniors
MD State Police Aviation
Ferndale VFD
English Consul Juniors
Bay District VFD