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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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*Leo M. Moore, PP 1929-1946 Havre de Grace
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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
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FINAL PROGRAM
123rd ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 20, 2015

0900   Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center
Lower Level
1200   Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center
Mezzanine Level
1330   Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Convention Center
1800   JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET - Clarion Hotel (By Invitation Only)

Sunday, June 21, 2015

0800   Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0900-1700   Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
0900   “Saving Our Own” Fire-Rescue Competition - Sunset Room
0900-1130  Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor’s Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level
0900   Executive Committee Meeting – Performing Arts Center
1000-1200   Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor
1000-1200   LAMSFA Early Registration Open in Bayfront Ballroom
1000-1200   Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market – Front Foyer of Convention Center
1030   SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Performing Arts Center
1400   MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Performing Arts Center
1700   JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
1800   Maryland Memorial Fire Service Event – Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way

Monday, June 22, 2015

0700   Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0800   Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor
0830   CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900   Exhibits Open
0900   “Saving Our Own” Fire-Rescue Competition - Sunset Room
0910   Keynote Presentation - "Don't Text N Drive 4 Liz Marks"
        Liz Marks
        Betty Shaw
On April 7, 2012, just two weeks shy of her 18th birthday, Liz’s life was forever changed when she drove her car into the back of a flatbed truck near St. Michaels. Liz suffered a traumatic brain injury, which was so acute; the first responders to the scene of the accident did not expect her to survive. Confident, brave, resilient, a fighter and a survivor; these are only a handful of words that describe Liz Marks. Liz’s story is remarkable, her survival miraculous, and she wants to share her message with everyone. If you don’t know Liz—you should.

After Keynote Address - The Ladies Auxiliary will be dismissed to the Performing Arts Center for their meeting.

0930  Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations

1000  Reading and acceptance of 2014 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

1100-1145  LAMSFA Registration

1200  MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center

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

1300  Main Program Presentation- “Prevention Through Testing and Research”
Mark Gratkowski
Fire Protection Engineer
ATF - Fire Research Laboratory
Beltsville, Maryland
The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Fire Research Laboratory (FRL), completed in 2003, is the world’s largest research laboratory that is dedicated to fire scene investigations. FRL scientists utilize its unique structure and sophisticated instrumentation to investigate fire scene phenomena; conduct forensic fire science and engineering tests; and analyze fire growth and dynamics questions. This presentation will review the tests recently completed by FRL on samples
of vegetation and decorations which contribute to the rapid spread of fire
and other products of combustion, as witnessed by the tragic fire in Anne
Arundel County earlier this year; and relate these test results to future
protection and prevention features which might serve to prevent future
tragedies.

1330 Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
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

1800 PURSE/BAG BINGO – Bayfront Ballroom, Doors open at 1700 hrs. (Ticket Needed)

1830 MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK
(Ticket Needed)

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

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

0830 CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

AWARDS CEREMONY

Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Marberly F. Gates Service Cup Award
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. Statthen, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards

0900 “Saving Our Own” Fire-Rescue Competition - Sunset Room

0900 Exhibits Open

0900 Meeting - Ladies’ Auxiliary to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center

Legislative Committee Update

SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

0930 Main Program Presentation-
“Engineering Analysis of 30 Dowling Circle Using Fire Dynamics Simulator”

Adam St. John, P.E.
Fire Protection Engineer
ATF - Fire Research Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland
On the night of January 19, 2011, assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) was requested for a fire at 30 Dowling Circle by the Baltimore County Fire Investigation Division. ATF Fire Protection Engineers were asked to utilize engineering analysis methods, including computer fire modeling, to assist with determining the route of fire spread and the events that led to the firefighter MAYDAY and subsequent Line of Duty Death of Fire Fighter Mark Falkenhan. Working closely with the Post Incident Analysis Team, the ATF Fire Research Laboratory created a computer simulation of the garden apartment building using Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS), a computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling program developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

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**AWARD CEREMONY CONTINUED**

- Family Appreciation Award
- Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
- Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

Report of the Election Judges

1630  Exhibits Close

1830  **Ocean City FOOLS Block Party at Cowboy Coast on Philadelphia Avenue at 17th St. Featuring the Franklin Square Band. (Ticket Needed)**

1830  **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Performing Arts Center**

2130  **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Performing Arts Center**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

0730  **PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom (Ticket Needed)**

0800  **5k Run/Walk, OC Fools, North Division Street on the Boardwalk**

0900  **CALL TO ORDER–FOURTH SESSION – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom**

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

0915  **Meeting - Ladies’ Auxiliary to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center**

0915  **Main Program Presentation-**

*Type V Construction and the Fire Service – The Perfect Storm**

Steve Lohr

Fire Chief (Retired)

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services Rockville, Maryland

Recent major fires in buildings under construction have posed unique problems to fire service suppression efforts. Limited fire department access and unfinished egress, unprotected construction, increased fuel loads, and incomplete fire protection equipment have increased the potential for unchecked fire spread and urgent need for exposure protection. This presentation will review several recent incidents of
this nature and describe some best strategies and tactics for the Fire Commander to consider in mitigating these emergencies.

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

1015 Main Program Presentation- "Why Sprinklered Buildings Burn"
David Kurasz
Executive Director
New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board
North Brunswick, New Jersey
Most new residential buildings are required to be protected by sprinklers which have been specially designed to provide for building occupant evacuation, with less emphasis on property protection. Some recent incidents in buildings with this level of sprinkler protection, including a major fire at The Avalon Bay Community in Edgewater, New Jersey, on January 21, 2015, have resulted in major fire damage to the building; however, all residents have been able to evacuate without death or injury. This program will discuss the limitations of sprinkler protection designed for residential occupancies, and to describe the accepted levels of success intended by these system designs.

1045 Unfinished Business and New Business
$10,000 Raffle Drawing
1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 Hours
1300 MSFA PARADE – Downtown Ocean City, 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 Bayfront Exhibit Hall

Thursday, June 25, 2015

TBD MSFA/USSSA Softball Championship – St. Louis Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street
0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Performing Arts Center
1400 -1800 Tickled Paint ARTworks Fundraiser for LAMSFA – Room 208

Friday, June 26, 2015

0800 GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course
Line of Duty Death Recognitions

Fire Fighter Robert W. Fogle III
Baltimore County Fire Department

Lieutenant James E. Bethea
Baltimore City Fire Department

Paramedic Erik Steciak
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company

Mitchell D. Dobbins
Western Enterprise Fire Co. No. 4
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Memorial Tributes

Marie M. Soutar
Past President LAMSFA
1988-1989
Ladies Auxiliary to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Department

June E. Black
Past President LAMSFA
1989-1990
Ladies Auxiliary to the Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company Number One

John W. Means Sr.
MSFA Trustee
1999-2009
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company

James T. Ferguson Jr.
MSFA Executive Committee Member
2002-2003
St. Michaels Fire Department

Dr. John L. Bryan
UM Professor Emeritus and Founding Fire Protection Engineer
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad
College Park Volunteer Fire Department
As we open this 123rd Annual Convention and Conference Memorial Service, we pause to recognize our family, friends and mentors who passed away since the last Convention. Tonight we celebrate the lives of our brothers and sisters in fire service. May their memory leave a lasting impression of dedication over the years.

On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, it is an honor and privilege to dedicate the 123rd Annual Convention and Conference Memorial Service and Memorial Book to those who have gone before us. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and the companies who have lost a “firehouse family” member and say “Thank You!” to their families for sharing them with us and we will keep them in our hearts and prayers. “We will take it from here.”

LAMSFA Past Presidents Marie Souter (1988-89) and June Black (1989-90); MSFA Trustee John W. Means Sr. and MSFA Executive Committee Members James T. Ferguson Jr.; Fire Protection Engineer Dr. John L. Bryan; all have made many contributions to our organization and the State of Maryland. We honor and remember Mitchell Dobbins, Erick Steciak, James Bethea and Robert Fogle III, who departed our presence in the Line-of-Duty. Much of our organization’s success as well as county associations and companies derive from the legacies of those we will honor tonight and we are grateful to have known, loved and learned from them; may they rest in peace.

We extend our sincere appreciation to those individuals of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association who assisted with the 2015 Memorial Program and Book.

David R. Keller  
President, MSFA

Ann F. Price-Davis  
President, LAMSFA
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 “the family” and 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 we 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 say “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.               Donna Struntz
Chief Chaplain, MSFA           Chaplain, LAMSFA
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123rd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Ocean City, Maryland – June 20-26, 2015

Joint Memorial Service
Sunday, June 21, 2015

(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. We welcome you to our 123rd Memorial Service of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We ask everyone to please and that you would please rise for the presentation of the Colors.

The Greater Baltimore Pipes and Drums enter followed by the Chaplains and Presidents and the “Sea of Blue” makes their entrance.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Brothers and Sisters, ladies and gentlemen, we welcome your presence this evening as we honor and reflect on the lives of our brothers and sisters who have departed our company this past year. Though our hearts are void of their love and joy of their company, let us rejoice in knowing one day we will rejoin them again. Tonight we have nine special tributes: four Line of Duty Deaths, two Past Presidents, two Past Officers and one Special Honoree who was a pioneer in the science of Fire Engineering. Tonight we are starting a new tradition. You were issued a candle when you came in this evening. As your county is called please stand and turn on your candle in remembrance of your loved ones and friends. If you are a friend of one of the special tributes, please stand and light your candle in remembrance. 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 loved ones. 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. As we are told 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. Father, we rely on your loving arms of comfort that you offer to those with a broken heart. Let us rejoice with pride and acknowledge the dedication of those we honor this evening. Let this be a celebration of their dedication to the Emergency Services. We take comfort in knowing these servants now reside in your presence. Amen.
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.” (Applause)

Retirement of colors

Chief Chaplain John Long: Thank you Tim. You may be seated. We will now have a welcome by Maryland Sate Firemen’s Association President, David Keller and Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President, Ann Price-Davis.

President David Keller: Good evening. We want to thank our all for coming out to pay tribute to the loved ones lost over the last year. So thank you and be safe and enjoy your time at the beach.

President Ann Price-Davis: Welcome to the LAMSFA and MSFA Memorial Service. Thank you for joining me to pay honor and pay tribute to those who have passed. Their service is much appreciated and I would like to think they are still upstairs in the big sky running the fire service there. Thank you for attending.

The Presidents will unveil the crosses.

Chaplain John Long: We’ll now have scripture reading by Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart: Hear now these words from the Prophet Ecclesiastes the Third Chapter. For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under Heaven. A time to be born and a time to die; A time to plant and pluck up what is planted; A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to break 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 throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to seek and a time to lose; A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to sew. A time to keep 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 God has laid on everyone. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also said eternity in the hearts of people and they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. The word of the Lord, thanks be to God.
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Chief Chaplain John Long: At this time we are going to recognize our special tributes. As I said before, if one of your friends is one of the special tributes, you may stand and light your candle in honor of them.

Chaplain Long and Chaplain Struntz placed a rose in the vase in remembrance of each of the special tributes. Mitchell D. Dobbins, LODD, Western Enterprise Fire Co. #4; Firefighter Robert W. Fogle III, LODD, Baltimore County Fire Department; Lieutenant James E. Bethea, LODD, Baltimore City Fire Department; Paramedic Erik P. Steciak, LODD, Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company; Marie M. Soutar, Past President LAMSFA 1988-1989; June E. Black, Past President LAMSFA 1989-1990; John W. Means Sr., MSFA Trustee; James T. Ferguson, MSFA Past Executive Committee Member; Dr. John L. Bryan, University of Maryland Professor Emeritus: Fire Protection Engineer.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have the reading of the 23rd Psalm LAMSFA Vice-Chaplain Becky Wathen.

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

Chief Chaplain John Long: The next reading is a Poem. Fortunately for us, Stacey Faust, the author, is with us tonight. Stacey wrote this poem the day her Chief was killed in the Line of Duty.

Stacey Faust of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company:

“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 have another scripture reading by Chaplain Harry Hetz.

Chaplain Hetz: A reading from Lamentations Chapter 3. I have been deprived of peace. I have forgotten what prosperity is. So I say “Thy splendor is gone and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.” I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this is what I call to mind and therefore I have hope. Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed. For his compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. I say to myself “The Lord is my portion; and therefore I will wait for him. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him. The ones who seek him, it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Here ends the reading.
Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have our Memorial tribute. We have added the reading of the names along with their picture this year.

Deceased members were as follows:

**Allegany County**
Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary - Geraldine Fuller
Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company – Kenneth L. Fuller
Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Patricia A. Wright
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Jeffery L. Baird
Clarysville Fire Company – Norman D. Filsinger
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company – Wayne M. Conner
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company – James R. Getson
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Timothy W. Morgan
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Merle L. Winters
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company – Frank Clark
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Donald L. Dolly Sr.
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Arthur Fogel
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Clark M. Mallow
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Ronald M. Shipway
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – Harold M. Bittner
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – William R. Davis
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – Richard H. Fuller
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – William H. Hawkins
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – Thomas K. Lillard Jr.
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – Roy E. Niner
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Nancy C. Stark
Midland Fire Company No. 1 – Eugene “Buddy” Thrasher
Midland Fire Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary – Dorothy M. Hunt
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department – Olivia Beaman
Shaft Volunteer Fire Department – William M. Lancaster

**Arundel County**
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company - Marc S. Griswold
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Cora M. Dail
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Virginia P. Sohn
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Marie M. Soutar
Galesville Volunteer Fire Department – Clarence E. Jett
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – Earl W. Lowe
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – Richard K. Wengert Sr.
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department – John J. O’Lexey
Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Company – Donald G. Ruths Sr.
Maryland City Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Kathleen M. Winland
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Ethel Disney
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Barbara B. Norris
Rescue Hose Company #1 – Alfred W. “Butch” Britton, Jr.
Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department – George A. Tyaack
Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary & LAMSFA Past President 1988-89 – Marie M. Soutar

Baltimore County
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – Raymond H. Glanzer
Baltimore County Fire Department LODD – Robert W. Fogle III
Central Alarmers – Frank W. Dorer
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Douglas B. Smith
Hereford Volunteer Ambulance Association – Katherine L. Parks
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Charles R. Garrett
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Thomas C. O’Connor
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – Murdock A. Donnelly Jr.
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – Charles Kountz Jr.
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – William A. Noetzel Jr.
Maryland Line Fire Protection Association Ladies Auxiliary – Virginia M. “Betty” Wampler
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company – William J. Hennigan
Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company – Arthur H. Burger
White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company – Donald R. Wilder Jr.

Calvert County
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department – John D. Kneessi
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Evelyn V. Moore
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – John Ortenzo
Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad – Ashley V. Brumm
Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad – Shirley Menendez

Caroline County
None

Carroll County
Gamber & Community Fire Company – William E. Bollinger
Gamber & Community Fire Company – David L. Brothers
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Robert C. Brothers
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Anthony W. Cox
Gamber & Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Louise M. Lindsay
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Gamber & Community Fire Company – Clarence R. Souders
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Romeo Valianti
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – David L. Brothers
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – Bruce Martin
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – Ralph Ruby
Auxiliary to the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Company – Susan M. Tawes
Ladies Auxiliary to Manchester Fire Eng. & Hook & Ladder Co. #1
  LAMSFA Past President 1989-1990 – June E. Black
Ladies Auxiliary to Manchester Fire Eng. & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – Helen Epply
Ladies Auxiliary to Manchester Fire Eng. & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – Lisa A.

Nightingale
Manchester Fire Eng. & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – Donald Nott Sr.
Manchester Fire Eng. & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – Oliver Steger
Auxiliary to the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Donna D. Stull
Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – William Duvall
Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Scott Stanley
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary – Helen Franklin
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Samantha M. Reaver
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company & LODD – Robert W. Fogle III
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Clarence R. Souders
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Charles E. Stem
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company – Joseph E. Spangler Sr.
Auxiliary to Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department – Nancy Clark
Auxiliary to Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department – Linda L. Thomas

Cecil County
Charlestown Fire Company – Howard J. Schuckler
Community Fire Company of Perryville – Marianne Burrows Lilley
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Charles E. Duncan
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Edward D. Frederick
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Kathy K. Whitecavage
North East Fire Company – Lowell L. Howard
North East Fire Company – Gary W. Weaver
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Ida C. Cahall
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Betty Marie Crawford
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Marian “Betty” McKinney
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Mabel Slate
Water Witch Fire Company – Helen Teresci Bitner
Water Witch Fire Company – Rodney L. Sentman
Ladies Auxiliary of Singerly Fire Company – Linda Rowles-Argo
Ladies Auxiliary of Singerly Fire Company – **Frances Denver**
Ladies Auxiliary of Singerly Fire Company – **Brenda M. O’Neal**
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – **Allen A. Ferguson**
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – **Stephen T. Foster Sr.**

**Charles County**
Charles County Rescue Squad – **Victor B. Boling Jr.**
Charles County Rescue Squad – **Harry W. Clark Sr.**
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – **Thomas Cain**
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – **Robert Pettrash**
Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Mary E. Thompson**
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – **Augustus W. Bowling III**
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association Auxiliary – **Ellen B. Helmeier**
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – **Joseph E. Talley Sr.**

**Dorchester County**
Rescue Fire Company – **William D. “Dave” Bromwell Sr.**
Rescue Fire Company – **J. Howard Twilley**
Rescue Fire Company – **William M. “Babe” Wroten**
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – **Joseph E. Shimek**
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – **Louis I. Wanex Sr.**

**Frederick County**
Citizen’s Truck Company #4 – **Carl L. Fry Sr.**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **Frank R. Adams Jr.**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **Carl L. Fry Sr.**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **Marlanne H. Stauffer**
Independent Hose Company #1 – **Harold D. Taylor**
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – **Henry D. Lakin Jr.**
Junior Fire Company #2 – **Edward C. Kemp**
Junior Fire Company #2 – **Henry E. “Pete” Ponton**
Ladies Auxiliary of Junior Fire Company #2 – **Majorie Aileen Mackley**
New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company – **Linda Harshman**
New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company – **Francis E. Kipe**
New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company – **Donald Lachman**
New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company – **John McThenia**
New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company – **Robert Skelton**
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company – **Cora Amoss**
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company – **Harold Lennart**
United Steam Engine Company 3 – **Charles E. Cole Jr.**
United Steam Engine Company 3 – **Mark E. Fisher**
United Steam Engine Company 3 – **Donald Lachman**
United Steam Engine Company 3 – **Gregory A. Phebus**
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Marshall Davis
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – William Edmands
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary – Helen L. Gladhill
Ladies Auxiliary of Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department – M. Genevieve Smith
Ladies Auxiliary of Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department – Laura E. Stottlemyer
Ladies Auxiliary of Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department – Louise Colbert Warner

Garrett County
Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department – William L. Emory
Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Audrey Brenneman
Bloomington Fire Company – Charles Riley
Bloomington Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Jo Ann V. Bever
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company – Charles H. Bowman
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Nina Calls
Garman Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Eleanor Dieal
Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Juanita V. Sketweris
Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Ester M. Durst
Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary E. Kelly
Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad – Alvin A. Shumaker

Harford County
Aberdeen Fire Department – Edward W. Donald
Aberdeen Fire Department – Charles M. Duff
Abingdon Fire Company – James “Jim” Weaver
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Payson Getz
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company LODD – Erik Steciak
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Charles “Dick” Vaughn
Citizens Volunteer Fire Company of Fawn Grove, PA – W. Darryl Nelson
Darlington Volunteer Company – James W. Terrell
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Mildred L. “Millie” Hunt
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Eleanor Strickler
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Joseph E. Wiley
Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company – Diane M. Coccagna
Havre De Grace Ambulance Corps – Larry A. Krediet
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Derrick Lloyd
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Marie Williams Thomas
Level Volunteer Fire Company – Robert A. “Bud” DuPree
Level Volunteer Fire Company – Millard B. Preston Sr.
Level Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Dorothy C. Worthington
Susquehanna Hose Company – John David Barclay
Susquehanna Hose Company – Joseph J. Correri Sr.
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Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – **Charles E. Barben Jr.**
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – **Lynelle P. Merryman**
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – **Marie Williams Thomas**

**Howard County**
Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department – **Donald H. Merson**
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company – **E. Emerson Pickett**
West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department LODD – **Erik Steciak**

**Kent County**
Galena Volunteer Fire Company – **Suzanne Quinn**
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington - **Edith “Edie” Morales**
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – **Barclay Bloomgarden**
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – **Joseph Hamvas**
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – **Harry T. Williams**
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – **Jean A. Dowling**
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – **Helen Durding**
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – **Vincent Iaconna**
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – **Patricia Lewis**
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – **Bruce Rushton**
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – **Elinor Van Pelt**
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – **Doris L. Yerkes**

**Montgomery County**
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – **Anthony R. “Ray” Branzell**
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – **Dr. John Bryan**
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Norman Fehr**
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **Denise M. Morgal**
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – **William B. Duvall**
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department – **Richard Atwell**
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – **Stephen I. McLamb**
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – **John R. Pugh**
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – **Lt. James R. Barrack**
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – **Chief William R. Wiegel Jr.**
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – **Thomas C. Rhodes**
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – **Anthony F. Valente**
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – **Stanford H. Herrmann**
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – **Robert D. Jarboe**
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – **John H. Parsley**
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – **Billy R. Bliss Sr.**
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – **Raymond L. Grubb**
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad – **Thomas C. Brown**
Prince George’s County
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department – Donald E. Busl Jr.
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department – Jim L. Deskins
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department – Clifford G. Montgomery Sr.
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department – Michael R. Willett
Ladies Auxiliary of the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department – Irene Jenkins
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department – Horatio B. “Ray” Hanbury
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department – Paul M. Underwood
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department – Michael R. Willett
Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Lucinda H. Frend
Ladies Auxiliary to Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Donna J. Hook
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Berlon L. Cooper
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – John C. Wells
Ladies Auxiliary to the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Ruth N. Baldwin
Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Darnell J. Borden
Bowie Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Thomas R. Machande Sr.
Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department – Jeffery R. Hoffman
Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company – Joseph Schwartz
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Richard Ager
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Herbert H. Miller
Ladies Auxiliary of Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Frances Loretta Hooe
Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – Haskel Bing Jr.
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department – Chief John O. “Spots” Dennison III
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department – Michael G. Ponton
College Park Volunteer Fire Department – Dr. John L. Bryan
Cottage City-Colmar Manor Volunteer Fire Company – William H. Hall Jr.
Glenn Dale Fire Association – Pirly I. Gatton
Glenn Dale Fire Association – Brian T. Smith
Glenn Dale Fire Association – Chief Richard D. Thomas
Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department – Charles J. DiVincenzo
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Garrett A. Green
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Ernest H. Mitchell
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department – Gilbert S. Allwine
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department – John “Jack” Godfrey III
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Chief James F. Alexander
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – David Arthur Staub
Auxiliary to Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Mabel A. Litchfield
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department – Edward M. Kalley
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Jean Glaubitz
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Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department – Arthur Cox
Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department – Horatio B. “Ray” Hanbury
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Kurt Eisenschmidt
Volunteer Fire Department of Brandywine – Thomas Daniel “Danny” Sheriff
Volunteer Fire Department of Brandywine – Henry “Pete” Tron Jr.
West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Alfred E. Hornung

Queen Anne’s County
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Myrtle I. Hurlock
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Edith D. Myers
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company – William “Bill” Cooper Sr.

Somerset County
None

St. Mary’s County
Bay District Volunteer Fire Department – Mark E. Buhl Sr.
Bay District Volunteer Fire Department – Horatio B. “Ray” Hanbury
Bay District Volunteer Fire Department – Gail E. Kropp
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – Franklin W. Dean
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – Robert I. Readmond
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Thomas R. Bennett
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Charles R. Moore III
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Richard C. “Dick” Shoemaker
Auxiliary of Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Mary L. Goddard
Auxiliary of Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Rayetta C. McWilliams
Auxiliary of Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Phyllis Elinor Miedzinski
Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad – James W. Neal
Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Ira “Johnny” Coombs
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – George B. Caywood
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary – Elizabeth Cecelia Cairns

Schetrom
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Walter “Dickie” Barnes
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Edward W. Healy
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – John B. Mettam
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Francis H. Smith
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Lawrence E. Taylor
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Harry C. Wright Sr.
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Melvin C. Yost Jr.
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margaret B. Cooper
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Shirley J. Kovich
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margaret S. Owens
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**Talbot County**
Cordova Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary – Alice J. Wade
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Isabell M. Andrews
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Julia Louise Andrews
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Ernest E. Fisher
Oxford Fire Company – Clarence “Lance” Cox
Oxford Fire Company – David M. Bradley
Oxford Fire Company – Philemon C. “Phil” Greenhawk
Oxford Fire Company – Ralph A. Retallack
St. Michaels Fire Department – Virginia L. Adams
Trapp Volunteer Fire Company – Clarence Parott

**Washington County**
Antietam Fire Company – Linda Kay Findley
First Hagerstown Hose Company – Raymond G. Ambrose
Independent Junior Fire Engine Company – Tyler W. Morris
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – George C. Shoop
Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – Darrel H. Buchanan
Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – Leonard R. McNairm
Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – Donald W. Ridenour
Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – Glenn R. Strite
Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company – Leonard Barton
Smith Community Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Elaine Gossard
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 LODD – Mitchel D. Dobbins

**Wicomico County**
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – William Johnson

**Worcester County**
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Robert E. Benson
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Perry Hackensmith
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Preston Taylor
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – A. Wayne Watson
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Nelson Wright Jr.
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Susan Baker
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Louisa Quillin

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** We will now have a special flag folding ceremony by the Harford County Honor Guard with the narration by President Jackie Olson.
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.

Again we would like to thank the Harford County Honor Guard for assisting with the flag fold.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Thank you Jackie. Ladies and gentlemen, please stand for the playing of Amazing Grace and TAPS.

You may be seated. We now have the Lord’s Prayer and Benediction, Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Donna Struntz.

LAMSFA Chaplain Donna Struntz: Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil foe,r Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy God, Lord of life and death, you made us in your image and you hold us in your
care. We thank you for your servants for their selfless untimely deaths and their gifts that they have given. Holy God may each of you who have heard the word of welcome, come to you blessed by my Father and may they all have received your unfailing crown of glory and surrounded by Angels and the Saints as they welcomed them in peace. And now may they all be blessed as you all have witnessed this memorial service in honor of all those who went before us. Peace and grace be with you. Amen.

Chief Chaplain John Long: At this time the honored families will be departing escorted by the Honor Guard. Everyone please remain in their seats until dismissed. This concludes our Memorial Service. Please leave you candles at the back as you leave so we can use them next year for the Memorial Service. Thank you for your presence and support of this Memorial Service.
President David Keller, III: Good morning. I would like to call the 123rd Convention to order. At this time we are going to do the dedication of the new podium. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association has been coming to Ocean City for the past 65 years. We started holding our meetings in the Town Hall. As the Convention grew so did the town and with the building of this Convention Center, we have tried to fit with the building with the layout and organizational needs. With the addition of the Performing Art Center, the MSFA and the LAMSFA have now progressed our Convention and Conference to an even new level of support to our membership organizations. And with that comes the need to ensure that we are facilitated properly. I would like to ask Joe Pack, the President and CEO of Atlantic Emergency Solutions to join me on stage along with Past President Frank Underwood and the Prince George’s County Fire Chief, Marc Bashoor for a special presentation. The MSFA is very appreciative of this brand new fire apparatus podium that has been given to us by Atlantic Emergency Solutions and it adds a great deal more to our convention and conference, another growing step of our organization. I would like to thank Joe Pack for making this happen along with Frank Underwood, Past President and Chief Bashoor for their efforts improving the capabilities of the MSFA. Gentlemen thank you. – unveils new podium (Applause)

Now at this time it gives me great honor to present this special recognition to Atlantic Emergency Solutions for their donation of this beautiful podium. Joe (Applause)

Joe Pack: Good morning. It gives me great pleasure that the 200 employees of Atlantic Emergency Solutions donate this to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It’s a great partnership, you guys do great work, we are committed and we want to thank you very much for the opportunity to be here and to give you guys this great podium to use for many years to come. Thank you and have a great day. (Applause)

President Keller: At this time I call John Fisher to the podium to give us a safety message.

John Fisher: Good morning, welcome to Ocean City. As you look around we want you to look at the exits, also at the curtains along the windows. They are free hanging. They are not attached to the wall so we don’t want anybody grabbing them and trying to open them up, they will come down. As you walk through the convention center,
take note of several new exits, with the center of Performing Arts next door, go in there and get familiar with those exits. We want you to have a safe enjoyable convention. Anything we can do to help you let us know. Thank you (Applause)

Chief Chaplain Long: Good morning. Let us pray. Almighty, all powerful, creative God we thank you for this day. We thank you for the leadership you have bestowed on these organizations, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Father we thank you for the men and women who make our organizations function. We thank you for the talent you have given them. We thank you for giving the men and women who respond on calls, work fund raisers and do administrative work a servants heart. Father we ask for your guidance as we conduct the business this week. We ask for your wisdom to be bestowed on those who will be making decisions. Father may everything we do under you as we celebrate the 123rd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Father watch over the responders on the streets answering calls helping those in need. Father protect the military who are serving around the world, protecting our freedom, allowing us to gather together here in Ocean City. We lift this all up to you in your most holy name. Amen

Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pride to introduce to you the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association David Keller III escorted by his wife Vicki and his son Davy and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ann Price Davis escorted by her husband, Second Vice President, Michael Davis. (Interlude plays while they walk up to stage). (Westminster Band and Color Guard enter)

Richard Brooks: Ladies and Gentlemen please join me in acknowledging our grateful service to the Westminster Band and their outstanding service to us here at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. (Applause) (Bag Pipes enter)

Ladies and Gentlemen please acknowledge the mass bands of the Maryland Fire Services Pipes and Drums consisting of the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Baltimore, Montgomery County Fire Fighter Pipes and Drums and the DelMarVa Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. (Applause)

Please be seated and enjoy their next number.

Ladies and Gentlemen of behalf of our Presidents would you please rise for the presentation of colors by the combined Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard.

President Price-Davis: Please join me in saying the pledge of allegiance. 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: Our National Anthem will be sung this morning by Mr. Tim Koenic.

Tim Koenic: Sings the National Anthem. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Ladies and Gentlemen would you please acknowledge our Presidents. (Applause) Video listing Past Presidents of the MSFA and LAMSFA on the screen. Please be seated Presidents and enjoy the video presentation.

Special Video presentation “Fire Fighters.” (Applause)

(Musical Interlude by the Pipes and Drums and the Westminster Band as they exit the auditorium)

1st Vice President Roth: Good morning. At this time I’d like to introduce the Mayor of Ocean City Richard Meehan, Mayor of Ocean City, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Meehan: Good morning everybody. It’s great to see so many people here this morning. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council and all of the citizens of Ocean City I am extremely proud to be here this morning and to welcome you here for your 123rd Annual Convention. What a feat to be able to continue to organize and serve your community for 123 years. I also want to thank you on making this the 67th consecutive year you’ve come to Ocean City. We want to thank you and I think it’s great we maintain this partnership throughout the years. A couple things happened this weekend that really mark the beginning of the season in Ocean City. Yesterday was the first day of summer and this weekend was the arrival of the Maryland State Firemen’s convention in Ocean City and as tradition hold it those of us that have been here for a long time in Ocean City know that this is the official kick off of summer and we welcome you with open arms. We’re very very happy you are here. (Applause)

We know that planning a convention like this takes a lot of time and we know that your convention planning committee did a terrific job and they’ve worked very hard to make this the best convention ever and we’ve worked hard at the convention center to do that as well as planning the events so that everybody can come here, not only be at this convention and do what you are here to do. That’s to learn and go to the classes but also to bring your families on a much needed vacation to correspond with that and to have events such as the Jolly Rogers night and some of the other activities that go on. I think I give a lot of credit to your committee for doing that. You know it’s important that we keep everybody engaged and in all organizations it’s harder and harder to get volunteers. Your organization has done a terrific job in bringing people into it and continuing the tradition and I congratulate each and every one of you on that.

The next few days are going to be a little warm in Ocean City. That’s the good news. Most of you have dressed appropriately. I am not, but this comes off as soon as I
leave here, but I ask you all to keep in mind it’s going to be in the 90s the next few
days. Make sure you are aware of that and keep hydrated and just keep cool. Looks
like the weather forecast for the parade is terrific and I look forward to that as one of
the highlights of the summer season here in Ocean City. There’s a lot to do. There are
a lot of new things in Ocean City. We work all winter long to prepare the beach and
the boardwalk for everybody. You all have clear sailing this week. There are no other
big events in town so you are able to get around. I did speak at the President’s dinner
the other night and let them know as you probably know the high school graduates
have been here the last few weeks. There’s only a few of them remaining but I do
ask if you see any stragglers at the end of the week when you are leaving, please put
them in your cars and trucks, whatever you have, it’s over, we’re done. (Applause)
They don’t come without their challenges. We’ve had a good year and our Emergency
Services here in Ocean City make sure everybody is safe. But we want to make sure
that you are as well. Please make sure that you encourage your families and those
younger members that you brought with you to use the cross walks, swim near a life
guard and to do all those things that we want you to do in order to be safe while you
are here and to enjoy Ocean City. That being said I want to thank you very much for
being here. Please enjoy your week and I’ll see you Wednesday at the parade. Thank
you. (Applause)

Before I step down from the podium I do have a couple presentations to make and I
have your Presidents here with me. I attended the banquet the other night and I listened
to all the accomplishments these two achieved and what their dedicated service has
been to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and to each and every one of you.
Things like this don’t just happen. They happen because of a lot of hard work and
dedication and these two individuals are very dedicated. When I heard some of the
compliments and tributes paid to them on Saturday night I realized what a great job
they have done for you. Recognizing that and recognizing how important everything
you do for all our communities, I have a key to the city here and I want to present this
to David Keller III, President, Maryland State Firemen’s Association, presented today’s
date, 2015 June 22. This is from the town of Ocean City, all our residents, our visitors
and everybody in this room because we all want to give a heart-felt thanks to David for
all that he has done for your organization. David (Applause)

I also have one for Ann Price-Davis. I watched her enthusiasm the other night and it
was infectious and I could see that with all the committees and the people she has
worked with throughout the year. I want to congratulate her and her service and I
know that both David and Ann will continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen’s
Association and make it the most effective organization that it is today. They have
already done that. Ann congratulations. Thank you. (Applause) Thank you all.

President Keller: At this time we have a resolution to present to the Mayor from
the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Whereas the Maryland State Firemen’s
Association is celebrating its 123rd Annual Convention and whereas the town of Ocean City has been the host of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for decades, and whereas the hospitality demonstrated by the town of Ocean City its employees and its citizens has been without equal, whereas the leadership of the Mayor Rick Meehan has been instrumental in fostering the humane relationship between the MSFA and the town of Ocean City. Let it be known this day the 22nd day of June by the Officers and the Delegates of the 123rd Annual Convention extend their thank you to the Mayor for his many years of dedication to the Maryland Firemen. Thank you. (Applause) Also we have a convention packet and the Mayor has done a lot of things. At this time Ann and I want to pin him with a Bessie Marshal pin. That way you see his support of us, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. (Applause)

**Mayor Meehan:** I want to thank you all very much. It is truly an honor to be recognized by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. At this time it gives me great pleasure. I’d like to introduce to you the Chief of the Ocean City Fire Department is here to say a few words to you this morning. Our Chief Chris Larimore. (Applause)

**Chief Larimore:** Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning. Welcome to Ocean City. When I was honored to be asked to speak this morning I had a gentleman come into my office and I promised him I would share a short story. I don’t know if it’s applicable to what margin of people but this gentleman thought it would be. He is a Chief from a small volunteer fire company in upper Maryland and like many of us has some struggles. He asked me, he said Chief I’ve been on the internet and done quite a bit of homework and I see that Ocean City has successfully come through some struggles and I wonder if you might give us advise?

Fairly quickly I can do that. The two are somewhat intertwined. Number one is we all have to accept change. Unfortunately that is one of the most difficult things for us to overcome and accept. But it’s not the fire service that’s changing, it’s the world that’s changing and we must not only accept that change but embrace that change. The gentleman said I don’t understand. We have a lot of our members that are not getting along and we also have our commissioners that are trying to come in and tell us how to run the fire service. I said exactly. You need to ask our own members how we should be running the fire service and take that to the commissioners. He said it’s hard to get volunteers; it’s hard to get people away from their work. I said exactly. You need to figure out a way to do that but you need to be on the proactive side of that and not in the denial side. And he said that doesn’t mean that we might have to hire a few people and I said yes it might mean that you might have to hire a few people but you want to take those people and make them a part of your organization so you need to embrace that change.

And secondly I said at the end of the day if I could ever give words of wisdom to anybody in the fire service, and I know it sounds like a bit of a cliché always look back
and recognize who we work for. That is the public, not the county commissioners, it’s not our board of governors, it’s not the fire chiefs, and we work for the public. At the end of the day if we can defend our decisions to the public, we will succeed. We will all remain strong and I cite two examples that I had a conversation with this chief about.

He said we have a senior member who has been with the company 51 years. He’s been one of the most instrumental board of directors, past fire chief, and he is a very active driver. Unfortunately the gentleman seeing the back part of his seventies, refuses to get a fire department physical but we can’t afford to lose a driver, or lose a senior member. If this member steps down, he’s going to take 15 members with him and we only have in the upper 30s. Thirty seven members and my question to him was, what does the public expect. It’s a very difficult decision but if you look out the window, what is the best interest of the people we serve. The gentleman has served the community and department well but if that gentleman is in an accident, what is the public going to say. There’s your decision and I say that even to the combination fire services. When we have to say to the career member that you cannot take off to be with one of your family members during a busy time, what would the public say when that grievance is filed. Were we serving in the best interest of the public to ensure we have minimum staffing or did we serve the individual to make sure he could take time off? There’s a very thin line. When I shook the gentleman’s hand at the end of the meeting, all I could say to him is what I would say to everybody in this room, we must remember where we came from, if we serve the best interest of the public, a volunteer and a career fire service we will continue to as a force. And if I could end with a positive note, he also indicated to me and I hear this from a lot of my closest command staff and members, it’s just not as fun as it used to be. Well we can all echo that and if we could all turn the clock back 20 or 25 years, we did have a good time and those of us fortunate enough to be here 20 or 25 years ago, it’s a wonder some of us are still here, some of the stuff we did and it was a good time.

I see my Chief Steger in the front row. Wow what we all would give if we could go back and the reality is there is a higher public expectation today and with the internet, social media, phones and everything we have to be professional. We are in front of everybody and we have to replace some of that fun with the rewards that we are professionals and when we do a good job that does replace some of the fun that we had the satisfaction that we do a good job. Who doesn’t want to do a good job? Ladies and Gentlemen on behalf of the town of Ocean City and the Ocean City Fire Department welcome to the convention, have a good time this week. If there’s anything I myself or any member of the department can do to help you, please, we’re here to serve you, call, stop in at any station, we’d love to speak to you a few minutes, show you our buildings, our apparatus, and most important the people who serve. Thank you. (Applause)

Mayor Meehan: I want to thank our Chief. At this minute I’d like to introduce the Director of Emergency Services for the town of Ocean City Joe Thiebold. (Applause.)
Joe Thiebold: I will be short and sweet for you all. You have heard everything you need to hear. It is hard to follow the Mayor and the Fire Chief. But on behalf of all Public Safety: the Police Department, Beach Patrol, Communications, we want you to enjoy yourself, have a meaningful conference and enjoy Ocean City, you have been here a lot of years. We want you to keep coming back. So that is enough said, you have a General waiting to talk to you, so you don’t need to see me, you have seen me before. Everybody have a good day and the conference. (Applause)

President David Keller III: At this time I would like to present a mug to the Chief of Ocean City and to Joe. Would you please come back out? Presents each with the Convention Mug and thanks them.

At this time it a privilege to introduce Major General Linda L. Singh the Adjunct General of Maryland. Major General Singh was appointed as the 29th Adjunct General of Maryland on January 21, 2015. The Adjunct General is responsible for the daily operations of the Maryland Military Department, which includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force. She is a senior advisor to the Governor and is responsible for the readiness, administration and the training of 67 members of the Military Department. She serves as an official channel between the Governor and the National Guard Bureau. It is now my privilege to introduce Major Singh.

Major Singh: Good morning. How are you all this morning? This beautiful, wonderful morning, you know as I was coming across the parking lot this morning, it really brings back memories. I say this because I’ve had a lot of time the last few years to be able to think. When you are in Afghanistan you think about a lot of things. What’s coming very vivid to me is some of my background and some of my roots and where things come from. When I think about what all of you mean to me. I think about it in terms of where were the fire departments when I was a little girl. Where did I spend time with my grandfather? Where was I with my uncle who was a volunteer fireman as well? If I was to rattle off all the places where I have fond memories of fire departments, it would be Winfield Fire Department, Libertytown Fire Department, New Windsor Fire Department, Union Bridge Fire Department, New Market Fire Department, Westminster Fire Department which I think was here this morning.

When I think of my later years its Prince George’s County and all the surrounding departments, Glen Dale and Bowie and I think Bowie was just at my house. They’ve been at my house twice. I’ve only been living at this house four months and they have been there twice. I hope that’s not a sign. The first time was for my neighbor who had locked her grandson in the car. That was the first time and then last week I was out of town and my husband told me the landscapers were there doing my yard and they hit my propane tank and the fire department had to show up. I’m just like I hope this is not a sign because they have been to my house twice. But when I think of, as a little girl,
we used to listen to the fire department monitor, we used to listen to the police monitor and my grandfather, even though he wasn’t a fireman, he would rush out if it was Libertytown or Winfield to see if they needed help. It’s just amazing because I never understood that, why would he always rush out when he would hear a call, especially if it was a pretty significant call, so he would rush out to see if he could help, just to see if he could lend a helping hand.

But then when I would stay with my uncle Charlie, so those of you from Westminster, Charles Dorm is my uncle. Married to my Dad’s mom and for as long as I can remember he was a volunteer fireman until he got hurt. But as a little girl he would go running out the door, down the steps and off in his car and there he’d go. I thought wow, he’s pretty cool. He’s pretty great. When I think of the women’s auxiliary that supports everything you do and they help and it’s more than just the auxiliary, because had more good meals at the fire department than I can imagine, just telling you, my favorite is to just go to the fire department and get fried chicken. That’s my favorite because they make fried chicken like you can’t imagine. You can’t have bad fried chicken at any fire department, by the way. My uncle, he’s a great person and if I think about the part he has, to be able to do what he did for so many years and how he’s missing it so much today, then I know the heart of each and every one of you. You’re special. You’re truly special and I hope that you have a wonderful convention. And what I’m going to end with is my oldest daughter, for those of you who have seen me speak before; my oldest daughter is a detective in Prince George’s County. She’s been on the force for about 10 years, but my youngest daughter that just graduated college, she graduated with a biology degree, made me very proud about a month ago. She graduated and no sooner she graduated she said mom, I want to wear a uniform like you and my sister, but she said I don’t think I can do the military and I don’t think I can be a police officer. So she said, I just reenrolled at University of Maryland, UMBC, to become a paramedic, so she has reenrolled, she’s going to do another three years to become a paramedic. I know she’s going to continue on but that’s what she wants to be able to do. And that to me says a lot because when I think about what it means for her to want to serve, like we serve. It makes me want to feel so proud that she’s going to be serving with some of you here in the near future. So have a wonderful convention and conference. Thank you for what you do. Please continue to bring the young ones along so they can continue to do that as well and they need to understand the value of what it means to volunteer through life. It’s something so special. Thank you. (Applause)

**President David Keller III:** At this time I’d like to present you a resolution and one of our gift bags for taking time out of your busy schedule to come down here and join us. It has been an honor to work with you for the last six months and I know the partnership between us will go on for a lot longer. Thank you (Applause)

At this time I’d like to introduce the Colonel of the Maryland State Police William Pallozzi.
Colonel Pallozzi: Thank you very much. The good thing about being the Superintendent of the State Police I get to be in charge of what I think is the greatest Police organization in the country. That said you’re asked to speak even though you didn’t know you were going to speak. So I’m here, just to be brief, I’d like to thank all of you for what you do as life safety partners with law enforcement. Certainly MSFA has a special place in MSP’s heart especially for all the work we do with our aviation command. As much as the General said I too have had an experience, as a trooper you think you know what you are doing, many years ago, my daughter just graduated high school, my oldest, she was about four when she had a femoral seizure and I turned her what I thought was a lifeless body over to a member of the Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department saying please help me. From a personal note, thank you very much for what you do. Thank you for your support of the Maryland State Police Aviation program. I wish you a great convention and all the best. Please stay safe and hopefully the Chief of Police for Ocean City has given you something in case you get in trouble down here. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President David Keller III: At this time Colonel we have a resolution for you.

At this time we have Alyssa Darr who is the membership manager of the National Volunteer Fire Council the leading nonprofit representative for volunteer fire and rescue personnel nationwide. She is the point of contact for all membership inquires through the NVFC.

Alyssa Darr: I’m Alyssa Darr the membership manager for the National Volunteer Fire Council. Earlier this year the NVFC and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association signed the All State agreement allowing the MSFA members to receive a special discounted rate on membership fees. Available only to MSFA members you can join the NVFC at a discounted rate of $7.50 per member, per year per firefighter. Membership fees are typically $15.00 per fire fighter, but MSFA is offering to pay half the membership fees for every MSFA member that joins the NVFC. For only $7.50 you receive a Ten Thousand dollar death and dismemberment insurance policy through Provident, a personalized membership card, a complementary membership to fire rescue magazine, access to courses, training and other materials, other waivers to application fees to Columbia University and more. To sign up all you need is a membership application form which can be found on line at www.nvfc.org/msfa or come by the NVFC booth at #1082 to get more information. There are two ways to consider membership rostering; either the Department can pick up the other half of the dues, members can be charged the other half of the dues by their department and the department can send in one check. If you have any questions stop by the booth and I’ll answer any questions for you. Thank You. (Applause)

President David Keller III: At this time I have a convention bag for you.
It is now my privilege to introduce the key note speaker for this morning. The keynote speaker is Liz Marks and her mom Betty Shaw. Just two weeks prior to her eighteenth birthday, Liz’s life was forever changed when she drove her car into the back of a flatbed truck near St. Michaels. Liz suffered a traumatic brain injury which was so acute the first responders on the scene didn’t expect her to survive. Confidence, brave, and a fighter are only a few terms that describe Liz. Her survival is spectacular and she wants to share her experience with everyone. If you don’t know Liz, you should. I can tell you that you will. I now present Liz Marks. (Applause)

First will be her mother Betty Shaw.

Betty Shaw: Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. It is an honor for Liz and I to be invited here today. Before Liz and I come out to speak I want to show you a video. It’s a video about Liz’s story. About her choosing to text and drive changed her life forever. Some of the people are the actual people who saved Liz’ life. Here’s her video (Video shown)

President David Keller III: With the introduction of Liz Marks, just so you all know. Liz has spoken with the secretary, Mr. Fox. She has been on WBOC and seen many times. She’s been on the Doctors show, she’s been on Night Line, she’s been on CBS, she’s travelled through the United States speaking about Liz’s story. At this time I’ll introduce Betty Shaw again. (Applause)

Betty Shaw: Thank you. Because Liz chose to text and drive, it not only changed her life but it changed her family’s life and my life as well. When I speak at events I try to share a story. Something that either happened to me or Liz. I do that in hope that the story will strike a chord with someone in the audience and the next time they are driving they remember the story and they choose not to pick up that phone. The story I’m going to tell is something that happened to me. It is a hard story to hear and it’s a hard story to tell. But I feel I should share this story with this group because communication is the key in saving lives. Cell phones and other devices are key. Your life savings skills are needed and you need some way to communicate. I understand that. Here’s what happened to me.

Liz was home from the hospital from her car accident about two months. Her friends came by to see her. Some moved on, some off to college and Liz felt left behind and Liz became depressed.

Before her car accident, Liz had minor depression issues. Depression runs in my family. I have depression in life. I seek treatment for it. Depression is a treatable condition and a part of normal life so when she started to be depressed, I got her the help she needed. She saw sociologists and therapists and with all that help I thought she would work through her depression. As time went on I noticed she wasn’t. So I
tried to get her more help and I couldn’t get anybody to see her. The waiting list was
over two months.

So in the meantime I hid anything that I thought she could hurt herself with. I locked
it up and I kept the key with me at all times. Then I watched her like a hawk. I never
left her alone. One day Liz comes up to me and she is pissed at me and she says,
Mom I know you are watching me. You’re watching my every move. Why can’t you
leave me alone? I hate my life. I hate the way I look. I feel ugly. No friends. I have
nothing to live for. Why can’t you let me kill myself? Please I would be happier if you
just let me die.

It was about six in the evening on the day she told me this, so I gave her sleeping meds
early. So I put her to sleep to stop thinking, to stop hurting. I crawled into bed with her
and I took this string, this string right here, this is the actual string. I took one end and
tied it to my wrist and took the other end and tied it to her wrist and I laid in bed with
her and I thought if she gets up to try to kill herself this shoestring is going to wake me
so I can stop her.

The next day I took Liz to a mental hospital. They evaluated her, they admitted her.
She was now in the State’s custody. I had no say in her care. The doctors told me
she would be there two to three days; she was there for nine days. She was in mental
critical health. I remember one of the therapists there telling me if Liz lives, that Liz has
to choose to want to live. Liz’s life was in her own hands. I was scared to death. I
would go and see Liz every day when she was in the mental hospital. On the third day
I visited her and she and her nurse were walking me out as I said good bye, as the exit
doors were closing between us, I heard Liz ask the nurse, can I give my mom one more
hug before I go, and the nurse said no. And then I remember with the doors between
my little girl and me I heard Liz crying as she was walking away, I stood there, I stood
there thinking I’m broken, I’m a broken woman. I never felt more hopeless, or helpless
or sad in my life. And then my cell phone rings, this one right here, the actual one that
I used to text my daughter with the day of the accident. It looks harmless. I pulled it out
of my pocket. I didn’t answer the call; I remember holding it in my hand.

I’m sorry this is going to be rough to say, but I remember saying, this phone has
destroyed my life. Why didn’t I make it clear enough to Liz not to text and drive? Why
did I text my 17 year old kid. At 17 we think we are invincible. Why was I so stupid
and so careless with this phone, why?

You know the fact that it was my text that Liz was reading when she had her car
accident is something that I have to live with for the rest of my life. Let me tell you, it
is not easy at all. It’s not. The next time you’re driving and your cell phone rings or
your beeper goes off, I hope you remember this story and find a safe way to answer
that call. I hope you don’t drive distracted and find that safe way to answer that call.
Hopefully you'll find a safer way to use that cell phone device through hands free or an app. They are out there and they are free. If you have to answer that call, pull over, pull over safely and answer that call.

Liz and I are not against phones. We love our phones and use our phones all the time. Now we use them responsibly and safely and that’s all we are asking you to do. Be responsible with your cell phones. Make sure you tell your young drivers, adults are just as guilty, the dangers of texting and driving, PLEASE. Learn from my mistake.

Now I want to tell you why Liz chose to live, and if you think it was for me, her mom, you would be mistaken. Liz was home from the mental hospital and she was not cured, she was stabilized, so I watched her like a hawk, I never left her alone still.

One day I took her to Wal-Mart with me this woman was staring at her, a lot of people, not everyone, but a lot of people stare at Liz. Staring is bad enough but it’s the smart remarks and giggles directed towards her that really disturbed me. So sometimes I would go up and confront these people and I would be ugly right back at them, it’s horrible. So we are at Wal-Mart shopping, this woman is staring at my daughter, so I go up to confront her, Liz stops me and says, mom you embarrass me when you do that. You need to knock it off. Let me go up to them. So I stand back and let Liz talk to this lady and as Liz is speaking to this lady, I noticed the woman beginning to cry. Then she hugged Liz and then told Liz how beautiful she was. Then she wanted to know if Liz could come to her son’s school and share her story, and if she was on Facebook and could she Facebook her. Could she just be her friend? This woman was hooked. She fell in love with Liz in moments and it was amazing and beautiful to see.

From that moment, that day on if anyone slightly stared at Liz she beeline it toward them and she told her story. It was about six weeks had gone by and I was sure that all of Easton knew of Liz’s story because she can talk. She is a talker. If you ever get to know Liz, she’s a talker. But she comes to me and she says I think I know why I didn’t die from my car accident because I want to save lives. I want to make a video about my story. Maybe that can be my way of thanking the St. Michaels Fire Department, the nurses and doctors; the EMTs the paramedics who saved my life.

That was the moment that Liz talked about her future. She was inspired by the men and women, the heroes that saved her life. It was that moment that I knew that Liz was choosing to live. YES! She was choosing to live by the men and women who saved her life, people like you.

So I had this business card from this guy named Clay Stamp. I didn’t know who Clay Stamp was. I didn’t know how important Clay was. Now he’s really important. But I had gotten the card because this man was nice enough to come and see Liz while she was at Shock Trauma’s ICU. I can’t say enough about Shock Trauma. He went there
to see her. I wasn’t there, but he left his card. I kept it so I thought I would give him a call. Maybe he knows how to get a hold of the responders because Liz and I wanted them for her video. I was calling but did not realize he was MR 911 of Talbot Co. I had no idea. So I call him, tell him who I am, he remembers Liz and he asks how Liz is doing. Then he says hold on, I think I know someone who might be able to help you with your video. Let me see what I can do. And that’s how the video was made, through MIEMSS.

Thank you Jim Brown, thank you Brian LeCates, thank you Clay Stamp. These three wonderful gentlemen gave Liz the video, made Liz the video, the one that she wanted and she needed to share her story. She takes this video and shares it with adults and students throughout the country. We travel everywhere throughout the United States. Liz is very proud of that video. There’s another video, it’s made through, it’s made through the United States Department of Transportation. This wonderful woman, Lori Millen, she’s their marketing director. She gave me a call one day and asked if Liz could share her story and we said yes of course. And through her and her team another video was made. They posted it on U-Tube and that video has had over 8 million hits. Liz’s story is now known round the world.

We get letters and cards from people around the world and the US telling us they have changed the habits of the way they use their cell phones behind the wheel. So now Liz’s story is now known around the world. Their response is pronominal!

You know the videos, the TV appearances and the speaking events that Liz and I have been lucky enough to do – none of them would have happened if Liz didn’t choose to live. And she chose to live because she was inspired by the men and women – the heroes that saved her life. People like you inspired my daughter to live. Thank you!

So before I have Liz come out and speak, I just want to say this: Before Liz’s car accident I had nothing really major in my life happen, I was lucky. And then April 7th came and I had no idea and was totally unaware the sheer professionalism, the greatness, the volunteering, the sacrifice of your personal time I had no idea. So I want to say to you that I am forever eternally grateful to the men and women who saved Liz’s life. I thank them from the bottom of my heart and soul and her family does too. I am thankful and grateful for the men and women here in this room. Thank you for your compassion, thank you for your dedication, thank you for your life-saving skills. The people in the state of Maryland are lucky – extremely lucky – that there are men and women like you watching over us, taking care of us in our time of need. God bless you all and thank you. (Applause) And now I am going to have Liz come out.

Liz Marks: I’d say good morning but it is almost afternoon now. Good morning and thank you for letting me speak here today.
Before my car accident my life was honestly so great! I would be a model and go to college. But on April 7, 2012 my life forever changed. I was driving and I looked down to read a text and it said only two letters from my Mom – OK – when I drove into the back of a flatbed tow truck that had stopped in my lane in front of me. I have no memory of the car accident or two months before and two months after. I did drive and text at the time, I thought everyone else is doing it, so I thought it was OK. I lied to my family and friends about it all the time. This car accident has forever changed my life. I hurt my family and my friends for my mistake. I will always regret hurting Mom. That stupid little mistake that made something big.

At first the car accident changed my life for the worst. I remember when I had to be admitted to a mental hospital in lock-down for nine whole days. My thoughts at the time were – why am I alive and what is the point in living? I couldn’t drive, couldn’t go to college and I felt ugly – I felt so ugly. I had nothing to look for or to do except surgery and therapy. I have now had 14 surgeries but I don’t remember 11 so I am doing pretty good! But with the help of medicine I received and the help mainly from my Mom who kept me strong, I realized how important life was and I wanted to live. I always want to live now.

I want to say thank you to all the people that saved my life and thank you to all the people that are saving other people’s lives. **You guys are my heroes, my deepest heroes!** I want to become just like you guys. I thought maybe if I shared my story of me texting while driving, then maybe I could save some other people’s lives like you guys do too.

I give wristbands to people I talk to. They are lime green because that is the color they sprayed my accident scene and documented it with. On my wristbands it says “Don’t text and drive for Liz Marks”. I also ask people to use their phones responsibly.

There are apps out there, there are many, there is one called an app called “Wonder” dedicated just for me. Let me tell you this guy is VERY good looking! I mean very very good looking. (Apologizes to Mom – Audience laughs.) You can go to join warner.com app. My Mom and I use it all the time so you should visit it. It is safe and free too!

My life today is much better but it took a lot in me to become who I am. And I don’t want anyone going through what I went through. Why put yourself in a situation that would make you like me or even worse dead. Save yourself and others – don’t text and drive!

And last I want to thank all the men and women out there who saved my life. **Thank you with all my heart and soul and everything I got in me!** Thank you for everything you did or otherwise I wouldn’t be here. Thank you! (Applause and standing ovation.)
President David Keller III: All righty, WOW. At this time I have two of our Convention Bags to present to you all.

As President Keller makes the presentation, those responsible for Liz’s care after the accident enter the stage announced by 2nd Vice President Mike Davis: Phil Jones, Kevin Smith, Aaron Korea, Jessica Castle, Holly and Sean Guske, Penny Calley - Paramedic TCA, Aaron Davidson – EMT, Brian Schily – Shift Captain Talbot County, Brian LeGates – EMS Chief, Clay Stamp – Director Emergency Services, Cpl. Scott Moore – MSP, Keith Patterson – Pilot MSP Aviation Retired, Trooper Krebs – Paramedic MSP Aviation, Shock Trauma Team: Tara Carlson – Development Manager Shock Trauma, Dr. Laura Buchcannon – Admitting Doctor Shock Trauma, Sherry Carver – Admitting Nurse, Jim Brown – MIEMSS, Lt. Walter Kerr – MSP Aviation Retired, and the Honorable Jim Malone – Delegate. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: This is the first time Liz has gotten to see everyone at one time. So with the help of the Convention Committee we were able to get the people who saw her from the very beginning to the end. So this is Maryland’s Fire Service at its best right here. (Applause.)

At this time we will go ahead and dismiss the ladies to go ahead and prepare for their Conference.

First Vice President Johnie F. Roth Jr: Okay, if everyone can find a seat we will continue. If everyone can find a seat so we can continue please.

Good morning again. We would certainly like to recognize some of our out-of-state guests with us this morning. If you could please stand and be recognized.

First, Howard County Executive Alex Kettleman, if you would stand and be recognized. Also Carroll County Commissioner Stan Wentz.

President Tony Ozso, First Vice President Joe Zerles, Secretary Elmer Steel, Past President from Delaware. The out-of-state coordinator is no stranger to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Steve Austin also a Past President, Raymond Stevens, Past President, Jim McCall, Past President. From the Delaware Volunteer Fire Association Executive Committee Jim Lazinski, also from Delaware Ralph Satterfield. From the Cumberland Valley Firemen’s Association Walter Robinson, President and their First Vice President, our own Hoby Howell.

Welcome to the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention. If we could have a round of applause. (Applause.)

Okay at this time we would like to have a motion to accept the minutes of the 2013-
2014 Convention from the floor please?
Motion made and seconded from the floor. (No name or department given.) All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed signify by saying nay. Motion carried.

I would like to present Rick Hemphill for a reading of the MSFA Credentials.

**Assistant Secretary Rick Hemphill:** Thank you Vice President Roth. The registration of companies and people registered at this Convention as of 9:45 a.m. are 22 Past Presidents, 231 Companies in good standing. Each Past President is allowed to cast one vote and each company is eligible to cast 5 votes. Therefore the 231 registered companies here can exercise their privilege to vote for a total of 1,155. The Past Presidents can add 22 making a total of votes cast is 1,177. Thank you. Have a good day and we will see you all tomorrow morning.

**President David Keller III:** Good morning. It is great to see all you again. My full report is on page 25 of the Convention Book.

Before we dismissed the ladies I wanted to do something a little special but I will tell everyone in the audience real quick, that our Executive Meetings, on Sundays we wanted to have something worthwhile to do, so we did a Bessie Marshall Fund Raiser and we actually raised $1,000 for Bessie Marshall Fund this year. (Applause)

President Keller used the gavel to ask those that wanted to have a private conversation to take it outside the hall. There are people in here actually wanting to listen to reports to see what is going on at our Convention.

Some of the highlights that I have had this year were:

- We had a successful legislative session. We defeated the Sprinkler Bill. We got the Assault on First Responders passed.
- The networking with our partners, you’ll see more on that later on this morning. But the networking with our partners has been great. And actually with Liz Marks you saw some of that with MSP, Shock Trauma – you saw how it all worked well.
- I also had the privilege to attend two 50th Anniversaries. One was the Delaware State Fire School and the other one was for the State Fire Marshal’s Office. There are a few dates that actually mean something. I was sworn in last year on June 17th which was my brother’s birthday. On June 20th when we got to the beach, we found out that Maryland declared that John Hoglund Day. So I got two remarkable dates to happen during my term.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize those who have made this past year a
SUCCESS:

• My wife, Vickie;
• My son, Davie;
• Executive Committee Chair, Charlie Abrecht;
• My companies,
  o Citizens Truck Company;
  o The Junior Fire Company
  o Williamsport Fire and EMS.
• My counties,
  o Frederick County
  o Washington County

And to all you individuals who have given your support through words of encouragement, giving your time to keep me straight, I appreciate it.

So I guess the biggest thing I have to say is the theme of this year’s Convention – THANK YOU! So I want to thank you. That concludes my report. (Applause)

I now call on First Vice President Johnie Roth for his report.

First Vice President Johnie Roth: Thank you Mr. President. MSFA members and guests, it is always a pleasure to be with you this morning. My report can be found on pages 27 and 28 of the Program Book with the following corrections, we had to turn things in a little earlier. I ended up traveling this year a total of 39,267 miles. I certainly want to thank you all for all your hospitality wherever I travelled. Also on page 28 I had noted that volunteers would be receiving $5000 in the Maryland Subtraction Program this coming year, unfortunately that was removed from the Hometown Heroes Bill. But members will still have a $250 increase over each year up to $4000. We have spoken with the Governor, he stated he will try and make every attempt to put that back into next year’s budget. Those are the two corrections to my report.

Finally, I would like to thank all the County Associations, as well as the Auxiliaries. Any invitations we have had for parades, fund raisers, and banquets and the like, thank you. It has been a great year. We certainly look forward to working with you again.

That concludes my report. I thank you for that and I would like to introduce the Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Mike Davis. (Applause.)

Second Vice President Mike Davis: Thank you Johnie. I guess you didn’t need to use the step did you? It is a pleasure and an honor to be up here and serving as your second vice president this past year. I have been travelling through the state and I have seen a number of you many, many times. I do appreciate the sincere support and all the remarks and kind jesters you have given me and the hospitality extended to me everywhere I have been. I look forward to it for a couple of more years.

My report starts on Page 29 and in between they stuck our lovely Governor of our State and I encourage you to read what that man has to say because that man is very
receptive to us. Just a little note in case you didn’t know, he had over 14,000 requests for meet and greet and he put us at the top of the list and squeezed us in there within a couple of months. We were scheduled in his office the first he had time. He was back from a long trip in Asia and still had jet-lag and was still willing to meet with us. It was a very pleasurable experience and he wanted to talk business. We wanted to talk “Hi, how are you?” and he wanted to talk business. We have a good man in that Office and we really look forward to working with the new Governor and his Administration. It is going to be a good ride for the next four years at least.

With that said, everything is in my report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My information is in there. Have a safe time at the beach. We look forward to seeing you all out here in the parade and in the coming years. Thank you for your support. And now the Secretary, Mr. Doyle Cox. (Applause.)

**Secretary Doyle Cox:** Good morning! Real quick. You have seen me around the state this year. The office has been very busy and my appreciation to all the Assistant Secretaries. The report is on page 33. Take a few moments and read it and see what the Office of the Secretary has accomplished and performed this year. Thank you and look forward to serving you again next year. Thanks a lot. (Applause.)

**President David Keller III:** I now introduce the Treasurer Ron Siarnicki.

**Treasurer Ron Siarnicki:** Good morning. It is a pleasure to see all of you here with us today. Most importantly is to report that Treasurer of the MSFA is on page 37 in the Program Book. I am excited to report that we have had another financially successful year. The Financial Team has been working to bring the organizational components together. We have finished our independent financial review by the accounting firm of Fyke, Connor and Associates who are the certified public accountants that do that for us. Happy to report that we finished the year with all expenses paid. All the costs of programs are taken care of and a positive return of $70,000 to the Association. So that is a good piece for all of us. (Applause.)

Our Federal Tax Returns have been filed and our State Tax Returns filed successfully and no issues have been reported by the management of the auditors. So that is the efforts of your entire team and I want to thank them for all they have done. Thank you for allowing me this time today. Appreciate it. (Applause.)

**President David Keller III:** I now called on Past President Steve Cox with the Financial Report for Mitch Vocke.

**Past President Steve Cox:** Thank you Mr. President. First of all on behalf of Mitch, he wants to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. He is downstairs in the financial office busy working as I speak. That is why I am giving his report.
His report is on page 37 of the Program Book, it is within the Financial Team Report. He asked that you PLEASE use the post office box. If you get an invoice, on the top of the invoice is the new post office box. PLEASE use that post office box, there has been a number of checks sent to the old post office box or to another address and there has been a little bit of confusion. So PLEASE do that.

Some dues that are not paid: Allegany County: Clarysville, Cumberland Hose, Anne Arundel County: Avalon Shores, Prince Georges County: Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association, Cottage City, P.G. Volunteer Marine Unit, Associate Member: St. Mary’s Emergency Communications. Thank you. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: I now call to the podium Chief Chaplain John Long.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning again. My report is on pages 37 and 38. I hope you enjoyed the Memorial Service last night and the changes we made to it. I would also like to ask you to keep Past President Fred Cross as he just took his wife back home. And also Past President of the LAMSFA Pat Deamond’s husband is not doing very well and they are taking him off life support. Thank you and have a great convention. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: I now call to the podium Danny Carpenter from the Trustees.

Danny Carpenter, Chair of Trustees: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 123rd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The Trustees Report is printed in the Convention Book but I would just like to highlight a few things.

This past year we paid benefits to 32 widows, 3 dependent children, and we had 3 dependent children in college this past year that we paid benefits to them. We also had 12 line of duty injuries this past year, we had no line of duty deaths which was a very good thing. Four years ago the Line of Duty Death Benefit was $6,000. The Trustees had committed to increase that every year for the next four years until we reached the goal of $10,000 per benefit. We reached that goal this past year in July 2014.

I would like to remind everybody to visit the MSFA.org website and look under Trustees where the procedures manual is printed in there, all the forms are printed in there and any assistance you may need, don’t hesitate to contact one of the Trustees.

I would like to recognize the Trustees: myself, Dan Carpenter, Chairman; Vice Chairman, Douglas Alexander; Secretary, Jeffery Thompson; Trustee, Terry Thompson, PP; and Trustee, Gene Worthington, PP Thank you very much. (Applause.)
President David Keller III: I now ask for Standing Committees and Special Committees. We will now have Stu Carter from the Incentives Committee come to the podium.

Stu Carter, Incentives Committee: Good morning. You will find my report on page 55 of the Program Book. It is very well worth mentioning again about the Maryland Tax Incentive, it will go up another $250 this year to $4000. Please make sure your members of your company are aware of this when they do their taxes for next year. For the companies who prepare their own tax forms make sure you change the bottom of it to reflect the $4000 so that your members do know they can take that amount of money. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: I now call to the podium Steven Scheinin for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report.

Steven Scheinin, Chair: Good morning. My name is Steven Scheinin, Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company, Harford County. I am the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The committee worked fully on the two by-law changes you will consider tomorrow morning. We never met face to face, we did everything electronically. If you are interested in following the actions of the committee, then you can go to the newly revised Maryland State Firemen’s Association website, click on committees and then Constitution and By-Laws, there is a direct link to me. If you are interested in submitting a by-law or constitution change to be considered for at the 2016 Convention, then the dates that you must keep in mind are on page 47 of the Program Book. If you have any questions, I will be over in the Harford Cecil Delegation. I will be here for the rest of the Convention. Thank you. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: I now call to the podium Ron Siarnicki with the Convention Report.

Ron Siarnicki, Chair: I am back! I would like to provide a little more information on the Convention. First of all, there is a full printed report on page 43 of the Program Book. So a lot has been happening right here in Ocean City as you can tell with the layout of the building and the changes that have gotten underway with the construction. I want to thank the entire Convention Committee, including the Steering Committee especially, for helping us how to bring you the best Convention that we can. You heard the Mayor talking about that and he has made a true commitment so the resources would be here to help us provide an excellent convention.

And so with the Performing Arts Center that has been added next door, and if you haven’t figured it out yet, it is being referred to as the PAC – no we are not doing elections or funding or officers but that is the short term for the Performing Arts Center. It has caused us to do a complete redesign of our program schedule. And when you
have convention activities that run for eight days, there was a whole lot of stuff that had to be tweaked and changed. But we wanted to make sure we met the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws because that does lay out very specifically what requirements have to be met for the Convention to occur.

In addition, we wanted to make sure we provided the full range of training activities and seminars along with the secondary meetings and activities that go on in addition to the business of the MSFA and LAMSFA. So we have kind of juggled it around and we ask that you bear with us as we know there are some issues with timing and scheduling. We do our very best to try and keep the schedules printed correctly. We know we had an issue with one of the meetings yesterday. But there is an Information Desk in the lower level lobby as you come into the main foyer. Good place to go if you have a question or concern about anything that is going on in the convention center.

There is a ton of signage out there that is put together to point you in the right direction. And we are still trying to provide those family related activities that the Mayor talked about as well. So that you, a member of the emergency services come to Ocean City, your families can have a great experience here as well. And so we are doing the event at Jolly Roger Park tonight again. So if you haven’t gotten your tickets, come on down for that. Plus of course, we are excited the Purse, Bag and Bingo tonight. Right after we conclude today, the room will be cut down in sections and the bingo and prayer breakfast will be on that side of the hurricane bracing up along the window for the bingo. There will be a change-over of this room during lunch. Plus on Tuesday night there are three events: a block party down in conjunction with the OC Alpha Chapter of the Fools down at Cowboy Coast which is a fundraiser for NFFF charities; the Joint Installation of Officers will be in the Performing Arts Center next door; and the Pajama Parade will be in the Performing Arts Center as well.

The Prayer Breakfast, as I said, will be in here. And we are doing a 5K run and walk on the Boardwalk at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning as well. Get your jogging shorts on and do a walk on the Boardwalk starting at the Firefighter’s Memorial going north and then back down.

The Executive Committee meeting is still scheduled for Thursday in the Performing Arts Center starting at 9 a.m., and the golf tournament at Eagle’s Landing has been moved to 8 a.m. on Friday. So there are some changes to the schedule you might have seen last year.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the entire Convention Committee and the Steering Committee along with the Convention Center Staff. And most of all the town of Ocean City – the Mayor, the Counsel and all of the officials for fire and public safety. They really have done everything they could, the department of transportation, public works to help us have a good convention in Ocean City.
So thank you. And I am going to close by saying there is a Convention Survey at the Information Desk and anyone who received a bag with the registration, there is a Convention Survey in there as well. We really would like to get your input on how we can make your Convention even better. Thank you very much and I will be around all week if you have a chance to chat. I’d like to hear what you are thinking. Be safe! (Applause.)

President David Keller III: I now call to the podium Joe Antoszewski with the VCAF report.

Joe Antoszewski: Good morning. Thank you President Keller. President Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests to the 123rd Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association the MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board met 5 times since our last convention. Needless to say this year has brought many changes. The VCAF application process made some changes that have been very beneficial and netted some positive results.

The application process is done exclusively online. It is viewed, judged and approved online by VCAF members and is now open to the MSFA Executive Committee to review and see any up-coming applications after they have been finalized. It is hoped that this program will allow all settlement, pre-closing and closing documents to be uploaded into the application as well which should eventually allow the Department of Military Personnel to review selected documents needed to proceed with a timely and easy settlement. The settlements have been handled exclusively through the VCAF secretary’s office. It makes sense since the secretary has already had most of the paperwork.

With these vast improvements and the fact the Executive Committee lowered the interest rate to 1%, we have had the busiest year to date of either the Board of Review or the Low Interest Loan. We received 22 applications in the past year. The amount of the applications is amazing and speaks volumes for the progress of the program. Total funds awarded this year was approximately $7.5 million in loans and grants.

Our thanks are extended to Wylie Donaldson for his on-going support as liaison to the Board, the MSFA, the Department of the Military and the Board of Public Works and to the Department of the Military Katherine Kelly, Scott Gordon and David Porter. I would be remiss if I did not thank our Chairman Craig Harmon for all the hard work he has done to get this process online and to our Secretary Pat Bowser who has done wonderful work in getting settlements and closing documents to everyone. Thank you, that concludes my report. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: Are there any other reports? With seeing none, we want to go ahead and give you the caucus announcements right after this session: In room 201, the Eastern Shore; Room 202 is Carroll County; Room 204 Howard County;
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Harford-Cecil in room 214; Room 217 Southern Maryland; Baltimore County in room 201M; in room 204M Prince George’s County. So those are your caucuses.

At this time I would like to open the nominations for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And at this time I recognize Jim Seavey to the podium.

**Executive Committee Vice Chair Jim Seavey:** Thank you Mr. President. President Keller, Vice President Davis, other Officers, Chaplain Long, Chaplains Corps, fellow Executive Committee Members, Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and fellow members of this great organization, it brings me tremendous pleasure and it is an unbelievable honor to stand before you today and present to you a man of humble roots. A man who had a long and hard career, a loving family man and yet a great officer thus far in this wonderful and great organization. I will not belabor this nomination by recalling all the information I provided to you on the previous nominations for his second and first vice presidential roles.

Yet, if you will indulge me, I will speak to the recent works of this wonderful example of human spirit and determination. I shall speak of a man whose tenacious desire to service this august body. I shall speak of a man who has undergone many a personal challenge to still charge forth seeking the highest position in all our association. I shall speak of a man with a vision, yes a vision, his vision sees farther than this group has ever looked before. His vision transcends the capabilities of a pair of binoculars. His vision transcends the capabilities of the Hubble Telescope. His vision is absolutely going to set this organization ablaze with so many great and new projects and programs that have largely not been charted before. This is a great leader who without yelling and demanding has brought forth some of the best and brightest of our next generation to serve this cherished association. This is a great leader who with your help will propel us beyond any previous level in a commitment to crush and destroy the hideous disease of cancer.

This is a great leader who without pause or hesitation offered to move us light years ahead through the preparation for hosting and providing a strategic planning summit which we will hopefully host next spring and we will be able to report to you in the following months that follow. This is a great leader who believes so strongly in youth providing the energy to empower this organization that he is going to move forward during his year with the establishment of the MSFA Intern Program over the course of the coming year which will reach the hills of the western part of our state, the tidewaters of the eastern shore, the piedmont of the central and northeast part of our state and the plains of Southern Maryland to discover and bring forth the best and brightest of our future generation to begin their service to this, yes this esteemed organization. This is a great leader who with your help, plans to hold new events during the year to highlight and showcase both the great works of the MSFA and the LAMSFA.

And finally, this is a great leader who is going to work with the Executive Committee
and its leadership toward reformation of their meetings, working toward streamlining the meetings and providing enhance efficiency and better use of telecommunications which will ultimately in the years to come provide a generous savings of treasury of our organization in the process.

Ladies and gentlemen I could not be more pleased to have reached this day and I can assure you neither can he or his family. It is with a huge and open heart that I would ask that you would embrace and welcome our leader, coach, mentor and the public face of this organization for the coming year. The husband of a great woman in her own right, father to a dear daughter and son and of course I would be remiss if not to recognize the fact that he is also a very doting grandfather to a great granddaughter. Or should I say a granddaughter who is great?

I now present to you the man who will occupy the Captain’s seat on the flight deck, sitting behind the steering wheel, the man with his hand on the throttle, the man with the nuclear code, your next President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Please rise with me and put your hands together and help us welcome our next President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Chief Johnie Roth. (Applause.)

Past President Roger Steger: Good morning. It is an honor and a privilege to second the nomination for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and read the list of seconds: Past Presidents: Oscar Baker, Bobby Balta, Clarence Carpenter, Doyle Cox, Steve Cox, Bob Cumberland, Danny Davis, John Denver, Carl Edelin, Phil Hurlock, Bobby Jacobs, Dave Lewis, Jackie Olson, Leonard King, Bob Knippenburg, Tommy Mattingly, Joe Robison, Roger Powell, Bernie Smith, Paul Sterling, Tom Tharp, Terry Thompson as President of the Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Frank Underwood, Gene Worthington and Richard Yinger. LAMSFA Past Presidents: Teresa Crisman, Elaine Huttenloch, Carol Hayden, Lois Hetz, Kathy Knipple, Sandy Lutz, Rose Pandolfini, Sherry Soper, Peggy Zembower, Robyn Hahn also President of the Harford Cecil Firemen’s Association. Others seconding nomination: Chief Larry Gaddis Bethesda Fire Dept., Chief David Dwyer Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chief John Hartley Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Les Strongburg Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chief Jim Seavey Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Darin Long, Damascus, Chief Matt Kinworthy Germantown, Chief Michael Kelly Sandy Springs, Chief George Brown Sandy Springs, Chief Tom Musgrove Tacoma Park, Maryland State Firemen’s Association members Mark Bilger, Mike Faust, Ben Kurtz, Richard Smith, Dan Stevens, and Chuck Walker. Maryland State Firemen’s Association Trustee Jeff Thompson, Recruitment & Retention Chair Joe Chornock, John Wathen First Vice President Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, John Hoglund Chaplain Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Calvin Stack 2nd Vice President Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Chief Hugh Owens 1st Vice President Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Harry Gezard President Sharpsburg, Lee Lutz President Glendale Fire Association, Lee Coffman President and Chief Sandy Springs, Len Holden President
Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Russell Marken President Hillandale, Zachary Cole President Havre de Grace, Rick Blair Captain Clear Spring, David Kyle Flintstone VFD, Donna Struntz Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain and we got the following Fire Departments and Rescue Squads: Bethesda Fire Department, Bethesda/Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Cabin John Park VFD, Damascus Fire Department, Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Fire Department, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Fire Company, Sandy Springs Fire Company, Tacoma Park Fire Company, Western Enterprise Fire Company, Maryland Fire and Rescue Associations: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Dorchester, Eastern Shore Firemen’s Association, Frederick County Firemen’s Association, Howard County, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Association, Talbot County Fire and Rescue Auxiliary, Washington County and Worcester County. Thank you for your support. Drum Major, strike up the band.

President David Keller III: Is there any other nominations for the Office of President, Is there any other nominations for the Office of President, Ronnie Watkins from Damascus says close, second by Stu Carter. The motion is closed. All those in favor say aye, any opposed, All righty. We’ll now open up the nominations for the office of First Vice President. We’ll call to the podium John MacDowell from Baltimore County. John MacDowell: Thank you Mr. President. As President of Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association it’s my pleasure to nominate Michael A. Davis for the office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This past year Michael has been learning the roles of the MSFA presidency under the guidance of President Dave Keller and First Vice President Johnie Roth. He’s driven thousands of miles and spent countless hours travelling to the MSFA meetings, the Ladies Auxiliary conferences, County Association meetings, dedication, the memorial services, carnivals, conventions and installations. Mike also attended several auxiliary MSFA events with his wife supporting her as the President of the Auxiliary of the MSFA. He’s a member of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company still finding time to attend their meetings, spend time at the fire house, catch a run here and there, and still have quality time with his family. He and his wife were able to have another boy two weeks before Christmas and still be dedicated to this association. Mike shares a particular interest in recruitment and retention as well as fire prevention and safety. He feels we need to continue to ensure the association is operating the best that it can. Michael’s past experience working and volunteering in public safety and serving as 2nd Vice President this past year makes him a candidate for the office of First Vice President. At this time I’d like to call on Past President Robert Bobby Jacobs to second the nomination. Bobby Jacobs PP: Thank you John. It’s certainly my pleasure and honor to do the seconds for Mike. The individuals that are supporting Mike are the following: Past Presidents Bobby Balta, Fred Cross, Doyle Cox, Danny Davis, Richard Yinger, Carl Edelin, Philip Hurlock, Stephan Cox, Leonard King Sr., Bob Knippenburg, Dave Lewis, Tom Mattingly, Roger Powell, Joe Robinson, Bernie Smith, Gene Worthington, Roger Steger, Paul Sterling, Frank Underwood, Roger
Powell, John Denver, MSFA Assistant Secretary and Past President Southern Maryland Shirley Copado, Diane Gunter, Nancy and Tom Scott, Ron Siarnicki, Wylie Donaldson, Mitch Vocke, John Long, Charlie Barnhart, Harry Hetz, Jim Seavey, Tim Dayton, Mike Faust, Ben Kurtz, Doug Simpkins, Justin Towles, Daniel Stevens, Charles Walker, Jeff Thompson, Dan Carpenter, Doug Alexander, the members of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and the members of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Association to join us now as we present to you Mike Davis for the office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you.

President David Keller III: Is there any other nominations for the Office of First Vice President, is there any other nominations for the Office of First Vice President? Hearing none do I have a motion to close? By Dougie Simpkins, second by Bernie Smith. All in favor signify aye, opposed nay, the aye’s have it.

I now open up the office of Second Vice President. I bring to the podium President Charlie Simpson. Charlie Simpson: President Keller, Officers and Members of this great association, my fellow delegates, alternates, clergy and distinguished guests. I am Charles J. Simpson Jr., member of Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company. I am a member of the MSFA training committee, member of the MSFA EMS committee and the MSFA advanced life and currently I serve as the President of the Carroll County Emergency Services Association. I stand before you to nominate Mark A. Bilger for the office of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mark is an active member of the Hampstead Volunteer Engine and Hose Company #1. Since joining the company he has served in various elected and appointed positions including delegate to the County and State Associations and conventions. He’s also successfully completed numerous leadership courses to better prepare himself for a greater role, particularly in this association. Mark is a Past President of the Carroll County Emergency Services Association and he continues to work with great active participation in the many roles our association produces. Mark has chaired with great success our annual convention this past year that was held in Hampstead. In 1992 Mark was asked to be a member of the training committee, which he continues to be a member. Since 1994 he’s chaired the MSFA Fire Laws book committee and 2005 Mark chaired the MSFA statistical committee and in 2009 he was appointed to the Executive Committee as a representative for Carroll and Howard Counties. In 2000 Mark was inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame. In 2013 Mark retired from the Office of the State Fire Marshal an organization he joined in 1993, as a sworn Deputy State Fire Marshal. In 2000 he was promoted to Deputy Chief. In his role as Deputy Chief Mark supervised sworn and civilian personnel in multi county agencies and regions. While serving as Deputy Chief Mark was assigned to the Maryland Emergency Management Operations Center. At MEMA Mark’s role was to assume the role of managing agency’s resources in the state EOC during times of disaster.

One of the last things I want to mention about Mark is for the last 25 years he’s been
a loving and devoted husband to his wife Nancy. The young lady standing next to him on the stage. Ladies and Gentlemen I respectively request that you cast your vote for Mark A. Bilger for the next MSFA Second Vice President. I now call to the podium Leon Flemming First Vice President of the Hampstead Fire Engine and Hose Co #1 and Past President of the Carroll County Emergency Services to second the nomination. **Leon Fleming:** President Keller, Officers, Delegates, Clergy and honored guests the following is a list of people joining me to 2nd the nomination of Mark Bilger for the office of Second Vice President of the Association. **Past Presidents:** C. Oscar Baker, Robert C. Cumberland Jr., Joseph R. Robison, Thomas A. Mattingly Sr., Bernie J. Smith, Philip M. Hurlock, Richard L. Yinger, George A. “Fred” Cross Jr., Doyle Cox, C. Daniel Davis Jr., Robert E. Knippenburg, Carl B. Edelin Jr., Roger A. Steger Sr., Gene Worthington, Terry E. Thompson, Robert W. Jacobs, Paul H. Sterling Jr., Bobby Balta Jr., Frank J. Underwood, Roger N. Powell, Stephan D. Cox, David W. Lewis, John Denver, Jackie Olson. County Associations: Allegany-Garrett Counties, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Cecil County, Howard County, Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, Talbot County, and Worcester County. Maryland State Officers: Treasurer Ronald J. Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Chief Chaplain Rev. John F. Long Jr., Assistant Chaplain Deacon Charles E. Barnhart Jr., Harry Hetz. Trustee: Chair Dan Carpenter III, Vice Chairman Doug Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer Jeffery Thompson.


Others: Steve Wantz, Past President of CCEA and current Carroll County Commissioner; Dave Kala, Past President Allegany-Garrett Association; Juliiee Casey, President of the Howard County Association; Robyn Hahn, President of the Eastern Shore Association and Tom Collins, Ocean City Fire Company.

**President David Keller III:** Is there any other nominations for the Office of Second Vice President? Is there any other nominations for the Office of Second Vice President? Motion to close. Motion by Ron Watkins and second by John Spiker. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed Nay. Motion carries.
We will now open up the Office of the Secretary. I call to the podium Past President Danny Davis.

**Past President Danny Davis:** Good morning! President Keller, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Honor Guests, it is an honor to stand before you today to place the nomination for the office of Secretary Doyle E. Cox. Doyle has served this Association over the years as President, Chair of the Executive Committee and served on other committees. He currently serves as Secretary where he and his office is doing an outstanding job. Doyle is a member of the MSFA and the SMVFA Hall of Fame. He has served the Southern Maryland Association as President. Doyle is a friend and I am asking you to support Doyle as Secretary of the MSFA. To join me and second the nomination of Doyle is Past President Richard Yinger.

**Past President Richard Yinger:** I second the nomination for Doyle Cox for Secretary – he’ll make a good one!

**President David Keller III:** Is there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Is there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Motion from the floor to close nominations by Danny and second by Joel McCrae. All those in favor signify. All those opposed signify. The ayes have it.

We will open up the office of Treasurer. I call to the podium Past President Bobby Jacobs.

**Past President Bobby Jacobs:** Thank you Mr. President. President Keller and Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, MSFA Officers, Delegate and member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association it is an honor and my pleasure to place in nomination before this body an 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. In addition, he has continued to demonstrate an outstanding commitment to the MSFA by serving on many committees and chairs the annual convention – a challenge in itself. Ron has worked diligently and has shown great expertise in maintaining the physical affairs of this organization and will continue to do so in the future to ensure all federal and state regulations and mandates are met ensuring that this organization is in compliance.

Ron’s fire service commitment exceeds well over 30 years as a volunteer and career firefighter retiring as the Chief of Prince George’s Fire and EMS Department and is currently President of United Communities Fire Company in Stevensville and currently serves as Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation located in Emmitsburg.
As I previously stated, Ron demonstrates the commitment, talent and knowledge and of course the energy that is difficult to challenge. Please support this nomination by reelecting Ronald J. Siarnicki as the Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for another term.

Thank you and please, please give a warm MSFA round of applause for Ron by just saying thanks for a job well done! (Applause.)

At this time we will call on Past President Tom Mattingly for the seconds:

Past President Thomas Mattingly: Thank you Bobby. It is certainly my privilege to second the nomination for Ron for Treasurer of the MSFA. As many of you know he has served since 2005 as our Treasurer. He has brought together the Association records and finances in a very structure and well organized way. He is not a strange to any of you. You see him everywhere. I don’t know where he gets his energy but he truly is an amazing young fellow. It is a privilege for me to work with him on the Association and the Convention Committee as well. I encourage you to support Ron in his efforts to continue building the team approach he uses in all of his efforts and continue to keep this Financial Team together and strong. And Ronnie I wish you the best of luck in the coming year. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: Is there any other nomination for the Office of Treasurer? Is there any other nomination for the Office of Treasurer? Motion from Carl Edelin and Joe Robison second motion. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. Motion carries.

We will now open up the Office of Chief Chaplain. I call on Jay Olson.

Chief Jay Olson: Good morning. The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company takes great pride in submitting the name of Rev. 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 been performing the duties associated with the office to the best of his abilities. No matter what time of the day or night, you could count on him responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters. John also serves on the Maryland LAST 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 LAST has assisted when they experienced a line-of-duty death.

He serves as Chief Chaplain for the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Association and is a member of the Anne Arundel County Chaplain Corps and Crisis Intervention Team. He serves as a Mid-Atlantic Director of the Federation of Fire Chaplains where he coordinates training throughout the area. He also teaches classes to Chaplains ensuring that they have the tools that they need to help with their departments.
As a certified pump operator, John is dedicated to staffing our station every Thursday night and Friday all day. He also makes himself available when special circumstances require us to staff the station. He has been recognized as one of our top 10 responders for the past three years. He presently holds a position on the Board of Directors and is the LOSAP Chairman for our department. He has achieved certification up to Fire Officer III, Fire Instructor III, Advanced Chaplain and ICISF Pastoral Care. He has 40 years in the fire service and has held every line officer to have.

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.)

**Jim Seavey, Vice Chair Executive Committee:** It is an honor and a privilege for me at this time, not only 2nd everything that Chief Olson said, but to provide the second for a man who has been a dear friend to me in both good and bad times and a good friend to many of you out there. And quite frankly, some of you out there even had to have him on your worst day. Where usually he beats the helicopter to shock trauma, you can’t ask for more out of a state chaplain than that.

It is at this time an honor to second the nomination for Office of Chief Chaplain for John Long. (Applause.)

**President David Keller III:** Is there any other nomination for the Office of Chief Chaplain? Is there any other nomination for the Office of Chief Chaplain? Motion by Doug Simpkins to close nomination, second by Bob Knippenburg. All those in favor signify. Any opposed? Motion carries.

We will now open the nomination for the Office of Trustee. I call to the podium Past President Gene Worthington.

**Gene Worthington, Past President:** Good morning. Officers, Delegates, and members to the MSFA it is my honor to stand before you this morning as an outgoing trustee to offer the nomination of my friend, Ben Kurtz for the Office of Trustee. (Applause and whistles.) Ben has all the credentials to assume this office starting with his home company – The Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – having joined in 1972 and serving 30 years as an Officer, with the Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Association while serving as a Trustee, Vice President and President. And the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association serving as the Vice President and President respectively. And the Maryland State Firemen’s Association he has served on numerous committees while serving on the Executive Committee for 12 years and as the Chairman for two different Presidents. Now let you speak to you directly about the qualities that a Trustee needs to perform his duties. First, he must have strong administrative skills in reviewing the applications for assistance. We know Ben has those skills as the MSFA awarded him with the Shimer Administrative Award in 2012. He must be a team player in working with the other Trustees. He certainly has that quality as demonstrated by his many years serving on the MSFA committees.
He must demonstrate professionalism and willing to accept the challenge. He meets that also through the various certifications he holds in the Emergency Services. He was the recipient of the Golden Hour Award from Fallston General Hospital for successful cardiac arrest survival not once but twice. He has received the Shock Trauma Hero Award along with the Distinguished Service Award from MIEMSS. He needs to be compassionate as you deal with a family member who may have just lost a loved one. Ben brings his personal experience as a licensed mortician and funeral director, something he does every day. Integrity and dedication come to mind. He has served for over 40 years in the volunteer system. He has been inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame and awarded the Gladhill Thompson Trophy for his outstanding contributions to the MSFA.

Ben is committed to performing the duties of this office to the best of his ability. He has travelled all across this state for many years and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. Certainly firefighter safety is at the top of his list. I strongly endorse and support Ben Kurtz for the Office of Trustee and encourage each delegate in attendance to do the same. Thank you all. (Applause and whistles) I now introduce Steve Cox for the second.

Steve Cox, Past President: Thank you Gene. Mr. President, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and guests it is my honor to stand here and second the nomination of a close friend of mine, Benjamin Webster Kurtz, for the Office of Trustee. My notes were basically the same that Gene just outlined, talking about Ben’s service to the MSFA, to Harford Cecil Association, to Harford County Association and Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company. I am going to take a minute and talk about Ben as my friend. I have known him for 40 years, he is a hard worker, dedicated. When he tells you he is going do something, he is going to do that. And I am very, very pleased to say he is my granddaughter’s Godfather.

I urge you to join with me in seconding the nomination of Ben Kurtz for Trustee. Thank you. (Applause and whistles.)

John Denver, Past President: Good morning. I would like to give a list of those who would also like to support Ben’s candidacy by additional seconds: Past Presidents: Oscar Baker, Bobby Balta, Doyle Cox, Steve Cox, Fred Cross, Bob Cumberland, Danny Davis, Carl Edelin, Phil Hurlock, Bobby Jacobs, Bob Knippenburg, Dave Lewis, Tom Mattingly, Jackie Olson, Joe Robison, Bernie Smith, Roger Steger, Paul Sterling, Terry Thompson, Frank Underwood, Gene Worthington and Richard Yinger. Officers: Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Chief Chaplain John Long, Parliamentarian Richard Brooks. Executive Committee Members: Chairman Charlie Abrecht, Jim Seavey, Tim Dayton, Mike Faust, John Fisher, Doug Simpkins, Richard Smith, Dan Stevens, Justin Towles, and Chuck Walker.
Others: John Spiker, Bobby Aaron, Cecil County Association President – Joe Fisona, Harford Cecil Association Officers: Robyn Hahn, Joe Tolliver, Buddy Schweers, Lou Jonske, Drew Carroll and Frank Roth. Harford County Association: President Rusty Eyre, Vice President Bill Dousa, Secretary Judy Mills Hinch, Treasurer Josh Schueler; Danny Carpenter, Jeff Thompson and Doug Alexander and my name goes on that list as well – John Denver. (Applause and cheers.)

President David Keller III: Is there any other nomination for the Office of Trustee? Is there any other nomination for the Office of Trustee? Motion by Ron Watkins and second by Joe Robison to close nomination. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, opposed Nay. Ayes have it.

Before we read the Tellers and Judges, we actually have special Resolution we are going to do. Gene we have a Resolution here for your many years of being on the Trustees. We appreciate it and you will be missed. (Applause.)

Danny Carpenter, Chair Trustee: Hold on there a minute Gene. Gene on behalf of the Trustees we would like to thank you for your last 10 years. Nine years of that ten he was Secretary for the Trustees which is a VERY important job. He kept us all straight and in line. He received all the applications, he looked over all the applications and made sure everything was correct before the Trustees could vote on them. He also took care of making sure the widows, dependent children and education and line of duties injuries benefits got paid. He sent the voucher to Ron Starnicki who would then cut the checks. Gene we are surely going to miss you. I know where your phone number is. (Applause.)

Gene Worthington PP: Let me say thanks to everybody. You know the Trustees are really the unsung heroes of this organization and they get very little recognition. But they are out there supporting you and to support somebody that gets hurt or even worse, somebody that dies in the line-of-duty. What you can do to help them is take care of the paperwork. My God folks, all you got to do is call one of these Trustees and they will come with you and sit down and help do the paperwork. I know it. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: We need to open up the floor for the nomination for the location of the Convention 2019 and 2020. Roger Steger.

Roger Steger, Past President: Thank you Mr. President. On behalf of the Town of Ocean City and the Ocean City Fire Company, we would like for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to hold their convention in 2019 and 2020 in Ocean City. Thank you.
President David Keller III: Roger made the motion and it was second by Carl Edelin. All those signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? The Ayes have it.

We know have to go through the Judges and Teller for the election. For Johnie Roth has Past President Paul Sterling and Joe Chornock. For Mike Davis has John McDowell and Doug Simpkins. For Mark Bilger has Charlie Simpkins (a second name was not given). For Treasurer Ron Siarnicki is Tyler Patton and Ken Whaylin. For John Long it is John Spiker and John Demaske. For Ben Kurtz it is Alan Thompson and Charles Stewart.

We now call to the podium Steve Cox.

Steve Cox, Past President: Mr. President I make a motion we cast a unanimous vote for the unopposed officers.

President David Keller III: Motion 2nd by Paul Sterling. All those in favor signify. Any opposed? Thy Ayes have it.

Now call to the stage Chaplain Bowman.

Chaplain Michael Bowman: Let us pray. Father, God as we ask your blessings and guidance on the departments and members who put their lives on the line to protect the lives and property of those in the counties and communities in the state of Maryland in which we serve. We also ask a special blessing of our brothers and sisters who have been elected to MSFA Officers positions. Grant them peace and knowledge. And now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts, minds and knowledge in the love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord in blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

President David Keller III: We will now recess until 1:00 p.m.
President David Keller III: At this time I’d like to call to order the second session. At this time I’d like to call to the podium Erica. She has a quick presentation on fire prevention raffle they are doing. Erica.

Erica: I will show everyone here in a second but down in Hall D for Fire Prevention the Ladies Auxiliary has a bunch of NASCAR memorabilia that is a silent auction. The piece I am wearing is a pit crew uniform. It is authentic and has grease and oil stains on it and it is signed by the retired driver Marcus Ambrose. So anybody interested can head down to Hall D and put a bid in for it and we look forward to seeing who wins! But I will show you here in just a second. (Models the uniform on stage for everyone to see.) Thank you Mr. President.

President David Keller III: At this time we call Hoby Howell to the podium with a safety message.

Hoby Howell: Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon. Once again we ask that you know your surroundings. Also, to my left, the curtains over the windows are unstable. They are there to cover the windows so please don’t get up against them or pull on them. They will come down. Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable evening last evening. Remember your exits, where they are located. Ride the bus and don’t drink and drive. Bus tickets are downstairs for your availability. Please set your cell phones on vibrate and be courteous. Thank you very much.

President David Keller III: At this time I’d like to bring to the podium Lynn Gilroy, Vice Chairman of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education & Training Commission:

Lynn Gilroy, Vice Chair MFRE&TC: Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. President Keller, Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, honored guests and delegates, on behalf of Acting Secretary of Higher Education Ginny C. Hunter-Severa and Chairman Michael Clemens, I bring you greetings. Over the last year the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education & Training Commission has met numerous times to discuss issues that have affected the fire service.
The Commission continues to monitor the rules and the funding to implement the changes to the Charles W. Riley Scholarship Program. We encourage you to advise members to go on the Maryland Higher Education website for the application rules and for the Riley Scholarship Program. We revised the other day, that of the 50 some people, only 50, and in the day there were 150 that had been sponsored by this program. When it was reimbursement, only 16 out of 50 at this point and time will get funding. The others have not completed all their paperwork. So if you have someone who has applied for it, make sure they have completed their paperwork.

We are meeting frequently with the Acting Secretary to develop a more meaningful dialogue of the roles and responsibilities of the Commission that represents all the fire service needs of this state. Each year the Commission prepares a yearly report that is submitted to the Secretary of Higher Education as well as 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. This year is no different. You can find that report on the Maryland Higher Education website. In closing we look forward to working with President Roth and the other officers of the MSFA in the coming year. We wish President Keller well as he finishes his term of office and we wish all of you success the balance of your convention. Thank you. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: I would now like to call to the podium Chief Mike Robinson for the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualification Board.

Chief Michael Robinson, MFSPQB: Good afternoon members of the MSFA, Officers and honored guests. My name is Michael Robinson and I am the Chairman of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. We are the MFSPQB. The MFSPQB has finished their 29th year of operations. In 1986 we were formed by the major fire service organizations of the state as well as representatives of all the major counties of Maryland. At that time people wondered how we could ever come together as a cohesive group and determine how we were going to certification. But we did it. Both career and volunteer personnel working through the NFPA Personnel National Qualifications Standards decided to form a Credential Board and over the last 29 years I am proud to say we have certified a total of 138,000 fire service personnel in over 25 areas. We lead the nation in the number of certifications that have been issued and we continue to make significant strides.

This morning we had our annual meeting and I am proud to say we continue to make progress as we enter our 30th year. I would like to pause for a moment and ask that any of our representatives and or alternates, current or past, please stand for a moment and be recognized. (Applause.) And we thank you for your service.

The Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualification Board continues to enjoy accredited status by both the National Board on Fire Service Personnel Qualifications or the Pro
Board as well as the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. This year there has been some standard changes primarily in the Fire Service Driver/Operator area as well as the NFPA 1006 which is the Technical Rescue Standard. And I am pleased to say, based on Maryland Fire Service Personnel on the Technical Rescue Committees, we have now taken the Fire Officer III Standard and the 2014 has been enacted. And under the 2014 enacted personnel will no longer be required to be Instructor II in order to be Fire Officer III. I want to credit Larry Preston, the Assistant Director of MFRI, was instrumental as part of the 1021 Committee for making that happen.

Next year we plan to have a special recognition of our 30th year and more of that will be coming down as we move forward. In conclusion, I want to thank the entire Maryland Fire Service and particular the MSFA member companies for your continued participation in our system for maintaining solvency and ensuring that Maryland has the most professional and highest credentialed personnel, career and volunteer, performing emergency services on a daily basis in our state.

At this time I would like to call upon your President and recognize him with an official copy of our Annual Report and a small token of our appreciation for the continued support of the MSFA. (Chief Robinson makes presentation to President Keller.)

**President David Keller III:** At this time I would like to call Steve Edwards, Director of MFRI to the podium for a couple of reports.

**Director Steve Edwards:** Thank you. Certainly a pleasure to be here today. I will be making 2 reports. I serve as Maryland Instructor Review Board and in my spare time I am the Director of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. So I will do both those reports while I am here today quickly.

First I would like to start off thanking the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Presidents Dave Keller, Johnie Roth and Michael Davis and the MSFA Training Committee and a lot groups in the MSFA work very closely with both the MICRB and MFRI throughout the entire year and we just appreciate that very much. It is a great professional cooperative relationship and it works out well for all of us.

With regard to the **Instructor Certification Review Board**, just some quick stats. We currently in the state have 719 instructors, 258 evaluators and 19 instructor trainers. So MICRB has continued since 1980 to make sure we have highly qualified and competent instructors teaching our courses throughout the state very well. Also this year, the MICRB is looking at revising the standards, the COMAR standards that set the requirements for the instructors for the state. That is “in the Orange Book” but there is a meeting occurring right now to get input on that. The organizations that comprise the MICRB, which is MFRI, MSFA, the MFRETC, MIEMSS and the Counsel of Academies – they are the five agencies that compose the MICRB, will be looking at the standards.
this year and making adjustments and alterations and then that goes forth through COMAR, through the Training Commission and the State Board of Higher Education. So it is going to take it awhile to get accomplished. I don’t think we will have any major modifications but we are certainly going to take the opportunity to look at the current standards and make adjustments where adjustments are warranted.

With the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Report, I am looking out in the audience and I think I see John Hoglund sitting there actually. John was recognized at the MSFA President’s Dinner Saturday night. As you know John was with the Institute as Director for 22 years and served over thirty years. He built a lot of what we have today that I have benefited from as Director after him and many others as well. So John it is good to see you. I’d like to have a round of applause for John Hoglund, Past Director. (Applause.) That is a fine looking gentleman you have sitting there with you – his son is here with him also.

With regard to MFRI Report, I am just going to cover one subject. As you know we have been working on the MFRI 20-25 program. We have put together a strategic plan to look at the next 10 years of the Institute, where we are going to be with regards to programs and services, project out what kind of resources and things of that nature. And we did that in a very deliberate fashion. First of all what we did not do is that we did not develop a draft plan and send it out for comment. Because when you do that, you kind of preset the agenda as to what it is the plan will be. We wanted to have this plan be highly interactive, have plenty of input about the state from different organizations, instructors, and the students. And we were able to do that. The plan was really developed from the ground up and included a lot of input. Just briefly, how that occurred: First we had a small group that worked together to put together a literature review, to review other strategic planning documents and other strategic planning processes. We then had a survey that was on line for over a month with over 500 students and instructors participated in the survey. We then had 10 focus group: 3 with MFRI full time faculty and staff; 3 with MFRI Field Instructors; 1 with statewide organizations, 1 with the Counsel of Academies; one with Maryland State Firemen’s Association and one with the University of Maryland Campus Partners. From that we received a lot of input and a lot of information. People instead of filling out a survey, had a lot of time to discuss the elements within the plans. That was followed by a two-day Management Retreat where we had about 40 people come together and take the work from the survey, take the work from the focus groups, and put that into a Planning Document that we had then agreed would be a conceptual plan going forward. It is not a 182 page document, it is about 20 pages that talks about concepts and really discusses the direction which we intend to go in with that. With that, we looked at our Mission Vision of Values, our values going forward first and foremost is student success, safety, academic excellence, integrity, professionalism, diversity and equity and responsibility. And you will see that displayed in all MFRI classrooms going forward.
In the organization of reports, just briefly we came to five major subject areas. First and foremost, is student success. That is the basic reason we are here – to make sure our students are successful and to make sure that we are doing everything we can to ensure the students have the best opportunities, the best resources, the best program and the best instructors to ensure their success in a program.

Safety is always the issue. Infrastructure – sure we have regional instructors, we have equipment, and we have a mobile training laboratories and things like that throughout the state. A lot of tools, a lot of equipment that we have to operate the institute. Human Resources that are in partnerships. Partnerships are very important also.

The first goal was to focus on student success. With that we are doing some different things. One that seems small but kind of gives you a sense of why we do these planning efforts, MFRI does a lot of work talking to field instructors, talking to statewide organizations, meeting with groups throughout the state. The group we don’t talk to very often is students. We don’t have a student counsel. Where every university, every college and anybody interested in the education business tends to listen to the student body. We get student feedback through instructor evaluations and program evaluations but going forward we are going to have a student counsel where students can come together, from their perspective and give us advice on MFRI programs.

I have also made a couple of changes in our policies. Effective July 1, 2015, an issue that has been a problem for quite some time, it has been discussed in the surveys, it has been discussed in the focus groups, not every MFRI region in the state has the same fire service same EMS population; obviously North Central, Northeast and Southern Maryland are each training 5,000 to 6,000 students a year in those regions, Upper Shore, Lower Shore or Western Maryland are training anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 students, so they have difficulty getting classes started. Previously our minimum for getting a class started was a class of 15. Going forward on the Upper Shore, the Lower Shore and Western Maryland that will now be 12. So instead of 15 students to start a class it will only be 12 to start a class.

In addition to that, our retest policy, previously you had to have 60% in order to retest, we were probably more conservative than most organizations, we looked around at some other training agencies throughout the country and our state. Again, on July 1st a MFRI student can retest once regardless of their initial score. So whatever they score on their first test, whether or not it a 69 or a 29, they will have one opportunity to retest that class and not have to have 60 to retest. We wanted the 60 be in there initially to make sure they really paid attention for the first test so we weren’t retesting with a lot of students with that.

Another thing we will be doing effective January of 2016 and this is something that I think is going to work very well, every test we give in the Institute, every person who
tests will receive a computerized and generated report back. It will tell him or her but not repeat the question, because we can’t do that and have exam security, but it will say you missed this question on ladders in Chapter 1 whatever, whatever. Or you had five questions on pumps and you got four, you had 6 questions on Ladders, you got 2. It won’t tell them what question they missed, we can’t do that, but it will give them significant information after every exam as to what areas they had strengths in and what areas they had weaknesses in. I think that is going to be very important in our going forward. So instead of just taking a test and getting a score, then they will get a report card – the instructor will get a report card for every student in the class. There is a lot we will be doing in technology, both in terms of books, in terms of on-line training and things of that nature.

Safety was a second goal. We actually do very well in safety. We have a very, very low rate of training injuries. Last year we had 35,663 students and we actually and I think we had less than 20 injuries that required any sort of medical attention. So we do very well with that and we want to continue with that. We want to improve our safety injuries and we want to partner more with the NFFF and other groups like that.

Facilities and associated equipment, the oldest regional training center is now the Western Maryland Regional Training Center. That was the newest one when I came in here 22 years ago. That is now oldest and we want to renovate that center. We want to make sure it has the equipment, the up-dated safety equipment, the up-dated environmental equipment, more space up there to conduct training courses with that. You will see that in here (Annual Report). Obviously protective equipment, SCBA, tools, nozzles, obviously there is a host of equipment we need there and we need to work on that.

The fourth goal was looking at our faculty and staff, looking at Human Resources, looking at compensations, plans, looking at professional development. Looking at how we train instructors and so on and so forth.

The last was looking at the important partnerships that we have throughout the state that we need to work with. So, this plan is in every packet that went out to every company. You can download it on our web-site. It took a lot of effort and I would certainly thank the MFRI Faculty and Staff, those from throughout the state who helped put this plan together. We had a large, large number of people who worked with us on this. Developing a plan is one thing, implementing the plan is another. Each section in our institute has a certain amount of goals they have to achieve each year in order to continue to be employed and with that each section will have a certain number of these goals to achieve each year as we move forward. It is not going to be a plan that sits on the table it is going to be a plan that is a document that we expect to achieve 100% of what is here. We do appreciate your help and the help of a lot of other organizations throughout the state. I think we will be able to do that at some point.
So with that, that was just a brief overview of the plan. Again you can download it and take a look at it yourself. With that I would like to have President David Keller to come out.

Dave has done a great job as President of Maryland State Firemen’s Association. He has worked hard on your behalf. I have seen that at the numerous meetings we have attended throughout the year. He has also been a very strong supporter of training. He supported our Institute. Obviously he has supported the students. He is familiar with their training and the key to firefighter health and safety. And he has just been a very good person and he has spent a lot of time working with us and helping us and assisting us along the way. So I would like to present citation which says: Presented to David Keller III, in recognition of your term as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, your dedication to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Service along with your experience and professionalism (mike stopped working and they proceeded to center stage for presentation.) Director Edwards yells thank you to audience. (Applause)

President David Keller present Director Edwards with Convention bag and mug.

President David Keller III: At this time I call to the podium the Director of MEMA Clay Stamp.

Clay Stamp, Director of MEMA: Thank you Mr. President. Greetings everybody. Did you have a good lunch? So my name is Clay Stamp and I am the Governor’s Emergency Manager and the Director Maryland Emergency Management Agency. I am honored to be asked by the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to give you a brief presentation this afternoon.

What I would like to do is bring greetings to you from Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Rutherford who could not be here today. But I do bring their greetings to you as well as the staff of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. What I have been doing the past six months is keeping very busy. Obviously you saw what occurred in Baltimore. We had a number of events – cold weather events early on but what I have been talking to the 26 local Directors of Emergency Management across the state is about Maryland Emergency Management Agency is really more than an agency. Maryland Emergency Management is about a system. And that system is made up of a partnership between the federal, state and local jurisdictions and departments and organizations such as yours across the state of Maryland. So this system exists every day. With regard to the fire service I am extremely cognoscente that in every community across this state, you are a cornerstone to the resiliency of that community. Both as a preparedness perspective and as a response perspective. And I appreciate your partnership and I what I say to you in my first year at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency is our full commitment and support for your efforts with the fire service.
Again I mentioned it has been a busy six months. I have been busy visiting the 26 Emergency Management Agencies across the Maryland and have been conducting an agency assessment. My perspective as being a local director for about 30 years in Ocean City and in Talbot County Maryland is that Maryland Emergency Management Agency has one direct purpose and that is to support our local jurisdictions.

Every day when we evaluate processes, whether it be training, planning, however we engage the local jurisdictions we have to look for the added value we provide those local jurisdictions. Because when you have something bad go down, it happens in that jurisdiction. So we have to be leaning forward to make sure we can support our local jurisdictions. We have had 5 EOC activations this year in response to cold weather. We have had 2 Executive Orders signed by the Governor. The first one was to give relief to Commercial Drivers License Vehicle Operators that deliver heating fuel during the extended cold period where they had to catch up on making deliveries for heating fuel. And then, of course, the last one was the recent events in Baltimore which I will talk more about momentarily.

My vision for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency again is to assist and support local communities to prepare, respond and recover through coordination and added value products. Some of the things we have been working on and are working on with the Governor over the next couple of months to reinstitute Emergency Management Guidance Council. We have selected a new Chief of Staff, some of you which may know who he is, Terry Thompson. Terry I see you in the back of the room. I see you Terry. Thank you for your service. We have promoted a person at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Jeremy Shanker to head the Emergency Operations Center as a manager. Jeremy is a volunteer with the Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Company, so not a stranger to the volunteer fire service. We are also going to be hiring a logistics manager or resource manager. If we do one thing well in Maryland we need to be able to coordinate resources. The state agency itself does not maintain a lot of resources but we do not need too. Because our resources are rich throughout the local jurisdictions across this state. Really we need to be in a position to similar to a real estate broker. We need to be able to broker relationships to be able to leverage those resources and to call into play when needed – such as again, what happened in Baltimore. We are going to be hiring at Western Maryland a liaison officer. We are going to be working on an emergency Support Function 9 which is search and rescue. The fire service will be working along with us in redeveloping that operations plan. We have created a new emergency Support Function 17 which is the National Guard.

Just a few words about Baltimore City. You all saw it play out in the news, what I will say about Baltimore City is that it is not done yet, as much as I would like to say it is done. We, at the state level, leaned forward a couple of days in advance of that. Fully engaged in Baltimore City, Bob Maloney the Emergency Manager, we had put together an Executive Order for the Governor in advance and we had activated the Operations
Center. Over 350 individuals across the state of Maryland were actively engaged in our Incident Management Systems which is called WebEOC. We were able to execute 11 emergency management assistance compacts. That is a prearranged contract vehicle between states helping other states. We were able to leverage 11 of those with 5 states and the District of Columbia and 26 Maryland Emergency Assistant Compacts. Those are prearranged contracts between counties helping other counties. The combination of those two contract vehicles allowed us to mobilize over a 1,000 law enforcement officers, 3,000 National Guard Troops and a number of fire/rescue resources to move into Baltimore City in less than 36 hours. Sometimes I think in the emergency services field, we get too close to the trees to see the forest. Well we saw it happen in Baltimore City, as a community we pulled together a lot of resources in a short amount of time to send a very strong signal to bring peace in that community. And I think it was a success story and I think as part of that community, you should give yourselves a hand please. (Applause.)

We were able to leverage the support of the federal government through a small business administration disaster declaration to work with business to help them that were damaged in that event. And we are currently working with the federal government. We have a request in for Federal Disaster Declaration which we received our first denial and we are considering an appeal.

The next step for the Emergency Management Community is to contact the 26 jurisdictions at the end of July and a common operating picture for how we are going to support the lead function which is law enforcement in this case to have a common operating support picture from Garrett County to Ocean City. Emergency Managers will be getting together the end of July to build that and then go back in their communities to make sure we are all doing the same thing, because again, there is a potential for a change of venue with regard to the officers who have been charged in this situation. We want to make sure if there is a change of venue and there are six different trials in six different locations throughout Maryland or the core issue in Baltimore, we are prepared.

So in conclusion, what I would like to say is my 43rd year at being at a Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention. I started as an Ocean City Volunteer Fire Cadet and I am still a member of 28 years with Ocean City, retiring as Emergency Services Director. I am still a Life Member of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company and I am proud to say that I am a member of Maryland Fire Service Family along with you. Thank you. Have a safe rest of your week. And remember “Everyone Goes Home”! (Applause.)

President David Keller III: Thank you Clay and I have a Convention Bag for you. Thank you.
Monte Mitchell, DNR: Thank you President Keller. Good afternoon members and guests. I am certainly glad to be with you this afternoon and give you a brief update on the activities of the Maryland Forest Service. During 2014 the Maryland Forest Service responded to 118 wildfires that burned 1,721 acres. The year was below average for our agency but we did see the typical peaks that you are going to see in spring and fall like you normally do. Leading cause for wildfires continued to be the same with debris burning and arson accounting for the majority the incidents.

Also in 2014 the Agency and partners conducted 40 prescribed burns for hazard fuel reduction on 1,089 acres. Of course Maryland also, as may know, we have wildfires throughout the country and we continue to support the national need for Wildland firefighters. We dispatched 9 single resource individuals out to large incidents in the west, 320 Type IA personnel crews and one of our Type 4 Heavy Wildland Engines. These resources assisted on incidents in California, Oregon, Washington and also in West Virginia. So far this year the agency responded to just over 100 fires burning just over 1,000 acres.

We are also making some progress as we try to update our equipment fleet and a brief report on that as well. This spring we placed into service a 2015 Ford F550 which is a heavy type Wildland fire engine with a 300 gallon capacity. That engine is now in service at Greenridge Fire Center out in Allegany County. Also at the end of last year we were able to acquire a 2015 Kenworth Dovetail Transport Truck and those are the heavy trucks that transport our fire dozers and it will be transporting one of our new Cab 60 Dozer and will be available for wildfires throughout the Western Region. Our regular fleet also replaced to brush trucks, we have a new brush truck in service in Allegany County and also one of our smaller Type 7 units in Calvert County.

The 2014 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants - we awarded grants to 39 volunteer fire departments last year and in 15 counties for just over $90,000. They are 50/50 match grants to improve Wildland fire equipment within your home communities. Of the grants awarded 37 completed their grants and received $80,223 in reimbursements. That allowed them to complete almost $175,000 in projects which enhanced fire protection to their local communities. These projects included equipping their brush units, purchase of Wildland Nomex Gear which is something very important and very near and dear to me is trying to get some lightweight gear into the fire departments where they don’t have to wear turnout gear on Wildland fires. Also other small equipment and fire hose and things like that also.

The 2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants applications are currently available. We have $84,000 to grant out to departments this year. And I certainly encourage each and every department that is eligible out there to apply. The deadline is July 15, 2015,
so you still have plenty of time to apply for a grant this year and again, if you need applications they are available online or by contacting the fire staff. Our Firewise Maryland Program, if you don’t know about that program, it teaches communities about fire watch efforts to make their communities more fire safe. We have a display down in the Convention Hall. If you want to learn more about the program, you certainly go down and visit it. The efforts of that program have now completed 52 wildfire protection plans and these plans cover over 887 communities throughout Maryland. We also have been awarded another federal grant for wildfire risk reduction to enhance this program. It is a $300,000 grant that will continue and enhance the program here on the Eastern Shore over the next three years. So our Outreach Coordinator for Firewise will be looking for departments that are interested in participating in the program. If your department is interested, stop down at the booth and talk with him.

Last I would like to update you on our federal excess property program; is a program that allows us to acquire excess federal or military equipment at no cost to the agency. And then we can even use it in our agency or put it on loan out to volunteer fire departments. Last year we acquired 25 pieces of equipment with nearly $650,000 at no cost to the agencies. We currently have an inventory of over $5,000,000 of rolling stock out there within departments and then we use at our agency. And hopefully in the future, we are also looking at getting into the new firefighting property program as well which will allow us to service both fire and EMS providers throughout the state.

Finally I would just like to say thank you to all the volunteer fire departments out there, your company and your members. Without your partnership it would not be possible for us and our agency to carry out our mission of Wildland fire suppression and prevention. So thank you all and I wish you the best and a productive convention. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: Alright, thank you Monte. I also have a Resolution and a Convention Bag for your Sir. (Applause.)

I now called to the podium from Shock Trauma, their President, Karen Doyle.

Karen Doyle, President Shock Trauma: Good afternoon. On behalf of Dr. Scalea and the entire Shock Trauma Team, I want to thank you for having us here at this annual convention. It is really very meaningful to us because the partnership with MSFA, all our partners is really critical to the success of the system as you well know. I especially want to thank President Dave Keller and First Vice President Johnie Roth, I really enjoyed our time together this year, it has been a very successful year and I think both of them have been really, really wonderful to work with.

So just a brief update on Shock Trauma. Our volumes continue to be very strong. We
rely on our partners to make sure we get the sickest of the sick and we continue to do that. We have had two initiatives over the last year, year and a half that I think you are aware of but I will remind you. We expanded our mission from looking at just critical injury to critical illness and we created the critical care resuscitation unit. And so we have expanded our critical injury and illness. There is a lot of time-sensitive illnesses out there – stroke, aortic aneurism and things like that that we have expanded our mission. And so our trauma docs that are board certified in critical and trauma surgery not only take care of the most critically injured but also the most critically ill. And that has been a very successful initiative over the last few years.

In that same vein we have created a lung rescue unit to take care of patients that have acute lung injury and illness. That just opened August 4 and I will look forward to telling you about it next year. It is a very innovative way to take care of lung injury and illness and we believe we are the first in the country to have that type unit as well. And so we look forward to giving you information on that unit next year.

We continue to receive a lot of our volume from the inter-hospital transfers. So about 25% to 30% of our patients come to us, not necessarily from the scene. You get them from the scene to the next level of care that is needed and they get stabilized and brought to the mother ship. So it makes us feel our system works extremely well and we are grateful for your work efforts on that.

Of course our partnership with MSP is fabulous. About 20% of our volume comes via air. We continue to work with our partners on protocols that bring patients via air.

I want to take a minute and apologize to all of you for having to cancel our beloved Gala on April the 25th, as you know we had some civil unrest in Baltimore and we are quite aware of that. And we did take the stance to cancel the Gala, with the thought it was in the best interest of our patrons but we also thought it was in the best interest of our partners so that all of us were where we were needed to be to take care of patients if they needed to do so. Know that is April 25 or 26th next year and we look forward to seeing all of you. We so enjoy celebrating and honoring all of our heroes that care of our most critically injured. It was a very difficult decision, thank you for reaching out to us. Many of you reached out to me personally and said thank you for making the right decision. So thank you.

Just a couple of updates on our programs. We see a lot of visitors internationally. From July 2014 to May 2015 we hosted over 70 countries and so the reason why I point that out to you is when we have visitors from other countries to see the Shock Trauma Center not only do we highlight the Shock Trauma Center we highlight the entire system. The world gets to see why Maryland has a beautiful trauma system. So we highlight MSFA, MIEMSS, MSP, MFRI, we really value the partnership of the five partners, so most places don’t have that. We take the opportunity to say we are
fortunate and blessed and glad to live in Maryland. Same thing for our center for injury prevention policy. From July 2014 to May 2015 we hosted 1,714 prevention events with over 19,000 attendees. Our mission to the state is not just to care for the critically injured but also to try and prevent that. So I want you to know we are meeting our mission by engaging in these prevention programs. Then finally our partnership with EMS. Lots of EMS outreach in education activities. I know most of you know Diana Clapp, our EMS Coordinator who is really fabulous. The amount of programs we host along with you are really pretty expansive. We hosted observation programs attended by 169 providers through TRUE, 126 providers through our critical care unit, all kinds of tours. We do ALS Airway Courses in partnership with all of you. We do our evening broadcast so we can continue to provide education to our EMS providers. And then lots of outreach activities whether it is through our local fire departments, statewide initiatives through EMS Today. So we continue to partner with you in those regards.

I just want to close with saying that I am grateful for all the work that all volunteers do. We just can’t do it without you. We are a true partnership and I hope you have a fabulous convention. I know going great so far. My hat’s off to each of you. Thank you. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: Thank you Karen. I also have a Resolution and Convention Bag for you.

All righty, I now call to the podium MSP Aviation Lt McMin.

Lt. McMin: Good afternoon everyone. We appreciate the MSFA’s invitation to update you on some of our projects. We do have the cabin training device and a display in the exhibit hall. We really would like everyone to stop by and show you some of the equipment that was obtained during the procurement of the AW139 aircraft that really is our training platform now as we train our flight crews. We have a lot of new faces in the aviation command. We had three very tenured employees retire as of June 1st and as of April 29th we have six new rescue technicians, fresh faces that you’ll be seeing out there that land on your incident scenes. They will be out there and about somewhere about July 1st. The big project for us for the last 20 months has been the transition to the new helicopters. As of the end of January this year we did transition all 7 helicopter bases to the AW 139. We have been able to come out to fire departments and rescue squads and be able to train your folks on the 139 and update you with all the safety features of the aircraft. That’s been our big project and we’re very proud that MSFA stood with us at all the ribbon cuttings that we had throughout the state. After we would transition a base in your community we had an open house, invited elected officials along with the community and renewed our commitment to the community by providing the Medevac and airborne law enforcement, search and rescue support that we do. We appreciate the partnership with MSFA. We’ve completed that project and
President David Keller III: All righty, I appreciate it and we also have a resolution for MSP Aviation.

All righty, at this time we’re going to deviate from program a little bit. The program with ATF is not going to happen. We had a slight cancellation later, but we do have the State Fire Marshal who actually has some information on the Childs Point fire. He’s going to do that first and he’s going to go right into his presentation, so I will call to the podium at this time, State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci.

Fire Marshal Brian Geraci: Good afternoon everybody. I’m just going to give you a quick overview of the Childs Point fire that occurred in January. This is the very tragic event that occurred in January. It’s the second fatal fire of the year in Anne Arundel County that took the lives of six individuals. You can see from the overhead, a big estate over 16,000 sq ft on the water so there was some issues, some water supply issues initially. It’s a non hydrant area. They did eventually bring in a fire boat and pump some water to the fire. I want to recognize Chief Hoglander and Chief Land from Anne Arundel County are here. They were the on-scene commanders for this incident for the investigation side of the house. It was a collaborative effort between them, my office, ATF, and Annapolis. We all came together and there were some folks from Montgomery and Prince George’s County.

This is a very large fire scene that we did, over a week period of time. As you all saw on the news a tremendous amount of effort. Once you see the photographs you’ll see the tremendous effort they did because the amount of debris to be moved in this incident was tremendous. We had to bring heavy equipment in and we get those resources from ATF and they are a tremendous partner for us. Scott has worked with them for many years. I’ve worked with them for many years over our careers and I can’t say enough about them. They are a tremendous asset to us. I’m sorry they aren’t here today to do their presentation on the events that occurred and also on the testing that we did in April on the Christmas tree cause that was a contributing factor here.

Childs Point, a little after 3:30 AM, they got a 911 call at Anne Arundel County Fire Headquarters from the alarm company. The smoke alarms did activate in the house. They were tied into an alarm company and the alarm company went through their procedures. They called the house and there was no response. They called the cell phones for the owners with no response and they made the call to dispatch. At the same time there were some 911 calls from the neighbors.

This is the first arriving engine from Annapolis. This is what they were faced with when they arrived on the scene. We have heavy fire involvement right away. In the time they
got the alarm to the time they show up this is what we got. A tremendous amount of fire volume coming from the right side of the house and the front doors. The engine company officer could see the fire above the glass in the front doors, so a tremendous amount of effort initially to obviously bring in more resources. It went to a third or fourth alarm. These are some of the fire photos from the scene that night. They clearly went to heavy master streams right away because of the fire volume inside of the house. A couple more as we progress. You could see it from the river and across the river. Clearly the house was completely involved by the time the full assignment got there. No fault of fire rescue, there’s just a tremendous open area and we’ll talk about the tree and how it was a contributing factor here.

This is what we ended up with. A very, very large scene, and obviously that morning when I got on scene and talked to Scott, there were still some questions about whether the victims were here or not home. We knew they had gone to Medieval Times in Anne Arundel County the night before but we weren’t sure if they were home or not. They have a house here in Ocean City that we prayed and hoped that they were here. But when we reached out to Ocean City and found out they were not there, we kind of came to the conclusion they were home. Then came the question, why didn’t they get out? Was the big question of the day?

We gathered our resources, we talked about it. From my office we had some on scene time but we back-filled Anne Arundel County for them to run so we they could concentrate solely on this. And a good call by Scott again, when he suggested to get ATF involved to use their national response team because they bring in a tremendous amount of resources to help us on these large scale incidents. They brought half a team, so we had to supplement some of that. But we were glad for their help because they do a tremendous job as you will see later on. Probably next year we will have some slides from the Baltimore incidents that we have helped out on. AFT was up there on two response calls during the civil unrest. That will be part of next year’s presentation from the office because we did a tremendous amount of help up there with them.

You can see the house is completely destroyed. No residential sprinklers. We did verify that the house was built before the sprinklers were required in Anne Arundel County. Just short by a few years. It had everything else but that and it was very unfortunate that they weren’t there because we know that it would be a contributing factor to allow those folks to escape from this fire. At least hold the fire in check and maybe not extinguish the fire but hold it in check for them to escape.

So again a very large scene, as you can see by the photos everything is gone from the roof, second floor, first floor and everything is now on the ground and in the basement. Our victims were there as well. So now we have to start the tedious job of digging through debris not only to find the victims but to determine the origin and cause of the fire.
This is a layout of the house. This is the first floor. The green dot is where the Christmas tree was located. The tree was 15’ in height; the ceilings were 19’ in this house. This all open in here. A hallway back leading to the dining area and things of that nature. A garage back over here and this is a guest house on this side. It had an indoor swimming pool and it looked like a castle. It had the turrets on each end with stairways and they were big on that and that is why they went to Medieval Times.

Again, open area, this is where the tree is and this is what we have talked about and trying to preach to people about residential sprinklers are the open areas. The large structures being built with the open floor concepts; the furnishing being more flammable these days than back when you and I visited our grandparents. And that was a contributing factor as well to the fire spread but the tree, 15’ tree, had been in the house for 65 days or longer, only watered once a week and clearly when that thing ignited it clearly was a tremendous amount of heat release and a tremendous amount of energy igniting other combustibles in that room. Being this open, it opened up right to the second floor. As you can see the bedrooms are right on this side, the master bedroom is here and there is a bedroom here as well. This is where the children were sleeping, this room over here and the master bedroom here. This is the hallway that goes around this open foyer area that looks down into the great room and into the foyer, you can see the stairs coming up from downstairs. But this is all open, so you can see that the products of combustion and the fire is impinging on the second floor right away. As soon as this tree ignites you have fire impingement on the ceilings and obviously it is only four feet from the top of the tree and we have a tremendous amount of smoke and heat and fire right away being given off impinging on those folks in the sleeping area.

So this is what we are left with. If you haven’t been on a scene like this before, it is pretty devastating at first to look at and decide where do I start? We had a good idea but we had to go back to our training and education. You know for us, you try and start at the least amount of damage and go to the most amount of damage. Well how do you figure it out in this one? You can look at certain burn patterns and certain things that we look for and at the steel and stuff like that and try and make a determination where we start to dig. And we had an idea where the bedrooms were from the plans early on and we wanted to try and locate the victims. And do that first. And try and get those folks some peace and comfort for the family that we found them all. Scott and his crew and everybody else who was there did a great job. Scott was running the show and he has always done a great job. He did a great job in Prince George’s County in some cases where we work similar when we worked for DC.

As always, this was a well run scene and a real hard operation done by all. ATF, like I said, their response team gone on scene. They brought in their Command Vehicle that helped us keep track of stuff for them. They do a tremendous amount of on-scene work with photographs, with digitally doing the sketches and things of that nature. So
this helps out tremendously for them and for us and to give us a place to meet and talk out the day. We usually briefed in the morning and then typical operations and then a brief at night of the progress that has been made and what needs to be done for the following day. So we brought in heavy equipment and we just started to hand dig. We really didn’t want to bring in heavy equipment – buckets and things like that would go really deep down because we were trying layers things, which is how we do it – layer by layer to try and get to the basement floor and to find the victims. You can see the tremendous amount of debris, probably thousands and thousands tons of debris removed from the structure. So we brought in some cadaver dogs to help us try and locate some of the victims. You can see one of the dogs working over by the master bedroom area which was up above the pictured structure. We thought maybe the victims had fallen through if they had been in master bedroom. You see some heavy equipment here to make the scene safe for us. It removed some of the structural steel so that it did not fall as we started digging things away. You don’t want to undermine that and then have it collapse on us.

Things were broken down into teams and everybody had their own set of responsibilities – photographers, people doing the scene diagram, people who were assigned once the bodies were located to document their locations and work with the medical examiner’s office to remove those folks out. So you see here they are doing the scene diagrams that is all digitized and do a great job. They put a complete report together at the end. But they bring in expertise. They bring in fire investigators, they bring in electrical engineers, fire protection engineers and our fire protection engineers from the office were also on site trying to get some on scene time – something they don’t have an opportunity to do very often. We are trying to get them more involved in our fire scene investigations so they can help us do computer modeling or whatever else we need to do on the scene of the magnitude if we don’t have ATF involvement.

There were trucks on the scene from Baltimore – their response vehicle. We had an accelerant canine come in as part of the response. It is always part of our protocols for fatal fires as it is for ATF whenever they have fatal fires. This is the ATF canine out of Prince George’s County. And you can just see the magnitude of what we had to go through to get down to find the victims.

Up at the top is one of the crews that has located a victim in that area there and they are thoroughly documenting that as you can see with the tape and everything. Every time someone comes in or out of a scene they have to go through a decontamination process – we go through the buckets to clean our boots off really well because we don’t want to bring stuff into the scene from another scene or from the one we are there now. We are very methodical how we do that and that is an ATF thing. If we need to that in our local jurisdictions we do that because we don’t know obviously right now what the cause of the fire is. Was it intentionally set fire? Were ignitable liquids used?
So we want to make sure we keep the scene as pristine as possible. So that is why we go through this process here.

As you can see on the bottom, clearly the heavy duty equipment was a tremendous help for us loading stuff into that. Couple of my guys you see here at the scene said that they don’t think they have ever shoveled as much at any other scene in their life. So they got a lot of dig time here as well as everybody else did. Again, a tremendous effort to get everybody involved and the scene done to try and locate the victims and determine the origin and cause.

These are the agencies involved: Anne Arundel County Fire Department, Annapolis Fire Department, ATF - Baltimore, NRT, Maryland State Fire Marshal, Prince George’s County Fire and EMS and Montgomery County Fire & Rescue all had people on site and don’t forget we were also covering calls for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County that week. A lot of coordination but we worked well together. We worked together in the past and I think this one helps. Again, I talked to all my guys here – all of them are here today and we appreciate the cooperation and these partnerships. And we had that here. When ATF and NRT come back to you and say this is the best we have ever had and this is the best it has ever been. We have never seen anything like this anywhere else we go – it is a reflection on everybody. It is a reflection on the investigators, it is a reflection on all the other agencies that were involved. It continues to work and work very well.

So these are the folks (Sorry - speaker became emotional when he showed the picture of the family) we lost that day. The Boone children and Don and Sandy Pyle who owned the house, they and their grandchildren. Well intentions grandparents that you know have the tree up and wanted to keep the tree up for awhile and through no fault of their own this thing happened. And it happened at the worse time possible – when they were asleep. A lot of lessons learned. It was a great push for residential sprinklers at the time. You know Annapolis was in session, so maybe some good came out of some bad. And this helped that innitives in Annapolis with the folks trying to come after the residential sprinklers.

All in all it was a great operation and we did the same thing in Baltimore. Great scene work done by everybody that was there and we will talk about probably next year because we are still working some of those incidents and investigations. Some arrests have been made – I can tell you that. You all saw that the guy who cut the hose was arrested and we ended up putting additional charges on him. So it was great work done by everybody there. If you have any questions, catch me later but I know they want to move the program forward.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference

Report of the Maryland State Fire Marshal

Unlike I didn’t do at the Officer’s Banquet the other night, I bring you greetings from Governor Larry Hogan, Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and Colonel William M. Pallozzi, Superintendent Maryland State Police who you saw this morning. On behalf of the entire Office of the State Fire Marshal I want to thank your Associations Presidents – David Keller III and Ann Price Davis. Your terms in office have been extremely productive and your service to your members and something your entire membership should be proud of.

We have had a great partnership with MSFA. Like I said the other night at the dinner, it is probably one of the strongest partnerships we have. Clearly, if you don’t know, MSFA was the driving force back when Governor Tawes was here to get the State Fire Marshal’s Office up and running. Here we are 50 years later still doing it. And we are very proud of doing that. So it is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the State Fire Marshal.

The Maryland Fire Incident Reporting System is an extremely important resource to collect data as an evaluating tool. And I can tell you just last week I heard from Allison Nicodemus who does our MFIRS reports and the INFIRS reports to the Feds, and we reach 100% compliance in 2014. Took a little long but we got it done and it is a reflection of everybody here and a reflection on the MSFA leadership going out there and talking to folks about that. But it is important that we get this data and that we use the data to make different decisions and make some hard decision sometimes. So thanks to everyone for stepping up in a timely manner and getting things in.

Some of the information we have compiled in 2014 is:

- Maryland experienced 13,410 total fires
- 170 civilian fire injuries
- 64 civilian fatal fire deaths
- 263 firefighter injuries
- And sadly, 1 firefighter fire death as the result of a dwelling fire in Baltimore City.
- The total Estimated Fire Loss in Maryland was $200,428,429

You can see the numbers and the number that should jump out at everyone is the 263 firefighter injuries. Hopefully we go back and you learn some things from the conference and try and make an impact to bring that number down.

In 2014 the State of Maryland saw the number of fire deaths decrease by 7% when compared to 2013. The total fire deaths for 2014 was 64 which represented a slight decrease from the 69 fire deaths suffered in 2013. 16 Fatal residential structure fires where smoke detectors were known to function at the time of the incident. However
lives were still lost. This is an extremely important number, extremely, smoke alarms work and we lost 18 lives. That tells you that the fires are getting hotter, the fires are burning in a short amount of time, we are getting a flashover a lot quicker because of the flammable furnishing and because of the homes they are going into today. These open concept homes where there is no compartmentation to hold the fire in check, it is going to go throughout the building and is not allowing these folks to get out in time. We figure right now you have three minutes or less to get out of your house once your smoke detector activates because of the furnishings and things we see. And with the lightweight construction and flashover occurring much more quicker, it puts firefighters at risk and danger. So again, we are going to push along with the residential sprinklers as we have talked about. And as in previous years, no lives have been lost in homes with residential sprinklers. And there has not been a fire death in a sprinkler building in Maryland for as long as we have had sprinklers. So they are doing the job obviously. We see there are some folks out there that still want to push back, especially here on the Eastern Shore and in rural areas. And I can understand some of their points of view. But the point is we need to continue to push for residential sprinklers here in the State of Maryland and we need to collectively be together as a fire service on this issue. I know there are a couple of departments out there that are still kind of on the fence but I am telling you, you need to get on board because this is continue to go forward and we need to continue forward with this. And as I stated the other night, as of July 1 all new homes have to be sprinklered. And we are only one of two states – California and us – that are requiring this right now. And it was the past fire marshal that was here that got the bill passed and I am not going to let that die or go away. So we are going to push on with that. For those departments still on the fence, get on board with us. We need to be collectively on this. It is going to save lives and it is going to save firefighters lives. And I don’t see why anyone in this room would want to see their friends die in a fire. I don’t see that, I don’t understand that and I don’t understand why they are so adamant about that. There are still going to be fires ladies and gentlemen. Not all homes are going to be sprinklered, we still have a lot of existing homes that will burn as you saw from the data I just reported.

So continuing on, Baltimore City reported 18 fire deaths in 2014 which was lower than the 21 deaths reported in 2013. Montgomery County experienced 8 fire deaths compared to the 4 deaths in 2013. Prince George’s County reported a significant drop in 2014 with 5 fire deaths compared to 15 fire deaths in 2013. Additionally Baltimore and Wicomico both had a fire death, Carroll had 4, Allegany, Cecil and Howard had 3 fire deaths, Anne Arundel, Kent and Washington had 2 fire deaths each and Calvert, Somerset and St. Mary’s had 1 fire death each.

In recent years the numbers of fire fatalities reported to the State Fire Marshal’s Office have continued to climb with fire deaths averaging 66 deaths a year and we are at 33 this year right now – half way through the year. Numbers are still on the same average, we need to get some good months then next couple of months when we don’t have any
fire deaths. We have had a very bad June with fire fatalities this year for some reason. The exception is the 114 fire deaths in 1994 for the past 20 years. A downward trend does not happen on its own, it is a true reflection of your fire prevention efforts each and every day of the year in your communities. Three year efforts of the downward trend continues by remaining active in presenting successful prevention programs.

I think everyone saw the recent article in the “Trumpet” that Ronnie Watkins did about getting out in your communities and interfacing with them. Well, when you interface with them we want you to promote fire prevention as well. Let them know that you are there and that you care. Get out there and talk to folks. Don’t just wait for the Open House in October, get out there and get on the streets, talk to these people. Bring them in and constantly get the message out. We have got to do that. We do a good job but we need to do better about getting that message out each and every year and every day about fire and injury prevention.

Consistent with most previous years, more fire deaths occurred in the late night or early morning than any other times of the day. And the hours between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. appear to be the most deadly. Fatal fires that started during those hours resulted in 40 deaths and accounted for 63% of the 64 fire deaths for the year. And compared to 2013 when 30 fatal fires lead to 39 deaths counting for 57% of the 69 fire deaths for that year. Five of the seven multiple death fires occurred during those hours in 2014.

In 2014 most deaths occurred in residential structures, including 50 deaths in one and two family dwellings, 4 victims in apartments, 3 victims in mobile homes. Residential fires accounted for 89% of the fire deaths in 2014 compared to 83% of the fire deaths in 2013 and 81% in 2012. Really no surprise there. We continue to see people die in their residences. It is so important to get out there and knock on the doors, check the smoke alarms and like I say, get out in these communities and really this that. This is what we are all about you know. We need to be more proactive than reactive – we really do.

Three vehicle related fire deaths, all males ages 46, 59 and 67, all who died in separate fires. Three fire fatalities in outside category included the death of an 85 year male caused by the misuse of flammable liquids and a 47 year old male caused by careless smoking in a tent structure and an 84 year old male who committed suicide.

The office of the State Fire Marshal and myself want to extend congratulations to each fire department in each county that suffered no fire deaths or decreased in the number of fire deaths last year. Eight counties experience no fire fatalities. The counties include Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Talbot and Worcester.

As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and the 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. So in this case great job! Obviously we are doing something right or it is luck, I don’t know. But you will see tomorrow those folks that receive those fire prevention awards, if you need help, those are the folks you need to talk to. Those folks get it and are doing the right thing. Reach out and contact us as well. We will be more than happy to help you with your fire prevention program.

The Maryland Fire Service Legislative working group held weekly meetings in Annapolis City at Taylor Avenue Fire Station to discuss numerous legislative issues this year. Each year has different challenges from various areas around this great state. This legislative session we were quick to address the direct challenge to stop residential sprinklers in homes with the use of factual data and a concerted effort by the entire Maryland Fire Service, who managed to overcome this direct attack on this life saving measure. The MSFA is to be commended for their leadership, diligence and team support in working with the office of the state fire marshal, fire marshal and other members of the fire service. The MSFA Legislative Committee Chairman and Past President, Stephan Cox and Vice Chairman, Richard Smith and entire committee continued to be vigilant on key issues and share information on important topics and communicate with key legislators. I tell you Richard and Steve did a great job in Annapolis for you all and every time I saw them in the halls they were busy talking to some legislator – either a senator or delegate. I didn’t want to stop to interrupt them because they were hammering them. If it wasn’t on sprinklers, it was the assault bill that got passed this year, the Hometown Heroes Bill or all those other ones that came about this year. But they did a great job, they really did, as did your leadership. Dave was down there, Johnie was down there, Mike, they were all there and I saw them many times. There is a big push down there, as I told them at one of the Executive Committee meetings we need to start looking at being more proactive I think in Annapolis. We need to look at the issues and come and develop the legislation. We need to be proactive instead of being reactive to the legislation that is being passed by the delegates and senators down there. Hopefully Steve and Richard are doing that and Johnie when he comes in we need to really look at the issues and address those and come forth with our own legislation from the fire service to make things change down there and make things better for the state and for the fire service.

As the state fire marshal I have appreciated the partnership of other agencies we share with local and state government as well as private industry. You saw that earlier in the slides. We have a great partnership with all the local agencies that we deal with. These partnerships help procure resources to disseminate information and allow us to become more effective at accomplishing tasks in the pursuit of fire and life safety. By working with partners like Delmarva Power and Pepco and others, we were able to increase resources and extend our reach into the community to those people who need it the most. The private industry partnerships like Delmarva Power and Pepco have allowed the distribution of over 20,150 smoke alarms, 1,042 special needs alarms and 2,050 carbon monoxide alarms over the past 13 years both in Maryland and Delaware.
Statewide initiatives advocating installation, maintenance and testing of smoke alarms coupled with the development of practicing home fire escape plans and continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries. And that is the biggest thing we have to talk about every time. You heard the data about smoke alarms earlier – we have more people injured because of non-working smoke detectors. So again it is important to get that message out into the communities you serve. They got to have working smoke alarms, they have got to have an escape plan and they have got to get out and stay out. We still continually see – and I don’t know why – we see people get out of their house and then go back inside. We had that again this year in Anne Arundel County in another multiple fatal fire that they had. Two folks were outside the house and went back inside for some reason. So we need to continue to get that message out.

The next statewide Community Risk Reduction Weekend is October 17-18, 2015. We just had one back in May. We set aside those weekends for you all too hopefully get out one of those days in your communities to knock on doors. Pick a targeted neighborhood. Make it easy on yourself but go out and do it. Do the work that needs to be done. So I ask that all Maryland Fire Departments use this opportunity to check and install lifesaving smoke alarms in the homes of citizens they serve and are sworn to protect from the effects of fire.

The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 55 year anniversary on September 23, 2014 with the theme “O Say Can You See the Future?” Originally it was billed as the Governor’s Fire Prevention Conference in August of 1959 when Governor Tawes saw the need for a statewide conference on fire prevention. Fifty-five years later the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference remains one of the foremost conferences of its kind in the nation. The Conference was well attended by over 200 folks and Lt. Christine Flannigan of the Sykesville Freedom Fire Department received the Public Fire Safety Educator of the Year Award. She has shown a true dedication to Public Fire Safety Education and is a true asset to her department and the citizens of Maryland. This year’s theme is reducing emerging risks so if you would make every effort to attend this outstanding conference on September 29th of this year.

Again as in previous years the Office of the State Fire Marshal’s Office partnered with the Delaware State Fire Marshal’s Office, and private agencies to grant fire prevention displays, and a side by side burn demonstration for residential sprinklers to NASCAR fans at the Dover International Speedway. We had a great, great showing for this last year. We probably had on the side by side close to 10,000 people out there watching us burn the boxes up, so that was great. There was a lot of discussion in the stands when I went to go to my seats to watch the race. There was a lot of discussion so that was great that we did that. The Office of the Fire Marshal and the MSFA displayed the multimedia pit box display which will be used across the state at other community events. You can see that down stairs in the exhibit hall.
we are using. We bought that in partnership with MSFA. Thanks to the officers of the MSFA with the assistance of the purchase of the display unit and the enclosed trailer to safely transport it to various events. So if you would like to have that for an open house or event, the pit box downstairs, multimedia, just get a hold of Bruce Bouch in my office and we can make that happen for you.

With retirements come new and shared responsibilities among the staff and members of the agency. Chief Deputy Joseph Flanagan took a voluntary demotion and went back to supervise the Lower Eastern Shore Regional Office. Deputy Chief Allen Gosnell advanced up to headquarters as the new Administrative Services Chief and Deputy Mason took a voluntary reassignment as the Fire Safety Inspector on the Upper Shore. Additionally Administrative Aid Penny Doty is responsible for collecting and distributing state wide fire death certificates and statistics. Administrative Aid Michele Hunt is responsible for the collection of our UCR data and Office Clerk Allison Nicodemus is responsible for the fee program and the MFR’s reporting system. The Office of the State Fire Marshal is extremely grateful for these women’s ability to take on additional duties and the open position for Chief Deputy was filled with the hiring of Michael Doug Hanson, a volunteer in Frostburg. Doug just recently left the agency in April. We brought him on, he stayed a little bit and he wanted to be retired. He retired out of Montgomery County and came right to us and I think he just didn’t get that break he wanted and he wanted to go out and just be retired. I wish him all the best. There are a lot of us out here that are in the same situation.

The METRO Regional Office was reorganized to incorporate with the North East Regional Office. Three State Fire Marshals work out of the Westminster State Police Barrack to cover Carroll County and the Fire Inspectors are working out of the headquarters in Pikesville. ATF officially retired K 9 Inez after nine years with her handler Deputy State Fire Marshal Ewing. However; K-9 Billie graduated after training with her handler Jeffrey Thomas who currently works out of the Lower Shore Office. We also brought on another K-9 for the explosive side. K-9 Blitz, a German Sheppard is the newest K-9 explosive member and is teamed up with his handler, Deputy State Fire Marshal Ed Urtz in the Western Region. Chief Fire Protection Engineer Iseminger completed and exhaustive compilation of the 50 year history for the State Fire Marshal history book which was made available at our 50 year anniversary dinner on October 18th at Martins West. The history book is still available and is on sale at our booth downstairs on the lower level. Attendees that came to the banquet were treated to an outstanding affair with excellent food and comradely.

As usual Office of the State Fire Marshal staff members performed at a high level in 2014. I can’t express that enough. A lot of people come and talk to me and ask me how things are going and obviously we have some challenges with our budget, but it’s these folks out here that do the job every day. They continue to do that. Their devotion and dedication is unmatched by any other place. I’m telling you. If it wasn’t for them
the job wouldn’t get done, and I know, as much as I am over the budget issues. It’s a morale problem. We aren’t getting cars, we’re not getting things. I appreciate all the time. Hopefully we’ll get things better eventually. But it’s them. It’s them that do the job day in and day out and I can’t thank them enough because if they didn’t have that high level of devotion and dedication it wouldn’t be happening. We conducted 771 fire investigations and 229 explosive investigations in 2014. The felony case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals is 40%, which is more than 50% higher than the national average for case closures in Arson cases. Staff members completed over 16,000 life safety inspections. This level of performance is outstanding in light of the increased training and the life safety assignments that we also put on for our folks. The fire protection engineers reviewed over 1,840 construction and fire protection plans. Again, the dedication of our personnel is evident by these numbers. It is the agencies commitment for fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and the Maryland fire service to accomplish the mission of protecting life and property.

I would continue to ask that all of you continue to embrace the Fire Fighter 16 Life Safety Initiatives that were developed several years ago. I also ask that you place more emphasis 14, public education and 15, code enforcement and fire sprinklers. Continue to talk to your folks about these. Get out into your community. Have those conversations. Talk to them about smoke alarms. Have that conversation about sprinklers and have that conversation with your elected leaders. Obviously, the ones over here on the shore. We need to get to them. They need to get the right information. They think the cost is way too high and we have the information that says otherwise. Again, I can tell you that the average here in the State of Maryland is about $1.35/sq ft to put in a residential sprinkler system. Yes, it costs a little more for a pump and tank in the rural areas. Yes, we admit to that but it’s not that much more. As was brought up in Annapolis, it will cost you more to bury one of your loved ones than it will to put in a residential sprinkler system in a new home. So we need to continue to get that message out there, especially this year because we know that they are going to come back after sprinklers. So we need your help with that and we will partner with you when you talk to your local legislators and get that message to them. We need to take every opportunity to get the fire prevention message out into our communities. Take the time now when you go back home from the convention to network with the departments that have an effective fire prevention program and get that message out into your communities. A lot of folks have marquis and things like that. Take advantage of that, take advantage of every opportunity you can. Social media, your web sites, I see a lot of web sites. I know there are a lot of them that have fire prevention information on them and I think that’s great. Continue to do that. As I noted take all opportunities to interact with the public. Not just during fire prevention week in October. When you do have a fire incident, make it a point to get back into that neighborhood as soon as possible. Talk to the people that were impacted by the event because it does impact the neighborhoods. When somebody has a fire, when a neighbor has a fire and is displaced, injured or killed, you need to get back to those folks. Talk to them about
smoke alarms. Talk to them about escape plans. Promote the 10 year sealed battery
smoke alarms, escape plans and get out and stay out. Establish teams to install smoke
alarms within homes in your communities and then conduct fire safety reviews.

Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Company does this. They have a life safety unit and that
is what the unit does. They go out into the community and goes out every weekend
and knocks on doors to check on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
They do an outstanding job and that is the one reason why the top award is the Silver
Spring Award. Because their motto is and always has been “fire prevention is our most
important service.” I think that kind of stuck with me because that is where I start my
career. So continue to get out there and hit them – hit them hard because we want to
get the fire deaths down.

Focus on the populations that continue to be impacted by fire. And you heard from the
Ambassadors the other day, up front here, they focus on the very young, the elderly
and those that have disabilities that prevent a timely escape from fire but continue to
see the elderly population numbers go up each year. We need to reach out to those
folks, we need to reach out to their families so they can protect their loved ones and
their seniors. I know the two girls up front here are going to do a great job getting the
message out. They have a plan, I got to hear them both the other day – yesterday, and
their questioning and all. I know they are going to do an outstanding job and we are
happy to partner with them. I have talked to them and any help they may need, they
know they can get it from us. Do not wait for these folks to contact you, reach out
and ask them to visit and share your information and knowledge on preventing fires
and injuries. It takes very little time to do that but the information you share will go a
long way in the end. So please make preventing that 9 1 1 call your most important
service within your departments and reinforce that message with your personnel each
and every day.

So now I am going to move into the presentations for the Deputy of the Year Award
and Bruce is going to help me with that. I ask you that you now join me in recognizing
our Regional Deputy State Fire Marshals of the Year for 2014. The deputy state fire
marshals that have been nominated by their commanders are from:

Northeast Region: Howard Ewing (Applause)
Southern Region: Dexter Hodges (Applause)
Lower Eastern Shore Region: Cory Hurst (Applause)
Western Region: John Ray (Applause)
Upper Eastern Shore Region: Paul Schlotterbeck (Applause)
Bomb Squad: John Tennyson – (Applause) Unfortunately he is unable to be here.

Before I really get into that, there is one thing I need to do for a special individual. Paul
Schlotterbeck was with the agency for just over twenty years and recently retired.
When I talk about devotion, when I talk about dedication, Paul epitomizes that for the office of the state fire marshal. He did an outstanding job for us and he is going to be missed. He has been a friend of mine for many years and I am happy for him. Happy that he is moving on, happy he is moving on to different challenges, but everybody needs to look at Paul in this agency. Paul always did the job and did it well and did it right. I am really sorry that he has left but I am happy for him and happy for his family. Paul has moved on to do some "mop and glo" work for MDE. So I am sure he is going to have fun with that. I know there are a lot of calls over here on the Eastern Shore and he is going to be extremely busy. Probably more busy than he has been for the office of the state fire marshal. So on behalf of myself and the entire office and agency, Paul I want to give you this plaque. (Fire Marshal Geraci stepped away from mike to make presentation so his comments were not picked up.) (Applause.)

So as I noted, each of the individuals represent their peers with great devotion and distinction. Each has gone above and beyond the call of duty. They come to work every day looking forward to the challenges of making Maryland a safer place to live, work and raise a family. And I should also thank the families that are here today with the deputies, because without continuous support we couldn’t get the job done. There are calls in the middle of the night, there are calls in the middle of the night when they are not on call and we need them anyway. And again, that devotion and dedication when they answer the phone and come out to help; so we really do thank all the families within the agency.

It is important to note that each has risen to their position through the strong support of their supervisors, the administrative staff, and their fellow fire safety inspectors, the fire protection engineers and their fellow deputy fire marshals. As always the job of selecting the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the year is an extremely difficult and this year was no exception. The letters of nominations were filled with exemplary service deserving much more than this award provides. So to each of you I sincerely thank you for service, devotion and dedication to your duty. Let’s give them all a big hand while we give them their certificates. (Applause) So now I have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2014 Deputy Fire Marshal of the Year. During 2014 this Deputy State Fire Marshal excelled in their responsibilities involving the duties of the fire marshal profession. This deputy established himself as a thorough and efficient professional with a great deal of confidence in their ability. This deputy has consistently demonstrated himself as a self-motivated and reliable employee always representing the Office of the State Fire Marshal in a positive manner. This deputy was cited for his many accomplishments in 2014 such as conducting 62 initial fire and explosive investigations maintaining 29% criminal closure rate and conducting 150 fire safety inspections. All these were accomplished between two separate regions as he initially worked in the southern region during half of the year before transferring to the western region. This deputy also serves as a bomb technician and continues to strive for professional development through regularly attended training.
and fire explosive investigations. He is a highly respected investigator, has in each and every aspect of the career and is a model employee. It is my honor to present the James C. Robinson Award recognizes the Deputy State Fire Marshal for the Year 2014 – Deputy State Fire Marshal John Ray. (Applause) Presentation made to Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year John Ray away from the mike so conversation could not be heard but he was presented with several citations and the plaque.

So in closing up, our staff looks forward to working closely with the incoming Presidents – Johnie Roth and Darby Byrd. We wish them great success in their terms in office.

I want to thank everyone who has continued to support our efforts for a safer state. It is a great honor and privilege for me to serve as your State Fire Marshal. I look forward to maintaining our long-standing relationship and working with your leadership to make Maryland safer for fire and explosives. I want to thank you all for your support, dedication and devotion for keeping Maryland fire safe. And I want to thank my staff for being here; the Commissioners from the Fire Prevention Commission as well. Enjoy the rest of convention and please stay safe. Thank you all very much. (Applause.)

**President David Keller III:** Brian we thank you. I have a Resolution and a convention bag for you.

It is now my honor to call to the podium the Chairman of the EMS Board, Donald DeVries. I really appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to come. It has been a long time since he has been here. So Chairman, thank you Sir.

**Donald DeVries, Chair EMS Board:** Thanks Mr. President for inviting me. You’re right; it’s been a long time. In fact too long. I will tell you all that I was enormously impressed this morning with the save our own video and the Liz Marks and her mother’s presentations. I also thought it was so appropriate for this convention, for this audience because it’s an example of the volunteer fire service at its best. So I am just glad to be a part of it and I’d like to say that I’ll be back for more conventions in the future. I will just make a couple remarks about our system. I will start by telling you that there is no question in my mind and I think this would be agreed around the country that the EMS system in Maryland is a National Model. I then come to the role you all play in it. Approximately 2/3rds of our providers as you know are volunteers. I find it impressive; it never ceases to impress me the degree of professionalism and dedication you all bring to your service. To put it bluntly; you are the ones that have made our system what it is. We couldn’t have done it without you. We are a National Model and you all are the ones that are responsible for making that happen and I can’t tell you how much we appreciate your dedication. You all are committed to helping others at no small sacrifice of your own and your families. I coined a phrase early on as my tenure as chair of the EMS Board describing the system as cooperative excellence. I am convinced that is what our system does. We pull all the components together to make
us excellent and the best. I can’t help coming away from the meeting and my phrase from this morning is “selfless dedication”. I find it incredibly impressive the extent which you all go to make sure you are making us and keeping us the best system in the country and in fact the world. I have to remark what a true pleasure it has been to work with your leadership. President Keller and Vice President Johnie Roth. Early on with Dave Keller, we discussed it and he sees it as I see it that it is a partnership. We work as a partnership and you all at the top of the heap the entire time. We are a partnership and he personified it. I know he’s going to look forward to some time off after all the work he’s put into this year. I will wish him all the best with his time off but I will say he will be missed. We also look forward to working with the new leadership and Johnie Roth and the bottom line is we are very positive about where we’ve been and where we are going. So, I can’t say enough about your president and what he did for you. At this point I’ll stop and it’s my pleasure to introduce to you the new Executive Director of MIEMSS. I’ll simply say for those of you that have been to this convention many times you are well aware that Dr. Bob Bass was the Executive Director for over 20 years. He did a fantastic job as the Executive Director and frankly when we embarked on finding a new Executive Director there were very big shoes to fill. Let me tell you, I am very pleased to tell you that Dr. Kevin Seaman is clearly off to a great start and is filling those shoes and I think we are happy having him as the Executive Director, so for that I’ll introduce Dr. Seaman for his remarks and report to you. (Applause)

Dr. Seaman: Good afternoon everyone. I’ve got a very short presentation for you. I’m going to keep it to ten minutes. I appreciate Chairman DeVries’ wonderful introduction. I’m sort of the newest here so I certainly appreciate working with the MSFA leadership the past few months to work together on common goals and I do see the importance of our partnership in the system. If I could have the slides, great. As I said being new I look forward to working with all of you. I understand how important you are and that you are the foundation of the emergency services that we provide. Very briefly I would say that our trauma system is a model. The trauma system provides a model and framework so that we can deliver the right patient to the right center at the right time. We are beginning to mirror that with Cardiac care and Cardiac Intervention Centers as well as Cardiac Arrest care and I look forward to continuing the work of Dr. Bass and bringing that to fruition.

I’m going to very briefly talk about the major initiatives and accomplishments. I am very proud to report, happy to report that now every Maryland jurisdiction in the state is using eMEDS. That’s very important to us because what it means is that all the data is going into one location which means that we can get the best perspective on how we’re doing in terms of reporting data but also where we are and where we want to go. I think it’s very important that every jurisdiction is using that. I am very happy to report that.

The next topic very briefly is communications. I want to report, I’m very happy to
report we began a two phase implementation of communications improvements. As of May 27th we moved into the new EMRC/SYSCOM and I will tell you that project was on budget and on time and both our telecommunicators as well as the State Police are doing a great job, so that’s wonderful to report. We are moving on to a communications upgrade which will be throughout the system. What this will do is put computer based, IP based communications, essentially going from analog communications to digital which will allow redundancy and allow you to communicate from the field in multiple ways, in case one particular system is not working. So this is very important and will be a longer project. We will be able to monitor this and Sheppard this and report back to you on how we did.

I am also very happy to report that we’ve had a great working group and good partnership with both the Maryland State Police, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute and all the partners on the committee and we have not only written guidance but we have a video for all you providers on our MIEMSS web site and on the MFRI web site as well to give you the perspective in working in our state on how to protect providers and to give the best care to those who are injured. Realizing that those injured could be a police officer, a public safety worker or could be one of us so I think it is very important that we learn this and talk with our partners in our local jurisdictions on how best to provide this care under fire in a sense.

Briefly, education and certification and we’re making a transition there from our system and transitioning to an image trend system for certification and licensure. That is in process now. I will let you now we will monitor that and let you know and get back to you, but that should go smoothly and we will do our best to accomplish that in an effective way.

This is probably the most important topic, certainly what I’ve gotten the most questions on so we’ve made a transition for EMT and EMR to the National Registry. This occurred before I assumed the role. From my understanding we had to make this change. The other choices we had previously are no longer available. Based on that, anytime there is a new test, a new procedure it’s hard for us to adapt and I will tell you that we are working very closely with all our partners to look at this. What we are finding is that students that are completing a course, not all of them are registering for or taking the National Registry test and completing it. So we’re working with our partners, particularly with MFRI and the MSFA broadly at all levels. We have a work group from SEMSAC, the BLS subcommittee is looking at best practices for instructors, working with MFRI to survey students and we are working to change curricula to make it the most understandable for students. Our goal is there are about 350 some students that have completed the course, eligible for the test but have not registered. That’s the numbers now. We’ll be working with our partners trying to address those, trying to find the causes, trying to help them complete the course and completing the exam successfully, joining us in the field as providers.
We do a number of hospital programs. Currently we are reviewing hospital regulations and comparing new guidelines with COMAR. Also we certify base stations and specialty centers, so we are busy doing that each year. This is a graphic of the book that came out in 2014 of the new guidelines for trauma centers. We are taking each of these and comparing it to what the regulation says to determine if we need to update and how do we update with our partners.

Research is important and research allows us to get the wonderful news of our system out to others to say here’s what we do well. Here’s just one example where we publish an article on bystander CPR, but I look to work with each of you and proclaim the greatness of the State of Maryland and our EMS system to other states and other providers. Now that’s one type of research. I don’t know if you can read that sign but it says; need cash for alcohol research, so that’s another type of research, but actually there is a sobering center in Baltimore City. I won’t get into the details but there may be a solution for this. I’ll leave it up to your whether you contribute or not.

In terms of research and data we are working hard on EMS performance metrics and all I’ll say is this is where health here is going but if we can measure what we do. We will find that we do a very good job. We’re just not reporting all of that right now, so we are working on getting some performance metrics. We are as I said earlier trying to get the cardiac data base up like the trauma system. We are doing something with cardiac arrests so when it is successful will allow each of you to get feedback on cases you were on to see how you are doing in the system. I will make a point that we have learned something in the past years and that is EMTs do two things that affect cardiac arrest, CPR and AED. This is a way for us to get feedback to you that is important. CPR training is important and for those of you who have not heard we have a resuscitation academy. I would encourage you to apply for and attend. It is the best techniques of these items I talked about, CPR integrating with the team on scene to get the most effective CPR use and to get the most survival from cardiac arrest.

We had our EMS awards recently and I was able and very proud to be there with Chairman DeVries and Lt. Governor Rutherford. We recognized many of our EMS providers have done a wonderful job over the years including, children who have made the right call, dispatchers, and field providers. On the policy side we’ve been active, probably the most integrated healthcare data and for those of us who are field providers to work with the hospital and to provide value on how to get these patients the right resources. It’s similar, right patient- right recourses but it’s not always taking them to the emergency department. We are looking at that now, the feasibility of MIH programs. We have a committee of SEMSAC that is looking at that.

We want to say thank you. Certainly Lt. Walt Kerr retired from the MSP and he was awarded the EMS provider of the year and Lou Jordan got a life time achievement award. Our congratulations and best wishes to both of them in receiving those awards.
So it’s a partnership, we work together and I look forward to working with you and I appreciate everything you do every day. Thank you. (Applause)

**President David Keller III:** Well Dr. Seaman we really appreciate, you know you took over a new position. You’re still getting your feet wet and you’re still trying to figure out all that stuff. It is an honor that you actually took the time to come to the convention in your new role and it means a lot to us. We all see things and we need to know things and you actually showed up here today. You just showed us today your commitment to the fire service so we appreciate it. At this time I have a resolution and one of our conference gift bags.

All righty, we have a couple announcements. The purse bingo tonight is at 6:00 right over here at the bay front ballroom. The doors will open at 5:00. Monday night family night at Jolly Rogers starts at 6:30. Voting continues tomorrow at 8:00, I know that will be from 8:00 to 10:00. The awards ceremony starts tomorrow and the exhibits are open today till 4:30 so if you have a couple minutes please go down there and see the exhibitors, so we appreciate it and at this time I call Harry Hetz to the podium for the benediction.

**Harry Hetz:** Thank you Mr. President. Please rise if you are able. Our Lord and our God as we dismiss this afternoon, Father we thank you for your mercy and your grace over us. We thank you for the wisdom and the guidance for the leadership. We thank you for the dedication and the commitment of all who serve the communities, the first responders who protect our communities and our way of life. Father we lift up those who are suffering that needs a touch of your healing hand. We ask for your mercy and grace over them. We ask for your mercy and grace upon all who morn. Surround them and grant them your comfort and peace. Dismiss us now with thy presence and thy peace. Watch over our going out and our coming in. Father we thank you for all things. Amen.

**President David Keller III:** We will recess till tomorrow at 8:30. (Gavel)
President David Keller: I would like to go ahead and call the 3rd Session of the 123rd Annual Convention to order. We have a couple of announcements to make. First thing, voting started at 8:00 and will run to 10, so if you go back to vote, please keep it down and be considerate of the people up here speaking. Also after the end of this session, anybody with the VCAF Committee meet at the rear of the hall for a brief VCAF meeting. At this time we will go ahead and do the prayer and I will call upon Past Chief Chaplain Rev. Harvey Dixon.

Past Chief Chaplain and Chaplain Emeritus Rev. Harvey Dixon: Good morning. This is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. First of all, I would like for all of us to join in prayer in remembering our Governor, Governor Larry Hogan. Certainly at this time God is able to do miracles. I stand before you this morning as one of those that prayer has intervened for. So let’s not go weary but let’s roll up our sleeves and join together. And it is amazing what God can do and what he might do for us. Will you stand with me this time for prayer.

Father we bow our heads this morning and lift up to you our voices and our hearts and minds for this time of leadership and guidance and direction for this great Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We pray that you will bless the officers, the leaders, each committee member. Lord we pray that you will help each of us that we would be a little part of this in our corner. That we will brighten our corner of this great Association that we may sense your guidance, your leadership and your blessing upon us for the way that you will help us and as we have already asked Lord, would you help our Governor this morning, would you touch him in such a way that he may feel your touch. Guide the doctors, the nurses, strengthen the family, be near to them in a way that you will just visit there and comfort in that situation. Lord we know that you are our refuge and strength in every test and trial if we will lean upon you. We ask now that in a special way, cover this session with your love, guidance and direction that will make this day a special day in the history of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And we will continue to give you thanks and honor you for that guidance. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
Thank you. You may be seated.

President David Keller III: Alright, at this time if I may remind everybody to a: turn off.
your phones or b: put them on vibrate. And now I call to the podium John Fisher with a safety message.

John Fisher, Safety Chair: Good morning. I want you to look around. We have added a curtain, so check out this front exit where it is located. Big thing today, is a heat advisory. Must, must, must be hydrated! And for those going out to the beach, think of the lotion because we get a lot of sunburns this time of year. So the personal safety today is hat, hydrate and suntan lotion. Have a safe one!

President David Keller III: At this time I now call the members of the Damascus Fire Department to the stage for the Gladhill Thompson presentation.

Chief Darren Long: Good morning. On behalf of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and its Auxiliary it’s an extreme pleasure for us to make the trip to Ocean City to participate in the Gladhill Thompson Award. Chief Les Thompson and Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill served as role-models to us all in the fire service in the State of Maryland for all of their accomplishments through their lifetime.

I would first like to call Steve Cox forward to receive his trophy for the 2014 recipient. (Chief Long presents Past President Steve Cox with the trophy that he gets to keep for being last year’s winner. Applause, cheers and whistles)

I would now like to call President David Keller forward to name this year’s 2015 recipient of the Gladhill Thompson Award. Thank you.

President David Keller III: It is my honor and privilege to announce the winner of the Gladhill Thompson Award as Richard K. Brooks III from Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company. (Cheers, whistles, applause.)

(Presentation of the Gladhill Thompson Award was made to Richard by Chief Long.)

Chief Brooks it is an honor and a privilege to be part of your staff and on behalf of the County Executive of Cecil County and the County Counsel, I am here to present you with a Proclamation that reads: “Whereas Chief Richard K. Brooks III has worked diligently with the Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Convention and, whereas, Chief Richard Brooks, as the Chief of Cecil County Department of Emergency Services has developed efficient operations including Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Hazardous Materials Team and the 911 Dispatch; whereas, Richard as a dedicated member of the Water Witch Volunteer Fire Company – his home company; whereas he has supported the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2014; and whereas, Richard K. Brooks has dedicated his life to working on behalf of the volunteer firefighters in Maryland; and whereas, the Gladhill Thompson Trophy conferred on and honors individuals who have...
made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Richard K. Brooks: Thank you very much.

Robyn Shelton Hahn, President HCVFA: Richard, one last thing on behalf of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association congratulations, we are so proud of you and we will take care of all your luncheon needs for the next year. Plenty of cole slaw delivered to his office!

(Applause.)

Richard K. Brooks: Thank you all very much. I can’t go any further. We all do this because we love it. The volunteer fire service has been part of our life and my life since I was 16. I am very proud to share it with my Dad, my sister, my son and my wife. And it has just always been, especially in my lifetime, in White Marsh, in Hereford; certainly in Norrisville, we all live through some struggles there, we accomplished a goal and we have had great friends along the way. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: At this time the family wanted to get a family picture, so if Mrs. Brooks is in the back, please come on out.

The next award we will do will be the Colburn Cup.

Doug Alexander: Good morning. We’re here this morning to present the Colburn Cup Award which is sponsored each year by the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company. On stage with have with us members of the Princess Anne Volunteer Company who sponsor the trophy. We would very much like to quickly recognize all the nominees as this is a heroism award. I think everyone who is nominated for this award should at least be recognized. So if you hear your name called, please come to the stage, we do have a certificate for you.


From the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company: Capt. U. DeMocus.

From the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Jonathan Scully.

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From the Blue Ridge Mountain Fire Company in Jefferson County, W.V., Rusty Dignosio and D.J. Rodriquez; and From the Berkley County Fire Department: firefighter Scott Sanders and firefighter Wesley Mendoza.

I will explain each one of these briefly once we get everyone up here.

From the Hollywood Fire Department: Deputy Chief Richard Brady, Lt. Ernest Rogers, firefighter Nick Davis, firefighter David Yount; and, from the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, the same incident: Mary Ellen Borland and Billy Yost; and, from St. Mary’s Advanced Life Support: Scott Peterson, Brandy Guy, and Jesse Bauer.

If any of these folks are in the audience, please come forward so we can present you with a certificate.

Very quickly, the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue crew was involved in a house fire with firefighter MAYDAY and a rescue performed there.

The Branchville Volunteer Fire Company was rescues during flooding in that area. The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Scully responded on a medical emergency because he happened to be the closest person and was instrumental in saving that person’s life.

Potomac Valley Fire Company along with the companies from Jefferson County and Berkley County, W.VA., were involved in the rescue of a firefighter that went off a cliff during a mountain fire in that area. It was a long protracted rescue which is why so many people were involved.

And the Hollywood Fire Department self dispatched on a medical emergency when there was a mix up of some sort and they got there first to help save a life of an individual who was in cardiac arrest in their automobile.

The winner of this year’s Colburn Cup and I will briefly read the application for you: On Tuesday, December 22, 2014 at 00:57 hours, multiple units from Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 2200 block of Kings House Road in Burtonsville, MD. First arriving units on the scene reported a working fire.

The Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Unit 742, staffed by 4 volunteer firefighters responded. Upon their arrival on the scene, three crew members, Capt. St. John, FF Daris and FF Rovala preceded to side “C” of the structure and made entry to start primary and secondary search for occupants. Rescue Squad 742 Driver, Capt. Brett Russell, originally stayed with the rig but a short time later went to join his crew inside the structure. Shortly after entering the structure through the same door as his crew,
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Capt Russell fell through the floor and was trapped dangling over a working basement fire. Russell immediately transmitted a MAYDAY. The crew from Rescue Squad 742 was able to locate Russell in very low visibility and hazardous conditions.

With Russell hanging over a super heated basement fire, Capt. St. John took immediate control of the situation. In addition to requesting a ladder, Capt. St. John has the presence of mind to call for a hand-line to deploy in an effort to reduce any burns that and to keep Capt. Russell cool. At one point, Russell’s SCBA, which had him wedged, shifted a bit causing him to slip lower into the basement. While waiting for the ladder, Capt. St. John stayed with Russell and maintained continuous verbal communications and reassurances that they would get him out safe and sound. All along using the hand-line to keep him cool until he could be freed.

When the ladder was delivered to side “C” of the building, the crew of Squad 742 deployed into position the ladder. Russell was able to self-extricate at that point. Fortunately, due to the rapid response to his MAYDAY and transmission and outstanding training and leadership of Capt. Adam St. John, Russell was safely rescued from a very dangerous and potentially life threatening situation. Russell was subsequently transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released.

For his quick thinking, strong leadership and heroic actions under extreme hazardous life threatening conditions, we are pleased to announce Capt. Adam St. John as the winner of the George W. Colburn Jr. Cup Award. Capt. St. John (Applause.)

Okay, before he gets of the stage, we have a couple of other awards that go along with this. From the Office of Steny Hoyer, we have a Certificate of Congressional Recognition. From the State Legislation of Maryland, we have a certificate from the Senate signed by Mike Miller and one also from the House of Delegates. We want to make sure he gets all of them along with the Medal of Heroism we hope he will proudly wear upon his uniform. (Applause.)

Photo op time if anyone needs a picture, now is the time. Thank you very much.

President David Keller III: Our next award is the Robert Shimer Administrator of the Year Award.

Past President Bobby Jacobs: Good morning everyone. The nominees this year are Joan Callaway from Williards Volunteer Fire Company, Robert Farver from Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Company, Gloria Lewis from Rivera Beach Volunteer Fire Company, and Paulette Mathias.

Also at this time I would like to recognize the committee members: C. Daniel Davis, Philip R. Hurlock, myself, Joseph Robison and Roger Steger. If any of these gentlemen are in the Hall please join us on stage.
At this time I am going to turn this over to Past President Danny Davis to recognize the recipient of the award for 2015.

**Past President Danny Davis:** Thank you Bobby. Good morning. The Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award, at the request of the Shimer family and with the endorsement of the officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, was established to be 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 and emergency medical services of the state of Maryland. This prestigious award will recognize an individual for their achievements and positions they have held within their own community, county and state. The time requirements are not restricted to the past year but could have included the prior years as well. The intent of the award is to honor Past President Robert H. Shimer for his 37 years of 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 the recognition he earned as a member of the emergency services in the state of Maryland. His passion for the emergency services touched every one of us and his presence is surely missed. Unfortunately the Shimer family could not be here today and as a result we are pleased to present the Robert H. Shimer Administrator Person of the Year Award on behalf of the family to Gloria Lewis of the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company and wife of Past President, David Lewis. (Applause)

I also have a certificate of Congressional recognition presented on behalf of Steny Hoyer and we also have one from the Maryland General Assembly – an Official Citation and a copy for the fire company. Gloria congratulations. We have a travelling plaque for you and the other individuals are here, please see me behind stage and you will receive a Certificate as well. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

**President David Keller III:** Alright. Just in case anyone is interested, there are plenty of seats up here, so if anyone wants a seat there are plenty. Also if you are coming up for an award, we are changing the way things are done. After you receive your award, if you would exit stage my right, that will help us out. At this time we will have the Hall of Fame Awards.

**Danny Carpenter:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. Officers, Past Presidents, delegates and guests, the Hall of Fame committee report is printed in the convention book without the inductees’ names. I would like to recognize the Hall of Fame Committee if they would please come out on the stage at this time.

“Bill” Lay Sr., James T. Riegel Sr.; Richard Smith, and Richard Yinger PP. 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 this year please resubmit them and remember the dead line is April 15, 2016.

This year the Convention Committee Support Committee was able to get a new Hall of Fame pin. So each inductee will get a new Hall of Fame pin with a new design and a plastic laminated card. We thank the Convention Committee for supporting us on that.

It gives me great pride to announce the Hall of Fame Inductees for 2015. When I call your name, would you come up on the stage to receive your award? If the member is not present, would somebody from the company come up to accept the award?

Richard C. Blair, Clear Spring Ambulance Club Company (Applause)
Leon A. Cullison, Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)
Essel T. Farlow, Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)
Barry Glassman, Level Volunteer Fire Company (Applause and Cheers)
Warren D. Gott, Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)
Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Hacks Point Volunteer Fire Company (Applause and Cheers)
Chief S. Darron Long, Damascus Volunteer Fire Department (Applause and Cheers)
Robert E. McClelland, Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Department (Applause & Cheers)
Chief Thomas W. Musgrove Sr., Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department (Applause & Cheers)
William “Bill” Sparrow, Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company (Applause)

Each year the Hall of Fame Committee can induct three special inductees into the Hall of Fame. This year the Committee has selected 3 inductees that have supported the MSFA. At this time I would like to call President Keller out here to assist me with this.

Barbara Goff, Assistant Director of MIEMSS (Applause)
Margaret “Peg” Mooney, Maryland Fire Rescue Service Memorial Foundation (Applause)
Allison Nicodemus, Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office MIFIR Reports (Applause)

If all the inductees would exit to your right through the curtain and down the steps and go behind stage for more pictures. I would like to remind you to look at your certificates to make sure you got the proper one. We do have mix ups every now and then. Thank you.

The Hall of Fame committee also has the honor of doing the Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award. The Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award is awarded to individuals who have at least 50 years of continuous and faithful service to the organizations within
the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This year the committee received 25 nominees for a total of 1,401 years of service. Each individual nominated will receive a Governor’s Citation, a MSFA plaque the first year nominated, and then any sequential years nominated thereafter a MSFA certificate. Please come up in front of the stage and if the nominee is not here a member of their department to receive your certificate and plaques and line up across the front. The nominees are:

David Kline Sr., Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co. - 50 Years of Service (Applause)
Douglas L. Medley, Bay District Vol. Fire Dept. - 54 Years of Service (Applause)
Stuart W. Carter, Pikesville Vol. Fire Co., - 50 Years of Service (Applause)
Ted M. Fletcher, Sharpstown Vol. Fire Dept. - 60 Years of Service (Applause)
Robert E. Knippenburg, PP, Midland Fire Co. No. 1 - 53 Years of Service (Applause)
Angelo A. Flora, Ocean City Vol. Fire Co. - 62 Years of Service (Applause)
John B. Dixon, Cockeysville Vol. Fire Co. – 50 Years of Service (Applause)
Edward T. Clopper, Funkstown Vol. Fire Co. – 56 Years of Service (Applause)
Earl Richard Baker Sr., Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. – 50 Years of Service (Applause)
S. Richard “Dickie” Powell, Galena Vol. Fire Co. – 60 Years of Service (Applause)
James E. Jarboe, Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept. – 59 Years of Service (Applause)
Robert H. Gibson Jr., Queen Anne’s-Hillsboro Vol. Fire Co. – 70 Years of Service (Applause)
Harve Edward Woods Sr., The Glenn Dale Fire Assn. – 56 Years of Service (Applause)
Dale L. Lowman – New Windsor Fire & Hose Co. No. 1 – 51 Years of Service (Applause)
Frederick Robert Seibel III – Cape St. Claire Vol. Fire Co. – 59 Years of Service (Applause)
Maynard Wines – Savage Vol. Fire Co. – 51 Years of Service (Applause)
John W. Hartley – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – 66 Years of Service (Applause)
Ralph Henson – Sykesville-Freedom Dist. Fire Dept. – 58 Years of Service (Applause)
David Hoff – Sykesville-Freedom Dist. Fire Dept. – 50 Years of Service (Applause)
Richard Howes – Sykesville-Freedom Dist. Fire Dept. – 59 Years of Service (Applause)
Glenn Whiteman – Sykesville-Freedom Dist. Fire Dept. – 62 Years of Service (Applause)
Kenneth Simmers Sr. - Graceham Vol. Fire Co. – 50 Years of Service (Applause)
Roland Brady – Prince Frederick Vol. Rescue Squad – 50 Years of Service (Applause)
Bill Pearson – Rosedale Vol. Fire Co. – 56 Years of Service (Applause)
Paul Price – Cockeysville Vol. Fire Co. – 59 Years of Service (Applause)

At this time I would like to call up the Rockville Volunteer Fire Company President Timothy C. Jones for some remarks and make the presentation.

Timothy Jones: Thank you Danny. I appreciate it. Good morning everyone. Welcome to this most prestigious award. That is quite an accomplishment. As Danny said
they have over 1,401 years of service to their fire companies and the citizens of the State of Maryland. They deserve another round of applause. (Applause.) What an accomplishment.

Myself along with Chief Scott Evans and the members of the Rockville Vol. Fire Dept., Inc. are extremely honored to be here today to present this prestigious award. Let me give you a little history on it.

Marbury F. Gates, one of our Charter Members, served for over 60 years to our corporation. In 1981 our corporation decided we would like sponsor an award to recognize other individuals who served their departments in the state of Maryland for not less than 50 years of service. The Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association agreed, and that is why we are here today to give this award to one of the individuals.

Each one of these individuals deserves to win this award, unfortunately only one can get it. So the gentleman who is a winner today, has had over sixty some years of service to his department. He has served in every category in his department during that time period. From fire chief to secretary to treasurer, board of directors and fireman. But beyond those responsibilities in his department, he also served many years on his town council. He just gave upon himself to everyone in the area he lived in. He was also elected to his county’s Hall of Fame and so without further ado, we are proud to present this award Chief Powell of the Galena Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause and cheers)

Danny Carpenter, Chair: I just remembered, if each of you would check your Citation and make sure it is yours. You may want to take them and walk around the back of the stage for a group photo.

Dickie Powell, Recipient: It has been a lovely ride.

Danny Carpenter, Chair: Thank you Dickie.

President David Keller III: Our EMS Committee has an award to present before we get to the Josiah A. Hunt Award and since the committee gives both, I am going to invite the Committee out take care of both at the same time.

Bill Dousa, Chair: Thank you Mr. President. The EMS Committee had the responsibility for an award that has not been given for a number of years. It was established in the late 1990s and apparently there have been very few nominations for it over the years. I know that since I have been the chairman of the committee we have not had a nomination. However we do have one for this year. It is Accident and Prevention Award. It recognizes a member company for outstanding accident and prevention program. It can be short term or long term program.
This year we had a submission from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Company. They did an outstanding job and I think all of us could learn from their documentation over what they did over the year. So I would like to present the Accident and Prevention Award for Class 5 to Takoma Park. Could I have a representative present to accept the award please? (Applause.)

Jim Jarboe of Takoma Park: I just want to say one thing. First off, thanks on behalf of the fire department. But there are a lot of fire departments that does a lot of great things in fire safety and education and all; and we need to get up and get things in. Don’t look at Takoma Park that we are the best, I mean we might feel we are the best but there are 360+ fire departments in this state and I am sure we are not the only fire department that does stuff on public education, safety and etc. So let’s get the fire chiefs and the boards and get your people out there and get recognized. Thank you. (Applause.)

Bill Dousa: Actually we are going to have this book available to the EMS Committee so your representatives can look at it. This is a pretty impressive program in my opinion. So once again, thank you.

Ok now the Hunt Award. I am going to call our subcommittee of the EMS Committee who actually selected the Hunt Person of the Year. The Award was established in 1991 to honor Dr. Hunt who was a local Harford County physician. He frequently left his practice to jump on an ambulance to help us in Harford County learn how to do EMS and to do it right.

The Delta Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company donates the trophy to my right. It has some of their local marble and slate on it. It is a trophy you get for a year and then return it the following year and we present you with a plaque you keep.

It is considered the highest EMS Award in the state of Maryland. So without further ado I would like to present the plaque for the winner of last year’s award. She did see the trophy was returned but she is not here. I would like for Vice President Laird from the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company accept the plaque for her. She will present it to Assistant Chief Tingler at the fire company meeting. (Applause)

Ok, this year we have 5 very well qualified nominees and please forgive me if I murder the names. When I call you, if you are here, please come up if not a representation of the company. We have certificates for all the nominees for the Hunt Award. The nominees are:

George Alfaro, Ronald F. Kefauver Jr., Amber L. Leizear, Megan Quinn, Joan F. Raley

(Applause)
Ok, now that we have our nominees. The winner, and I am going to summarize her letter in a couple of sentences: She is a lady who joined the fire service to fill a daytime need. She saw a need for daytime EMS personnel. She did that 37 years ago and even with that, in the last five years she has responded to 2,000 EMS calls. This is a pretty impressive lady from her résumé. Without further ado the winner is Joan F. Raley. (Applause and cheers)

Joan be careful, that trophy is heavy with all the marble and slate on it. You get to keep it for a year. Come back next year and you will get your plaque. We also have some Congressional Citations to go along with your certificate of recognition. Thank you and congratulations. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: We wanted to say thank you to a couple of different people who did things throughout the year. And through the Stars of Life Awards. You know we kind of went around to see what was going on and there were two kids and I mean there were a lot of kids out there that do a lot of things. But there were two kids that actually stood out a little more this year that we actually heard about. We actually have a small Resolution for them. They are George Emmell IV and Angelina Emmell. I don't if they are in the audience yet. Just so you all know, on June 25th of last year (2014) George III got off his farm tractor and the tractor engaged and ran him over. Little George, who they call “Hank” who is 10 years old, witnessed what happen, ran over and got his sister who is 14 to run and get 911. If it wasn’t for these two brave kids who saw this tragic accident their grandfather would not be here today. We have two Citations for them. We just wanted them to be recognized because it starts at home with the small kids in your community. You see what happened. We take the time, we train them right, and we are actually saving lives with the young kids. So we just wanted to make sure they are recognized. Are they in the audience? Here comes their Mom, Margaret Bullock. (Applause.)

Bill Dousa, EMS Chair: I just want to say something. President Keller kind of surprised me after the fact with this award. They are actually from Joppa-Magnolia’s area, which is George Emmell’s home company which is where I started in the fire service. So President Keller, thank you. (Applause.)

President David Keller III: Alrighty. We are going out of order because something else just came up and we have got to get somebody out of here. So at this time we are going to do the Legislator of the Year Award.

Steve Cox, PP and Chair Legislative Committee: Thank you Mr. President. On behalf of the Legislative Committee it is my pleasure to present the Legislative Report and the presentation of the Legislator of the Year Award. And along with me today is Richard Smith, my Vice Chairman and the President and Vice President the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association.
First of all our report is on Page 57-58 of the Convention Book. Our Committee was extremely active this year. We spent a total of 1,771 hours. Our primary focus this year, with all the new legislators, was to introduce the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to them and build bridges so that we could gain support from them this year and in future years.

Two key focuses that we worked on, there were many, many issues and one of the things you do in Annapolis is read all the legislation. And what is not good for us, we make sure we make our points known on that. And what is good we make sure legislators support it.

One that we were very successful was the Assault Bill, where if a firefighter is assaulted, that carries the same plenty and crime as a police officer. One of the other pieces of legislation that we spent a GREAT deal of time, and I am very, very pleased to say Richard Smith lead the charge on that, was the Residential Sprinkler Bill to opt out of residential sprinklers. And I would like you to join with me in giving him a round of applause because he worked countless hours on that. (Applause)

Like to begin our presentation, first of all if Steve DeBoy is in the audience, would you please come forward? Steve DeBoy works for the Governor’s Office. He was very instrumental in assisting us in our endeavors. And Steve we have a picture we wanted to present to the Governor and we would ask that you would accept it on behalf of Governor Hogan. (Applause) Steve please stay here.

I would like to move into the Senator William H. Amos Memorial Legislative Award. We are presenting three this year. There were three legislators that helped us TREMENDOUSLY. I would like to begin with the first award to Senator James N. Mathias Jr. and I believe Roger Steger is going to accept. Each of these say “Recognition of an Individual’s contribution and determination, promoting the betterment of Maryland Fire and Rescue Services through successful legislation and the legislative process, sponsored and presented by Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association, June 23, 2015, Robyn Sheldon Hahn, President. (Applause) President Hahn is presenting an outline of the state of Maryland with the Harford Cecil patch. The next legislative award is presented to Delegate Dana M. Stein. Delegate Stein. Along with the presentations we are also presenting a picture of the Capitol. The next presentation is to Delegate Marvin E. Holmes Jr. (Applause)

I ask you one more time to join us in thanking the legislators that helped us be successful in Annapolis. (Applause) Hold on one second please. We have one more special presentation, Special presentation, and recognition to a former Delegate. That particular Delegate not only helped not only helped us in years past but he was a critical asset to us we called his cell phone many times day and night asking for guidance, counsel, advise, what do we do and a tremendous supporter, Past Delegate
Jimmy Malone.  (Applause)  Jimmy, we asked the County Executive to make sure you covered those legs.  Please one more time.  Let’s show them our appreciation and thank you.  (Applause)

**President David Keller III:** Alrighty.  At this time we’re going to do the Oscar Baker Award. And while we’re getting set up, if we could for those that don’t know it Oscar is having a birthday this week so we can sing him Happy Birthday.  (The President led the group in singing happy birthday to PP Oscar Baker)  (Applause)

**President Walz:** Good morning.  It’s a privilege for the Mt Airy Fire Company to again sponsor the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award.  This award recognizes an individual who is just starting out in their career in the emergency services.  But it also honors the legacy of an individual who has over 70 years service to the fire service of this state and to his home company.  I am glad you all had the opportunity to wish Oscar a happy birthday before we came out.  I hope I can someday celebrate 93 years, amazing.

This year’s winner of the rookie of the year award has completed numerous training within his home department, Fire Fighter I, HazMat Ops and EMT.  He has completed various training opportunities including HazMat recert, B A recert, minimum staffing objectives, vehicle extrication, auto fire training, water supply, house burning, engine company operations, RIT operations, and participated in live burning training.  He was also honored by his home department as the 2014 Rookie of the year.

Before I announce the winner I am just going to mention we are going to mention the two additional nominees.  We will recognize them at this time. The runner ups, Bryce Trossbach from Leonardtown, (Applause) and Eugene Parker from Cockeysville.  (Applause)

The winner of the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award from the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department is Keith Clemente.  (Applause)

**President David Keller III:** Alrighty. We will now do the Fire Fighter of the Year Award.

**Rusty Leftwich:** Good morning.  If there are any members of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award committee in the audience, please come up.  I have a question.  I want to do a little vote here.  Of everybody that’s out here in your companies, how many companies pick a fire fighter of the year?  Raise your hand. Ok, then how come I only got five nominations?  It only takes a few minutes folks to honor your people, ok? There’s no reason we shouldn’t have, 360 some members, we should have a lot of applications to keep us busy, so think about it, honor your people, take the time to fill out the form and send it in.  Give us something to do, ok, we appreciate it.
This year as I said there were five nominations. If they are here we’d like them to come up on stage also. From Leonardtown, Chris Bell, from Hollywood, Earnest Rogers, from First hose Co of Boonesboro, Oley Griffith, from Ridge, Joseph Ridgell and Joseph Raley. If any of you are here, come up on stage, please, we appreciate it.

Ok, I am going to read a little bit out of the letter. It was an eight page letter on this individual. I’m just going to go over some of his accomplishments real quick. He has over 200 hours of annual fire fighter training last year, been a delegate for several years, done a lot of work with ISO, all kinds of fire fighting upgrades and so forth, a life member of his fire department, and rather than sit and talk about it any longer, Chief Oley Griffith of the First Hose Company of Boonesboro. (Applause) Presenting him with a plaque, we have a jacket, medallion and a service bar for his uniform. A certificate of Congressional Recognition, Official Citation from the Maryland General Assembly, another one from the General Assembly, and sir.

Steve DeBoy: Ladies and gentlemen, good morning. My name is Steve De Boy. I am a former State Delegate from Baltimore and Howard Counties. I now work for Governor Larry Hogan. Obviously he couldn’t be here today. We appreciate all the kind words expressed with Governor Hogan’s recent health diagnosis. Please keep him in your prayers. The Governor planned on being here today and I can tell you Governor Hogan has a tremendous, tremendous love and respect for the fire service, law enforcement, and folks that have served in the military, folks who are veterans of the United States military. He deeply regrets that he could not be here today, so please keep him in your prayers. But on behalf of Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, I’d like to present Chief Griffith with a State of Maryland Governor’s Citation and it reads as follows: Greetings, Be it known that on behalf of the citizens of this State of recognition of your selection by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as the 2015 Fire Fighter of the Year Award, In appreciation for your nearly 4 decades of distinguished service and unwavering commitment on behalf of the volunteer fire service and the State of Maryland, and as our citizens join together in offering congratulations we are pleased to confer upon you this Governor’s Citation given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland on this 23rd day of June, 2015. It is signed by Governor Larry Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and Secretary of State John Wobensmith. Chief Griffith congratulations and thank you for your service. (Applause)

Rusty Leftwich: Thank you all.

President David Keller III: Alrighty. We are now going to move to the Cadet Program Award sponsored by Ed Emkey and up on stage we have his daughter and son and grand kids, yes, I’m sorry, this is in memory of. So at this time it gives me great pleasure to announce the winner and it is the Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS Company. (Applause)
It is my honor to present you the certificate of recognition from Steny Hoyer’s Office. We also have two recognitions from the Maryland General Assembly. We are also going to present you the small trophy for winning the trophy last year and then we also are going to present you the travelling trophy and the family will do that now. (Applause)

We will now do the Smith Statem Award.

**John Fisher:** If there are any other safety committee members that want to come to the stage, please come forward. The Smith Statem Safety Award is awarded to the safety officer of the fire company. This year the winner is Safety Officer Francis Raley, the Health and Safety Officer for the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

**President David Keller III:** Alrighty. We will now have the Zembower Award.

**Dan Stevens:** Good morning. My name is Dan Stevens and I am Vice Chairman of the Training Committee and I’d like to invite Peggy Zembower up and I’d also like to invite if there’s a representative here from the Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department, would like to have them come up and anyone from the training committee that would like to come up, they can come up on stage also.

The Zembower Fire Service Training Award was established in 1976 by Bruce and Peggy Zembower in memory of Past President Cromwell Zembower and Mrs. Cromwell Zembower who was a member of the training committee for many, many years and a Past President of this association. The award is based on the average number of formal training hours per active member in a fire company. The trophy, the large trophy is given to the company to keep for a year, they bring it back and if they surrender it back to us they get a permanent plaque to display at the fire house. Traditionally we’ve given first and second runner up for this award.

The First runner up is given in memory of Bobbie, my wife and I give this in memory of my dad, Robert who was a long time treasurer at Bay District. This year we got 27 applications for this award and the reason for that is, I can’t say for sure, but somebody, maybe Smiley White put in 26 companies from Frederick County and then we had one other that applied, Bethesda-Chevy Chase. So we had 27 applicants and I’d like to, the way this works the applications go to MFRI. Karen Layton in particular there at MFRI looks at these and verifies the training so I’d like to thank Karen and Steve Edwards, Director for doing this for us each year and at this time. Is Ellicott City here? Is someone from Ellicott City here, oh, ok, thank you all? Mark, you want to give them the trophy, they won it last year, and thank you all for bringing the trophy back to us and congratulations. (Applause)

Ok, second runner up is the New market Volunteer Fire Company with 72.5 hours
per training per active member. Do we have a representative New Market District Fire Department? Just any one of you, not all of you have to come at once here. Ok well, is someone from Frederick County here that can take that for them. That’s the second runner up. The first runner up is United Steam Company also from Frederick County. Do we have a representative from United Steam? They had 80.2 hours of training per person. Congratulations.

And the winner of the big trophy this year goes to the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company with 90.3 hours of training per active member. That’s Emmitsburg Ambulance. (Applause) Ok we’ll let Frederick County take that to them. Mr. President, will you make sure they receive this? Thank you very much. This concludes the Zembower Award. I know a lot of you do the training, go ahead and add it up. Your regional coordinator might be able to help you with that, and get them, go ahead and apply for it next year. Thank you all very much.

President David Keller III: Alrighty. We will now have the scholarship committee to present their award.

Dale Fishack Jr.: Good morning. If there are any of the committee members out in the audience from the scholarship committee would you please join me on stage for presentation of this year’s scholarships. Again I’m pleased to give the report of the scholarship committee for 2014. Again your committee has been working hard to ensure those wanting to pursue an education are supported. Each year we support students from the MSFA member companies pursuing a degree in either a fire or EMS related field. While a portion of the membership’s dues help support our students on their scholarship endeavors, we couldn’t do it without the support of some strong partnerships and I would like to bring each of our partners out to the stage and join me here.

The first is Shock Trauma and Tara Reed has a few comments.

Tara Reed, Shock Trauma: On behalf of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, we are very happy to provide a scholarship to these wonderful EMS students. They are our future. So we are proud of the hard work they have been doing and I would like to congratulate them. (Applause)

Dale Fishack Jr.: Another of our strong supporters and partners is Delmarva Power and I would like to call Linda Burris to the podium for a few comments.

Linda Burris, Delmarva Power: Thank you and good morning. Delmarva Power and Pepco are very pleased to be in the position to be able to support the scholarships and afford this opportunity to the youth. We appreciate everything that the Association does and we are glad to be able to give the scholarships out. Thank you and good luck to all the recipients. (Applause)
Dale Fishack Jr.: We also received support from the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary who supports a student in the amount of $1,000 each year. Also, Jim Deskins family who supports a student in the amount of $500 a year.

And I am happy to announce this year a new partnership, a partnership with the Maryland Committee on Trauma. Here for a presentation Clara Leely and Jim Brown.

Jim Brown: Thank you. It’s an honor to be here on behalf of the Maryland Committee on Trauma, the continuing education group that does a lot of work with our trauma centers doctors and nurses and EMS groups. We’re glad to be here to support the group today. Best of luck to all our recipients as well.

Dale Fishack Jr.: Huge thank you to all of our partners. Without you we would not be able to support as many students as we do and also support them in the amount that we do. So now what everybody has been waiting for, those students we are supporting this year.

The first student that is being supported is Katherine Pierson. Katherine is a member of the Cordova Volunteer Fire Company. She is attending Chesapeake College and she is supported by the MSFA foundation, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, MSFA member companies and DelMarVa Power. Katherine is being supported in the amount of $2,500.00 for the year. (Applause)

Our next student is Antonio Yanker. Antonio is a member of the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad. He is attending UMBC. He is supported by the MSFA foundation, MSFA members, the Jim Deskins family, and DelMarVa Power. Antonio is being supported in the amount of $4,250.00. (Applause) Antonio is not with us today.

The next Jay Yang. Jay Yang is a member of the Abingdon Fire Company. He is attending UMBC. He is being supported by the MSFA foundation, MSFA members, Shock Trauma, and the Maryland Committee on Trauma. Jay is being supported in the amount of $4,250.00 for the year. (Applause)

And our final recipient this year is Brandon Solomon. Brandon is a member of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company. He also is attending UMBC. He is being supported by the MSFA foundation, MSFA members, Shock Trauma and the Maryland Committee on Trauma. (Applause)

Congratulations to each of the students we have supported this year. I wish you the best this year in your school work. He hope to see you back here in supporting the MSFA in working to help us become the great Organization that we are. Thank you. (Applause)
President Keller III: We are now going to get into our program presentation. It will be Adam St John is an engineering, it’s analysis of 30 Dowling Circle using a fire simulator. It’s a on the night of January 19, 2011, assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire Arms and Explosive Fire Research Laboratory was requested for a fire at 30 Dowling Circle in Baltimore County. The ATF fire engineer was asked to utilize engineering method including computer fire modeling to assist in determining the route of the spread of the fire. The event that led to a fire fighters May Day and subsequently the Line of Duty Death of Mark Falkingham. Working closely with the post analysis team the ATF laboratory team created a computer simulation of the garden apartment building fire, at this time I will introduce to you Adam St. John and he will bring out Gladys Falkingham.

Adam St John: Good morning everybody. My name is Adam St John and I am a fire protection engineer with ATF. I’ve been with ATF 8 years now, since I was 12 years old, that’s a joke, I’m a little older than that. But today I want to welcome Gladys Falkingham, Mark’s widow from the case. She’s going to talk about the case and she’s going to introduce the case. We are going to go over the incident in details. One thing that we found out about this case is that it is really repeating itself. When we look at the Boston line of duty deaths, before that it was Toledo, we see a lot of commonalities here. Before I begin I wanted to thank MSFA. I went to the University of Maryland on an MSFA scholarship, every year, so where I am today, working for ATF, I couldn’t have done it without their support and MSFA, so thank you to you guys and MSFA. After I graduated I got hired with ATF and our job is to answer questions of our agents. This case was special. We went out to the scene, 30 Dowling Circle while it was still on fire. And the reason we went out there, it was an accidental fire, it was food on the stove, full box assignment and Mark ended up dying 20 minutes into this incident. So they asked us if we could answer these four questions for them. They said hey Adam you have a lab you can burn buildings in, we want you to do an analysis, and can you answer these questions? When Mark died he was caught in flashover conditions about 10 minutes after the fire was under control. He arrived on scene, he never had to crawl, he never saw flames, and he never saw heat conditions until he was caught in what we call a flow path. So recently, us as engineers have done a lot of work, a lot of research to talk about flow path. As scientists we are really good at making things complicated. But if you understand how Mark died you’ll understand what’s killing all of these other fire fighters. That’s why Gladys’ support and we’ve been doing this all over the country, why it is so important. This science applies to you guys. Every year we are killing more and more fire fighters under these conditions for a number of reasons. Mainly because we don’t identify where these flow paths exist. Today we are going to share with you a video and the video is going to include the entire incident. The 911 dispatch, the scene operations and Mark’s May Day to tell you guys what happened and to tell this whole story. So when we went to the scene, the Incident Commander, Baltimore County, Secret Service and Gladys said hey Adam can you answer some questions for us. The first thing we want to know is when the
first due Engine Company arrived on scene they pulled two hand lines. They had full staffing and full PPE and they couldn’t make it five feet down the stairs. Why were the temperatures so high? The answer is that it was a flow path and we will talk about that. The second thing they wanted me to answer was the fire started in the terrace level, the basement level of the building. Mark burned to death 20 minutes later three stories above that after the fire was under control. How did that fire spread from the basement level all the way upstairs? What Happened? The third thing they asked, the Incident Commander, he was on side alpha. The first time he saw flames he immediately sounded the evacuation tones. As soon as those tones stopped, Mark called his May Day. So we have the second floor on fire and the third floor immediately on fire after that. How did that happen so quickly? One story involved and soon after that the entire third story. It was important to Gladys, the Secret Service and everybody else was not to second guess what happened. What can we do differently next time? We are seeing that these flow paths are killing us left and right, they truly are, and we need to understand how they work and how can we prevent this from happening in the future. In this case it is something as simple as closing doors. That’s part of the analysis you are going to see today. What you are going to see is a computer analysis I made and I want you guys to appreciate it is not an animation, it is a validated process. We burned actual buildings to get this data. We put data to a model that took me months, and months, and months to run at our lab as an engineer. So what you are going to see today is going to cover the entire incident from start to finish and it’s going to be a model. It’s more than just an animation; it’s a validated process to explain what happened with these incidents.

Mark was caught in this flow path and we can see there is actually two flow paths. The first one as you see on the top image was the terrace level apartment. When they open the front door they are creating an opening above the fire and they tried to attack the fire from that opening. That doesn’t work very well. They couldn’t make the stairs because of that, we’ll show that to you in the video. The second flow path that killed Mark is what you see in the bottom slide. Mark was doing a search on the top level. Both of the doors were open. That opening up high had that energy stay inside the building and it trapped Mark. He did not have to crawl; he never saw flames until he was caught in this flashover from behind and you’ll understand why. So when we talk about it we’ll show you actual pictures from the scene. This is side Charlie, you can see a lot of flames and no smoke. This is the inlet from the flow path. On side alpha there is a lot of smoke and no flames, that is the outlet of the flow path. That’s where they tried to attack the fire.

So when we look at previous case studies and line of duty deaths, Mark’s case is not unique. It’s going to happen again. It happened last year. That report’s coming out soon from Boston. Those people were caught in a flow path identical to Cherry Road which happened in DC in 1999. This is a broken record at this point. We talk about San Francisco, again it’s identical. Prince George’s County, 57 Ave. Those guys should have died. They had good turnout gear. They were caught in the same thing
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Mark was caught in. That’s why this research applies to you guys. That’s why Gladys is here to convince everybody that we need to pay attention to this science. We need to pay attention to these flow paths. We’ll talk about them.

Again last year, Boston Mass. Is a broken record and Toledo Ohio, conducting a search above a basement. I’m sorry above a garage fire flames came in and flanked those guys too. So before we start this video, Gladys is going to introduce it and we’ll walk through exactly how Mark died, exactly how the incident progressed with the flow paths.

Gladys Falkingham: Good morning. As Adam said, On January 19, 2011 my husband Mark Falkingham became trapped while searching for victims at a four alarm apartment fire in Baltimore County. Mark was 43 years old. We had been married 17 years and we had two children who were 5 and 14 at the time of Mark’s death. Mark had been a volunteer fire fighter for over 23 years. Within those 23 years he was also a career fire fighter with the Baltimore County Fire Department. He left the career department to go to work with the Secret Service as an emergency service instructor. Mark loved his job with the Secret Service. You see he loved being an instructor. He loved teaching. He was an instructor who always went an extra mile to make sure his students got it, whatever it took. In the weeks and months following Mark’s death, as we tried to settle into our new normal I started to wonder what Mark would say and what happened to him. I soon realized that he would want to know exactly what went wrong and what could be done to prevent another fire fighter’s family from living his family’s nightmare. I knew he would want us to learn from his death. A few months later I met Adam, while at the Secret Service and I learned of the ATF video and the presentation that Adam had put together. I watched the presentation in a room with Mark’s secret service colleagues. I knew after seeing Adam’s presentation that these are the answers that Mark would want to find. This presentation will hopefully prevent any other family from living our family’s nightmare. And I believe Mark would feel the same way. Sorry, I wrote this yesterday. I would like to thank the training committee for their support and I would like to thank Adam and the ATF for their support. Together we can prevent any other tragedy. (Applause)

Adam St. John: So as we play the video we will hear the actual scene audio; the May Day, the radio calls and we’re going to pause it throughout to explain what’s going on. So we will go ahead and start it now and we’re going to see a fly over of the building. This is a typical garden apartment. The fire actually started on the terrace level which is a basement apartment. When you come through the entrance on side alpha you go down a half of flight of stairs about 5 feet to the terrace level or you go up a half of flight to the middle level or the second floor. There were six total apartments and it was split right down the middle. You can see where the fire starts in the back here, which we’ll see in a second, and above it there are two wooden balcony’s which are important. Like I said this is a food on the stove fire, six o’clock in the afternoon or at

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night and a full first alarm assignment. Now the structure itself which you can’t see in the model had exposures on each side. There was no access from side alpha to side Charlie. So we knew there was fire venting to the back but it was difficult to get to at first. We are going to fly over the building now. This is obviously the computer model I built and we’re going to take the roof off and when you see that, you will see there is one apartment on the left and one apartment on the left on each floor. On side alpha, the front side, there are two bedrooms. When you walk into the entrance, you walk into a living room area and in the back there is a kitchen. Mark actually gets trapped in the back on the third level 15 minutes after the fire is under control, after they are calling for utilities, and after they are calling for investigators. So in the model on the lower left you can see the fire on top of the stove and we generated this fire using actual fire data, heat release data from the lab. You are going to hear the 911 call in just a second. (911 call to Baltimore County plays). All right, so what’s going on inside the apartment? She is there doing homework, she is a college student and she’s cooking chicken on the stove. The oil ignites, when that happens she sees the reflection in the slider, the rear slider and she calls 911. She can’t find her cat and when she’s looking for her cat and she opens the back sliding door. When she opens the door what does that do? Well just like when we ventilate a structure and in this case it progresses. The fire goes faster. The smoke layer never drops so that fire gets plenty of air on top of the stove. Smaller compartments go through flash over faster. That’s what happened in this case. So the kitchen goes through flashover and all that energy spills out into the living room, which at that point also goes though flash over. Leaving that rear slider certainly progressed fire spread. It certainly does not let the smoke layer drop. Now when she left, the occupant of that dwelling, she went through the front door to the stairwell and the entrance door to her apartment stayed open. One thing that I’m going to talk about a lot is that entrance doors would have prevented Mark’s death. If any one of those three door had been shut it would have prevented Mark’s death. This is not new, we’ve known that for 50 years. This building is 50 years old and when it was built it was required to have a door closer. They work to block these flow paths. In this case none of these door closures worked. I’ll talk about that more in a second. So we can see the apartment goes through flashover. We have flames out the back ignite the balconies on side Charlie and on the front we have the stairwell that begins to fill with smoke. That door should have shut, it didn’t. Now when we talk about a flow path you have to have an inlet and you have to have an outlet. Usually the lowest point is the inlet and the highest point is the outlet. In this case the front door is 5 feet higher than the back slider. All that energy wants to go up and out that front door, which is exactly what happens when the first due Engine Company opens it. They don’t have the access to side Charlie so they try to make the push down the stairs and they can’t. We’ll see that happen.

So the actual fire building is here. You can see that there is an alley around to side Charlie which they eventually get units to with a truck company and an engine company. Here is the on-scene report. (Tape of on-scene report). So they are on-scene with smoke
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showing. (Tape continues), I’m going to mute it. What he says is they have a rescue to make and they have an occupant in the upper left, on the third floor. She opens her door and she is met by a wall of smoke in the stairwell. She shuts that door and she goes over to the window and she threatens to jump. They throw a ground ladder, make a quick easy rescue out of that window. She’s fine, she survives. The first due engine then pulls a hand line and they open the door to the stairwell. What happens when they open that door they create what we call that flow path? There are two types of flow paths. One where the flow is in two directions and the other where it is all in one direction from floor to ceiling. We call that unidirectional, all in one direction. That’s what they create when they open that front door. That’s why they can’t make the stairs. That’s the type flow path that killed the guys in Boston and DC. It’s that opening above the fire an extension of the chimney. You can see when they open the front door, here’s an actual photo from the scene, floor to ceiling smoke, high velocity. Now how fast is it? It’s in excess of 10 miles per hour and people say that’s a big deal because that’s faster than we can crawl in gear. It’s faster than we can run. But it’s more of a big deal because it heats you up a lot faster. You get burned a lot faster. In fact faster than flashover at the same temperatures. The same reason when you go to subway and it cooks your sub in 10 seconds is the same reason we get burned so quickly in these flow paths. When they open that door, all that energy is imparted up those stairs. What do they do, they open their hand line. When they open the hand line, they are flowing that water down the stairs but they are not putting on the seat of the fire. The seat of the fire is all the way in the back, so all they are doing is cooling the stairwell, but there’s no fuel in the stairwell. All that energy is coming from the apartment. They try to make that push, they can’t, and they try to make that push again and they can’t. So what do they do, they pull a second hand line over to the window, break it out and start flowing more water. They don’t have access to side Charlie. It’s not a bad idea. Command reassigns an engine to side Charlie to flow water into the inlet of the flow path. Once they get an engine back there they knock this fire within a few seconds. It’s using that flow path to your advantage and putting water into that inlet.

In this picture we see three things. We see the engine company trying to make the stairs. We see a second hand line flowing through the window and we see a truck crew about to vent and it’s a really good technique. They are going to bypass the stairs, they know it’s too hot, the stairs are untenable and they decide to search this apartment, in fact they end up locating two trapped victims in that apartment. So as they try to advance that hand line, this truck company breaks out that window and the first thing they do is shut that bedroom door. When we talk about flow paths, shutting doors is literally the difference between life and death. That’s one of the things we were able to show Gladys. We can see when we look at this flow path, you can see the apartment is on fire, we have an opening up high and all the energy is travelling out that flow path and on the inlet side, side Charlie, that’s the inlet. You have all the flames in the back. That energy travels through the apartment and out the front. Command then sends an engine company and a truck company to side Charlie. Like I said the engine
company knocks this fire. We can see an actual picture of the inlet. What we see is a lot of fire and don’t notice any smoke. All that smoke is travelling to side alpha. So we see the lack of smoke in the back. So what we see here is the truck company is entering the second floor. What do you want to do when then enter vent enter search. It’s something we are supporting, why because you can bypass the floor that’s on fire. You get rid of those collapse hazards and the May Day we talked about earlier today. You’re not going to fall through the floor if you bypass the floor, especially a basement fire. They break out the window and begin a search of that second story apartment. When they do that they shut the door that allows the smoke layer to leave the room and it gives them an area of refuge if they decide to search that apartment, which they do. So what we see is the engine company on side Charlie, an image will pop up now, a guy not even masking up with a 1 ¾ line puts out the bulk of the fire in about 10 seconds. Using the flow path to your advantage he does a quick sweep of the balcony on fire, he puts water into the inlet and it puts out the fire all the way through. This incident for all intensive purposes is over. It should have been over. Now what happened was when they flowed water on the balcony there was a hot spot on top they couldn’t hit. Literally a small fire. The bulk of the fire is inside the apartment, the fire is out. He makes entry, they begin to pull ceilings, they do overhaul, they call for the investigator, and the incident is pretty much over.

Now, Mark in this case was on the rescue squad and he still has not gotten on scene. When he arrives on scene the fire is out. His partner survives. He’s the best witness we have. He can tell us what they were thinking, what they were doing. This is what Mark saw when they arrived. Minimal smoke, no flames. He said he was going to do a quick search, grab a cup of coffee and go home. A secondary search, food on the stove fire, it’s no big deal. Mark was a very experienced fire fighter, career for a long time, on the volunteer side and did a lot of training. He was a sharp guy. Straight out of the witness statements; it didn’t seem that smoky when we first went in, low heat, no flames, no need to crawl, just duck under the smoke. That was consistent until they were caught in a flashover. So how did that flashover occur? Well Mark’s crew decided to search. They walked up the stairs at this point, which were not very hot anymore, they did a search of the second story apartment. Walking around with their hand lights really quick. Secondary search of the apartment then they go to the floor above. Their primary goal is to search. Let’s talk about these door closures. You are going to realize and we did an analysis that if any of the door closures had worked, Mark would not have died. It is something contrary to what we used to do, but we want to keep these doors shut to block the flow path. These are the actual doors and the actual buildings and they are old apartments, they had ugly wooden tiles and the management came in and put new carpet on top. When they did that it impacted the bottom of the door. Did the occupants complain, no they loved it because when they carried in groceries the door would stay open? In this case every single door, in every building, in this case almost 100 apartments was just like this. Subsequently they have been fixed. As they did their search the doors did not close. As the occupants left the doors did not close.
What’s going on in that basement apartment? The people doing the overhaul on side Charlie can see the engine lights on side alpha. This fire is out. Command is calling for investigation, is calling for support, the incident is over, but; meanwhile on the second floor we have a hot spot on the balcony. That hot spot ignites hanging plastic curtains. This model that I spent months putting together didn’t tell me that. We have a witness statement from the truck company who decided to search the rest of the apartment, after vent, entry, search saw this small fire. That truck company searched the bedroom, shut the door, and searched the rest of the apartment, which is a good idea. When they do that they open the door and shut it behind them and the knee jerk reaction is they just blocked their egress. In reality they didn’t do that at all. They bought themselves an area of refuse. They find this victim and drag them back to that room, which is perfectly clear, they shut the door again and protect themselves from the room that is about to flashover. Perfectly clear conditions the entire time. You want to use the doors to your advantage. Hollow core doors will buy you anywhere from 5 minutes on in fully flash over conditions. I’ll show you pictures of that in a second. So that truck crew searches that bedroom, opens the door, shuts it, and searches the rest of the apartment. They make it back to side Charlie and they see the hanging plastic curtains ignite the couch. It is almost like two separate fires. When they see that, they find an unconscious victim. Their priority is not this hot spot on the couch, which they said they probably could have hit out with their glove at this point, is getting the victim out.

They pull the unconscious person back to the bedroom, close the door behind them, they have all the time they need to get that victim out. Good job on their part. Meanwhile the fire continues to grow on the couch, there’s a myth out there that the fire doubles in size every minute. That’s not true. Engineers call it an expediential growth, it’s squared, it grows slowly at first and all of a sudden that energy heat release goes up quickly, that’s flashover, that’s what we see in the field. So as this fire continues to grow this energy stays inside the building but what I said in the beginning we need an outlet for this flow path. Right now the apartment is shut. It is shut until Mark and his crew decide to search it. Now keep in mind even if we taught closing doors even back before this case happened, Mark had no mention there was a fire in this building. There was no mention that this fire was still burning. The engine company that probably would have gone to the floor above was sent to side Charlie to put out this fire. So Mark is searching the floor above and we have a fire that’s allowed to grow freely on the floor right below them, they don’t know this is happening. When they open the door to conduct the search, now you have the outlet for all that energy. So this fire continues to grow, a second truck arrives on scene, Truck 8, they open the door to the apartment and begin to do a search. That door also stays open. That truck company makes it a few feet in and they find a second victim inside that apartment unconscious. They notice the victim, they notice the fire that’s growing. They call command and they say command we have a victim, command we have a fire. Command doesn’t answer. They call command again, command we have a
victim, and command we have a fire. They don’t answer again. The truck crew goes straight to dispatch. Dispatch we have a victim, dispatch we have a fire. At that point the room begins to go to flashover. They pull the victim out of the room as they have flames rolling over their head. They get on top of the victim to protect the victim and end up totaling their gear from that energy. Meanwhile Mark Falkingham, the officer and his back step they are talking to each other, just like we are with their masks on, they said I’ll go search the back, you go search the front. They are ducking below the smoke. No need to crawl. Mark goes towards the back towards the living room and kitchen, his partner goes toward the front. If they were both in the back, they both would have died as you will see or if they were both in the front, they both would have made it out. There was no reason to maintain that crew integrity because the conditions were so clear.

You are going to hear Truck 8 locate that victim. They are going to call command and command is not going to answer. Then you will hear them call again and then you will hear somebody say we have heavy fire in the hall. That is the first time command can see any of this. Why, because both the inlet where the flames were and the outlet where the smoke is were on side Charlie. This is where the flow path becomes important. The first time command sees flames, he calls evacuation. It’s too late, Mark immediately calls a May Day at that point which you will hear now. So we will play the audio again. You can see at this part the energy goes to flashover and we’ll watch how the energy stays inside the building. So Mark is up here doing his search. This is a view of the top. (Plays scene audio) The room begins to go through flashover. Truck 8 to command, we have somebody else on the second floor he says. Mark is searching above. That’s the first thing command sees, that’s an image of side alpha with flames in the stairwell. And here’s the May Day. He’s trapped on the third floor, heavy fire. The only way Mark could have gotten out is through the rear slider. There’s no other windows in the back. The apartment below is full flashover. It is not a viable exit. The entranceway the doorway to the apartment is full of smoke and flames. He couldn’t get out that way. He was twenty minutes into a second alarm fire. He basically waited for help and his face piece ended up burning through. This was one of the things that prompted the new face piece standard. Working with NIOSH to show that that’s the weakest link in our turn out gear. When his face piece failed, that was before they located him. His partner, who was in the front heard the evacuation tones, ran back to the bedroom to where Mark was to tell him to get out. He was met by a wall of flames, he bails out, runs back to the window, bails out head first, and flips off the ladder. If they were both in the front, they both probably would have made it out. If they both were in the back they both would have been trapped. That’s how it would have worked in this case.

So meanwhile Mark is in the back of the apartment calling a few additional May Days, he hears crew members, and they can’t make it to him in time. He’s caught in that flow path. Those convective conditions that cause his face piece to fail. Now as the RIT
went into work as the May Day progressed they eventually got a ladder to the back, now the ladder came up short because of the alley and they had to bridge that gap between the balcony and the ladder. They had about 8 firefighters working in zero visibility to package Mark in a Stokes basket to bridge that gap between where he is and where the ladder is.

So I show you an alternative run if we can mute the audio. What we did and one of the benefits to modeling with the computer model is that we can try alternative scenarios. When we gave this presentation to the Secret Service they said what if we cut a hole in that stairwell. What impact would that make? If we built this building in our lab and burned it, which we can do, it costs a lot of money to do that burn over and over again. But if we do this model we can open and close doors. We can cut holes in roofs. We can try ventilation options and one of the things we did is we shut any one of those three doors to verify that if we shut any one of them it would have blocked this flow path. So what we are working on now and the research on these flow paths continues is to try to understand them. The one thing, if you notice, is that if you deviate just a few feet from these flow paths the temperature drops over 1,000 degrees. It goes from completely untenable for firefighters to tenable if you deviate from where that air is moving. So the research continues. When you look at these pictures you can see the alternative runs. When we ran the model again and you can see, doorway shut the flames never make it to the floor above, in any of those scenarios. If any of those door closures worked this incident wouldn’t have happened. If we could skip forward in the video about a minute, I want to show some of the images we have.

A lot of people are skeptical about computer models and one of the things I wanted to show as a firefighter, just using the images from the scene, that’s what we believe and we have a live fire model we do and we did here on Sunday for everybody that came to that class, that’s what we want to see. We believe real fire, but one of the things we will see if we skip forward about two minutes is that if we look at the images of the actual building. Doors closed vs doors open, it’s night and day. And that is what convinces us, actual scenes of actual fires. So what we see on the left, this is the terrace level. That door was shut the entire time of the fire. These are the actual pictures of the actual fire. The scene on the right, this is where the fire started and you can see complete burning, high thermal damage throughout the structure. The next image you will see is the stairwell. This is going from the second level to the third level and we have clean burning, high thermal, and high heat conditions. As we look inside on the left door closed, on the right door open. This is really as simple as it gets. Putting a door between you and that fire will buy you at least 5 minutes. We can see this in the couch that caught fire where the curtains fell to the ground and the fire extended upstairs. Third level both of these doors are open. You’re going to see incredible high heat conditions on both sides. Door open and door open. Mark was located just inside that rear slider. The side of his face piece facing the fire is the first side that burned through. I guess we use that research coupled with other fire in NIOSH to get that updated with the new face piece standard that exists today.
One other image I am going to show you and this is the recommendation we gave to the team is using these doors to your advantage, anticipating that flow path, reading that flow path, especially for vent, enter, search operations. You are going to see the actual bedroom where they located that victim and you’re going to see a hollow core door. This is a door behind us with completely flash over conditions for upward of 5 minutes. That fire never made it into that bedroom. Closing that door blocks the air. You can’t have flames where you don’t have air. It’s as simple as that. This is the bedroom that they vent, enter, and searched. The window is behind us, they broke that window, searched that room and decided to search the rest of the apartment. When they did that, they closed the door behind them. When they found the victim these are the conditions they had to work with, 100% tenable throughout the entire process. Every single test that UL did, working fires and actual structures, actual furniture, conditions on the other side of the door remain tenable. Did they get smoky, yes, were they deadly for occupants or fire fighters, no? Closing that door makes the biggest difference. You’re going to see one more image of the actual room and that door is right on the other side. This room was fully involved for about 5 minutes and the flames never made it through that hollow core door. When we talk about lessons learned that’s the biggest one. Put an obstruction between you and that fire if you get trapped. If you have any questions, I know we are behind, please stop by and ask me. This is one of the rare line of duty deaths that we don’t have any outstanding questions. We know what happened. Usually our best witness is the person that died. In this case his partner was with him until the end. We know what they were thinking. We know what they were doing and we have a lot of good information, so feel free to find me afterwards and thank you for letting me present. (Applause)

President Keller III: All righty. At this time we’re going to do the family recognition awards. We have one here for Daniel Baker and the Williams, Rachel, Kingsley and Michelle and Britany. Anybody in the audience? We also have one here for Walter Snyder with Joseph Snyder and Jaquelin Snyder, Russ and Julia Snyder. For Doug Smith family, they are from Urbana, let me go back and do that again. So the Doug Smith family from Urbana, Christy, Blane and Josh. How about the Walter Pappy Myers family from Orchard Beach? And the Daniel Baker Jr. Family from St. Leonard? We have Craig Nelson Sr. from Owings Mills. We have the William Cunningham from Silver Hill. And we have the Charles Pat Richards Sr. from Laytonville.

We will now do the Instructor of the Year Award.

Past President Stephan Cox: Thank you Mr. President. My name is Steve Cox. I am a Past President of the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors and when I learned who the Instructor of the Year was I went to the President and asked if I could make the presentation to a close friend of mine and I really appreciate that. The award is presented by the Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors and the plaque is courtesy of Skip and Jackie Carey. Let me tell you a little bit about the instructor. The instructor
has a career that stems for 35 years in both career and volunteer fire service in which he’s worn many hats. During that career he spent 20 years in his previous position where he served as an instructor, a training coordinator and a partner to many agencies throughout the state. With that he delivered Incident Command training courses, developed and instructed new employee introductions and did a lot of teaching in the emergency preparedness training. He served as the jurisdictional representative on the Maryland Professional Qualifications Board. Through his career he served in many capacities. He’s been involved in Advanced Life Support, Hazardous Materials, Mass Causality Incidents, Continuity of Operations and other fields. All this training continues to benefit emergency responders throughout the entire state. He currently serves as an active field instructor for the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute and maintains a heavy work load delivering training throughout the state as well participating in the MFRI incident command simulator program. His involvement with the College Park command simulator and its mobile simulator has enriched many students throughout the state. It’s with a positive and supportive attitude and a wealth of experience he’s proven to be an integral part of this important venue. He’s put students at ease as they learned and worked with them through stressful and challenging environments. His dedication and love for emergency services training sets the standard for all students. It’s with great pride that I announce that the Instructor of the Year for the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors goes to Rick Himes. (Applause)

President Keller III: All right. We’re trying to get things together with the fire prevention awards. So the convention committee just wanted to let you all know we appreciate you coming out and taking interest in listening to the presentations today. Please the one thing Ron Siarnicki wanted me to make sure everybody knows, please fill out the comment card. We cannot keep improving the convention if we don’t get the cards filled out and turned back in. So if you could just take two or three minutes and get them back in, that actually helps us. There was some changes this year and hopefully you did enjoy those, if there is something you all didn’t like put it on the comment card. This is your all’s convention and we’re here to try to make it as enjoyable as possible. So thank you for coming and here we go. We’re now ready for the Fire Prevention with the Silver Hill Award. (Presenter corrected President, Silver Spring Award)

Burton Brenner: Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Emergency Medical Personnel, Fire Fighters, Auxiliary and everyone from their respective fire companies and rescue squads from across this great state of Maryland. The President and Board of Trustees of the 100 year old Silver Spring Fire Department and its membership welcomes you to this annual Maryland State convention. Again I have the honor of addressing this convention recognizing the men and women as EMTs, Fire Fighters, Paramedics, IV Techs, and Auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the citizens of the great state of Maryland. The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence was born from those who have come before, some still here to guide us and those who have gone from our physical midst and are yet remembered for their
contribution for 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, rescue squad, or auxiliary who deserves recognition for efforts in the year 2014 in fire prevention excellence. We recognize these efforts and fresh new innovative ideas which bring credit to the fire service, respect to the fire and give honor to our state association.

For excellence in the field of fire prevention for the year 2014 it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention the winner of the Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence from Cecil County Robert Aurcy Geraci, Community Fire Company of Rising Sun. (Applause) Well somebody’s coming up.

Special thanks to the Fire Prevention Committee and the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s, his staff and its committees in selecting today’s Fire Prevention winner. Is somebody coming up? You mean I get to take it home again. It’s heavy. Here comes somebody that’s smiling. Thank you all very much for your kind attention this morning. (Applause) Have a great convention and let’s have some innovative contributions for the fire prevention program for 2015. Thank You so much, (Applause)

**President Keller III:** We’ll now do the Fire Prevention Awards.

**Teresa Ann Crisman:** Good morning everybody, well afternoon I guess soon, who knows. No, I did not leave the Cork Bar at 3:00 in the morning. I’m good to go. I was phone called a couple days ago, where are you, I’m actually in bed at this time so I was smart. We have a lot of things going on right now and we’ll have Bruce to start off with a special award. Something that happened here last year in Ocean City and was brought to our attention and we think it’s important because it’s an educational piece that we want you to take home, listen to and note that someone from our family help save someone’s life last year. Thank you.

**Bruce Bouch:** Hello everyone. Could I ask Mattie Roberts to please come to the stage? This is a resolution from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and it reads; whereas the Maryland State Firemen’s Association wishes to recognize and show it’s appreciation to citizens who go above and beyond to ensure the well being and safety of others, and whereas; on June 16, 2014, 7 year old Mattie Roberts was swimming at the Quality Inn in Ocean City, MD while her dad was working here at the convention center and whereas; during the swim Mattie became aware of a young girl who had wandered into the deep end of the pool and was unable to keep her head above water. Mattie immediately jumped back into the pool next to the child, lifted her above the water and carried her to the side of the pool and whereas; Mattie’s courage and disregard for her own safety and whereas; her actions saved the life of another child, Now fore be it resolved this 24th day of June 2015 formally extends its congratulations and recognition to Mattie Roberts for her quick thinking and courage.
All right. Apparently I’m going first. So Good morning to all outstanding members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. For those that do not know me yet, I am Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch. I am the Director of Public Education and Media Affairs for our office. One of the many outstanding activities I am involved with allows me to chair the MSFA Public Safety and Life Safety Grant program. As the chairman I get to work with some of the best leaders of MSFA to determine who will receive funding from this awesome program. This year the committee is proud to announce that 80 member departments are receiving $1,426.50 in fire prevention materials from Alert All this year for use in their fire prevention activities in their communities. I brought along the invoice from Alert All. As a result of the amount of money we were able to put to this program they reduced their pricing to allow for that. Each department is getting represented with $500.00 from MSFA, $100.00 from their own department for a total of $600.00 and they are receiving $1,426.50 in materials, so this ends up being a very good product this year. (Applause)

It is well recognized that effective Fire and Life Safety programs are the best way to protect the lives of citizens and first responders. Injuries and deaths are greatly reduced with the implementation of community risk reduction initiatives. At this time I will ask that all fire service members that are performing smoke alarm installations and home safety visits please stand and be recognized. Thank you (Applause)

These departments understand the need to expand their outreach and promote fire life safety throughout the year. I personally encourage all companies to apply for this valuable program. Ok, one change, well change two.

Teresa Crisman: Ok it looks like I just got beer funds. Yea, first off I’d like to say thank you to VFIS for the amount of $1,550.00 for the fire prevention program. We can’t do this with you guys and we really appreciate all the support that you all have given us and thank you very much. (Applause)

Bruce Bouch: I will now call upon the departments receiving their grant awards today. I will ask that one representative come up and remain on stage for a group photo. Course we may move the photo to another location. It was to be over there but there are a bunch of tables there. Change number 3, 4. Once the photo opt is completed we will adjourn to the hallway to disperse the awards certificates so as not to interrupt the remainder of the convention program.

Aberdeen Fire Department
Abingdon Vol. Fire Department
Anne Arundel Volunteer Fire Association
Arundel Vol. Fire Dept.
Bel Alton Vol. Fire Co.
Beltsville Vol. Fire Dept.
Bowie Vol. Fire Dept.
Branchville Vol. Fire Dept.
Brentwood Vol. Fire Dept.
Capitol Heights Vol. Fire Dept.
Cobb Island Vol. Fire Dept. and EMS
Cockeysville Vol. Fire Dept.
Damascus Vol. Fire Dept.
Deale Vol. Fire Dept.
Dentsville Vol. EMS & Aux.
Earleigh Heights Vol. Fire Dept.
Ellicott City Vol. Firemen’s Assoc.
Ferndale Vol. Fire Co.
First Hagerstown Hose Co.
First Hose Co of Boonesboro
Fruitland Vol. Fire Co.
Funkstown Vol. Fire Dept.
Galena Vol. Fire Dept. Sta. 3
Germantown Vol. Fire Dept.
Glendale Vol. Fire Assoc.
Goodwill Vol. Fire Dept. of Lonacona
Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Hacks Point Vol. Fire Co.
Hampstead Vol. Fire Co.
Harford Co. Fire & EMS Assoc.
Huntingtown Vol. Fire Dept.
Hurlock Vo. Fire Co.
Joppa Magnolia Vol. Fire Co.
Junior Vol. Fire # 2
Kennedyville Vol. Fire Dept.
Kitzmiller Vol. Fire Dept.
LaPlata Vol. Fire Dept.
Lake Shore Vol. Fire Dept.
Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept.
Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad
Level Vol. Fire Co.
Liberty Road Vol. Fire Co.
Manchester Vol. Fire Co.
Marlboro Vol. Fire Dept. Co. 20
Maryland City Vol. Fire Dept.
Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept.
New Windsor Vol. Fire Dept.
Newburg Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
North Point Edgemere Vol. Fire Dept.
Odenton Vol. Fire Co.
Orleans Vol. Fire Dept.
Parsonsburg Vol. Fir Co.
Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co.
Prince Frederick Vol. Fire Dept.
Prince Georges Fire Co.
Pikesville Fire Co.
Potomac Fire Co. #2
Potomac Valley Vol Fire Co.
Princess Anne Vol. Fire Co.
Providence Vol. Fire Co.
Reese & Community Vol. Fire Co.
Rescue Fire Dept.
Ritchie Vol. Fire Dept.
Riverdale Vol. Fire Dept.
Rivera Beach Vol. Fire Co.
Rockville Vol. Fire Dept.
Seat Pleasant Vol. Fire Co.
Seventh District Vol. Fire Dept.
St. Michaels Fire Dept.
Vol. Fire Dept of Brandywine.
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose
West Friendship Vol. Fire Dept.
Whiteford Vol. Fire Co.

(Appause) As everyone is still lining up, please remember that the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference is scheduled for September 29th at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory and the Public Life Safety Educators Spring Seminar is scheduled for March 19, 2016 at the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. Additionally the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme for this year is; “hear the beep where you sleep”. Committee members, thank each and every one of you for participating in the success of the grants program and we encourage all member companies not involved to please apply next year and we can call you up on the stage as well. Thank you everyone. (Applause)
Teresa Crisman: We’re doing the awards now. Now we are going to give out the round categories and we’d like to thank the fire commission to be up here with us. We appreciate the support.

Class I
Cobb Island
Ridge (Applause)

Class II - we had no entry

Class III is going to be
Gamber
Jefferson
Seventh District (Applause)

Class IV
Hollywood (Applause)

Class V
LaPlata
Winfield
Bay District
Mechanicsville
Leonardtown
Joppa Magnolia (Applause)

Class VI - had no entry

Class VII
Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (Applause)

FOR SINGLE PROJECT WINNER:

Class I
Cobb Island
Bel Alton
Newburg (Applause)

Class II – No entry

Class III
Gamber
Potomac (Applause)
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference

Class IV
Hollywood Open House
Hollywood AV4V (Applause)

Class V
Mechanicsville
LaPlata
Winfield
Bay District
Urbanna (Applause)

Class VI – No entry

Class VII – No entry

Total qualifying entries were 24. The Fire Prevention Category winners for the book are:

Year round category Class I
Ridge (Applause)

Class II - we had no entry

Class III - is going to be:
Jefferson (Applause)

Class IV
Hollywood (Applause)

Class V
LaPlata (Applause)

Class VI - had no entry

Class VII
Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (Applause)

FOR SINGLE PROJECT WINNER:

Class I
Cobb Island
Bel Alton
Newburg (Applause)
Class II – No entry

Class III
Gamber (Applause)

Class IV
Hollywood Open House

Class V
LaPlata (Applause)

Class VI – No entry

Class VII – No entry

For the overall award winners, they will be receiving money at a later time.

So your overall winners for 2014 are:
#1 La Plata for the year. (Applause)
#2 Joppa Magnolia for the year. (Applause)
#3 Gamber for single. (Applause)
#4 Ridge for the year. (Applause)
#5 Cobb Island, Bel Alton, Newburg for their single award (Applause)
#6 is Mechanicsville on for the year. (Applause)
#7 is Bay District for the year. (Applause)
#8 is Hollywood for their single. (Applause)
#9 is Jefferson for the year. (Applause)
#10 is Cobb Island for the year. (Applause)

I would like to say thank you for all the companies that entered into the contests. We find that we still have missing places with this classification. We will again send out the rules so everyone knows them earlier sometime at the beginning of the year. I think it’s important that we get the stuff out there and you all see what’s going on.

The fire prevention report appears on page 51 of the convention book and if you go to page 53 you’ll find the Fire Marshal’s request, when we do the smoke alarm installs, those dates are there for you. That’s also on the main page of the web site, like in the fire prevention section. You can down load about seven different tip sheets that allow you to take them to the community from the Fire Marshal and from us the committee. This has been a challenging year for the fire prevention community. We worked so hard to ensure that our Maryland residents are taking our messages in turn looking at their homes and making them life safety proof. We want to thank the State Fire Marshal’s Office and the State Fire Marshal, Brian Geraci for all his hard work and dedication that
his office has done. Sir it’s been a true pleasure working with you this year. Thank you for the support to the committee. We try very hard to get these important messages out to departments and we worked really hard creating tip sheets that you can use at your events. Remember it only takes a simple conversation with one person to spark an interest. That one simple conversation will allow that person to go back to their home and say, you know what, I need to make sure I have working smoke alarms, and I have working carbon monoxide alarms and that I have a working sprinkler system in my house. I know my parents bought their house in 1970 and the first my father did was install a sprinkler system in that house. So the house that I live in today, since the 1970s has had a working sprinkler system in our basement because he knew that was a big cause, where the furnace was and where washers and dryers were because it was gas fed. So we as a state, we have a $5.00 phone fee, Please. It’s important; you know this year the state did see legislation coming in from Kent County and it was really hard because we just had the devastating fire in Annapolis where 6 people lost their lives. To know that they had a $100,000.00 in sprinkler systems in their lawn but didn’t have one working sprinkler system in their house just really troubled me. You know we have an avenue. We and California have the strongest laws and I think it’s important that we understand it. When it comes to Annapolis and they ask for our help this committee should be one of the strongest there, and we have been, but it takes you all too. So if there’s anything that you can ever ask from us we are always here, any questions, concerns, problems we are always able to answer you. Before me, Bruce or our committee we can help you find the answer. Again, thank you for allowing us to take the time this morning and I hope you have a great convention. Thank you. (Applause) I do want to add one thing. I’m sorry I forgot. The people that really supported us this year for our fire prevention awards was Embers and Blue Crab House. They helped us give out a lot of the money towards the single class presentation that we had and we really can’t do this without them. So please go by and say thank you because I plan on it. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Keller III: Hey Mr. Fire Marshal, I know you’re having issues with the getting transportation. Instead of me taking that $10.00 from Bruce and giving it to Bessie Marshal, I’m going to put it toward your new cars. At this time we will have the family appreciation award.

Joe Chornock: Thank you President Keller, I’d also like any of the committee members that are here to please come up and help us with this presentation. Good morning officers, past presidents, delegates and guests. The family appreciation program award program is to recognize the family of a volunteer fire and EMS member whose family must sacrifice time with their family for the good of the community that they serve. The following families were nominated by their departments for this award. I appreciate it if the nominee or someone from their department would come forward.

Paul Price from Cockeysville Vol. Fire Dept., Baltimore County was nominated by Chief
Kevin Roberts.


The Terrant family, Sykesville Freedom District, Carroll County nominated by Chief Kevin Shilow, Sue Terrant and Jeff Terrant.

It is with great pleasure to announce that the committee has selected from the Tacoma Park Vol. Fire Dept the Wiley family as recipient of the 2015 family appreciation award. With that award we also have for them a two night stay thanks to the Harrison Hotel group for them to use later on this year. (Applause)

President Keller III: Now at this time we have a special presentation, Miss Cindy Wright Johnson.

Cindy Wright Johnson: Thank you Mr. President. I usually talk to you all about positive things and I want to share something we learned about 45 minutes ago. In an effort to ask every department at every station to please come by and see us, whether you do stop in exhibit hall D or you contact us next week, unfortunately Maryland has had the sixth death in the nation of a child left in a car. Most of these are unintentional by well meaning families. Sometime between Sunday night and Monday a child was found in Baltimore City, this was a two year old, by the time she was found, she had already died. But in 80 degree weather it only takes 10 minutes in a closed car to get hot enough for a child to die from heat stroke. We have the message. It’s called ACT: Avoid leaving children in cars; Create a reminder and Take action. The national media has already contacted me. All they will focus on is this death. This is the sixth. There will probably be 50 a year. We had three in Maryland last year. We created this poster and took it to Frederick and the three Southern Maryland Counties as well as Pax River where one of them occurred. We will now take these all over Baltimore. I made 2500 two weeks ago. I will make 2500 more if you will come get them. This is a tragedy. It is preventable, it is almost always unintentional. Please help us remind busy families that it only takes 5 minutes for a child to be in heat exhaustion and 10 minutes for a child to be dead. I am sorry to bring you this in the middle of a spectacular convention. It’s called a teachable moment. We need to have a zero death and I ask for a prayer for the fire fighters, EMTs and the law enforcement officers who are currently investigating this death. Thank you. (Applause)

President Keller III: All righty; thank you Cindy. I now call up Rick Hemphill with the election report.

Rick Hemphill: Thank you Mr. President. The report of the election judges for 2015. There were a total of 369 Companies in good standing as recorded by the Secretary.
The credentials committee reports 273 of those companies in good standing are registered at this convention. A total of 23 Past Presidents were also registered. The following officers were unopposed and elected by a single ballot cast by the office of the Secretary with exception of the office of Secretary and that ballot was cast by the President. President Johnie Roth, First Vice President Michael A. Davis, Second Vice President Mark A. Bilger, Secretary Doyle Cox, Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Trustee Ben Kurtz, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki.

This year we had two proposed by law changes. The results of the amendments to the bylaws:
Question 1: 691 for, 324 against, the amendment passes
Question 2: 899 for, 109 against, that amendment also passes

This concludes the report of the election judges, thank you Mr. President. (Applause)

President Keller III: All righty, Do I hear a motion to destroy the ballots. I see Tim Ganley, Joe Albrecheck from, seconded it. All those in favor say aye, any opposed. All righty, thank you.

All righty, also on the schedule for this evening the block party with the OC fools which is at the Cowboy Coast down on 17 Street. Also the joint installation is at 6:30 in the performing arts and the pajama parade starts shortly after that right about 9:30.

Now we will call Chaplain Barnhart for the benediction.

Chaplain Barnhart: Let us rise for prayer. Let us pray. Gracious God. For this wonderful day we give you thanks. We give you thanks for all the blessing that you bestow on us. For each recipient winner and for those who were nominated for awards we give you thanks for their dedication and service and Father we also give you thanks for the incoming officers and for those officers who have served this association well. And now as we break from these proceedings we ask for you to be with us this afternoon until we meet again tomorrow morning. These things we ask through Jesus Christ our lord, Amen.

President Keller III: (Pounds gavel) We are adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:00.
JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LAMSFA President Ann Price-Davis: On behalf of the LAMSFA

President David Keller, III: and the MSFA,

LAMSFA President Anne Price-Davis: We would like to call to order the Installation Event. Thank you very much for attending.

Richard Brooks, MC: Greetings. Good evening. How is everyone? I would like everyone to please silence mute it. That will save us from grabbing those as they go on and if you are not paying attention, on the western side of the bay, they are getting some significant weather. There are a lot of weather bulletins going out and we want to eliminate all those urgent messages coming through.

Ladies and gentlemen my name is Richard Brooks and I will be your Master of Ceremonies tonight. This is a tremendous difference from what we have had for many years. For those of us who go back a few decades, we have enjoyed the Grand Ballroom dedicated to the State Firemen’s Association. We transitioned to the West Hall during the construction and here we are today in the beautiful Performing Arts Center of Ocean City to enjoy. It is just a wonderful thing for us for our Officers. So please enjoy this and it certainly brings a tremendous amount of dignity to our Installation.

It is a pleasure and if you will join me, I am going to ask for our out-going Presidents to please open this Procession and to move forward. Thank you!

Ladies and Gentlemen would you please welcome the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, President Ann Price-Davis of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Baltimore County and her escort, Mike Davis, First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Also the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President, David Keller of the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Company, Washington County and he is escorted by his wife, Vickie. (Applause and cheers.)

It is now a pleasure to welcome the Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Maryland State Firemen’s Association. (Applause).
It is now my pleasure to introduce the Appointed and Elected Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We will begin with Ladies Auxiliary Conference Co-Chairs Cyndi Wood from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in St. Mary’s County, her escort by her husband, David. And,

Past President Teresa Crisman (2011-2012), from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, escorted by David as well.

Bessie Marshall Co-Chair: Marti Neal of the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George’s County, her escort is her husband, Jim; Page: Candy Mitchell; Past President: Sherry Soper (2012-2013).

Bessie Marshall Co-Chair: Kitty Garner from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George’s County, her escort is Ronnie Leizear Sr.; Page: Her daughter Ashlynn Taylor; Past President: Teresa Ann Crisman (2011-2012)

LAMSFA Color Bearer: Stephanie Dalton from the Laytonsville Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County, her escort is William Holsinger Jr.; Page: her daughter, Layna Dalton; Past President: Sandi Lutz (2010-2011)

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Justin Towels, Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Anne Arundel County, Escort: Gloria Lewis.

LAMSFA Color Bearer: Joan Kramer from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County, Escort: her son, Brian Andrews; Page: Grace Aceto; Past President: Carol Hayden (2013-2014)

Executive Committee Member: Charles Walker, Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s, Escort: his wife, Sharon

LAMSFA Guard: Shari Steffen from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary in Prince George’s County, Escort: Bill Bucco; Page: her daughter, Kristi Grinder; Past President: Elaine Huttenloch (1984-1985)

LAMSFA Historian: Jean L. Main from the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Frederick County, Escort: her husband, Warren E. Main; Page: Ruth Martin; Past President: Nora Ryan (2001-2002)

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Daniel Stevens, Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department/EMS, Charles County, Escort: Wife, Bobbi

Executive Committee Member: Charles J. Simpson Jr. from the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County, Escort: his wife, Bonnie Simpson
LAMSFA Vice Chaplain: Malea Daughton from the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Harford County, Escort: Lt. JG Brittany Mann; Page: Barbara Schulz; Past President: Robyn Sheldon Hahn (2004-2005)

MSFA Executive Committee Member: John Fisher, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County, Escort: his wife, Janet Fisher

Executive Committee Member: Michael Faust, Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, Queen Anne’s County, Escort: his wife, Stacey Faust

LAMSFA Chaplain: Rebecca Wathen from the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, St. Mary’s County, Escort: her husband, Johnny Wathen; Page: her friend, Debbie Fairfax; Past President: Leone Gatton (1985-1986)

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Timothy F. Dayton, Potomac Fire Company #1, Allegany County, Escort: his wife, Diana Dayton

MSFA Executive Committee Member: George “Skip” Mahan, Community Fire Company of Perryville, Cecil County, Escort: his wife, Elaine Mahan

LAMSFA Corresponding Secretary: Donna Struntz, Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Allegany County, Escort: her husband, Joe Struntz; Page: Mary Carr; Past President: Sandy Lutz (2010-2011)

MSFA Executive Committee: Richard Smith, Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, Talbot County, Escort: his wife, Cindy Smith

Executive Committee Member: Doug Simpkins Jr., Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company, Baltimore County, Escort: his wife, Christine, daughter, Melissa and grandson, Sullivan Douglas Yates

LAMSFA Financial Secretary: Lori Denbow, Level Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary; Harford County, Escort: her husband, Jeff Denbow, her daughter, Charlotte and her nephew, Andrew; Page: her sister, Christine Deckard; Past President: Sharon Worthington (1995-1996)

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

MSFA Executive Committee: Charles Abrecht, Junior Fire Company Number 2, Frederick/Washington Counties, Escort: Keisha Brown
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**MSFA Trustee:** Benjamin W. Kurtz from Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Harford and Cecil Counties, **Escort:** Gabrielle Kirby, MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner-up

**MSFA Chief Chaplain:** Reverend John F. Long Jr., Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County

**LAMSFA Recording Secretary:** Marcia Roth from Sandy Springs Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County, **Escort:** her husband, MSFA President Johnie Roth Jr.; **Page:** her son, Eric Roth; **Past President:** Rose Pandolfini (2007-2008)

**LAMSFA Treasurer:** Kristi Grinder from Branchville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George’s County, **Escort:** her husband, Kevin Grinder; **Page:** her daughter, Alyssa Grinder; **Past President:** Mary Fran Crisman (1990-1991)

**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)

**LAMSFA Junior Vice President:** Vivian M. Boyd, Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George’s County, **Escort:** her husband, Ronald Boyd; **Page:** Candy Mitchell; **Past President:** Sharon Worthington (1995-1996)

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

**MSFA 2nd Vice President:** Mark Bilger from the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County, **Escort:** his wife, Nancy Bilger

**LAMSFA Senior Vice President** Barbara Sue Nelson, Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, St. Mary’s County, **Escort:** her husband, John “Speedy” Nelson; **Page:** her friend, Barbara Lacey; **Past President:** Joyce Thorne (1996-1997)

**MSFA 1st Vice President:** Michael Davis from the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Baltimore County, **Escort:** LAMSFA President Ann Price-Davis

**MC Richard Brooks:** Ladies and gentlemen, would everyone please rise as Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association take their place

It is with great pride in introducing the Ladies Auxiliary Maryland State Firemen’s Association President for 2015-2016, Darby Byrd. (Applause)

**LAMSFA President 2015-2016:** Darby Byrd, Dentsville Volunteer EMS Department Ladies Auxiliary, Charles County, **Escort:** her husband, Kevin Byrd; **Page:** her daughter, Katie Byrd; **Past President:** Eloise Healy (1994-1995)
Please welcome Darby Byrd. (Applause)

May I have the Montgomery County Pipes and Drum take their place, please.

Ladies and gentlemen it is with great pride that I introduce to you President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Please welcome the President for 2015-2016 Johnie F. Roth, Jr.

**MSFA President 2015-2016:** Johnie F. Roth Jr., Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County, **Escort:** his wife, Marcia. (Applause)

Montgomery County Pipes and Drums escort President Roth to the stage. (Applause)

The Presentation of Colors by the combination Color Guard from Montgomery County and Southern Maryland.

President Roth receives and return salute from his officers.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** He doesn’t see it yet. (The members of the Executive Committee and Fellow Officers are wearing his campaign hat in a modified form and salute him when he is on the stage.) It doesn’t get any better than that. (Applause) Hold on a minute, I am while I try and clear my eyes so I can see.

At this time I will ask for the Invocation by Chief Chaplain John Long.

**Invocation: Chief Chaplain John Long** – Let us pray. Almighty God, as we enter into this Change of Command, we ask for thanks, we thank you for the year’s past leadership under David Keller III and Ann Price-Davis. Father as we enter into a new year, we thank you for bringing forth Johnie Roth and Darby Byrd to lead our organizations. Father we thank you for those officers who have stepped up to new positions in these organizations. Father, we ask that you be with them, give them all wisdom and knowledge to do the best for the firefighters and rescue personnel across the state of Maryland. We ask this in your son’s precious name. Amen.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** To honor our Nation’s flag we ask President Ann Price Davis to lead in The Pledge of Allegiance. Madame President.

**President Anne Price-Davis:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, with liberty and justice for us all.

**Richard Brooks, MC:** And to honor our nation, the National Anthem will be sung by Tim Mooney.
Tim Mooney: “Oh say can you see by the dawn’s early light, what so proudly we hailed at twilight’s last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars through 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’re the land of the free and the home of the brave.” (Applause.)

Richard Brooks, MC: Honor Guard retires the Colors.

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in thanking the Combined Maryland Fire Service Pipes and Drums and Honor Guards for this evening. (Applause) Everyone please be seated. That is one of the toughest things we do at our ceremonies – is figuring out when to stand and sit. We love to stand, we just don’t know when to sit. We are very good at that. What are you all going to do? Stand or be seated. Johnie Roth salutes Montgomery Pipes and Drum members. (Talking to the Pipe and Drum members. Didn’t have that on my script.)

Now I can say what I started to say – What an opening! It is always nice to have the pageantry (applause) yes please. It is lovely to have the past presidents; specifically, the ladies who serve as past presidents of the incoming officers, their escorts, and their pages. And grandchildren? I was going to say something like, he’s not yet escorting but he is being an escort. It was well done. Obviously there is a lot of pride in the family as well. And that is what we are all about, the volunteer fire service across this state and across the country is community based and it is built on families. And you can see that far and wide in Maryland and in Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And there is no exception as our officers come in and our officers go out. They are escorted by their family and supported by their communities. Multiple generations is certainly Ann Price-Davis, comes from a strong fire department background and she has had a tremendous fire service up-bring and subsequently an outstanding year. It gives me great pleasure to introduce her for her final comments and remarks reflecting on her successful year. Please welcome the Ladies Auxiliary President, Ann Price-Davis. (Applause)

President Ann Price-Davis: Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as your LAMSFA President. We have accomplished a lot this year moving forward in technology and honoring our auxiliaries and members with 50 years and honoring the family traditions that Richard just spoke of. It is bittersweet for me to leave office as I will miss the work and friendship but I will also get to be Mom again and be home for the boys. I know that you all will be in good hands with Darby at the helm.

If you recall this time last year, I challenged all of you to self-factualize and give back to the greater good. This year, I have seen a good example of that with our Hall of Fame
winner, Jean Parson. Jean was in hospice but yet she still requested cards to send to those sick and in need. I challenge you to continue as she did. And realize that if you don’t hear thank you, it is definitely appreciated by those you are assisting.

It has been a pleasure to serve with the MSFA members and Officers of the Association. They say it takes a village, in this case it is a firehouse; you are all part of my firehouse. Thank you.

To my babysitters this week, I have to say a special thank you to Laura and Candy Anderson, Lilly Wood and family, Carol Neal and my Mom and anybody else who has seen my boys and I didn’t even know they were here. Without all of you, Mike and I could not accomplish all that we are doing and we do it from the heart. Thank you and God bless. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Madame President. Moving on now to a gentleman himself who has had a strong year. He and his partners have injected some wonderful humor this year to the State Firemen’s Association. And what it has done is strengthen a fraternity. It has brought people together, it has made people laugh, it has made people feel welcome and they belong as they take part in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. So there we see is a president who is a leader. It is my pleasure to bring to the podium for his final comments, the president of the State Firemen’s Association, David Keller. (Applause)

David Keller, III: Good evening. I actually just want to stand here and talk about, you know, Richard about bring things together and just sitting back here and watching everybody come in and it reminded me of last year when I walked in and talking to everybody. Next thing you know I turned around and the clowns had their hats on! It just started off on a good note. And Johnie and I hope you start off on that same kind of good note. We were successful because we worked as an organization; we were a strong team. You have got to find that one thing to start with to build off of. So like I told you before when we talked, we were successful because of the team who was around us, so I was successful because of you all. I would like to thank you all for your friendship and hospitality as I have travelled over the past few years, it has really meant a lot.

I am going to cut these remarks short because I know you don’t want to hear me talk all night. So at this time if you are ready, are you ready? At this time could I have President Darby Byrd and the new first lady of the MSFA, Marcia Roth to come forth please?

President Elect Johnie Roth: Darby – and don’t get use to this – this is just, if you will, a thank you – and don’t you two get to close! This is just a little thank you from me to both of you. Marcia to you for sharing me with the Maryland State
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Firemen’s Association and Darby we are certainly looking forward to a kick-ass year. Congratulations and these are for both of you. (Presents each of them with a bouquet of roses. (Applause)

(Applause.)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. President. Nice touch there at the end. Ladies and gentlemen if I could ask President Keller, if you would please go over to President Ann Price-Davis and escort her to the front of the room. Right down front and center right in seam there would be perfect. Ladies and gentlemen would you please assist all of us and acknowledge these two wonderful people; President David Keller and President Ann Price-Davis as they stand together and we salute their outstanding year of 2014-2015. (Applause.) Thank you both very much and if you would escort that lovely lady back to her seat.

And now ladies and gentlemen with all great things, there is change and it is time for these two organizations to change. The new President will now take their places. And to begin that process, I would ask that our new Ladies Auxiliary Installing Officers, Past Presidents Carol Hayden and Eloise Healy to please step forward and install the Ladies Auxiliary Officers, Ladies.

Past Presidents Carol Hayden and Eloise Healy:

Past President Eloise Healy: Good evening everyone Darby your bracelet is on your right hand. (To Past President Carol Hayden) Please assist me. Ladies if you would raise your right hand and repeat your name where I say mine. I, Eloise Healy, do solemnly promise to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary. I will maintain and protect all properties entrusted to my care and turn same over at the tenure of my office. Ladies do you do all this so help you God? Ladies I declare you dully installed and if I might say just a word. It has been 26 years since I stood on this stage and took this same oath with a fine lady in the audience watching and her daughter – Darby Byrd. (Applause) I did it, I did it! (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: It is a pleasure to ask our Past President Anne Price-Davis and present the Seal, Shadowbox and Gavel to President Darby Byrd.

Past President Ann Price-Davis: The first item I would like to present is the LAMSFA Seal which was recently repaired thank to MSFA Past President Frank Underwood and Darby, has a fresh, new version of it. Hang this at your firehouse or where you see fit. And take good care of it. And then I have the gavel for you to use. Please use it wisely and well. We tend to get a little chatty and need to be reminded but use it well. And then we have the original officer pins in this shadowbox to display where she sees
fit as well. The last two items we pass down are one of the Past President’s Pin from Past President Christine Fahmuller (1952-1953) and one of the first fund raising pins for the Bessie Marshall Fund. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you ladies. And now we will move to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It is a pleasure to invite Past President Jacqueline Olson to step forward and install the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Madame Past President.

Past President Jacqueline Olson: Good evening. Gentlemen if you are ready if you are ready to assume the responsibilities and the position, to which you have been elected, please stand and raise your right hand. Use your name where I use mine. I, Jacqueline Olson, do solemnly promise and swear that I will uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I furthermore promise and swear that I will perform to the best of my ability the job and position to which I have been elected. I will preserve, maintain and keep all records entrusted to my care and turn the same over to my duly elected successor at the end of my term, so help me God. Ladies and gentlemen, your newly elected officers for 2016. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you madam Past President. At this time I’ll ask Past President Roger Steger to please come forward and make his official presentations to Past President Keller.

Roger Steger, PP: I got to see what I’ve got. That’s what we were trying to figure out in the back. He’s almost done, a couple more minutes. Ok, on behalf of the Past Presidents we’d like to present you with your Past President’s ring and a Past President’s badge, just don’t read it, ok. There you go Bud, you’re almost done, a couple more minutes and you will be a Past President and welcome aboard. (Applause)

Tom Mattingly, PP: And we also presented him with his chevron and every year the Past Presidents get a shirt and a bill for the luncheon. Here’s your shirt and you’ll have the check in the mail, right? Here’s your shirt. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: I’d ask Past President Carol Hayden to please come forward and make her presentations to Past President Ann Price Davis.

Carol Hayden, PP: Ann on behalf of the Past Presidents I’d like to present you with your Past President’s pin. Please wear it proudly when you are at meetings. Congratulations. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Ann, stay here if you would. President Byrd, you have a presentation as well.

President Byrd: Ann, on behalf of myself and my fellow officers we present this glider
to you. The intentions are that you can sit home, you can go relax and Mike will raise
the two boys. (Laughter & Applause))

Richard Brooks, MC:  Ann if you will just stay here, I have your mom here who has a
special presentation for you as well.

Mrs. Price: Ann I would like to present you with your Past President’s pin from Mary
Jane Tagler Butler, Baltimore County, Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Maryland
State Firemen’s Association, 1980-81. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Alright, so we are adjusting the script. Saturday night at the
Officers banquet, it was about ten of ten, we realized on the radar there was a significant
storm coming and everyone had to move all the way across Ocean highway, so Mike
got cut off. He is used to it, I know that, so Mike (Applause and Laughter), so Mike,
now is your time.

Mike Davis: So one time down at the beach about a year ago I didn’t get cut off, St
Patrick’s weekend. We can show you that little cutie, just kidding, so anyhow, why am
I opening this? This is for you, you know this is kind of hard to hide, you know with
what I doing with this. We talked about a vacation. You can’t plan a vacation with two
kids and our schedule. She says, ok you got these dates from July 20th to August 13
and that’s it because she goes back to school, so see if you can figure this out. Look
in there. We are taking a train and I missed the auto part too, so auto, see she said I
don’t want flowers. She likes trains, planes, automobiles and boats, so I’m working
on the flying thing. It’s a tram ride on the board walk. I forgot to tell you. Come on,
it’s a couple charms, just like she loves the U S and the U S charm and I got her one
for Pennsylvania for all the time we spent in Pennsylvania, but this is the one, yes for
the riots, I swear you guys are so helpful. Here, I’ll get this one started for you. This
lady really wrapped these really well.

Ann Price Davis, PP: So I’m going on a train ride with a car to Disney World. Is that
correct?

Mike Davis: That’s correct. You win. (Applause & Laughter)

Richard Brooks, MC: Very nice, enjoy that and have fun. Mr. President Roth, if you
would be so kind. Would you escort Darby to the front stage please? Front and center
and ladies and gentlemen, can we give them all of our confidence for the ensuing year
in their Presidencies, Johnie Roth and Darby Byrd. (Standing Applause, Whistles and
Laughter)

Mr. President if you would just escort that lovely lady right over here. Madam President
it is time for you to offer your comments, your remarks and you’re your plans for this
year, ladies and gentlemen, President Darby Byrd. (Applause)
President Byrd: Good evening ladies and gentlemen, fellow officers, family and friends. Tonight I am humbled and honored to accept the office of President of the LAMSFA. I began this journey eleven years ago with the support of many people. Most people assume it was my mother that suggested I take this journey. It was actually my father. He told me that he knew I had the ability to succeed anything I set my mind too. Well tonight Dad, I have succeeded and I am well aware that you sit on my shoulder and quietly whisper in my ear. And mom, I am ecstatic that you are able to be here with me tonight. I’m not sure you know exactly what’s happening, as you tell me that I’m becoming President of the United States, (Laughter) and I’m still looking for that pay check. I would like to thank the Dentsville EMS and Auxiliary through your commitment of words of encouragement as well as fund raising activities to provide financial support. Mark, Darlene, Madison I could not ask for a better group of volunteers behind me. I appreciate you traveling the distance to be here this evening. To the Past Presidents and members of the Southern Maryland Ladies Auxiliary and the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, since the day I began to ascend the chairs of the LA, of the ladies auxiliary to the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association I have grown in knowledge and experience. Thank you for always listening to all my concerns and providing me with advice. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Tonight I was very proud to have the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association delegation to surround the hall as I entered. Thank you for taking the time out of your vacation to show everyone your Southern Maryland pride. To my Past President, Eloise, I can never thank you enough for your efforts over the past eleven years in making sure you were by my side. Your dedication to me and my family has been unwavering. I consider you to be my older sister. Even though you are miles away I know that you are always there anytime I need you and for that I love you.

To my family, you have sacrificed the most. My mom presents a new challenge every day but I would not change the decision to have her at home living with us. Kate you have grown into a beautiful smart woman who beats to her own drum. Check out the blue hair. (Laughter) I asked for one color and she provided me with one color. You make my heart swell with pride. Kevin there will never be any words to describe how grateful I am to you and what you do to support our family on a daily basis. You spend many a night and weekend at home keeping our family on the right track as well as taking care of mom. You are my heart and soul and I love you more.

President Roth, stand back, you have already taken the first steps towards a successful year. With the support of our family our success will only flourish. I appreciate your respect as well as commitment to the members of the LAMSFA. It will be a pleasure to work with a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Please note that the LAMSFA is here to support the MSFA with anything that you need.
Finally to my fellow officers, I am looking forward to a busy and productive year as we continue to move this organization forward. We will have challenges that lay ahead but I know as a collective unified group we will be able to overcome anything. Enjoy the rest of convention and safe travels home to everyone, thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Madam President, Congratulations and I’m going to ask you not to wander too far because there are a number of people who would like to honor you this evening. To begin I’ll invite the representative from or representatives from the Dentsville EMS and Auxiliary to please come forward.

Chief: Hi there, there will be no living with you now. I’ve watched this lady take this journey and we are so proud of her. You can’t hear me; most people say I am too loud. We are so proud of her. We can’t even express our emotions to her, she has fought very hard through everything and she has come out shining, just like she is now, we are so very proud of you. To help you on your way from all the members of the Dentsville EMS and Auxiliary, don’t read the bottom part, we’d like to present this to you for all the tasks that will need to be done. (Applause) Good luck.

President Byrd: All that I will say is that it is a very generous budget for my coming year.

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you both very much. Next we will have the Ladies President from the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, President Donna DeMarr.

President DeMarr: I’m one of the few that can say, I knew her when. Darby, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association we would also like to present you with this gift to carry you through your journey this year. Thank you, congratulations. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Madam President. Next we have Kevin and Katie Byrd, representing the family.

Kevin Byrd: Johnie would you mind coming up for a moment please, Johnie? On behalf of our family, for you, I got you both something. (Challenge coin shelf) (Applause)

And these are just small gifts from me and Kate and the rest of the family. Don’t worry about Saturday night. I think I’ve had that for a year. (Applause) (Darby makes a comment but could not comprehend) And we’ve saved the best till last.

Kate Byrd: Now the funny thing is that I wish you could see this up close. My father his entire life cannot wrap gifts his entire life. There are patches, there’s tape everywhere but my mom loves the way he wraps. There you go. (Laughter)
President Byrd: In three weeks from today, Kevin and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and it’s a new gold and platinum wedding band. (Applause and Laughter) And it sparkles.

Richard Brooks, MC: Ok Darby, I think you can sit down for a few minutes. Next we will hear from our Senior Vice President, Barbara Sue Nelson who will speak on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary officers. Madam Vice President. (Applause)

Vice President Nelson: Good evening and welcome to the 2015 installation. Madam President, President Byrd, President Darby, what do you want to be called, friend. Wow, you are at the top of the ladder that you started up many years ago. You have reached your dream of becoming President of the LAMSFA. It seems like only yesterday we started this journey together and here you stand now as Madam President. It is an honor and a privilege to stand here and represent all of your officers and wish you sincere congratulations on your accomplishments that you have reached already and we know that there will be more, many, many more to come. We know that you will be a great President and we are here to assist you and to support you this coming year. We pledge to help you with any challenges you may face. May you have a successful year and make many memories that will last a life time.

President Roth, cotton candy. (Laughter) The LAMSFA would like to wish you and all the elected officers of the MSFA sincere congratulations. We are here to support you and assist you and this great organization any way we can. It’s an honor to be sharing this stage with you tonight and having our joint installation. We look forward to working together with all of you and I know it will be a fun year.

To all the LAMSFA and MSFA members, family, friends and guests, we thank you for attending our installation and sharing in this special occasion. We hope all of you safe fun in Ocean City and be safe on your travels home. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Barbara. Ladies, congratulations, Madam President enjoy your year, we look forward in seeing all of you on the road as we all say and we wish you the best of success as you continue on.

And now we will come to this side of the room. Ladies and gentlemen it’s a pleasure to welcome the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for his opening remarks. Please welcome President Johnie Roth. (Applause)

President Roth: Thank you Richard. Good evening fellow officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA, Past Presidents and honored guests. It’s truly an honor and a privilege to be standing before you this evening as the 2015-2016 President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This association has a long and proud history of service and dedication to the volunteers of the great state of Maryland and I plan on carrying on
that proud tradition. Tonight I accept the Presidency with great pride, excitement and confidence that I will spend this year building the association making it stronger and better than I found it. It is my intention that this year be a year of inclusion of all of our younger members and we will mentor them to make a major league board of future leaders of the MSFA.

When I joined the fire service in Bethesda, MD, in 1967 I always admired those of you on stage and those of you in the audience that led this great association. I never imagined that someday I would be here entrusted to serve as one of those leaders. Much has changed in the service since I began my volunteer career from Cadillac ambulances, from the tactic of scoop and swoop with the patient, wearing Indian tanks on our backs for brush fires, even riding the back step of an engine, but one constant has always prevailed, that is true dedication and service to our community, our state and our country.

Ascending to this position has been no accident to me. It couldn’t happen without the support and guidance of some very special people in my life. I would like some of those people this evening: Chief David Dwyer from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chief Jack Hartley from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chief James Seavey Sr. from the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Paul Sterling from the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad as well as the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department. They have been my friend, my mentor, my life and for that I thank each and every one of you.

There are many people I would like to thank this evening and I’d like to take this opportunity starting with my home company the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and the Alumni Association, the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary for providing me the opportunity and financial support, the Montgomery Volunteer Fire & Rescue and Ladies Auxiliary Associations. The Past Presidents of the MSFA and the LAMSFA for their advice and their friendship. And also the MSFA county association members for their friendship and hospitality showed me and my family as we travelled across this great state. Also I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the MSFA partner organizations that we have and will continue to work together in the future. But most of all I’d like to thank my family, Marcia my partner for the past 43 years, my son Eric, my daughter Rachel for all your love support and understanding in sharing me with the MSFA. I love you all.

Madam President Byrd, ha, ha, ha-ha, if I can find it. It just happens that a friend of mine just happened to give me a picture of Darby. It’s a very good likeness; she’s about, Jim Brown you need to come around here. This is Darby Byrd at age 4 twirling her baton in one of the many parades in Southern Maryland so you will see this picture not just tonight but many times in the future, Madam President. (Laughter & Applause). I can’t say where I got that. If I did she’d wind up killing me about it. Madam President
Darby Byrd, what can I say? You and I have been joined at the hip for the last two years. We talk, socialize, laugh, and planned for this very moment. I salute you and all your officers in your 13 year journeys of the LAMSFA. I pledge to you my support and I know that great things still lie ahead of us but this will be a year of cotton candy free year. There will be no more cotton candy, Barbara Sue, just to make sure. (Laughter) No, turkeys yes, but I would like Darby Byrd, thank you for everything as well as Kevin and their family, I feel like part of their family.

And finally in closing as the MSFA is one short year away from celebrating our 125th anniversary, I would like to quote a long time colleague of mine from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department who coined a slogan that I think is certainly appropriate today. “We’re proud of our past; we’re focused on the future.” So now our work begins after short vacation. I look forward to working with all of you and I pledge to you my time and my undying support and my prayers for a productive and cooperative year, having fun all along the way and with your help and support we will all succeed. Thank you for attending tonight and I wish you all a safe and fun summer. Thank you all so much. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. President, congratulations, good place, don’t wander too far. Our first presentation will be from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Vice President Ken Holden and Chief Dwyer.

Vice President Holden: Thank you, good evening. This is a special occasion that we are being here to install Johnie Roth. Johnie Roth has been a long time friend of mine. Our association started 43 years ago. I was on the Tuesday night crew and I came in and Johnie Roth was my sergeant and he introduced me to the night crew then he told me what I had to do then he turned me over to the rest of the crew. What a bunch of misfits. I thought it was McHale’s Navy and this was McHale. (Laughter) But it wasn’t long when the bell rang and we went out and I found out what it was all about, the training, the knowledge, the discipline, the organization, it all came together, we were all focused and we concentrated on the patient. Johnie is my friend, he’s been a mentor, a leader and now I get to call you President. Basically Johnie’s passion has been unsurpassed. I’ve known him with an enormous amount of passion up to the day our members are required to solicit and bring in money up to ten years and you don’t have to do it anymore. That didn’t stop Johnie. After the ten years he went out at least three more years and brought in at least $10,000 every year. So, he has a strong passion. I know that this association will be in good hands with Johnie at the helm. We are very proud at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and are celebrating its 70th anniversary this year and Johnie Roth will be the first member of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad to attain President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

So with that said, Johnie the members and the officers of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and the Alumni Association, we’ve gotten this helmet here for you. It’s
got the Maryland State Firemen’s Association seal, it has your title, it has your name
and we want you to wear it proudly. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you gentlemen. Our next presentation comes from the
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department. It’s a pleasure to invite to the podium Chief
Michael Kelly and President Lou Coffman. (Applause)

Chief Kelly: Good evening. What an honor it is for me to stand up here with our
President on behalf of the members and officers of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire
Department to make this presentation to one of only two maybe three members who
have also served as fire chief and president in our 96, 91 year history, excuse me.
How many miles you say you travelled last year? Almost 40,000, this presentation
is to make sure that at least one weekend out of the next year you get to spend it with
your bride, so a resort of your choice on behalf of our department. (Applause)

President Coffman: Sandy Spring delegation, will you stand up? Ten hut, two.
(Members salute President Roth) Congratulations. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Well done gentlemen, thank you. Our next presentation is
from the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Association. It’s a pleasure to welcome
Marcine Goodloe, President and Vice President Andrew White. (Applause)

President Goodloe: Thank you, Johnie in Montgomery County we know of your
excellent leadership and dedication to the volunteer service of Montgomery County.
We are extremely proud of you and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is a vital
organization and the leadership of that organization is critical not only for the state of
Maryland but for all the volunteers of our nation and it’s a pleasure to present a small
token of our regard for you. (Applause)

Vice President White: President Roth, it’s a distinct honor to stand before this audience
and commend you on your Presidency. On a light hearted note, you may have won
the super bowl of the MSFA elections but I afraid you are not going to Disney World
with President Price Davis. (Laughter) But you join a long list of Past Presidents,
five or seven of them from Montgomery County, course I’m reminded of Eugene J C
Raney who was a charter member of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department where
I am a member who was a Past President of this great association and I’m sure that
you will continue that great tradition forward. You’ve given countless decades to the
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, to the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department,
to the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association and to the Maryland
State Firemen’s Association especially with your commitment and dedication to the
training committee that you serve with great distinction. We are very, very proud of
you and congratulations. (Applause)
Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you both very much. Well now it is family time. Here comes the stronghold of the family, Marcia and Eric. (Applause)

Marcia Roth: Unfortunately this evening a member of our family is missing. Our daughter Rachel, who promised me if this was on live-feed on the MSFA website, she would be watching tonight. She is a teacher in Prince George’s County and today was their last day of school. So she is here in spirit. On behalf of all of us, Johnie. (She presents him with a present.)

President Johnie Roth: Oh no! It is cotton candy lollipops. (Laughter)

Marcia Roth: It is a Citizens watch and it is engraved on the back.

President Johnie Roth: Thank you very much Baby. (Applause) What is this Father’s Day?

Marcia Roth: This is not only an Installation gift but a Father’s Day gift as well.


Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Marcia and Eric. Next we will do a few more official things. I’ll ask Past President Tom Mattingly to come forward to present the Seal.

PP Mattingly: President Roth would you come forward please? Some twenty-five years ago, in fact twenty-five years ago this year a good friend of ours, Noah Callis from Southern Maryland painted a hand painted logo of the MSFA and he asked when he presented it if we would continue to pass it on each year to the incoming President to hang in their station. It is my pleasure on behalf of all of Southern Maryland and Noah Callis and his family to present this and ask you to hang it with pride in your station. We’ll exchange it next year with a permanent seal as this moves on. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. Past President. Next the Maryland State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci for a special presentation.

Fire Marshal Geraci: Good evening everybody. Aye, that’s the picture of Darby, that’s the wrong one. So like the other night I’ll start out, I bring you greetings from Governor Larry Hogan, Lt. Governor Rutherford, and my boss Colonel Palazzi. I will make it short and sweet. I have Governor’s citations for both of you and I’ll read this one. Be it known that on behalf of the citizens of the state, in recognition of the occasion as installation as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for success as you continue your leadership in the benefit of the association and its members, we are pleased to confer upon you this
citation and it’s dated today’s date. So I have citations for both of you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Now I think something, I know all the Presidents really enjoy and they should because it identifies you from all the Marylanders, I’ll ask our transportation committee to come forward and make their presentation, gentlemen.

Tom Flint: The transportation committee always has the honor our incoming Presidents to travel the state with honor. Madam President, Mr. President would you come around front and you can see the year coming up. Well deserved and well worked for. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you gentlemen. Ladies and gentlemen that brings us about to the end of a wonderful evening and it begs the question: where do we go from here? The fact is we do exactly what this association has done for over 100 years and that is follow good leadership. This is a leadership of organizations. It’s a group of people that come together with a common goal to protect the public of Maryland both in our small communities, in our regions in our counties. Across this state volunteer fire fighters are known. They are known because of their actions. They are known because of their fire stations. They are known because of the support they receive from their ladies auxiliary. And that makes us a unit. All of us stand together behind these two presidents. We give you the confidence of each and every man and woman here to lead us forward and continue the greatness of this association made up of these two organizations. Ladies and gentlemen would you please join me as we wish them well in the future. (Applause)

At this time I’ll ask Chaplain Charlie Barnhart to please come forward for a special blessing. It will be followed by the benediction by Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Malea Daughton and I will remind everyone there will be a receiving line of the Presidents and Officers in the lobby of the Performing Arts. Please make sure to attend. Also please make sure to stick around, in about 90 minutes we will have the world famous pajama parade right here in this venue. Chaplain Barnhart.

Chaplain Barnhart: Now I’m a little disappointed. Number 1, I didn’t have a wonderful hat to wear like I did last year and number 2, I am disappointed that we have to say farewell to our Past Presidents, both Ann Price Davis and Dave Keller. I had the opportunity to stand up here last year and give them a blessing and tell them what their year was going to be like in God’s way. And now I’d like to have Darby and Johnie to come over and join me for that same blessing. You know Doyle Cox started this, were you at Doyle’s, how many years ago? And you know, I worry about you guys, I don’t know if that’s a good thing or a bad thing, however; you’re going to be going from Southern Maryland, and we need to talk about that Washington Red Skins jersey, She’s not saying a word but I’m getting a dirty look, that’s ok, it’s all good. Don’t tell me you like them too, but they will be travelling from the Eastern Shore to Western
Maryland, up to Northwest, hopefully to Carroll County to see me and over to the east and the west and you know looking at scripture, doing it scripturally tonight. I have to refer to Mathew 28 which is the great commission. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Well folks, you have a chore to do and as Presidents of these wonderful associations, I give you a challenge, take the word of God, and have him on your shoulder each and every day and we ask you for safe travels and guides upon the blessing. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father as we conclude this installation tonight we give you thanks for these new leaders and we ask your abundant blessing to be with them as they travel and as visit and as they do the work that is very important to this association and Ladies Auxiliary. And Father we ask you to be with them as they travel across this great state. We ask you to grant them safety and also grant them a time when they can rest because the schedule gets a little hectic. And Father we know that they will make fire service disciples of all people. They will do the work that is needed to be done in the benefit of all fire, EMS, and Ladies Auxiliary in this wonderful state. And now Lord we ask your blessing to be upon Darby and Johnie as they go forth in that wonderful tradition as we call the leaders of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. These things we ask in your abundant and blessed name, Amen.

Good luck and blessings to you and remember when you are up west the car stops in Taneytown.

Richard Brooks, MC: Vice Chaplain Malea Daughton for our benediction. As she makes her way, ladies and gentlemen if you would please stay at your seats while we get the officers out then we can all retire to the lobby.

Vice Chaplain Daughton: Before I do the benediction I found a poem.

I’ve seen the angles cry. I always thought that angels wore halloes and wings of white, but now I found they wear hard hats and black coats with yellow stripes. An angel in my mind wore long flowing gowns of white. But now I see dark pants, shirts and badges shining bright. An angel always floated with bare feet above the ground, not true, they wear steel toe boots and go where death is found. And while I thought all angels flowed from heavens light I see an angel cutting steel, his torch is shining bright. And while these earthly angels pass buckets of debris, the angel up in heaven looked down of bended knee. So while the smoke continues to rise into the sky, I watch the rescue workers weep. I’ve seen the angels cry. Ok my benediction.

God our Father, we thank you for the success of our convention. Please continue your blessings on these associations. We ask for your protection upon all who have participated as. Prepare themselves for a new year of service to their community. May the God our Father bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and be
gracious to you. May he look upon you with kindness and give you his peace. Amen

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen thank you for your attendance this evening and your support of these fine officers. Mr. President if you could escort Madam President out the side, down the aisle into the lobby. The receiving line is yours.
President Johnie Roth: Good morning. Oh good, we have lights, I can even see this. We certainly welcome you to the morning session, 4th Session of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. To begin the morning we would like to have Mike Bowen from the Chaplains Office to give us our morning prayer. Mike.

Chaplain Michael Bowen: Let us pray the Invocation. Almighty God unto you who all hearts are open, all desires known and from who no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Be with us today as we come together to conduct the business at hand on our final day of the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention. And give us Father the power to go on, to carry our share of the burden of work to the end of time. And to live all the years of our lives faithful to the highest we have seen as we continue our work in the fire and EMS service. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

President Johnie Roth: If we could all rise we will give the pledge to the American Flag. Please join me: 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. Thank you.

Would you please be seated. If anyone has a cell phone or pager with you would you silence them at this time. Before we continue, I would like to welcome to the podium Hoby Howell with a safety message from the Safety Committee. Hoby.

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: Thank you Mr. President and congratulations for your nomination. Good morning! Well it is Wednesday – Parade Day. We wish everybody to take plenty out there with them today to stay hydrated. It is going to be a hot one and the same with going to the beach or the pool. Please, once again, ride the bus if you are going to drink and drive and don’t drive. Have a safe trip home from the Safety Committee.

And I am going to do two-fold, if Past President David Keller would come forward. I would like to make a presentation. I am doing presentations from the Cumberland Valley Firemen’s Association this morning. I am the First Vice President. Our president
had to go home so I am going to make a presentation to David this morning. We are a
five-state organization: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia.
On behalf of President Walter Robinson, I would like to present David with our pin, one
of our Challenge Coins and a paperweight. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Now we would like to welcome the Secretary of the MSFA for
the presentation of announcements and correspondence. Secretary Cox.

Doyle Cox, Secretary: Thank you Mr. President. I hope everybody has had a great
week here. The Convention is going great, everybody should be enjoying themselves.
In reference to communications and announcements, we have none at this time so
enjoy your remainder of time, enjoy the parade this afternoon and we will see you later.
Thank you.

President Johnie Roth: At this time we will have the reading and presentation of the
Resolutions. Doyle Cox could you come back up here please.

Doyle Cox, Secretary: Thank you Mr. President. We have approximately 200+
Resolutions. I would like to suspend the reading of the Resolutions and adopt them
into the records. Mr. President.

President Johnie Roth: If I could have a motion from the floor to adopt Resolutions.
Motion made and second by Ronnie Watkins. Any discussion? All those in favor
signify by saying “aye”. All opposed “no”. Motion carries.

At this time I would like to have the presentation of the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary for
introduce for the new year of the auxiliary. They are on their way here, please bear
with us.

While we are waiting on the ladies, if anyone has a Fire Prevention Book that you need
to claim, please come to the back of the stage, around the curtain, and please retrieve
those before you leave today.
We are on a temporary hold while we wait for the ladies. They have to move their
way around the Fine Arts Center. So please bear with us temporarily. While we are
waiting we will do a quick Lost and Found. If anyone lost their license, we have Mark
Anthony Kaufman of Mechanicsville or if there is someone from Mechanicsville, we
found his driver’s license. Apparently it was lost here in the Convention Center. If there
is anyone from Mechanicsville or someone who get it to him, if you would come up
and we will get it back to him. Thanks.

So that we don’t waste a lot of time, we are going to go ahead and continue with the
main program presentation. The gentleman I would like to introduce is certainly no
stranger to me. He comes from Montgomery County. He has been the Fire Chief of
Montgomery County for quite some time. He is going to be taking on new challenges within the next week or two with the Hagerstown Fire Department. His name is Steve Lohr. Steve Lohr certainly is no stranger to the fire and rescue services. Today his topic is going to be “Type B Construction in the Fire Service, The Perfect Storm.” Recent major fires in buildings under construction have posed unique problems to the fire and rescue services suppression efforts. Limited fire department access and unfinished egress unprotected construction increased fire loads and incomplete protection equipment have increased the potential for unchecked fire spread and an urgent need for exposure protection. This presentation will review several recent incidents of this nature and describe some of the best strategies and tactics for the Fire Commander to consider in mitigating those circumstances. So please put your hands together and give a warm Maryland welcome to Steve Lohr, soon to be Fire Chief for Hagerstown Fire Department. Chief Lohr. (Applause)

Chief Lohr: Thank you John. It’s my pleasure to join you in Ocean City this year to talk about a topic, of course I have a corny joke, ice breaker, but rather than issue a corny joke what I’d like to do is congratulate you on electing a first class President of this association. I’ve seen the good work that President Johnie Roth has done in Montgomery County over the years both at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, and of course more recently as Vice President of this association state wide. So Johnie my congratulations, good luck to you sir.

This is a little different set up for me. I’m going to be changing what I’m following on an iPod and I’m going to be multi tasking changing the slide deck aimed at the back. I’m hoping that do not get out of sink and that I can multitask and make this an efficient thing. It’s a routine task for me whenever I speak, I going to assume we have some veterans in the audience and I certainly would like to take, ten seconds, acknowledge all the veterans who guarantee our freedom, so that we can come participate like this. So any veterans in the audience stand if you like. I would like the audience to extend a round of applause, please. (Applause)

This has been a good week for me. I told my wife last night, I said all the usual suspects are present; I got to see a lot of old friends I haven’t seen for a while and made some new along the way. So if you look at the title slide of my slide deck here, I’d like to say this, the perfect storm type V construction changes. Everybody in this room that’s been in the fire service more than a minute knows the hazards of light weight construction. You heard Adam St. John yesterday, you’ll hear the gentleman talk about the fire in Englewood, New Jersey later today, ah, this is a big deal and this is a game changer. Believe me when I tell you. We’re going to talk a little bit what we were used to dealing with, some changes that occurred, changes that occurred around 2009 and now the hazards that are present in the new type V construction that I think we have to come together and I point out, this is a Fire Chief’s view. This is not a code official’s view. This is not a political leader’s view. We need to come together here. The
background is that last April 1st in Montgomery County, Maryland we had very news worthy fire on April 1, 2014. It occurred in a building that to the best of my memory is the largest dollar loss fire in the history of Montgomery County, Maryland, twenty two million dollars and climbing, subrogation, litigation etc. The entire master plan, the future of Montgomery County, Maryland and actually many, many communities nationwide is based on this kind of construction and we have issues.

I always take time if you look at the poster to the left; I know Chief Siarnicki is here at the conference, acknowledging the great work that the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation done. Ah, 2015 to date, 46 fire fighter fatalities in the country. This is actually much better than tradition but we’ve got a lot of room to grow there.

This is a trend slide. I will simply remind everyone here that number of fire, the amount of work we go to, the number of fire deaths, injuries and total dollar loss are all trending downwards. We can all take great pride in that here for our role in that nationwide. When I came into the business, I’ve been doing this one place or another since 1971. You know we manage to kill over 100 fire fighters a year. That number is down, our trending is down and that’s good stuff. I hope to convince you in the next 40 minutes or so that we have a real problem that we are going to have to tackle. I also want to make it very clear what this presentation is not about. So write this down. There is not a stronger advocate on the planet earth for residential sprinklers than Steve Lohr. But the buildings I am about to talk about, we have given so much away to get those residential sprinklers that we are in trouble. That’s a personal opinion. Some people could categorize it as a, I think I feel. I hope to demonstrate with evidence this morning it’s more than that. If you’re not paying attention to this stuff, the National Fire Sprinkler Association Organization, NFPA, dial in. If you tweet any of the social media feeds, these things work and they work 99% of the time. In the work shop version of this that runs about an hour and a half, we run some videos and it takes a little longer.

Couple quick acknowledgements first of all I want to thank the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the State Fire Marshal’s Office for having me. Deputy Chief Dennis Wood, I haven’t seen him this week, I think Chief Bashoor is flying around here somewhere. But you know he wrote an article several years ago called fire fighting in a donut. It was great work and it caused me when I was the Operations Chief in Montgomery County to pick up the phone and it caused me to pick up the phone, we came up together in the volunteer business, Larry Iseminger, Chief Fire Protection Engineer, Larry what are you doing about these donut buildings? He said “Steve, what are you talking about?” I haven’t seen any. I said what, the area of responsibility the state fire marshal had at that time, and he had not seen them. So of course we invited him to Montgomery County. We do the footsteps tour and he just couldn’t believe it. Chief Scott Goldstein and his staff, if you don’t know it, Chief Goldstein gets sworn in the Fire Chief’s position in Montgomery County tomorrow, I’ll be there and I’m absolutely thrilled that we have somebody of Goldie’s character to continue with that
job. Also I want to acknowledge that Dan Madrzykowski, Steve Kerber who are both out at the NFPA conference in Chicago this week and of course Adam St John who you managed to wrestle here, a Montgomery County ATF guy. Tremendous work and I’m going to acknowledge that part of the problem is the codes have not caught up with what they taught. And of course, Mr. Joe Ward, if he’s here of MFRI and the light and sound guys for helping me get through this.

I’m not going to run this video. The Avalon Apartments in New Jersey, if you come back this afternoon you’ll get the full dose on that. This was a land mark fire and it was a land mark fire for two reasons. One, when that building or complex of buildings was under construction they had a very, very serious fire there. Not unlike the ones you are going to see and photographs after awhile. More importantly in January of this year, what was initially reported as 240 units, 240 actually turned out to be nearly 400 units lost. This is across the Hudson River from Harlem, New York. They are not ill resourced either in staffing, apparatus and other stuff and they have plenty of water, right? But they lost 400 units, not unlike the story in Montgomery County, so the root cause of the problem here, the codes have been relaxed, in my opinion too far.

Multi story apartment buildings, partially protected, not fully protected, partially protected with 13R sprinklers. I’m going to walk you through this and hopefully make a convincing argument. Traditionally this is how we evaluate fire hazards. We look for ignition sources. We look for fuel sources. We’ve learned, all of us have learned in the last couple of decades, smoke is fuel. Treat the smoke layer as a separate fuel package. How are those packages arranged? What’s the building and compartment configuration look like. Do we have fire safety features, like sprinklers, like fire alarms, like stand pipes etc, etc, present or not and can we get to it with our stuff. Whatever stuff is, where ever you provide the service and then more recently thanks to Dan, Steve and Adam primarily we have brand new about fire growth. And it’s not pretty.

This is how we were all trained, right? This is what building fires look like. You could pull in to a block, you may not be able to see the street in front of you, lots of yellow/brown smoke, and you have some time to operate in a building like this. We were all trained to run lines to the basement, to the attic, to the back bedrooms, to the kitchen, to where ever. This is what we have now, light weight construction. I’m not going to talk about the hazards of light weight construction other than from a 30,000 foot view. These places are bigger, they are tighter, they are wrapped in solidified gasoline, right, and it’s an issue. We know why, so the top left side in the deck there is the site of a fire a couple years ago in downtown Chevy-Chase, 45th Street. The slide on the right is what it looked like when Co 6 turned out of quarters at late afternoon on a Friday. This was formally a 1,350 sq ft family two story brick walk up. Look at the ones around it from an aerial view from the top left. They have been knocked down and they are 3,800, 4,000 sq ft all light weight construction. If that’s not bad enough, what we put in them, bottom left, and how they are framed, bottom right. That’s an old
We’ve already talked about these guys and new information and why we have to adapt as a service because if we don’t, we’re going to kill our own. And I’m not so sure we can guarantee the public the same level of service that we’ve promised them ever since If I’ve been in the business since 1971.

The first experience with this, NIST, UL, science stuff, by my recollection, I was a Company Captain in Gaithersburg and Cherry Road, in DC, we know the outcome of that, how hateful it was. I’m not going to get into this thing but I’m going to tell you to look at about 150 – 170 seconds on the axis, the bottom axis. This is a fire growth curve, heat release rate and what this pointed out to me then. I came out of the program at Maryland. I get this kind of stuff pretty clearly the first time. Not only were we not preventing the flashover we were causing the flashover. And time, and time, and time again we’ve proven that to be true, so I’ll leave this slide and challenge you fire fighter types with this question. Have you ever seen a fire get smaller when glass starts breaking and chain saws start? You don’t have to answer me. Have you ever seen a fire get smaller when glass starts breaking and chain saws start, and the answer to that is no. That slide proves it just like all the others.

If you don’t know Dan and Steve, that’s them in the center in the center of the screen. That’s Dan and his wife receiving a Sammy Award from the Department of Commerce for the work they’ve done. I’m just here to say this is no joke. I am happy to report that Montgomery County has participated over and over again. That’s our engine at Governor’s Island, New York. The slide bottom right is Prospect Place in Brooklyn, New York where the FDNY has asked them to come in and explain some fire growth stuff that they couldn’t fully understand. If you have not signed on to this stuff, sign on. Get involved and start tracking it.

This is what I believe they’ve taught us and if you look at the highlighted text over the photograph, we have got to find a way to connect current fire behavior knowledge with construction features and known hazards and you will see why in a moment. But this is what they have taught us in the last decade or two. Residential fires are more dangerous, no surprise to anybody here. Flow path ventilation, we are causing the flashover. Most fires are vent limited, fuel rich, we give it air, off to the races it goes. If we can’t get a line in place to deal with that at that moment we burn firemen and we kill firemen. Ventilation does not always equal cooling. We have got to control the air. My first video I show to my troops in Montgomery County, I say this will change the duties of the truck company forever. Where we used to worry about going to the roof and cutting holes and breaking windows and rapid horizontal ventilation, you better think about closing doors behind you and running through the place closing as many doors as you can and limit the air flow. Smoke is fuel and fast water is always best.
And what I like to tell people now and if you enjoy the work that firemen do, you like running lines into fires as I did, as I continue to do, this is hateful to hear, right? A sprinkler head in that ceiling is the fastest water we can put on a fire. Most of the time sprinklers will activate before we leave quarters. So if you agree that is the fastest water you can apply, then we should strive to figure out how we are going to get water on the fire, next fastest. That doesn’t mean race, run everybody off the road, etc, etc; it does mean change our tactics a little bit. Are we really going to allow fire venting out of two bedrooms out of a two story brick walk up, while we are trimming out on the front porch, while we’re extending a line out in the yard, while we’re going over a fence, while we are doing all the things that we do, and do pretty well, when you can run a line from the pump panel, blacken the fire, through the windows and then still go in and do what we have to do. Believe me I know how hateful that sounds to fire fighters, right? And it’s contrary to everything we are taught. This is what I think Dan, Steve and Adam have done. They have brought this science and technology to the streets. Enough said.

Let’s talk about apartments a little bit. I’m going to call this a cookie cutter garden apartment. And if you’ll follow my math, I never do math in public that’s why I got to list it. A typical cookie cutter garden apartment is about 7,500 sq ft. That’s the number I want you to remember. We know a few things about them, one way in one way out, unless you come out a window or off the balcony. There are people in this room that have rescued people over ground ladders, over aerial ladders, recovered people who have jumped off 3rd floor and 4th floor balconies, etc, etc. Everybody earned their nickel on cookie cutter garden apartment work. I’ll call it legacy type V multifamily construction, typically 3 to 4 stories, flat or peaked roof, combustible or non-combustible exterior walls, enclosed or open stairwells, one way in, egress generally one door in the front, sometimes one out the back. But one of the things that made them safe before sprinklers was self closing door hardware. One hour tenant separation, you had to have dry wall separation between every unit, they had to have self closing door hardware, and designed to protect the stairwell. The stairwell was a sacred place. Now they always filled up with smoke if somebody left the door open, or if the self closing hardware didn’t work, or they chose to fight the fire before we got there and we were crawling over fire extinguishers, right. Everybody been there done that. Traditional of that type construction in the 50’s & 60’s were vertical voids everywhere. Wherever the fire started it ended up in the attic and you burned the roof off.

Our experiences in those buildings summarized were propensity for leapfrogging. We knew if we didn’t get it blackened and knocked down real quick it was going to leapfrog up the outside. If it got to the unprotected attic, game on, second alarm, third alarm, fourth alarm. Balcony access over ground and aerial ladders was important therefore balcony access was important. Fire lanes necessary, long attack lines necessary, court yards necessary. We actually got rid of extinguishers in the city of Gaithersburg,
Montgomery County and I believe the state of Maryland, right, because people were not calling the fire department. They were engaging the fire fight and when you left quarters it was all over the sky and you had to deal with it in that way. Open doors always created issues for us. Architects, engineers, code officials really get angry with me when I use this statement. It’s stapled together, the new stuff, right? Do you know a better way to describe what a gusset plate does? These buildings are stapled together. They carry more weight. They are more efficient to build. All the things until what, it meets fire. And then who loses, the people that are trying to operate in that.

Ok on to pre 2009 apartments, so the codes changes and said hay look, we’re going to extend to extend this traditional 3 story apartment unit by allowing up to an additional one story and 20’ of unprotected attic area if you put 13R, residential sprinklers in these buildings. But we’re also going to qualify that by saying it can’t be more than 60’ from the point of fire department access and floor and roof trusses were common. If you are not aware, for the city of Chicago fire department this became so much of a problem for them that they are putting stickers on the outside of buildings that have either floor or roof trusses to warn the fire fighters that this building is going to fall on your head if it’s on fire, a change in tactics.

Along with those construction changes came narrower streets, parking on both-sides, more dwelling units per acre, 2.4 parking spaces per unit, and all those things. This is a reality for the fire department. Try to set up a master stream and fly it with those obstacles, those parking obstacles, add 6” of snow, add whatever, a boat trailer the stuff you guys see every day and we’re in trouble. Now if you were at FCIC this year Pearce Manufacturing released what I consider to be a really cool quint, but in order to get the weight carrying characteristics of that device, that 16’ outrigger is now 18’ which just exemplifies this problem.

On to what we are to talk about today new type V construction, not seen before risks. I ask you to examine that folks in great detail and I’m a dumb old boy from Washington County, Maryland but I can count to six, how many stories are there? How many windows do you see, dormers, that 20’ unprotected attic? This is a development under construction right now in the old quarry immediately adjacent to station 10 on River Road in Montgomery County. These units start at $1.2 Million for a one bedroom condo. But they can’t afford to put sprinklers in the whole building. Anybody here know what this is? That’s sign language for you know what, bull___, I’m not buying it.

Type I first floor in the code changes does not count as a full story, why because it’s a parking garage, built out of concrete and it’s sprinkled. We call it a podium; the code folks call it a podium. So basically you start counting after you get above the podium. I have a better example of that here in a minute. Some of these units are up to 4,000 sq ft. It’s a McMansion in a McMansion. If you look at that photograph, put a ladder truck around it. I dare you. Even if you can on one side, to have an effective reach of
a master stream, I dare you. If the loft, that’s why they have dormers, and they are
designed the way they are, is less than 1/3 the floor below it. It doesn’t count either.
Unparalleled and height limits, here the donut, back to Chief Wood’s work in Prince
George’s County. Typically these are 4 – 6 stories wrapped around a garage or court
yard, fire fighting in a donut. Unparalleled height and area limits, how did we get there?
The code change was in R2, residential type II 5B construction the table allows you
7,000 sq ft, but put sprinklers in it, you can increase that by 100%. Then there are
couple ifs, buts and coconuts, I call them that allows that to increase further. I will
show you an example of that. They do require draft stops in the attic. How many draft
stops have you see in the attic? I saw a post of a fire in Prince George’s County last
night, a fire in Greenbelt where, when they checked on the scene the fire was probably
venting 40’ into the air, out of the attic from a lightning strike, right?

We’ll move through this rather quickly, you know what this looks like. The point I want
to make here is the unparallel height and area increases. It is crazy. Try to run a small
line in one of these joints. These are the big void areas. For the last ten years, probably
longer than that, we’ve taught a save our own technique, to breach a wall if you are
trapped in an apartment. Turn on your side, wiggle between the jack studs or pass
your SCBA through the jack studs and then crawl through it. The first two floors of
these joints are triple joint studded. A big boy like me, isn’t happening, isn’t happening.
I’m not getting through there.

Vertical two hour gypsum assemblies, gypsum assemblies extended to the underside
of the roof deck. That’s the mezzanine. It can act as a 5th floor or 5th floor with a loft or
mezzanine. It doesn’t count as a story. They don’t like this either, solidified gasoline.
The photograph on your left is from a building in downtown Rockville that literally
covers a city block. You’ll pay close attention that is the entrance atrium from the rear
and the entire atrium is lined with vinyl siding. The code officials will say vinyl siding
has a class C flame spread rating. Yes it does when you take a piece of it and put it
in a furnace, ignite it on this end and how long does it take to spread it to that end,
it’s difficult to ignite. Anybody here that’s ever been to a garden apartment with vinyl
siding on it knows it’s not used like that, it’s overlapped vertically and once it burns, it
burns like gas on a wick. Anybody disagree with that? That’s our experience; this is
what we are up against.

Some special challenges are the METRO wrap or Texas donut. Now here’s what I
would like to share with you. They are all over the place now in the metro counties,
but believe me when I tell you it’s coming to a town near you. If you have to knock
down your old town, Crisfield, MD, Cumberland, MD, Hagerstown, MD these buildings
are on their way because that’s what the code permits and that’s what the developers
are building. This is the parking garage surrounded by apartments. Think about the
challenges of fire department access here.
This is a good example of podium construction. Go to the left side of that photograph and count windows and the parking garage. Remember what I taught you earlier is that you don’t start counting from the code perspective until you get above that podium. That’s a high rise, I’m sorry. At the end of the day, that’s a high rise. The good news and there is some good news to this, if it’s a mixed use, the classic tax payer, in this case the 7 – 11 and some restaurants, and whatever, they are required to have full 13 Sprinkler protection and everything above it does if it’s mixed use. You always apply the most stringent code if it’s enforced and if some developer doesn’t get a deal, whatever a deal is.

Some more examples look at the length of the building on the right. It’s a block long. That’s the one that has that as the atrium with the vinyl siding on it. This is the rear of the building before, a little closer shot. You see the floor trusses; this is a courtyard building with a big swimming pool in the middle. How you would ever get to a balcony, window or anything else to rescue people on the inside of that courtyard, other than drag a ground ladder from one apartment through, across the hallway through another apartment and then start over. How many fire departments in the State of Maryland are equipped to do that?

Parking garage, direct exposure to the unprotected attic space, that by my count when I took this picture was 21’ tall. How much fire can generate in that attic space and how are you going to get to it?

Upper Rock Circle, on to the fire we had last April. This is an aerial photograph without the benefit of a large single screen, I will focus, and I’d like to focus your attention to this building. This is a W shaped building. It is rebuilt today; it’s the one that was on fire. This is an exposure building, this is the parking garage for this entire complex and then I want, we’ll show another slide of the deck. This pentagon shaped building is 250’ on the side. A close up of the W shaped building. If you count these things, each one of them is an HVAC unit, 147 dwelling units in that single building. How long does it take to evacuate, search, and check on 147 dwelling units in one building that’s on fire? It’s falling on your head by the way.

A close up of the pentagon shaped building. That is a swimming pool with the cover on it. I think you can see readily there are lots of places here that are simply out of the reach of an elevated stream. That will become important and clear to you in a minute. This is a poor slide and I apologize. What I was attempting to do was Google Earth, compare the risks of this to a traditional garden apartments, Westside Drive in Gaithersburg, been to many fires there and if this were a larger screen you would be able to see there are two sidewalk entrances. This is about 300’, this is about 400’, compare the risks. 26,000 sq ft per floor, how many small lines do you need to advance in there if you pick the wrong stairwell? Well you are out of business. People are coming down one of three stairwells in 26,000 sq ft and the fire department is trying to go up the stairwells.
This is the back of the building that was on fire, later in the same morning. This slide is in the deck, look at the aerial ladder that is fully extended, and 100′ aerial tower. We had to close down north bound Interstate 270, disconnect power to the lines that you probably cannot see to be able to reach the center W, the only place we couldn’t hit from anyplace in the front, we flew 5 elevated streams that morning.

Quickly go through some more fire hazard assessments, it’s the same ones. I’m not going to read them to you again. I skipped over the single family dwelling, too quick with the clicker. We know what a middle of the row townhouse looks like. We know those townhouses and garden apartments in the metropolitan Washington area, every place in the country I know, bread and butter work, this is what we do. This is what we live for and we’ve gotten pretty good at it.

Our first exposure to this light weight type fire was a building in the King Farm under construction. People who are on the other side of this issue from the Fire Chief’s view submit that this is only a problem with buildings under construction. If you believe that, I challenge you to come back and listen to the presentation on Englewood, N J, 400 occupied units, a plumber’s torch. This was a discarded cigarette in the middle of the day, a well staffed fire department.

Conshohocken, PA building under construction, home of hale pump, less than 10 minutes later, proud volunteer fire department and they are good. Don’t tell me they don’t understand water supply, they don’t understand how to pump water. Those guys, I knew most of them personally that they do great work. What are you going to do with this in less than 10 minutes, and we know what the final outcome, how many BTU’s do you think are generated there and what the exposure problem is.

We all assume that the codes are adequate, right? That’s not our end of the business. That’s not what we live for. Large loss building fires account for less than 1% of the building fires in this country. Large loss fires are defined as greater than $1M in loss. They logged up to $2.8 B with a B, losses in construction in 2014 and the thing that I do not understand insurance companies continue to make money. I know that, I shouldn’t say that, I understand it, I understand it fully. Their actuaries do good work, they charge rates that allows them to knock this stuff down or burn it down and rebuild without huge consequences and still make a profit.

Now the people that are lobbying for this type construction submit this is the fire prevention bureau’s problem, this is the fire department’s problem and if you want this stuff taken care of, then you get out and inspect it, whatever.

The fire I am about to show you on Upper Rock Circle in Rockville, the city of Rockville enforcement folks logged 400 building inspections prior to the date of the fire. How many fire departments in this room have resources and staff that can send people
out and do 400 building inspections on one building. Really, I challenge you this, you provide fire protection in any town in Maryland, go out and set up in a parking lot. You can have the biggest, badest, pumper, and ladder truck, whatever, what is the practical reach of an aerial stream? Paint lines in a parking lot, mark up targets, do whatever, I don’t care if you over pressurize it, under pressurize it, whatever about 115’ is the effective reach of an aerial master stream. 115’ on a good day, without wind, without freezing weather, with adequate water, all those things.

Here’s what we should be worried about, in my opinion. Remember, I’m going to take you back to the title slide, a fire chief’s view. When, where and how much water can be first applied to a fire? We know what comes out of a sprinkler head. What can we deliver?

This problem is nationwide, here’s a list of cities that have experienced just in the last year similar fires of what I am about to show you, and if uh, when I do the work shop version of this we have videos that accompany them. Seattle, WA, I’ll go through them quickly without running the video. Huston, TX, this was the site of a dramatic rescue of a construction worker, lowered himself, dropped from the top balcony to the 4th floor balcony, the aerial ladder gets within about 4’ of him, he jumps for the aerial ladder and makes it on it just as he gets squared away on the aerial ladder the top floor collapses in front of the rig. Everybody has probably seen that video, right? Santa Clara, CA, the results are the same, look at these streams, are they effective, not a little bit. Dallas, TX, Rockville, MD, our own and here’s the thing. $22 M loss and climbing, this was newsworthy about 2.2 seconds. CNN covered it the day of the fire, bla, bla, bla, then it was all over. It was under construction, nobody was hurt, no fire fighters were hurt, uh, so game over. San Francisco, CA, same thing, they burn from the top down, unprotected space from the top down. This closed the 101 freeway, those of you familiar with Los Angeles and Hollywood. It could be seen for miles, and of course Edgewood, NJ, we have a subject matter expert here later today who will talk about this. These were occupied, these were occupied.

Take the advice, you soprano fans out there of Jr. Soprano. The next time you come; come heavy or don’t come at all. If you look at the top right slide, Montgomery County, we pretty much perfected, and I think we stole it from Baltimore County, so thank you if you are in the audience, heavy water hook up, right? We do the rapid, efficient, expandable, uninterruptable, water supply thing really good in Montgomery County. Lay an initial line with a Humat, expand that water supply by pumping it and if we suspect that we need more than a single 4” supply line, we trim out both sides of the hydrant, why, because we have good underground water.

Since 1971 I can count on the number of fingers on one hand the time that I’ve seen underground water supplies fail the fire department. I don’t have enough fingers and toes to count the number of times the fire department could not deliver the water
above ground, for whatever reasons. Not enough lines, too small lines, too long lines, whatever. So we have dual 4” supply bibs on our pumper and I’m glad we did the day of this fire. We have pre-connected Blitz fires. We have a pre-connected 2 ½” with an 1 ¼ “ solid core nozzle.

This is the first photograph of the fire at Upper Rock on April 1. In a few slides I’m going to tell you to pay attention to the flag pole and the direction of the flag. I’ll point out a couple things about this. You see lights on the second floor, the first arriving units assumed that it was occupied, it was not. They were finishing drywall on the top floors, ready to occupy it the following week. But regardless this fire has a good start. The first arriving aerial tower in the right bottom of the photograph, they have already dropped anchor, they are getting ready to set up, they have already turned the corner, and it’s consumed a large part of the top floor. It is running for the fire wall. They pick a place to defend; they are coming out of the cradle. Look at the difference in conditions from the time it took them to set an air brake, extend the out riggers, put a man in the bucket and start coming up. Look at the flag bottom right. Look at the flag. Ok first stream is in service, actually by this time another company had turned left and was in service down the street and another truck is getting ready to deploy off the right side of this. Heavy water everywhere, happily we had our Federal partners, NIH, NIST, all the Feds in Montgomery County carry 5” hose, we needed it too even though we had dual heads of 4”.

At the end of the day we were flowing 10,000 gpm. How many fire departments here can deliver 10,000 gpm, either underground water, above ground hose lay out or simple enough, ladder trucks in a reasonable period of time to do that? I’m not bragging about Montgomery County, I am fiercely proud of the job that Montgomery County fire fighters did that day. I took it right to the County Executive and political leaders and said these guys are off the hook, and they were. You will see the results of that. They stopped this thing in its tracks. Now I will tell you this, the other thing I said privately, 24 hours prior to the fire, 35 mph wind gusts. Remember March 31, 2014, 35 mph wind gusts and below freezing temperatures. March went out like a lion and it calmed down by 4:30 that morning. Had those same weather conditions existed, I’m not sure we would have kept it out of the exposures, an honest assessment.

Ok, typical floor plan, frame roofs. All that stuff was collapsing on towers, in front of their feet when they arrived and set up. This is part of the rebuilding process. The back of the W would be in the bottom right. The top right photo, with a larger screen, you can see there was evidence of collapse, pan caking collapse from the water application, all 5 floors. The 5th floor was sitting on the 1st floor even though the exterior walls held up. More photographs. This is the end result. It burnt the top floor off of it, so then we started litigating, subrogating, we started blaming everybody and their brother, at the end of the day the structural engineers prevailed and said there was enough water dumped into that building, we don’t believe you can use any portion of it. Knock it down to the podium and start over. That’s what they did.
I remind you this is our bread and butter work. Compare the risks, unparallel, not like anything we’ve ever seen or encountered. When you drive home this week, I want you to look for them. They are all over the place.

How different is it from a type I high rise where this is all concrete, masonry separation. Fire department access, reach and logistics, it’s what we live on there. But we also live on a high rise package here in the State of Maryland that has all these other features, fire alarms, smoke alarms, sprinklers, standpipe, fire extinguishers, and structurally independent stairwells. Structurally independent stairwells, anybody here know what that means. I’ll tell you what that means. It means 8” concrete masonry blocks with core is filled or it means 12” concrete blocks without the core filled, a structurally independent, an area of refuse for us and the citizens.

Ok, winding down here, macro issues and opportunities. We have got to decide what we want sprinklers to do, protect life in residential buildings or property. I submit both, they work 99% of the time. They work and oh by the way most of the time they put the fire out. But if we really expect them to protect the property, if that’s the expectation of the political leadership and the citizens in this type of construction somebody’s going to be very disappointed very soon. We talked about all these other things, I just want to remind you there are 3 versions of the sprinkler code, 13D for individual single family dwellings, 13R for multifamily apartment units like we are talking about then the most severe in a building like this 13, designed for actual hazards. We have got to connect this fire growth knowledge with the construction features. The height in area, minimums and maximums, have changed and that’s ok but it can’t replace a realistic risk assessment. I would submit, I argue that’s what we do best, we know about risks. Risk assessment, right, this isn’t some guy with a pencil looking at lines on a paper.

Sprinkler code comparisons, I only want to point out one thing here, 13R sprinklers apply about ½ as much water as 13 sprinklers. Density, top bullet, ½ as much, is we prepared to live with that? One is designed for life safety; one’s designed to protect the building. There is no hose stream allowance on the top floor in these 13R buildings, really? Come on.

Rules, rules and more rules, you can go blind reading these rules. Performance based design, I came out of the fire protection curriculum at University of Maryland, and I fully embrace performance based design. Here’s my fear, and this is why I go back to the perfect storm. We have now stretched and relaxed these code provisions so far that I don’t think the design can survive the life of the building. And here’s my other point and this is the one I want you to remember out of all this other nonsense, the contractor, the developer the owner, whoever, when we sign an occupancy permit they walk away from the problem. If you are a Fire Chief, a Fire Department, a code official, a political leader, you own the problem for the life of the building. It will never go away. They get to walk away from it with a pretty good profit. The design maintenance of those fire
Protection features must survive the life of the building. Did anybody think in the late 1800s or early 1900s when the 5 & 6 story brick walk up tenements in the South Bronx were built that they would be remembered as the war years for the FDNY in the 1960s and 70s, No. What happens when these buildings are 50 years old? Happily I won’t have to worry about it, but they are probably people in this room that will.

I’m a plane language guy, I’m a practical guy. Look at the title of the 13R sprinkler guide, standard for the installation of sprinkler systems in low rise residential occupancies. Really, low rise when we can’t reach it with an aerial ladder, come on, I don’t think this is what the founders had in mind.

These are our concerns, we’ve talked about them. I’m not going to read them to you; we are on a clock here. But fires that originate in an unprotected space in a mulch pile, if we don’t get some protection against that vinyl, a discarded cigarette can run up the outside of that building and get into the attic and it’s a bad day for the fire department and the citizens of the community.

This was from a post fire analysis; remember the tragic fire in New Jersey in the haunted house trailers that were not sprinkled, just something to stimulate your thought process. What can we do, well I say during the construction process transfer this problem to the builders and developers. The day before the fire they installed 74 HVAC units in the unprotected space of Upper Rock Circle. How many fire inspectors would it take to supervise that hot work? Right, sweat pipes and all that nonsense. We are a well resourced agency in Montgomery County but we don’t have the people to do that, at 10 places all over Montgomery County all at the same time, are you kidding me. So, they are going to have to charge forth, hire more people, do whatever, make them wear vests, put fence around and give us access to all of this, it’s going to require increased training, it’s going to require a really detailed plans review.

This is what I would like, the tough stuff, structurally independent stair wells, height and area limitations, vertical and horizontal. Get rid of that first floor pedestal exemption - nonsense. Use the full NFPA 13 sprinkler protection, which means put sprinklers in the unprotected spaces. And then give us a one story buffer for combustible siding so if somebody discards a cigarette in a mulch pile we don’t end up with what we end up with.

These are the five things the fire service must come together and do, change how the heights are measured, interpret the scope of the sprinkler standards, give me independent structurally stairwells so that the citizens have a place to get to and if the building falls down around them, they have a reasonable chance of survival, but more importantly, as we are running into these buildings to extinguish fires in them, our fire fighters have an area of refuge on each floor that they can reasonably be expected to survive a fire with the protection of a charged houseline and self contained
breathing apparatus on their back. And assure fire department access and water supply. Remember it took Montgomery County fire fighters 10,000 gpm for four hours to put that fire out.

I can’t tell you who, I got friends in the private side of the business and this is what they tell me; sprinklers typically represent 2% the cost of a construction project. The delta between a full system and a 13R system is ¾ of 1%. What are we talking about, come on, in a condo where you are going to charge $1.2M for a one bedroom condo.

The future is even worse. In Europe they are building 40 story versions of these things, 40. We are headed for the stupid factory if we aren’t already here. We got to overcome the special interests and government bureaucracy. My challenge to you today is get in the game, you know the coach has got to get the leadership of fire departments involved in this. Right now we are being bullied out of the code change process because we don’t have enough voices at the table. It costs money, it cost time and it means real effort and they don’t want to do it.

Those of you that remember WWII, this is my wife’s beautiful legs in the bomb bay area of a Boeing B17 bomber, that was dangerous work. When those bombs didn’t discharge, those poor boys had to go back there, 25,000’ and kick them loose with their feet, no cables, no hand rails, no nothing. The waist gunners, this is a little bit of trivia for you, those gun belts were 27’ long, 50 cal. ammunition. They frequently came back unsuccessful, cut up, beat up, blown up and the guys would come out of the belly position and say we gave them the whole 9 yards, 27 feet of 50 cal ammunition. We need to give them the whole nine yards. So, that’s what I got for you today. Once again it’s been my pleasure, thank you for having me and I hope everybody a safe journey home. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Steve. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, we thank you for your presentation. You have always been a friend to me and Montgomery County. We certainly wish you all the best of luck at Hagerstown. You are probably back in your home. But we certainly want to thank you for your presentation. We have a Convention Bag for your troubles and we would like to take a quick picture of you. Thank you very much.

At this time the ladies have joined us so President Darby if you would like to present your officers to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association we would love to have you. Come on in.

LAMSFA President Darby Byrd: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Just for the record President Roth, I just adjourned my meeting. We are done. I have a new escort, less than 24 hours later, I have a new man at my side.
President Johnie Roth: Well Madame President, we probably would have been close to it if we hadn’t waited for you all earlier! Just saying. (Moans from the audience)

LAMSFA President Darby Byrd: Well we were actually lined up and off the side of the stage and they told us you were running behind. With me today I have:

Senior Vice President Barbara Sue Nelson; Junior Vice President Vivian Boyd; Recording Secretary Marcia Roth; newly introduced to the team, Treasurer Kristi Grinder; Financial Secretary Lori Denbow; Corresponding Secretary Donna Struntz; Chaplain Becky Wathen; Vice Chaplain Malea Daughton; Historian Jean Mean; Guard Shari Steffen; Color Bearer Stephanie Dalton; Color Bearer Joan Kramer; the new Bessie Marshall Fund Co-Chair Martha Neal; Bessie Marshall Fund Co-Chair Kitty Garner; and as Teresa phrased it this morning, the two in charge of the party this year, Conference Co-Chair Past President Teresa Crisman; and Conference Co-Chairman Cyndi Wood. (Applause)

Thank you very much President Roth for having us. And I will see you in a little bit.

President Johnie Roth: And on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Officers we certainly want to thank you all very much for coming over and taking time out of your busy schedule today. And we certainly want to welcome you, this is a partnership between both the men and the ladies as it should be. Whatever we can do for you we certainly will. We will be calling upon you on many of the facets we have planned this year. Some that will be announced Thursday but we will look forward to this being a partnership between both organizations. We are here to serve you whenever we can. Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Officers. (Applause)

And as the lovely ladies are going off the stage, just a reminder, the Exhibits will be closing at 12:00 noon. Last entry into the exhibits is around 11:45 a.m. Just a reminder for those of you who will be going to the parade, it will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. Those of you who will be judges, whatever, please be outside to get your buses around 12:00 this afternoon outside of the entrance to the convention center. So please make notation of that. Just a little rundown of what is coming up so those that need to be back stage can come on back: Remarks by the Past Presidents, followed by the newly elected officers, introduction and installation of the Executive Committee, installation of the Assistant Officers, and the final report of the Convention.

So at this time we would certainly like to present Past President David Keller III for his final remarks.

Past President David Keller III: Thank you Johnie. Good morning. I would first like to start off thanking the Officers and members, and you the member companies for your
support over the last year. With the support you all have given myself and my family, it has been wonderful and thank you.

To Ron Siarnicki and the Convention Committee, I want to say what another great convention we have had. We changed some things up and hopefully it was enjoyable for you all, the members. The Convention Committee works for you all. And also, I know she is not here in the room, but if anybody was here Monday morning and saw Liz Marx speak, I am telling you WOW. It was actually an honor that she accepted to come down here and deliver her message about texting and driving.

To Johnie, Mike and Mark, I wish you all luck. To my good friend, John Hoglund, my convention started on what the Governor called John Hoglund Day, so thank you for giving me that honor.

To my wife, Vicki and my son, Davey, I owe you a lot for giving me the time away from home to run this organization in the manner it needed to be.

So, thank you. Enjoy the rest of your week here at the beach. Be safe going home and God bless. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Thank you David. It was a great year. We certainly wanted to thank Dave. He did an outstanding job and we got a lot of things accomplished. We certainly look forward to many days, weeks, months ahead for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I stand before you today as the 2015-2016 President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This Association has a proud and distinguished history of service and dedication to its membership and I am proud to be carrying on that tradition.

It’s hard to believe that one short year from now we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary of the MSFA and this organization has come a long way and have much to be proud of. YOU, volunteers, here in this fire and rescue family of Maryland are very special breed of people. You have taken the challenge to give up your time freely to serve, protect and risk your lives for the communities you live and work in. You spend hundreds of hours each year for training, fund raising, meetings, fire prevention activities and more. You get up day or night and respond to calls for help for total strangers that are having the worst day of their lives. And you do it not for compensation but for the pride, the excitement and the service to your communities and for that and more I salute you.

Yesterday you elected me as your new President and last night I accepted that challenge with great pride and confidence of spending this year building this fire and
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rescue association into a stronger and more representative association that I found it. It is my intention this year to make it more inclusive to our younger members and to make every attempt to challenge those young members to take a major leap forward and become the future leaders of the MSFA.

This year is not about me, but about you and your continued support to your local fire and rescue companies and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

And so in closing, I would like to quote a long time colleague of mine from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department who coined a slogan a few years back that I feel is appropriate for today and that is we’re “Proud of Our Past…..Focused on Our Future.”

And now our work begins after our short vacations and I look forward to working with all of you and I pledge my time and my undying support.

My hope and prayer is that we all have a productive and cooperative year, having fun along the way and with your help and support, we will all succeed.

Thank you and I hope you have safe travels back to your homes. (Applause)

And now I would like to call on First Vice President Mike Davis for his comments.

First Vice President Mike Davis: Thank you President Roth. It is a pleasure. I would also like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for giving my wife back. I do appreciate all their kind of support and I know we will continue to support each other in the years to come. It has been a great time that my wife and I shared many of the things together in the fire service. Actually it worked out well as we got to visit many of the same places and get a two for one deal. Special thanks to her Mom and all our other friends and family service friends who watched our kids, especially the former fire prevention queens that have done a fabulous job at many of the meetings. All of you have helped tremendously!

With that said, I do thank you for your support. We are here for you. Thank you to my Baltimore County friends for your support. I just ask and I get help and it is very much appreciated. Anything you need and I have already started a list for some folks don’t hesitate, I want to hear the good the bad the indifference. That’s the only way we can make this better for you. That’s what we are here for. Today is parade day; the sun is shining after last night surprisingly. Please be safe, like our key speaker said, don’t text and drive. You know, take some of these fine safety points home with you too. If you’re doing a search, close the door behind you if there is a fire. God forbid that’s all it takes. Just remember the basic things we all have been taught. Keep that in the back of your mind. That’s what we are here for to keep teaching, practicing and preaching and keeping us all around as long as we can. And I do appreciate the support and
working with Past President David Keller and of course you know he'll be working with
us and like again we are all here for each other, anything we can do with each other,
for each other is much appreciated. Thank you. And our new Second Vice President,
Mark Bilger. (Applause)

Second Vice President Bilger: Good morning everyone, thank you very much. I
look forward to serving you this coming year working with the team. I want to thank
everyone, last night, my mother, Hope Bilger, she had a fall. The Pipes and Drums
from Montgomery County took care of her until Ocean City showed up, took care of her.
She’s home, I’m sorry she is back at the hotel resting. I do appreciate all the thoughts
and prayers we’ve gotten and we’ve always gotten from the fire service. Again, I look
forward to serving and working with you next year. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roth: Thank you Mark. It’s certainly with great pleasure that we will be
introducing for some brief remarks some of our other officers. Just for housekeeping
notes the Secretary’s office and the Treasurer’s office we’ll skip but it is a great
opportunity to introduce the Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Reverend John Long:

Chief Chaplain Long: Good morning I just have a few short comments to make. A
well run Fire Company has a well trained chaplain. I’m saying that because we are
offering an essentials class coming up in Delaware in July and August 1st. And also
Maryland Fire Chiefs has a chaplain’s class going on in conjunction with recruitment
and retention training in September. So please get your chaplains in the training
programs. If you need us we are here for you. I’m only minutes from Shock Trauma.
Like I said before, I’m usually there before the helicopter brings your folks in so I’m
available. If you have somebody coming into Shock Trauma, give me a call, I will be
there for them and their family. Have a great rest of the week. (Applause)

President Roth: Ok, until we locate the Secretary and Treasurer we’ll install the
Executive Committee members and with that I’d like to call Chief Jim Seavey of the
Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department for the introduction of his Executive Committee,
Jim.

Chief Seavey: Thank you Mr. President, it is indeed an honor and a privilege to be
able to serve you all for the coming year. I can assure you, you have a great Executive
Committee, whom I am about to introduce. I do hold and the Presidents hold their
feet to the fire, I hold their feet to the fire. They represent your counties and your
associations. Please if you have an issue with this organization, or recommendation,
or comments, please bring it to their attention and they will certainly bring it up at
the next Executive Committee meeting which will be posted on the website and we
encourage you to attend.
I’d like to introduce your Executive Committee for the 2015-2016 convention years. Your vice Chairman Doug Simpkins from Baltimore County, Richard Smith Talbot/Dorchester, and John Fisher couldn’t be here. He’s actually driving the tram that the Presidential Officers will be riding, Charlie Abrecht Frederick/Washington, Timothy Dayton Garrett/Allegany, Charles Walker Prince George’s, Justin Towles Anne Arundel, Skip Mahan your new representative replacing Ben Kurtz for Harford/Cecil, Dan Stevens from Southern Maryland, and Charlie Simpson who is now your representative from Howard/Carroll. Ladies and gentlemen your Executive Committee for 2015-2016. Oh sh, Oh God, I’m in trouble. Well he’s always busy down stairs pushing his products; Mike Faust from Sudlersville is representing Kent/Queen Anne’s/Caroline. I had him on my list. I don’t know how I missed him. Oh boy, I’m sorry. (Oath of Office administered by PP Dave Keller) Thank you folks.

President Roth: I would now like to welcome to the podium one of the newest, the oldest members to the team Mr. Ben Kurtz who is one of your trustees, Ben.

Ben Kurtz, Trustee: Good morning. I just want to thank each and every one of you not only for the support you have given me not only here at convention but throughout this past year. As I announced my candidacy last year in June, I had the opportunity to travel throughout the state to the county and regional associations meeting you and hearing your concerns. This year as a trustee, a new chapter in my emergency career and by participating with this Board of Trustees I’ll be working closely with the rest of the team on widows benefits, dependants, and line of duty injuries and hopefully we won’t have too many, but if you do happen to have a line of duty death we’ll be fulfilling that. The importance is to make sure that the officers of your departments fulfill the forms out in a timely manner after an injury. Thank you for your support and have a good day. (Applause)

President Roth: At this time I’d like to welcome back Past President Dave Keller for the installation of the assistant officers. President Keller.

Past President Keller: Come on out. We have the Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbie Aaron, we have Assistant Treasurer/Past President Bob Jacobs, and we have Chaplain Harry Hetz, Deacon Charlie Barnhart, and the Parliamentarian Richard Brooks. If there are any other assistant officers out in the audience that didn’t get the message, come on up. I see Assistant Secretary Rick Hemphill. Ah, lookie there, there’s Shirley Copado, Diana Gunther. Well young lady I can tell you how we can but we won’t go there. (Oath of Office Administered) Here’s Johnie.

President Roth: I was wondering how long it was going to take him to get that going. Ah, at this time we would like to welcome to the podium the Secretary of the MSFA Doyle Cox for the Secretary’s Office report, Doyle.
Secretary Cox: Thank you Mr. President. This past year we’ve had a very good working relationship with the officers. The Secretary’s Office has been very busy assisting with the convention committee advertising, promoting and distributing information. Ah, we will continue and do the same thing this coming year and look forward to your help and say one thing about the credentials. Please don’t wait until the last minute on your filing your reports, your credentials. Everything is on line, very easy to do, take you two minutes, first of the year go in, complete it and get it over with. Thank you, have a great, great safe summer. We’ll see you as the fall approaches. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roth: At this time I’d like to welcome our Fire Prevention Queens for a message from Fire Prevention, Miss Susan Hilton.

Susan Hilton: Hi, my name is Susan Hilton and I am the current Miss Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Queen. Just like to say hi to everybody and if anybody needs anything throughout this year, please let me know. I look forward to working with you and getting to know everybody. Thank you! (Applause)

Gabrielle Kerby: Hello everybody. My name is Gabrielle Kerby and I am this year’s Miss Fire Prevention First Runner-up. Me and Susan have a great spread this year. She is from Montgomery County and I am from Harford County, so if you need anything from either of us, I am sure at least one of us can make your event. Thank you and have a successful convention. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Okay we are still searching for the next speaker. In the meantime I would like to go through any unfinished business to come before the MSFA? Any unfinished business for the MSFA? Third call, any unfinished business for the MSFA?

Hearing none, is there any new business to come before the MSFA? Is there any new business to come before the MSFA? Is there any new business for the MSFA?

Just a reminder the exhibits will be closing at 12:00 noon. So please if you intend on getting any of your trinkets between now and then, go see them.

The parade will kick off at 1:00 p.m. and it looks like good weather outside, so please be in attendance at that. And the biggest thing is, if you haven’t already gone down and seen our vendors, please go down and patronize them and thank them because that is what pays for the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention.

At this time I would like to introduce our next speaker whose topic is - Why Sprinklered Buildings Burn. Most new residential buildings are required to be protected by
sprinklers which have been specifically designed to provide for building occupant evacuation and less emphasis on property protection. Some recent incidents in buildings with this level of sprinkler protection include: the major fire at Avalon Bay Community in Edgewater in New Jersey on January 21, 2015. Had major damage to the building; however, all residents were able to evacuate without any death or injury. This program will discuss the limitations of sprinkler protection designs for residential occupancies and to describe the expected levels of success intended by those systems. Our speaker this morning Dave Kurasz, Executive Director, New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board, New Brunswick, New Jersey. With that let’s gave a warm Maryland welcome to Dave Kurasz. Dave. (Applause)

Dave Kurasz: Good morning everybody. Thank you for having me. Again, my name is David Kurasz, Executive Director, and New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board. I am a bit of a walker when I talk; you’ll just have to bear with me, which makes it a little harder for you to find me which is nice to. Again I put myself upon the first slide for you. If you enjoy the presentation that is great; if you don’t, it is on the first and hopefully you will have forgotten it by the time this ends.

Chief Lohr, I really got to tell you, he could have been up here giving my presentation. If he is here, I could not have agreed with him more with what he said. As a matter of fact the NJFSAB is hiring if he is looking, if you are still here, I could use you. I got to tell you he was phenomenal, right on. The codes are not catching up with what we expect and what we need to deliver for the fire service. I would like to say they are working on that and there could be some debate on that statement. But I thought about this and where to go to why fire sprinklered building burn and as you guys were so nice enough to give a hotel room overlooking the water, I got to say I compared it to the lifeguards I was watching in their stands.

The public has an expectation of what lifeguards need to do if they are drowning. They expect to get out there and they expect to save you. They don’t expect to be fewer lifeguards on days when the water is not high or more lifeguard where there is more. You have lifeguards and they are there to save you. And that is what a fire sprinkler system is supposed to do.

Now we are delivering that for life safety. Question is the public thinks we are also property safety, which isn’t necessarily the case. And this is a big, big void we may need to work on or discuss.

So why do fire sprinkler buildings burn? The outline we are going to do today, where we are going to go. We are going to talk about differences in standards and which standard to use. We are going to talk about 13R and 13D. That is a big conversation which Chief Lohr brought up the Type 5 constructions because they are 13R and a bit of a problem. And we are going to talk about that a little bit. And again, we are going
to talk about why fire sprinkler buildings burn. Very simply file the money. And we can have a little fund with this. You file the money because if you leave it up to the sprinkler industry we would probably protect everything 13 across the board and then not have to worry about this 13R problem that we are seeing in burning roofs off the buildings. And we are going to go into detail a lot on the Edgewater fire.

NFPA Sprinkler Standards, 13, 13D, 13R and there is also the P2904 in the plumbing code that is specifically a multi-purpose system. Once you have to tie in any dry loops or if you have to tie in any type of antifreeze which we are definitely trying to stay away from, you would use a P2904 or you can use that option.

What standard is the best? That’s the great question and that is where we may be getting it wrong with regards to buildings like Edgewater and some of these things you saw earlier today. We could be getting this wrong and we need to do a better job.

What is a risk curve? What can we expect to loose from the insurance industry? A lot of insurance carriers are no longer insuring wood-truss structures because they know how risky they are. So that is a trend that is going to be coming. And the ones that are, the premiums are going up and up and up.

What’s an acceptable loss? What goes into a soup? The ICC code making process. We need more voices, we need more input from the fire service and code community. We are getting beat-up by the building associations. We can only be as strong as we are and we need to do a better job doing that. We need involvement. We need as much as possible. I cannot stress that enough because sometimes the people who are making the decisions are not the people who are fighting the fire and there are definitely not be best people there to make those decisions.

We need all stakeholders at the table. Keep in mind that this ICC process is a national process. And I say that because sometimes some committees are dominated by people in the Mid-West who don’t have the same concerns we have here on the East Coast. And conversely some of the committees are dominated by people on the East or West Coast that – I want to say – put things ahead of their areas more than the people in the middle states. You know there states in the nation that only 10 to 15 years ago mandated smoke detectors. So we take the whole country into this when you are dealing with the code making-process and sometimes some areas don’t have the same concerns that we have and we while we should get codes through that would help our area it does not always happen.

NFPA 13 is a standard in the middle. If you want property protection, if you need you need a 13 system. It is the mostly costly, it is the most reliable. You get property protection and life safety.
NFPA 13R is moderate cost, highly reliable. Property and life safety is a question. I did put that with a question mark because are we delivering safety in 13R protected structures? Yes and no. You can go either way with that.

NFPA 13D is the least costly and is highly reliable where sprinklers are present and life safety only in 13D.

The question we are going to come back to is 13R. This was interesting by the way because Chief Lohr again talked about it earlier it was very interesting and I have the same slides that he had almost verbatim. Standard for the installation of sprinkler systems in residential occupancies up to and including four stories and we changed that to low rise. You saw the slide that Chief Lohr showed you. That used to be the standard for NFPA 13R – the standard for structures four stories in height. So what do we do now that we are building them seven stories? Oh well, we just that to low-rise – now it fits. Because we are not building four story buildings to 13R.

Ok, apartment building, lodging and rooming houses, board and care facilities, hotels, motels and dormitories couple of exceptions along the line, bathroom, attic spaces, open porches, balconies – some municipalities require balconies because the realized the exterior fire threat with grills.

Limitations, now this is what we really want to talk about today is when the fire sprinklers aren’t working or when they do work. Two things from a manufacturer’s point-of-view: Odds of a defective fire sprinkler head being delivered to end user is 1 in 16,000,000. To put it into comparison, the odds of getting struck by lightning is 1 in 700,000. You very, very, very rarely get a defective sprinkler head out of the box. Now – sometimes an application and installation do you run into some – yes. That is something we definitely have to be aware of. Fire sprinklers are designed to fight interior fires. They are not designed to fight exterior fires. That is something that is not in our scope. Sometimes we do, sometimes we are guilty of our own success. But sometimes it is accidental success which is what we are going to talk about at Edgewater in just a few minutes.

Systems are designed to fight fires with one point of origin at the most demanding area. Multiple ignition spots are not we are designed to do. Can we do sometimes? Yes. Do we put out some fires that way? Yes, but that is not the intent or scope.

Water pressure is always a problem. And sometimes you take the stats from NFPA when fire sprinklers systems don’t work; usually there is a valve closed shut. Which again you can see in residential occupancies going forward – sometimes there is a design issues and a commodity change.

Now I kind of want to liken these structures that we are seeing in Edgewater and
some of these Type 5 constructions to a commodity change because what we are
putting in these structures and how quickly they are burning. We have changed the
commodity. We are not burning the way we use to. So it may be time to look at is a
13 System more applicable in these designs – 13R. My answer is going to be yes in
most applications. I think there are some you want to lean more toward 13R – at least
if nothing else, 13R needs to be revisited for better protection.

Fire Sprinkler Safety: This is where I said we are a little guilty of our own success at
time. The Meridian fire in Philadelphia, all those stories below, and it was not quite
finished being built, all those stories below the fire did not have fire sprinklers the
building was still under construction. About 3 or 4 stories below the fire – around the
29th floor, they actually worked to stop the fire. Again, this was not a fully protected
building. But the fire sprinkler system did work to help knock the fire down. Sometimes
guilty of our own success, because that not what it is designed to do.

Fire sprinklers recently saved one I investigated about 1½ years ago at the Seaside
Boardwalk fire. Of you look at the slide on the left, that is where it began, you see
fire department already on-scene and you see about 5 or 6 lines of ready in position
when we didn’t lose the building yet. We did not lose one single building yet, but that
fire and the ocean winds as you saw here last night, that pick-up out of nowhere and
pushed the fire straight north. Now that was the building directly to the left of Coors.
That building was a save because the code official mandated that they put an exterior
fire system, fire sprinkler system on the outside wall and the building owner took it
to court and the code official won because he said you are too close. That building
actually stayed up through the whole fire because of that exterior fire curtain. Again it
was a save, we’re great for it, or is it a little bit lucky, or is it the scope, it is but it works.

Again some other pictures and what was interesting on the one on the left again, it’s
another bar that had fire sprinkler systems. There were only two on that entire strip.
Those were the two buildings that were left. The building to the left of that, it’s little
hard to see, but its a little white building is actually north of the fire scene. So the
building with the fire sprinklers is still up and the building one up from it was a complete
loss. It shows that the fire sprinkler system was definitely effective in that application.

This is a very important slide, one of the most important ones you will take home
today, probably one of the top three. A standard spray sprinkler like here, you see the
way that the water is sprayed out of the standard spray sprinkler vs. the residential
sprinkler head. A residential sprinkler head is designed to wet the walls and we do
throw less water. We are not as dense in a residential application; again this is life
safety, not property safety. You can see in the middle of the standard spray sprinkler
how much water is in there, you know that’s surrounding and drown; we’re trying to
get a lot of water to knock that fire down. For the residential sprinkler head we are
trying to wet the walls, give occupants time to get out. That is the most important part.
13R, first edition 1989, NFPA 13 first edition 1896, ok this is new. 13R we are still learning we’re catching up. This is actually taken from 13R; it is believed that systems for certain residential occupancies can be efficiently and effectively installed in accordance with this standard. Ok, certain residential occupancies. And I think we may need to revisit that because what we are doing right now is we are treating a 6 unit condo complex, maybe three stories, you know 6 houses say they are 2,000 sq ft each. We are treating that the same as we are treating Edgewater and we’re treating some of these other large structures. That can’t be the case anymore. We need to somewhere carve something out, break something out, show that these are different applications, that these are more of a hazard, these Edgewater structures rather than some of these smaller structures.

Now, we are going to get into the Edgewater fire. We are going to wrap up with the last 10 minutes with this. This is the current site plan at Edgewater. You’ll see it’s like an E. If you look straight down the bottom road is River Road because that’s the Hudson River on the other side. The Hudson River definitely helped in putting the fire out. Now what you don’t see, and you can just see a little bit on the top of the slide where the color is there used to be a big F above it. There was an E on the bottom and a big F with an extra line in it which you should see in the next slide there. That entire F is gone. That’s what we lost, alright? The other one is a little hard to see, it’s transposed the opposite way. So the E is left, the F is totally gone.

Again this is the same thing Chief Lohr said earlier and he brought home a lot of slides, 13R up for this code cycle. Residential occupancy up to and including 4 stories in height, and just like he said, count the windows. I’m counting five stories, not counting the level of parking beneath. That’s a six story structure, I don’t care what you say and I couldn’t agree more with the earlier presenter. We are protecting that with a 13R system which does not have fire sprinklers in the attics, in the noncombustible void spaces, some of the smaller bathrooms. This needs to be looked at and when we go into these structures and I read the code and we are constantly saying the codes are designed for life safety and property safety. I think we are missing a big part of that. We are not designing these structures for fire fighter safety and that’s a problem and it needs to be looked at. And it needs to be aggressively addressed because these buildings are going up too quick. And when the firemen are getting there as you are going to see in the next couple slides, they are encountering things that you haven’t seen in the past and the times a lot less, and that’s not good for anybody. Nobody wins here.

That’s what you’re going to look like with your installation. That’s your fire sprinkler head up there with the PVC piping. That’s a finished unit; you see a side wall head above the picture there.

And then here, let’s get to the fire pictures. 16:20 the first call went out activated fire,
16:21 the Deputy Chief responds arrives on the scene and arrives on scene at 16:24, 3 minutes. Reported there was a smoke condition, sprinkler head flowing water in the hall, and smoke in apartment 154 at 16:25 within 4 minutes. The key there is which I’m going to follow up on the next slide.

The fire sprinkler system activated, worked as it was supposed to. I didn’t see any smoke so I thought it was a tiny fire if that. When we turned the corner going down the hallway, I saw an active sprinkler and then something clicked that it wasn’t right, but I had no idea that the fire was that far ahead of us. This is an actual quote. A couple problems with this, I didn’t see any smoke, a little tiny fire in the corner and we activated a fire sprinkler head in the hallway, but there is no fire. This is something that everybody that responds to a fire, you need to start taking notice of. If you see an activated sprinkler head and you are in a light weight construction structure and you don’t see a fire, you need to start thinking what’s going on behind those walls. That should be your first thing, very rarely do these fire sprinkler heads activate for no reason at all. What happened is the fire was in the wall behind the unit and it was enough heat from behind the walls to activate the fire sprinkler head outside in the hallway.

Chief comes in, they advance, they set up a standpipe, and they go to the bathroom, found smoke on the floor. When they started opening up the walls, they found the fire behind the bathroom wall where unlicensed maintenance workers were doing work without proper protection as far as have a fire extinguisher in place.

Firefighters checked the apartment that shared a wall to the left of the apartment of origin, no smoke. Went to the unit above the unit of origin and found more fire in the wall. At that time they thought they would be able to contain the fire but it wasn’t until they opened the walls in the hallway that they found the fire was going east and west, north and south in the unprotected void spaces. Basically the entire area had already caught fire.

This is what you see, not the actual unit but you see the area and the triangle in the middle, that’s your bed room, but behind the walls, fire all around it and as you work your way through the structure the fire is actually burning from the top down. I have some fire scene pictures which I will show you. This is a problem, huge problem.

Painting the fire picture again, mutual aid and second alarm go out at 16:36, 14 minutes after arriving on scene the floors were getting soft. Fourteen minutes, now keep in mind it is rumored and accused that there was a 15 minute delay in calling 911. So that 14 minutes could easily be a solid 30 minutes. But the floors were getting soft 30 minutes in, we has an interior rescue at 18:04 and at 18:09 the tones went out get everybody out of the building.
Seven alarm fire, nine aerials. FDNY unit out of the Hudson gave the water supply they needed. Keep in mind not many people have the Hudson to use for water supply, it certainly was a help. And again this was up in northern New Jersey, right next to New York, probably one of the most densely populated areas of New Jersey where you have the most possible mutual aid you could see. Really that was a huge advantage to this fire.

At 2300 the fire was under control with more than 500 firefighters from 35 municipalities there within about 4 hours, 4 ½ hours tops. I got on the fire scene about 0600 the next morning and I would say there were still about 100 fire fighters left and all the aerials were still throwing water on this fire.

These are fire scene pictures and again what I want everybody to notice is how we are burning the roofs off the structures first. If you are on the first or second story you could actually think there is nothing wrong. Again you see the roof down below it, everything is fine. As Chief mentioned earlier, that was the second fire at this same location, under construction, it went up in 2000.

Some of the fire factors; delay in getting the call into 911, light weight construction is a factor, 240 lost units. NFPA 13R Fire Sprinkler System, fire sprinklers are designed to fight fire interior and the system is designed to get the occupants out. Narrow roadways, building codes, and the occupants were conditioned to false alarms. That’s a huge problem by the way.

So now we look at this and we say is this a success or is this a failure and it’s divided because all the occupants got out. That’s what a fire sprinkler system is designed to do, that’s what we are for light weight safety and the firemen who got on the scene as quickly as could and made some rescues, they did what they were supposed to do that day, they saved lives. The question is and I asked, if that same fire happened at 0400 or 0300 would the results have been the same. And we don’t have the answer to that question but I can tell you the odds are probably not.

Is it a success, yes, but I think it’s a lucky success, and that’s my personal opinion. And I don’t want our industry; our industry is designed on saving lives, to be based off of luck. So do we need to make changes, yes. We sure do. Do the codes need to react to all the tradeoffs that we have given the building industry, yes we definitely do.

Life safety against property safety, again what is the expectation of a fire sprinkler system, are we supposed to save lives or are we supposed to save the property. And they are going to tell you in these 13R structures, it’s just property, excuse me it’s just life. We may need to revisit that, again, because we may be getting the occupants out, but what are we leaving. What’s left of that structure by the time the first responders get there and they have to work on that structure. It’s a big time problem and it’s a piece of the puzzle that’s not getting properly vetted when the codes are being designed.
Lightweight construction facts, the Chief at Edgewater says that if the building was build out of block and cinder we would have been fine. The concrete industry comes out the next day, puts out a big add and says we should just build all these things out of concrete. I can’t blame them. If I was in the concrete industry I probably would have taken out an-add the next day, too, I can’t say they are wrong, but I don’t know that’s the way we need to go either by the way.

Avalon’s fire quote after the fire, now keep in mind Avalon is not a bad builder. Avalon is actually someone who went to bat for some of these occupancies and town homes that have fire sprinkler systems back when the code came around for them. This building was built according to code. This building is where it should be. And they said, the purpose of the codes is not to prevent the building from burning down, rather to ensure that there is sufficient time and opportunity for all occupants to exit safely in the event of a fire. Now they can get away with saying that because they didn’t lose any lives, luckily, and I really need to stress that, luckily. It was a minor miracle that we did not lose a life in this structure. We did lose a lot of pets which isn’t being reported by the way.

Now what are we left with, Princeton Mayor, N J, putting up exactly the same type unit that’s in Edgewater, she shuts it down. She really can’t do that by the way because it’s being built according to code. So this causes a problem now internally in New Jersey, who are you, she’s holding hearings, she’s saying no way you are putting this up in my township. I don’t have the resources, I don’t have the infrastructure, I don’t have a Hudson River. There is no way this is going up in my town. Well it turns out that Avalon is now installing a full 13 system in all their projects in New Jersey and I would hope outside New Jersey as well. I hope they learn their lesson.

Part of the problem we have with the sprinkler industry now is they are putting in 13 systems and occupants are still saying that’s not enough. Well I got to tell you 13 in Edgewater that’s the question, would a NFPA 13 system in Edgewater, would it have saved the entire structure. And that’s a good question. I don’t know if it would have saved the whole structure but I can tell you it would have been a whole lot less without doubt. Without doubt you might have been limited to a few units. The fire department would have got there; they would have been able to properly work within that structure.

Are the current codes enough and again that was talked about earlier and I think we have made that clear, and the answerer is no. As I said as I was making this the other day, I don’t understand why this is a political issue. This is not a political issue. This is a fire fighter issue. This is a life safety issue. This is something, again where someone is buying a $1.2 M one bedroom house; you expect that fire system in there to save that house. I don’t think that is being unrealistic, but we are installing systems that may not take that into the best consideration.
There is more legislation coming through in New Jersey which I want to skip over. Now to the important part, 3 lawsuits. Three lawsuits coming after this, 1 class action, 2 other ones talking about how the light weight construction may have accelerated the spread of the fire. And any good lawyer that is out there right now, because there is enough information about how legacy construction and wood holds up so much more than glue wood or light weight construction that lawyers are going to start winning this case, they are going to win it a lot and eventually once enough law suits are paid out, at least in my mind, you’ll see the changes you need to see. That’s at least where I think this is going.

The media response is what was different on Edgewater. Normally in a situation in a fire like this the first headline would be, fire sprinkled building burns to the ground. Now, that wasn’t the case at Edgewater, Star Ledge comes out and says the building codes and construction material undoubtedly need to be reexamined. In Trenton times; in a state where affordable housing remains a significant challenge, keeping construction costs down is an understandable concern, but not at the expense of safety. The media, again we were even floored, took to that this light weight construction is a problem. Again all these problems you are hearing, you still are not hearing that it’s a fire fighter problem. You are hearing that it is a problem for the occupants that live in that structure. It’s everybody’s problem and we all need to do a better job looking at it.

Other similar fires which we saw earlier, there’s tons. This is not a one in a million case, this is happening. Then what’s next, where do we go, are the codes going to change, I would hope so but that’s usually 2 – 3 years down the line by the time everything happens. Depending how aggressive you are adopting the new code this could take up to 6 years. Currently right now today that building in Edgewater as it goes right back up, again Avalon is going to go out of their way to put a 13 system in, but if there isn’t somebody as proactive as Avalon, that building would go right back up 13R. Really not much different than it was built in 2000’s, the code hasn’t changed that much since then, so this is something we need to look into.

And again, I’d like to thank everybody for your time. Thank you for having me and if anybody has any questions I’d be happy to answer them. Thank you for your time. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Dave. We certainly would like to thank you for coming. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association we have a gift bag for you. (Applause)

We are getting very close to the end. We have a couple more reports. Just a reminder about the parade is at 1:00 p.m. kick-off. Just a reminder, to everyone that on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. the Executive Committee meeting will be held in the new Performing Arts Center. For those of you, there is a fund raiser for the LAMSFA at 2:00 p.m. That’s the
Tickle Me Paint fund raiser. And of course on Friday, at Eagles Landing Golf Course, is the MSFA Gold Tournament. At this time we would certainly like to welcome to the podium the Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association with the report of the final Convention Committee.

Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer and Convention Chair: Well good morning! I am here to do the final Convention Report. I hope we have met your expectations this year. We have had a lot of things to adjust and tweak relative to the Perform Arts Center, you heard me talk about that on Monday. But I can tell you just from the number of attendance at events, it is obvious that we are providing some good venues for each of you to participate.

Our Memorial Service on Sunday night had 1,700 people in attendance; one of our largest ever with over 400 of you in the Sea of Blue. We know we have to tweak some things with the chairs for next year but as the Performing Arts Center was built we have had to adjust the footprint and layout in here.

Opening Ceremonies had 1,400 people in attendance and Jolly Roger on Monday night was our largest night ever with 2,100 people that took advantage of a family night activity. This morning’s Prayer Breakfast was well over 200.

So we are adjusting the schedule, the activities that were held in the Performing Arts Center seem to not only fit the activities of the LAMSFA but the events the Maryland State Firemen’s did there as well.

And to add to the list of reminders, there are still discount tickets for Thursday night on the Boardwalk. If you didn’t see that on the flyers or on the web, we made arrangements for an activities on the boardwalk at the Amusement Park at the inlet. It is a special discount, they are owned by Jolly Roger as well and we wanted to do something special there for those who are going to spend some time on the boardwalk. There is a discount in the Discount Coupon Books and a discount pass for that amusement park on Thursday night. Plus there is a discount coupon for Splash Mountain for any day during the week. We hope you take advantage of that.

To give you another update on the Convention Center, we did sign a three year contract so we be here at this site, we voted to do that, for the next five years. We actually have a contract for three but that locked our prices in fairly well. There is conversation about more construction. There is a proposal to add for an additional exhibit hall where the Sunset Room is. That would be immediately to the north. And the plan is to connect the existing A/B Hall to that facility and double the size of that exhibit space. What does that mean for us? We will lose the Sunset Room but with the additional classrooms now that the PAC is in place, it will not cause any other effect but construction and
noise and equipment and all that other stuff. But, due to the leadership of the MSFA, and MML, the Realtors, there is a huge amount of pressure for a four-story parking garage over at the Municipal Lot. Parking is probably the number one complaint each year when we come to Ocean City. We have relayed this to the Mayor numerous times and we have told him we need to get the issue addressed. So, if in fact they are going to do construction of an exhibit hall, they have to do the bond sales and the other activities to get the funds for the parking garage. It is good that we can ride the bus for free, it is good we do the golf cart service but I think we are turning people away by not having a place for them to park and walk over to the convention center. So we are hoping that is going to be on the horizon and we hope that it is not going to bother our activities too, too much.

We really need your input, this is your convention, this is your time to conduct the annual business of the Associations, so there are evaluations sheets/survey forms at the Information Desk which is located in the lower lobby by the front foyer. We can’t fix something if we know it is broken. We can’t make something better if we know your ideas. Please take a moment and evaluate the existing activities and some suggestions for anything new.

The other piece I want to announce is there will be a critique of the convention at the Odenton Volunteer Fire Department on August 3rd starting at 7 pm. That is when the Convention Committee and Steering Committee will get together and look at all the different pieces of this year’s event. And I got to tell you this is truly a team member event, we could not do all of this without each one those convention committee and steering committee members who really work all year long in the planning and delivery of convention activities. And to each and everyone who sign up to work a booth or a table or the store or anywhere else, there are a lot of people behind the scenes that makes things happen. So I would like to ask that you give each of those workers, each of those people that make this happen on this committee a round of applause please. (Applause)

So they are out already trying to pack things up so that we can get things put away. I appreciate the time this morning and I will turn it back to the President.

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Ron. You took a little bit of my thunder away and I certainly wanted to thank all the people back stage. You don’t realize what a small army it takes to make one of these happen – it just doesn’t happen by accident. Ron has been doing double duty for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for quite a few years now especially as our Treasurer. But the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention doesn’t just happen on a whim or a one month planning session and that sort of thing. And this year has been an exceptional year with the new Fine Arts Center and all the different things we have added. We certainly hope you have enjoyed yourself and there is still more to come with the golf tournament and parade and etc.
But on behalf of the other Officers of the State Firemen’s Association, we don’t get to thank Ron that often. We give him a lot of grief sometimes with a lot of extra requests – can you do this, can you do that and without a second thought he makes them happy. But on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association we certainly want to thank you Ron as well as your team, back stage people – Susan and the rest of them. I am not going to name everybody because I know I will forget somebody. We certainly want to thank them. It has been a great convention. It has been a lot of fun. Please bring some other people back next year we want to fill this place up. The facilities are here, they are outstanding. As Ron said, we can’t change things if we don’t have new suggestions. There are things we can try and do easily and some things are just a little bit harder as Ron said about the parking. Ron, thank you again, for your hard work. Thank you! (Applause)

**President Johnie Roth:** Okay we are kind of winding down. I know people are getting excited about the $10,000 raffle coming up. So without any further ado, I would like to welcome Lou Jonske and Mitch Vocke for the $10,000 raffle drawings. Mitch and Lou come on out. He will probably try and sell you the last ticket before he draws it.

**Lou Jonske, Chair Ways & Means:** Good morning everybody. President Roth and Officers, I am proud to be here. I want to wish a good morning to everybody that is here. Many thanks to my committee because we have put in countless hours: we have worked the Mason Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Bel Air B-B-Q Bash, Darlington Apple Festival, Sunfest which was a record this year – we took in $10,000 because the weather was fantastic, we worked Springfest where we took in a record amount because the weather for that was fantastic as well, and we had returns from our fire companies and ladies auxiliaries.

Now Mitch does not have the total numbers recorded as we speak right now but we will have them tomorrow at the Executive Committee meeting.

Harford County, I know for a fact, is still the leader on returns. Any county that want to take us on, we’ll let you try it. (Applause)

We have our two Fire Prevention Ambassadors Queens here to make the drawings.

I will have the new tickets tomorrow morning at the Executive Committee meeting. So anybody who is interested let’s get off to a quick start and I will give some new ones already.

The Fire Prevention Ambassadors as I was told they were, but I can still call them Queens, are Susan Hilton and Gabby Kerby. (Applause and cheers) Both of these lovely young ladies if you have anything, if you tell them to get your tickets, they’ll do that.
Okay, right now we are going to draw the winners. You can’t guess how many people have told me to draw their ticket – there is approximately 150,000 of them. By the way, the total number that Mitch has right now and that is going to be a little higher tomorrow because we haven’t added up all the money is $58,000 in tickets. (Applause)

Oh my God! Guess who is going to walk away today with $10,000! They are from Harford County, and they are people who go on cruises all the time. And they dress alike all the time:

First Prize - $10,000 - Linda Dousa, Abingdon, MD. (Applause) Are they here? If not we are going to draw another one!
Second Prize - $2,500 – Dianne Clifford
Third Prize - $1,500 – J.D. Snyder
Fourth Prize - $1,000 – Don Oleyar
Fifth Prize - $750 – Josh Utz
Sixth Prize - $500 – Shorty Coil He is here! He just bought his ticket today! That’s what I tell everybody, the winners are usually bought the last day. That’s not true, they are bought all through the year.
Seventh Prize - $250 – Lucille Wood
Eighth Prize - $100 - Kevin Riley I think he just arrived here on his motorcycle. He is on the fire truck to fill the boot for the parade.
Ninth Prize - $100 - Diane Friel
Tenth Prize - $100 - Tommy Vaughan

I want to thank everybody who has purchased tickets and thank everybody who has helped sell. Linda Dousa is paying for dinner and drinks tonight up at the Hospitality Room at the Princess Bayside. (Laughter)

President Johnie Roth: These people work very hard all through the year to raise the money for the Association, so thank you all very much for your hard work. As Lou said he will have tickets available tomorrow for next year’s raffle. This was a banner year, so thank you very much for all of your help.

We are almost finished. Is there any other business on behalf of the State Firemen’s Association? Any other business on behalf of the State Firemen’s Association? Third and final call, any other business on behalf of the State Firemen’s Association?

I will entertain a motion to close the 123rd Annual Convention. Moved by Mitch Vocke, Jarrettsville VFC. Do I have a second? Motion second. All those in favor signify by saying “Aye”. Opposed “no”. Carried.

We’d like to close the 123rd Annual Convention. Please be safe out there and we’ll see you on the parade grounds. I declare the Convention closed. Thank you.
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

I wish I could thank and mention each person individually who has supported me during my year as 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 give an extra special thank you to my wife, Vicky, son, David, Charlie Abrecht, the Citizens Truck Company, the Junior Fire Company, Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS Company, Frederick County and Washington County for their continued support and dedication.

In addition a special thank you must go to the following companies who hosted an Executive Committee Meeting at their station. The Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS Company, Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company, Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company and Urbana Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. During our Executive weekends we conducted organization business and we added a Bessie Marshall fundraiser on Sundays. These fundraisers raised $1,000 for this very important cause. I want to thank everyone personally for your help in making this a success.

I want to thank our legislative team for their hard work this year. Chairman and Past President Steve Cox, Vice Chair Richard Smith and others members did a great job with educating the new legislators about the fire service. This was a team approach and one that worked. The legislative team was instrumental in moving bills through the process. The Bills included Assault on First Responder, CO Detectors to name a few. They also fought to keep sprinklers in the building code. I would also like to thank the LAMSFA ladies whose long hours and time helping with legislative office duties freed the Chairman and Vice Chairman to talk and work with the legislators.

I also want to express thanks to our partner agencies who we work closely with. A few projects and events we had the opportunity to join our partner in this year includes: The EMS Board preparation of a great budget package for the MESOF Fund, Shock Trauma hosting of a great GALA, MFRI holding a joint retreat to discuss the projected needs for the next 25 years, MSP finished transition to the new helicopters, MIEMSS hiring of a new Executive Director and witnessing the Maryland Military changing of the guard from General Adkins to General Singh. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has had success with the NFRIS reports since the addition of their new staff member Allison. She has done a wonderful job.

In July of 2014 United States Senator Barbara Mikulski presented the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Maryland Fire Chief’s Association with a safer grant. We formed a joint over site committee to assure things get done properly. The oversite committee has conducted trainings, hosted a state wide open house to assist with recruitment and retention and explored ideas for a statewide advertisement.

Other highlights of my year include my opportunity to represent the Maryland State
Firemen’s Association at the Federation of Fire Chaplain’s where John Long was named Chaplain of the year and the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Weekend where we passed out Lithographs to the families of fallen firefighters. I also had the fortune of attending celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Office of the State Fire Marshal and The 50th anniversary of Delaware Fire School.

Sadly, as we look back over the past year we had several members and friends from our family who have passed away. MSFA Past Trustee, Past Executive Committee Chairman John W. Means, MSFA Past Executive Committee Member James Ferguson, LAMSFA Past President Marie Souter and LAMSFA Past President June Black. Our friends who also passed away are Mitchell Dobbins, Eric Steciak, James Bethea, Robert Fogle and Dr. John Bryan.

Representing the MSFA took me all over Maryland but also took me out side of Maryland. I attended Conventions for the West Virginia State Firemen’s Association, Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Firemen’s Association State of Pennsylvania, and Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association. It has been and continues to be my goal to work with our local and national partners to insure we are providing the best emergency services to our members.

Congratulation to LAMSFA President Ann Price-Davis on a successful year. I like to wish Johnie Roth good luck on his upcoming journey.

At this time we need to thank Ron Siarnicki and the convention committee for another great convention. I can tell you that the committee wanted to include the suggestions made by participant’s in this year’s convention. I want to thank them for the new opening ceremonies and the extra hands on training with the combat challenge to improve our convention.

In closing I want to thank each of you for placing your faith in me to run this great association as your president.

Respectfully Submitted
David R. Keller III, President

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

President Keller, 2nd Vice President Davis, Chairman Abrecht, Officers, Members of both the MSFA and LAMSFA, and Honored Guests to the 123rd Annual Convention and Conference. It has been truly an honor and a privilege traveling this great state representing and working for the causes of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

This has been a very busy year of travel for me but I couldn’t have done this without the help and support of some very special people and organizations in my life. First of all I would thank my wife Marcia, my son Eric, and my daughter Rachel. I would also like
to thank my home companies of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Alumni Association and the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary as well as the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. Friends that have continued to support me beyond my wildest dreams have been Chief Jim and Mary Seavey, Joan Kramer, PP Paul Sterling, all PPs of the MSFA, and Joseph Chornock. Thank you one and all.

President Keller, Past Presidents of the MSFA, and Executive Committee members, I would like to thank you for your leadership, guidance, and friendship this past year providing me with valuable information that will help me as I move forward within the association. I would also like to thank our partner agencies of MFRI, MIEMSS, MSP Aviation, and Maryland Shock Trauma for working so closely for the Volunteers and the residents of Maryland. I would like to also thank the member companies and the auxiliaries for their generous hospitality shown my wife and I as we’ve traveled all year.

The duties and responsibilities of my office have taken me over 34,860 miles throughout Maryland attending surrounding state meetings and conferences. It was an honor to attend the numerous Association meetings, Banquets, Fundraisers, Parades, MSFA Committee Meetings, and 911 Stair Climbs. MSP Polar Bear Plunge, and the many other miscellaneous meetings and events held.

I offer my congratulations to MSFA President David Keller, LAMSFA President Ann Price-Davis, MSFA Fire Prevention Ambassador Stacey Holden and Runner-up Fire Prevention Ambassador Brittany Hill for a successful year. I offer my continued support to incoming LAMSFA President Darby Byrd and all incoming officers and members of both the MSFA and the LAMSFA.

As an elected officer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the last two years I have many memories of my travels throughout the state and have made many new friends and renewed old acquaintances. This year besides meeting with Major Frank Lioi, I attended several of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies of the Maryland State Police Aviation Division as they proudly rolled out their new fleet of Hi-tech Helicopters.

President Keller and I were afforded the opportunity to interview candidates for the MIEMSS Director vacancy of Dr. Robert Bass. It was a pleasure to invite Dr. Kevin Seaman as the new Director leading MIEMSS. During Dr. Seaman’s transition we have had several conversations expressing our concerns over the New Maryland National Registry EMT Program, testing, as well as venues and delays and are hopeful that these will be rectified.

Meetings with partner agencies were an integral part of the year and we met with our friends at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center to discuss items of mutual interest to both organizations as well as how we can help each other in future endeavors. It was a pleasure to join Maryland Shock Trauma representatives and our other partners to a
visit to Annapolis for a meeting with Speaker Bush at the beginning of the Legislative Session. A special thank you for your support over the year and your invitation to the Maryland Shock Trauma Gala, which is always a special night.

Congratulations to Director Edwards and the Staff and Instructors of MFRI as they celebrate their 85th Anniversary of training students for fire, rescue, and emergency service responders. MSFA leaders met with MFRI Director Steve Edwards on our annual visit to discuss current and future programs offered. At the invitation of MFRI I was a participant in the Active Assailant training video put together by MFRI and MIEMSS that was produced under Governor O’Malley’s direction and distributed throughout Maryland. We were offered a spot to participate in MFRI’s 2025 Future Planning Retreat for two days in Clarksburg and were active participants. This was a top to bottom evaluation of how MFRI provides the training now and how they can improve in the future.

This was another banner year for the MSFA in Annapolis as the Legislative Session concluded in Annapolis, April 13, 2015. This year 942 Senate Bills and 1292 House Bills were proposed. Those that affected fire and rescue personnel that passed both the House and Senate were: the Criminal-Law- Assault Bill, the 911 Emergency Telephone System – Multiple Lines Bill, Governor Hogan’s Hometown Hero Bill which will raise the tax subtraction from $3,750 to $5,000 in 2015, the blocking of counties on the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland trying to “Opt Out” of portions of the Sprinkler Bill, just to name a few. It was a real education the 41 days that I spent in Annapolis talking to Senators, Delegates, and staff educating them on our needs. A very large Thank You to the MSFA Legislative Team headed by PP Stephan Cox and Executive Committee Member Richard Smith with the small army of LAMSFA members, and others that made this a great year. The time and efforts of these unsung volunteer members certainly made a difference on our successes in this year’s session. After a short recess, work will begin to plan for the next year’s challenges and strategies and the planning of the next MSFA Legislative Reception.

On February 27th the leadership of the MSFA gave a final salute to General Adkins at his retirement/changing of command ceremony in Baltimore and thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the Maryland Military Department and friendship to the MSFA. At that same service we welcomed General Linda Singh to that position and wish her many years of successful service. The MSFA leadership has had a face to face meeting with General Singh since the ceremony discussing our relationship with the Maryland Military Department and vowed to work hand in hand.

The MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee accomplished much work this year with numerous opportunities afforded member companies for the purposes of recruiting new members and innovative ways to retain those members with the support of the MSFA. A statewide Volunteer Recruitment Day was held on April 12th and over 160 member companies participated in the first year program, which is hoped to expand
next year. Kudos to Chairman Chornock and the R & R Committee for their diligent work and numerous successes this year.

As I reflect on my past two years as a Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association I think of all the places I’ve visited, the friendships that I’ve made, and the knowledge that I’ve acquired from MSFA Past Presidents and personal experiences. Although I’ve learned much this past year as your MSFA 1st Vice President I continue to learn and grow with the organization and hope to pass along that knowledge that I’ve obtained to the next generation of leaders for the MSFA. Not only has this been another year of learning for me but a year of planning with LAMSFA Senior Vice President Darby Byrd for the upcoming year and our focus on the future of the MSFA and the LAMSFA. We certainly realize that these are both Volunteer Organizations made up of dedicated members and we thank you for your past service and look forward to your continued participation.

In closing I would like to repeat a phrase that I feel appropriate from Thomas Rhodes, Past President of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, “Proud of Our Past…. Focused on Our Future”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Johnie Roth, Jr. 1st Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

President Keller, 1st Vice President Roth, Chairman Abrecht, Executive Committee Members, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, Ladies Auxiliary of the MSFA, and Guests of the 123rd Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention. This past year has been a wonderful learning experience as I have traveled throughout not just this state, but our neighboring states as well. Many times the three Presidents and or several Past Presidents made these trips together along with our Executive Committee Members and other member organizations. Our goal; to spread the word of Fire and Health Safety, not just in the Fire/EMS Emergency Services, but throughout the residential community as well. It is our goal and mission to help better protect our own through education of the Fire/EMS Services and especially the general public. If we can reduce incidents that put our own at risk then we are doing our job. Less, incidents equals less risk. This is what we fight for in Annapolis by testifying and supporting legislation to help keep us safe and apply through endless training and education.

I was fortunate enough to have been able to travel with both presidents and Past President Robert Cumberland to both the Pennsylvania State and along with my Wife, Ann Price-Davis to Delaware’s State Convention. Both of their hospitality was second to none. I’m sure the good times that myself and the LAMSFA Presidents shared at Delaware’s Convention will be remembered (or shared) again! All of us were very impressed with both organizations memorial service and I personally applaud you for all that you do to honor those who have gone before you.
I would like to thank the Convention Committee for all of their hard work and listening to everyone’s interests and concerns and addressing them for this year’s convention. Both myself, my wife, and the Presidents all shared a concern with both our Memorial Service and the Opening Ceremonies. The committee along with the Chief Chaplain, have worked very hard to revamp the service as we felt this was in much need of a change. We hope to make the service a more personal and memorable one to honor those who gave all.

A special thanks to ALL of our Partner Agencies. Without their support and involvement throughout the state, we would be at a serious deficit. The Fire Marshal’s office had a particular challenge in Annapolis this year. A bill was introduced to allow certain Eastern Shore Counties to “Opt-Out” of the recently passed Residential Sprinkler Legislation. Fire Marshal Brian Geraci along with the Legislative Committee, Fire/EMS Caucus, and all three Presidents were very passionate, and rightly so, in expressing our discontent against such a bill. The fire service needs to work on educating both the homeowners and builders about expenses and just how the minor cost of a residential sprinkler on the front end of a new construction house has infinite value. In most cases, it was argued that new homebuilders/ home-owners, in the rural areas, couldn’t afford the additional cost. Many of us that live in rural areas ourselves challenge that theory. In most cases, you have a harder time even finding an insurance company that will underwrite you if you don’t have either a fire company or water source close enough. And to that, we also challenged how long does it take for a fire company to respond to a rural residence...about 6 minutes, in those areas. We all feel that a few thousand dollars, (about $2500-$3500 on average for an average house) is more than worth your life and personal items. Not to mention, the safety of the fire service as today’s modern construction techniques put us more and more at risk every day.

I look forward to working with President Roth and LAMSFA President Darby Byrd over the next year. We have had a successful time together this past year and I’m sure we will be even more successful over the next. I am also happy to be running along side LAMSFA Vice President Barbara Sue Nelson. We have all had a great time spreading the word of the Volunteer Fire Service and Auxiliaries all over the state and surrounding states. I hope to support all the Presidents of both the LAMSFA & MSFA over the years to come. “Thank You” to all of the Past Presidents for all of your support and advice. For me to offer any one name over the other is not possible as all of you have been a wonderful source of support and friendship. I hope to keep the same great working relationship that we have had for the rest of my tenure in the MSFA and long thereafter. Without the support of my fellow Baltimore County Association and Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company members, I would be working a lot harder to support myself and this great cause. I am forever grateful for your support and it will be a pleasure to work with Doug Simpkins and the Executive Committee over the next two years. We are here for you, just let us know what we can do for you.
I am so proud of my wife, LAMSFA President Ann F. Price-Davis, for her hard work and endless dedication to the LAMSFA for over 10 years as she ran through the chairs towards her Presidency. We somehow managed to have two wonderful children, Asa and Ezra (whom was born right in the middle of her presidency!) and she was still able to stay fully involved, 110%, and not miss a beat. Without the support and help with the children by her mother, Cathie Price, her father, Paul Price, our friends and her officers for helping with the children, we wouldn’t be able to participate like we have. Thank You to all the grandmothers in the executive meetings and especially our Fire Prevention Queens, Stacy Holden and Brittany Hill for all the babysitting you’ve done for us! Ann, I love you and our boys more than anything and you guys are always my first priority. Thank you for supporting me through these past years as I too pursue the Presidency of the MSFA.

Thank You to our members and member companies for the opportunity to serve you. I will continue to work towards the benefit and the good of the cause for the MSFA and support the LAMSFA, and all of our partner agencies, in their endeavors. I wish all of the outgoing and incoming Presidents safe travels and best wishes. If there’s anything I can be of service, please let me know.

Kind Regards,
Michael A. Davis, 2nd Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Presidents Keller, Vice President Roth and Davis, 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 this past year, working with President Keller and Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, Treasurer Siarnicki and Financial Secretary Vocke. Their continued cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. The relationships that exist between the Secretary’s Office, the President’s, Treasurer and Financial Secretary’s Office are a vital part of the overall administration of our Association.

The members of the Secretary’s Office have attended all of the Executive Committee 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 was duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

June 19, 2014               Ocean City, Convention Center
August 23 - 24, 2014       Williamsport VFC, Washington Cty
December 6 - 7, 2014        Pocomoke City, Worcester County
February 7 - 8, 2015        Sudlersville VFC, Queen Anne’s Cty
Chairman Charles Abrecht has conducted the Executive Committee Meetings in an efficient and very professional manner and I would like to thank him for his cooperation and good working relationship. Many of the Executive Committee Meetings were lengthy and involved some in-depth discussions and debates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Assistant Secretary Shirley Copado for her efforts in the area of recording and transcribing the minutes. Assistant Secretary Diana Gunther in her efforts in assisting with the recording and transcribing the minutes and also stepping in to assist with the NVFC Membership. Assistant Secretaries Tom and Nancy Scott for their efforts in the area of distribution, copying and preparing all of the invitations for mailing. Assistant Secretary Rick Hemphill for taking on the responsibility of video recording all of the Executive Committee Meetings. 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.

Special Thanks goes to Richard Snader and Barry Johnson for their assistance in posting all approved minutes for the year in the MSFA Document Library.

This year some additional changes were made in the Secretary’s Office in regards to the electronically filling of your 2015 Credentials Form. Modifications were made in the area of additional information requested relating to the number of members. Also, the Secretary’s Office is continuing to search for lost and or misplaced records.

The Secretary’s Office will continue to work with the Convention Committee in preparing and distribution of the Convention Program. This year the first mail out was completed in November 2014 and the last was completed the last week of April 2015.

I will continue to travel around the state representing the State Association and the Office of the Secretary at meetings and other fire and EMS service functions.

I would like to thank my wife, Cathy for her support and assistance in the mail outs that we have prepared during the year. Thanks 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
Diana Gunther, Assistant Secretary
REPORT OF THE FINANCE TEAM

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 123rd 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 Keller, Vice Presidents Roth and Davis 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. 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 the continuation of our work 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 technology this effort is well underway.

With the awarding of the Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant to the MSFA is was critical to ensure that all federal guidelines and financial concerns were addressed, bringing new duties and responsibilities to the Finance Team and the Office of the Treasurer. We are pleased to add Drew Carroll to the team as an Assistant Treasurer working to ensure that the grant is managed effectively.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbi Aaron, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurers; Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross Wylie Donaldson and Drew Carroll along with Budget Chair and Past President Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Benjamin W. Kurtz, and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis and Past President Bobby Balta 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 Charlie Abrecht, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Siarnicki for The MSFA Finance Team

REPORT FROM THE CHAPLAINS’ CORPS

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

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

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

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

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

But today, where do we put God in our lives? Many people will tell you that they worked for everything they have, “they earned it.” How true the statement. But isn’t it God who has given you the ability to earn what you have?
So I ask you, where have you put God in your life? Is he your source of strength, and knowledge? Do you praise him for what he has given you? Do you seek out his guidance and wisdom daily? Do you ask God to watch over you and protect you from harm’s way? If you do, God bless you, if you don’t start. First ask God for forgiveness for not seeking Him. Then lift up your concerns to him, and listen for a response.

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

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

People around the world are being killed for their faith. We are so blessed to be living in the United States where at the present time we are able to freely worship as we please. However, if we don’t openly acknowledge our faith people don’t know of our faith and others of the same faith don’t know that they are not alone. Be open and proud to be whatever you are.

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

Chief Chaplain
John F. Long, Jr.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President David Keller, Vice Presidents Johnie Roth and Mike Davis, Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests to the 123rd Convention of the Maryland State’s Fireman’s Association.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee over the past year. I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their drive, commitment and the effort they put forth in continuing to move this great organization forward. I not only respect what you accomplished as a Committee, I truly appreciate your friendship.
I want to congratulate and thank the many Committees for their work over the past year. As we all know, an organization will only be as strong as its Committees allow it to be. The Executive Committee depends greatly on the knowledge and advice of the Committees in conducting its business during its scheduled meetings. The majority, as usual came through with flying colors. Some however, fell short.

I do feel it necessary to offer a special thank you to the VCAF Committee. You entered the year with many issues and challenges; your recommended changes and improvements have greatly enhanced the program. We now have a more streamlined, user friendly process for applying for loans and grants. Thanks to your efforts, the Executive Committee approved over 4.1 million in loans and/or grants to our member departments. I would also like to acknowledge Wiley Donaldson and Ron Siarnicki for their assistance to VCAF.

The Maryland State Fireman’s Association’s success depends greatly on our working relationship with our partner agencies. As we have come to expect, this relationship continues to be strong. On behalf of the Executive Committee I offer a heartfelt thank you for all you have done for this organization. I know that as we move forward, you will always be there.

In closing, I wish to thank President Keller for allowing me to serve as chairman. I also want to thank President Keller, Vice President’s Roth and Davis for their leadership and guidance. I look forward to continued service to the MSFA. Congratulations to incoming Executive Chair Jim Seavey.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Abrecht, Chair

REPORT OF THE MSFA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 123rd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty two (32) widows/widowers, three (3) dependent children, three (3) dependent child college education, twelve (12) Line-of-Duty-Injury. This year we had no Line-of-Duty-Death claims.

This year the Trustees increase Line-of-Duty-Death benefits from $9,000.00 to $10,000.00 (effective 7/14).

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 your very dedicated Trustees for their service, Vice Chair
Report of the Budget and Revenue Committee

President Keller, Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year. Our committee along with the financial team continues to make positive changes in the financial management of this organization.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer’s Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. The budget committee would like to thank the Executive Committee for providing latitude to the budget committee to monitor expenditures and move funds from one budget item to another as long as the bottom line of the approved budget remains the same. These actions have permitted the budget committee and the financial team flexibility to better serve the association. The budget committee as part of the “Financial Team” strives to improve communications and operations which make us a stronger organization and more responsive to those we serve.

The continued use of the Budget Request Forms by all committees continues to provide beneficial information and has been very helpful. After the Budget and Revenue Committee reviews the requests and approves the submitted budget, a copy of the request form is returned to the committee verifying the approved budget amounts in which the committee must operate. Budget requests received after the budget has been established continues to diminish. Committees have been extremely prudent with spending and have monitored their approved budgeted and stay within the established amounts. The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively maintained a watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. All officers and committees are to be commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

As expenditures of this Association continue to increase, it becomes increasingly problematic to balance the income versus expenses and requires complete cooperation, prudent spending, and communications from all officers and committees. The Committee would like to thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this
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Association in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK COMMITTEE

First let me start by thanking all of our committee members for there never ending commitment to the cause. And secondly allow me to apologize for my under involvement this year. I have been elected to serve in my county and that job has required a major focus on my part. Which means less time for a committee that means so much to me.

Flo Collins and the rest of the folks involved have done an outstanding job moving our group forward in my absence. Without all of these fine people throughout the state that are committed to serving the fire service personnel in need we would have nothing.

We had a booth last year during the convention with substantial contacts being made and getting the word out. We also are now on social media.

Our page on the association site is up and running with a lot of information available to the masses. Which I might add was accomplished through the hard work of Barry Johnson.

Who himself is fighting one hell of a fight and getting it done. Folks we are here for you check us out on The Association website under committees, and may god bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully
Jay Tucker, Chairman
The MSFA Cancer Support Network Committee

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

President Keller, Vice-Presidents Roth and Davis, Ladies Auxiliary President Price-Davis, Vice-President’s Byrd and Nelson, 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 123rd 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 Performing Arts Center is a great enhancement to the structure. The committee made numerous visits to Ocean City during the construction process and with the help of
Since last year’s event, the Steering Committee has been hard at work to plan events for this year’s convention. My thanks to the steering committee special liaisons: Susan Proels, Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, John Denver, Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration, (Co-Chair Past President Danny Davis, Vice-Chair Past President Jackie Olson); Exhibits, (Co-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Vice-Chair Past President Rodger Steger); Finance, (Co-Chair Past President Robert Jacobs, Vice-Chair Past President Fred Cross); Production, (Co-Chair Past President Tommy Mattingly, Vice-Chair Bill Hildebrand); and Program, (Co-Chair Ken Bush, Vice-Chair Ben Kurtz). 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 and Rose Davis. 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, Skip and Rory Stokes and Tim Clark) for their extra attention to details provided with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Secretary Doyle Cox 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 Performing Art Center will be used for several events: Sunday Morning Worship Service, Miss Fire Prevention Contest, LAMSFA Business Meetings, Joint Installation of Officers and the Pajama Parade and Contest.

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.

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 again be in the rear of the Bayside Ballroom.

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. Special thanks go out to the Program Team, under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, and Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci along with Jim Brown and Dr. Seaman at MIEMSS for their assistance.

The Hands-On Components of this year’s convention have been expanded greatly and our alliance with the Ocean City FOOLS continues. 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. In addition, this year we are adding a special fire and EMS Competition to the program in conjunction with Firehouse Magazine. We are excited about this new partnership, thanks to Trevor Stedman and Jason Bloom for the Hands-on and Timothy Sendelbach for the Competition.

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 Bill Barnard, Dennis Beard, Bob Ryan, Ken Bush, Tom Mattingly, Johnnie 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. 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 Bingo Monday Night in the Bayfonrt ballroom and thanks to Gloria Lewis for taking on this activity.

Again we are offering the special Family Activities on Monday night at The Jolly Roger Amusement Park, located at 34th Street. In addition we will have special discounts for Thursday night at the boardwalk amusement park, Splash Mountain and a Thursday Softball Tournament. Tuesday morning will again start with voting by the membership followed by the MSFA Awards Ceremony. Special thanks to the awards committee, especially Past President Doyle Cox and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. A time change is in place for the Joint Installation of Officers which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday night. With a 9:30 PM start for the Pajama Parade. Thanks to David Meaders and Mario Melfa for coordinating the efforts of the Safety Committee in making sure we have a safe convention.

Fire Marshal Brian Geraci, 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 weeklong event. Tyler Patton, Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, Jim Smith, John Spiker, Ben Kurtz, Bill Hawkins, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Jim Brown, Laura Woods, Harve Woods, Richard Snader, Bruce Bouch, Matt Tobia, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Woods, Charlie Phillips, Chris and Lisa Tona, Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy Hinton, Joy Hinton, J. Franklin Harvey, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, Steven Scheinlin, Past Presidents Worthington, 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 along with the UCVFD Team. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Proels, PGFD, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and well managed.

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 downturn in the economy, we have been able to bring some new vendors to display their goods and services. 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 and Dave Lewis who pull all of this together.
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, Sandy Jacobs, Pat Cross, 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.

Our Convention and Conference continues to provide this association with opportunities to bring needed revenue streams in support of our programs and activities. 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.

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 Tom Mattingly, Chuck Austin, Past President Steve and Nancy Cox and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing.

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 Reatta Tate, 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
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would like to do next year to make the convention even better. Looking forward to seeing you in Ocean City.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW COMMITTEE

The Constitution and By-Law Committee is proud to report that all our meetings this year was done electronically, saving members from traveling across the State to attend a meeting that took less time than their travel.

There are two By Law changes requested this year, which are on this year’s ballot for your consideration: Amendment to Article K, Section 3 To create reserve money for the financial security of the MSFA by the Budget and Review Committee. And Article K, Section 26, sanctions for failure to supply information to the Statistical Committee.

Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws are posted on the newly revised MSFA web site Under Committees, Constitution and Bylaws.

The dates for submitting a Constitution and By-Law change for presentation at the 2016 Convention for a vote are:

June 18, 2016: First day of Convention (from which all dates are calculated).

January 1, 2016: Last day to submit proposed change to Constitution and By Law’s chairman

If you wish the Committee’s help in writing or checking for conflicts, let us know.

March 20, 2016: Last day for Executive Committee to receive Amendments (90 days before Convention).

April 19, 2016: Amendments to Secretary in proper format (60 days before Convention).

May 5, 2016: Amendments to member companies (45 days before Convention).

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Scheinin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE DATA SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

This past year the Committee has worked with our web space provider to create a new look and feel for MSFA.org. We hope you like it and will pass on any comments to webmaster@msfa.org. Anyone who has not signed up for access to the “Members
Area” of the website is strongly encouraged to do so as this is the best way to receive and review information about happenings around the state. Remember, all current up to date information about the Convention is always available at http://convention.msfa.org and on the MSFA APP (see below).

The Committee is making use of social media to get information out to our members. All members of all MSFA Member Organizations are strongly encouraged to “Like Us” on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/MarylandStateFiremenAssoc) and “Follow Us” on Twitter (https://twitter.com/MdSFA) . Also, last year at this time we released our Smartphone APP for both iPhone and Android (Google - http://bit.ly/msfa2014google and iPhone - http://bit.ly/msfa2014ios) Please download and use this app for up-to-date information about the MSFA and especially our annual convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barry Johnson Vice Chair,
(Webmaster)  bjohnson@msfa.org

REPORT OF THE EMS COMMITTEE

President Keller, Elected and Appointed Officials, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), greetings on the occasion of the MSFA's 123rd Annual Convention.

The Committee would like to welcome the new Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System, Dr. Kevin Seaman. He has long experience working with the emergency medical responders and we will work closely with him in keeping our EMS system the premier system in the country.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee held four full committee meetings last year, several sub-committee meetings and served as part of several other state-wide EMS groups. The Committee meetings were routinely attended by representatives from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Division and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Major efforts for the past year:

MIEMSS CARDIAC ARREST STEERING COMMITTEE

- Active Assailant Workgroup
- Miemss Ambulance Safety Committee
- Minimum Ambulance Standards Committee
CARDIAC ARREST STEERING COMMITTEE

The Public Access sub-committee which under the “Lend A Hand, Save A Life” expects to train hundreds of thousands of Marylanders in hands-only CPR over the next few years. Committee members coordinated a “Hands-only CPR” training event at Ripken Stadium that got the word out to nearly 3000 fans as well as actually training nearly 400 personnel in hands-only CPR. A similar event is being planned for the 2015 season and a challenge is being issued to the other minor league teams in Maryland to do the same.

ACTIVE ASSAILANT WORKGROUP

The goal of this group is to improve the timeliness of treatment of victims of active assailant incidents. The group’s “Maryland Guidance to Local Responders for the Resolution of the Active Assailant Incidents” document has been released by the Governor’s office. The group is now working on insuring that this program is being implemented in Maryland jurisdictions. The “Life Sustaining Interventions in Potentially Volatile Environments” Protocol which was created for this document is included in the EMS protocols effective July 1, 2015 for all providers.

MIEMSS AMBULANCE SAFETY COMMITTEE

MIEMSS has reinvigorated the Ambulance Safety Committee in an effort to enhance the safety of patients, providers and the public during ambulance transports. Efforts include more robust guidance in selecting and training of ambulance drivers, reduction in the use of lights and sirens on low priority calls as well a reduction in response speeds.

MARYLAND AMBULANCE MINIMUM STANDARD COMMITTEE

Because, in the past, several jurisdictions did not comply the current Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VIAP), MIEMSS requested that this group develop a minimum standard that would insure that each responding ambulance, especially mutual aid, is fully equipped to be able to provide care outlined in the current Maryland Medical Protocols. A final draft of the standard, which was based on the VIAP document, is currently under review.

OTHER ISSUES

Issues in EMT training currently being addressed include using on-line training to minimize in class hours, a guide to assist EMT instructors in preparing students for the National Registry test and the Maryland skills evaluation, and upgrading access to the Pearson-VUE National testing sites.
An upgrade to the eMEDS system to allow simpler completion of “short forms” and then their automatic inclusion into the final eMEDS document is being supported.

Finally, the EMS committee is following on-going developments in EMS such as Mobile Integrated Health, responses to medications shortages and social media impact on EMS.

Respectfully submitted,
William “Bill” Dousa

REPORT OF THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE

President Keller, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guest, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 123rd 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 2014 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

We would first like to thank President David Keller for his support and appointment of this committee. The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee have 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 Roth and President Davis in support of their respective years.

To my Vice Chairs Dave Reid and Holley Trego and Secretary Daria Brown thank you for dedicated work in the world of Fire Prevention and Life Safety for this state.

The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee wishes to congratulate the Office of the Fire Marshal for 50 dedicated years of service towards the state and for leading the charge towards fire prevention and life safety to ensure that every Marylander is safe and those traveling here feel the same. It is because of the countless leaders that we must thank for their hard work and dedication has allowed this state to be a leader.

It is with greatest regards that we thank the Fire Marshals that have helped support this committee. To our first beloved James C. Robbie Robertson 1964-1982, this true legend in the fire service made such a difference to so many from his work, his writing, his teachings and his leadership. He loved the fire service and it was a mutual

The committee has always held a great pledge to support the State Fire Marshal Office. The committee would like to thank the members of the SFMO for all of their hard work and dedication towards the member companies to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee.

Congratulations and well done.

To Bruce, Cyndy, Lori, Bridgett, Debbie and Robin thank you for leading the charge in your respective programs for the committee. This group could not function without your efforts and time to getting valuable information to the MSFA membership.

To the sub-committee members, 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. Your work is very important and I cannot say thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the committee.

Stacey and Brittany, I want to wish you the very best for an outstanding year. You both did a great job and your travels and efforts are greatly appreciated.

To President Ann Price-Davis and Chairman Rose Pandolfini 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

2014 to 2015 MSFA MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONVENTION REPORT

It has been an amazing opportunity for me to have been able to represent the MSFA and LAMSFA as their reigning Miss Fire Prevention for the past year. The past year has provided me opportunities I would have never have dreamt of if I was never introduced into the importance of promoting fire prevention. I am truly thankful for all that I have learned and the family I have acquired.
This past year has had many life changing moments and lessons that I will forever keep in my heart. I have grown in ways I never thought I needed too and learned so much that I never dreamed of. I was given the opportunity to participate and attend many amazing events, such as the National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial weekend, the Maryland Firefighter Memorial service, and many meetings. I attended meetings, such as the MSFA executive meetings and the LAMSFA conferences, as well as attending many open houses and installation of officer banquets. I want to thank all who kept me in mind when inviting me to functions and events.

Many talk about the history their family has in the fire service. There are individuals who were born and raised in the fire department, and there are individuals like me, who are first generation fire department members. With this fact, I have 2 very distinct families I am proud to have and thank tremendously for all they have done for me in the past year, my personal family and fire department family.

I want to thank my family, the Holden’s, Parker’s and Brown’s, for their undying support and love throughout the past years as a fire prevention ambassador. From being an escort to different functions, my chauffer to long and short distant drives, my last minute dinner date to a function, and just being a listening ear, I am forever grateful and blessed to have you in my life. You were always there for me when needed, through the good and the bad.

It was a tough year with the stress of school, completing paramedic, work, being a volunteer, and fire prevention, yet you stood by me through all the crazy times. You were my rock when we lost a great friend, mentor, and paramedic in our community, an individual who showed not only me, but everyone, the passion and love one could have for being an emergency responder. I can never give back the time you have devoted to me, but I will always have with me the memories we have made together.

To my fellow fire department members, I could not thank you enough for your support and encouragement through the past year. As we all know, being a volunteer takes a great amount of time away from your family at home, but I was fortunate enough that when I wasn’t with my family at home, I was making memories with you.

I am proud to say that I am a member of Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company and could not thank them enough for all the knowledge and opportunities they have allowed me to experience the past years through EMT, firefighter, paramedic, and fire prevention. When traveling the great state of Maryland, I was never alone because the ladies auxiliary members always kept me company and loved me like one of their own children.

The past year would not have been as exciting and memorable if it was not from my side kick, Brittany Hill. I could not have asked for a better person to share the past year as Miss Fire Prevention with than her. When I was in a bind, she was always there for me and continuously picking up my slack. I want to thank you for being such a
wonderful 1st runner-up, a mentor, and most importantly, a friend. I wish you luck in your future endeavors and cannot wait to see what the future holds for you.

Lastly, I want to wish good luck and success to not only all the current fire prevention ambassadors throughout the state, but also all the future fire prevention ambassadors in the making. Know that you are never too young or old to share the knowledge of fire prevention. Use your knowledge and passion to educate anyone and everyone that may cross your path during your journeys in life. Also know that your job as a student will never come to an end, that there is always something new to learn. Find your passion and don’t be okay at it, be excellent and excited about it. The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

Thank you for the smiles, the tears, the laughs, the memories, the education, and the love.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey L. Holden

2014 to 2015 MSFA MISS FIRE PREVENTION 1ST RUNNER-UP
CONVENTION REPORT

Executive Committee Members, Members of the MSFA, Members of the LAMSFA, Friends, Family and Guests of Convention. Another year has come and gone, bringing a new convention upon us.

The past year has been a complete honor to be one of your fire prevention ambassadors for this great state! I know that Stacey and I both have been extremely busy, trying to attend as many events as possible. Although my year has come to an end, I am very excited to continue to serve the public with fire prevention and life safety knowledge.

I look forward to seeing who our new ambassadors will be and I know that they will make a powerful and positive impact on the public they serve. Good luck to all of the ladies competing on Sunday and never be afraid to ask for help! Again, it has been my honor to serve as one of the queens for the 2014-2015 year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Hill

REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

President Olson, President Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 123rd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee received twenty nine (29) nominations for the
Hall of Fame Award, and **twenty five (25)** 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 are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for 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 service. 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 23, 2015, 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 Keller 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 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**Report of the Incentive Programs Committee**

President Keller, Vice-President Roth, Vice President Davis, Delegates and Guests. The Incentive Programs Committee was established as a “Standing Committee” in 1995 with two objectives. Oversee the Counties Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) and collect the points reports from each County to submit to the Maryland Comptroller’s office for the Maryland Income Tax Incentive Program.
**Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)**

Nineteen (19) Counties and two (2) municipalities now administer programs. All counties are requested to keep the Committee informed of any programs established or any changes to their existing program. This program is an award program for a members’ years of service in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS or Rescue service. Those Counties paying their members an incentive vary as to the amount. This is a County funded program and is not transferable from County to County. A summary sheet of existing LOSAP incentive payments can be found on the website in the Incentive Programs Committee Section. All payments for LOSAP is taxable by the IRS however is not taxable by the State of Maryland.

**Tax Incentive Program (TIP)**

The Maryland Income Tax Incentive Program was established in 1996 offering those active members in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS and Rescue service the ability to deduct a certain amount of money from their gross state income if they qualify by earning points thru their County LOSAP or Points program. The amount they can deduct for 2014 is $3,750.00. The amount they can deduct for 2015 is increased by $250.00 to $4,000.00. The amount will continue by $250.00 each year until it reaches $5,000.00. Qualified members may take this deduction by submitting form MSFA-P.2.2 with their Maryland Tax Return. (Be sure to use the form with the current deductible amount and revision date.) The revised form for 2015 will be placed on the website during August this year.

The program requires that a member earn at least 50 points in at least 2 categories per year for any 3 out of the last 10 calendar years. If a member has not achieved at least 25 years of service, 1 of those years must have been earned during the taxable year (in this case that would be 2014). If a member has achieved 25 or more years of service it only requires any 3 years out of the last 10 years. The rule for members achieving 25 or more years of qualified service HAS NOT CHANGED. They must still have at least 3 qualifying years out of the last 10 years.

Everyone must have at least 36 full months of service in order to qualify. For the year 2014 a members must have a date of membership on or before January 1, 2012. For the year 2013, 12949 members qualified for the tax incentive. Reports are still being gathered for 2014 and when complete you will be able to view the total count of members by County on the MSFA website. That report will be available later on this year.

The Committee is very aware as to the importance of protecting a members’ personal identifiable information such as social security numbers. The reports we collect must contain the social security number of the person earning the tax incentive as this is the only way the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office can match the members’ tax form.
with our report. We send a total report of all members that qualify to the Maryland State Controller’s office each year. With that said we have developed a secure website that the Points Coordinators will upload their yearly reports to protecting this data.

The TIP program is a State wide program and points can be transferred from County to County via form MSFA-P2.3 (10/97) found on the MSFA website.

If the Committee can be of help or answer any questions on either the LOSAP or TIP programs please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Miscellaneous**

I would also like to thank President Kellar for his support this past year. Many thanks to Rick Hemphill for maintaining the secure website for gathering the Points Coordinators reports. Last I thank the Committee and the individual County Points Coordinators for their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stuart W. Carter, Chairman

**Incentive Programs Committee Members**
Stuart W, Carter, Chairman
Joseph A. Cooper, Vice-Chairman
Joan Robison, Chairman Emeritus
C. Douglas Bostonian
Patricia A. Bowser
Ken Bush
Gary Crampton
Rick Hemphill
Donald Lee Howard
Michael A LeCompte
David W. Lewis (PP)
Craig A. Moe

**County Points Coordinators**
Allegany – Cheri Lewellen
Anne Arundel – Dave Lewis
Baltimore – Stu Carter
Calvert – Courtney Woodward
Caroline – William C Cooper
REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Olson, President Keller, Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests. The 2015 Legislative session started on January 13 and ended on April 13. As a result of the General Election, there were considerable changes in both the Senate and House with new legislators. A great deal of time was taken to introduce ourselves to them as well as explain Maryland’s Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.

During the session volunteer personnel worked a total of 1,771 hours, consisting of 315 visits to the office at 17 State Circle for a total of 24,411 miles. There were 1291 House Bills and 941 Senate Bills introduced by Legislators. The legislative committee monitored 57 of these bills for impact on the Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services of the great state of Maryland.

Our legislative reception was held on January 20th and was well attended by legislators and members of the Emergency Services as well as our partner agencies. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association under the direction of their Chair Carene Housenfluck did an OUTSTANDING job putting the reception together and fixing the food. As usual the ladies did a GREAT job and this committee would not be successful without their dedication and support. Thank you ladies for all your hard work and I can say it is certainly a pleasure to work with them. Thanks again this year to Jim Towers and Ed Mulikin from the Easton Volunteer Fire Company for serving the refreshments.
The committee would like to say a special thanks to Senators Mathias and Montgomery and Delegates Stein, Holmes Mautz and Sample-Hughes for their support throughout the session. Thanks also goes to the Fire Caucus for their help and support. A special thank you goes to Barry Glassman, Jim Malone and Bill Bernard for their guidance and support.

The committee also would like to thank our partner agencies MFRI, MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, MSP and MSP aviation, IAFF, and Maryland Fire Chiefs as well as METRO Counties for their help and support. Together as one team we were able to accomplish our goals.

To Governor Hogan and Lieutenant Governor Rutherford and their staff we thank you for all the support during the session. We look forward to working with you next year and hope for a successful outcome on the hometown hero’s legislation for our volunteers.

A copy of our legislative report is attached outlining the progress of the legislation supported, monitored or opposed.

I would like to say thank you to PP Bernard Smith, Laura Wood, Ed Wood Justin Towles, Charles Walker, and most importantly Richard Smith for all their support and hard work during the session. Richard Smith did an outstanding job monitoring and working issues to ensure the legislation to remove residential sprinklers was successfully defeated. Richard, congratulations on a job well done.

Lastly, I would like to thank you to Presidents Keller, Roth and Davis for their support and attendance during the session. It has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

**LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN NO. 12**
**(FINAL 2015 Legislative Session)**

Our bulletin offers up-to-date information on legislation that the MSFA is tracking. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the listed legislation, please contact us via phone or e-mail. Also, before addressing any Legislative matters, please contact the Legislative Committee so that we can keep the goals of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in the forefront.

We are here to assist with questions or concerns relating to the status of any particular piece of legislation. Should you have any information on issues of special interest to the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services, please let us know.

The MSFA Legislative Office phone number is 410-974-2222.
Our e-mail address is msfaleg@msfa.org. If you need to speak with the Chairman, please contact:

**Chairman Stephan D. Cox** at 443-867-6303 (c), e-mail: msfa96@gmail.com

**Vice Chairman Richard Smith** at 410-829-2232 (c), e-mail: richard21601@yahoo.com

IF YOU WISH TO BE ADDED TO THIS MAILING PLEASE SEND A REQUEST TO TERESA ANN CRISMAN AT tacrisman@co.pg.md.us SO YOU CAN BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST.

To find information on a bill, go to http://mgaleg.maryland.gov, page down to “Bill Information and Status” then enter HB (House Bill) number or SB (Senate Bill) number, then press enter.

Thank you for your support.

**Stephan D. Cox**

**Richard Smith**

Stephan D. Cox

Richard Smith

Chairman

Vice Chairman

**MSFA BILLS OF INTEREST**

April 17, 2015

There have been **941 Senate Bills** and **1291 House Bills** introduced to date. For the 2015 Maryland General Assembly the MFSA tracked **57** bills and they are the following:

**ALL HIGHLIGHTED BILLS** will be submitted to Governor Hogan for signature. Please review the closeout status of each of the tracked bills by the MSFA Legislative Committee.

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REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of nearly 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 the conference center in Hagerstown to again host the GALA on September 26, 2015. 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 look forward to seeing you there.

As you read this annual report, we will have just concluded our ceremony. We were saddened to have placed five additional names to the wall of honor. Our prayers continue to be with the families. Chief Rod and his group always do an outstanding job making this a memorable event for all. This marked our tenth year of service.

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 and we cannot forget our folks who regularly attend the meetings and support the activities of the memorial. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation.

Remember our on-going major goal is to get a picture of the memorial hanging in every fire station. About half of our member companies had a LODD, please hang the picture in their honor. We have made a good start, but there are many more to go.

We always want to remind you that we are still selling coins, memorial replicas, bricks, pictures and DVD’s along with our annual shirts. 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. Stop by our booth for a first-hand look at our items. See you at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

President Keller, Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2014 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 123rd annual convention.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) was created by Congress in 1992.
with the mission to honor fallen firefighters and assist their survivors in the rebuilding of their lives.

The Fire Service Survivors Network is a group of family members of fallen firefighters who provide peer support to newly bereaved families. Members of the Foundation’s Fire Service Survivors Network provided emotional support and grief information to the survivors of 2013 and 2014 fallen firefighters.

The Fire Service Survivors Conference was held on May 4-7 in Clayton, Missouri. There were 135 survivors of fallen firefighters, along with an additional 45 fire service members who assist the Foundation with LAST and 15 advocates for the Everyone Goes Home® program in attendance. Survivors attended a variety of grief and life skills workshops and peer support groups led by survivors. Fire service members attended a session on the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits Program, and the advocates met to discuss firefighter fatality prevention programs.

In response to requests from parents for assistance with grieving children, the Foundation provided the Hal Bruno Camp for Children of Fallen Firefighters, weekend bereavement camps. Camps are provided free of charge, and the Foundation helps campers and parents with travel expenses. The camps provide an opportunity for children to network and to learn some skills on coping with grief. Thirty-three children attended the camp for ages 7-17 that was held August 2-4 in Eureka, Missouri.

In October, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend honored 97 firefighters who died in 2013 and 9 from previous years. The Foundation assists immediate family members by providing lodging, meals, and assistance with airfare. There were 538 family members who attended Family Day activities. Small Group Sessions were attended by 244 family members based on their relationship to the fallen firefighter—fathers, mothers, spouses, daughters, sons, sisters, brothers, chiefs, and coworkers.

The walkway between the Memorial and the Chapel is now filled with engraved pavers. We are currently filling section 34 of the Walk of Honor, located between the Chapel and the cafeteria. There are currently 12,178 engraved/purchased bricks placed into the Walk of Honor. The bronze plaque and Maltese cross on the Memorial were removed and restored to their original condition.

The Foundation is making progress on Project Roll Call. This project was initiated in order to identify and honor firefighters who died in the line-of-duty prior to 1981. As the Memorial was built in 1981, the names of those listed there begin with those who died in the line of duty starting with that year. The Foundation plans to honor these firefighters on our website and in the National Memorial Park in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation offers financial assistance for post-
secondary education and training to spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial. The Scholarship Committee selected 78 scholarship recipients—67 children, 3 stepchildren, and 8 spouses. For the 2014-2015 academic year, the Foundation, along with a very generous donation from the Motorola Foundation, awarded $203,523 to 78 recipients.

The Foundation has established Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) comprised of volunteers from the fire service in each state. When a firefighter fatality occurs, the state LAST contacts the department and offers assistance with the funeral and filing of paperwork for Public Safety Officers’ Benefits. Assistance was provided by LAST with 82 firefighter fatalities, 17 EMS fatalities, and 6 law enforcement fatalities during 2014. Four LAST classes were delivered in South Carolina, Michigan, and Oregon to a total of 97 fire service personnel.

Taking Care of Our Own® is a course developed to help fire departments prepare for a line-of-duty death. There were four trainings delivered to 180 fire service officers in Idaho, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming.

The second Fire Service Life Safety Summit (TAMAP 2) was held on March 10-12, 2014, in Tampa, FL. As the 10-year anniversary of the first Tampa summit neared, it became clear that it was time to assemble again, to assess how far the fire service had come in implementing the Initiatives and achieving LODD reduction goals. TAMPA 2 brought together fire service leaders from across the industry, with an added focus on the company officer/crew boss and the next generation of leadership. In the end, an action report containing hundreds of suggestions regarding the 16 Initiatives and ten emerging hot topics were put forward.

The Vulnerability Assessment Program (VAP) became available to fire departments across the nation on June 6, 2014. The VAP is an on-line risk assessment tool that can be used by fire departments to identify vulnerabilities in many areas. The VAP has the capacity to detect existing risks within a fire service organization that could lead to a firefighter injury or fatality and to recommend, whenever possible, low or no-cost solutions to reduce or eliminate those risk factors.

In 2014 the following programs were completed and placed on the Fire Hero Learning Network; the on-line training website of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation: A cadre of “Operational Checklists”, which outline the various components of emergency responses and the checklists, can be downloaded and customized by the end user; “Stress First Aid for Fire and EMS Personnel” a one-hour program to help understand stress and recognize how to assist; and “Taking Care Of Our Own” a program designed to help you to better understand and support the needs of both family and fire service survivors after a line-of-duty death.

The Foundation held a second suicide and depression Summit at the National Fire
Over fifty fire service leaders gathered to develop an 8-point action plan to further advance work begun at the first suicide prevention summit held in 2011. Stress First Aid courses more than doubled in 2014 from 8 departments receiving training to twenty. Among these departments, 452 students received training with a potential reach of over 28,000. An on-line version beginning in 2014 should increase these numbers considerably. The on-line versions of Curbside Manner: Stress First Aid for the Street and After Action Review, have been visited nearly 6,000 times. The Foundation completed three training videos: Denver Fire Department: Leadership So Everyone Goes Home; Wildland Firefighting: Everyone Goes Home; and Charleston 9: The Ultimate Sacrifice. All the Foundation’s training videos are available on youtube.com.

In 2014, there were 47 9-11 Stair Climbs across the country. These climbs help the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation create and maintain programs that support fire service survivors and provide assistance to the surviving families and co-workers of the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001. Over the last twelve years, the NFFF Golf Tournament program has raised more than $3,000,000 to provide services to the survivors of fallen firefighters. In 2014, 27 golf tournaments were held, 3700+ golfers participated, and approximately $350,000 was raised for the NFFF. 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 we hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 2, 3, and 4, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

The past year has It is an honor and a privilege to report on the activities of the National Volunteer Fire Council on your behalf over the past year!

Your delegates have been working extremely hard on a number of new and exciting programs, each designed to better the environment within which you work, protect you more when serving the community, providing greater benefits to you when you are unfortunately disabled while in such service and giving greater recognition to each of you, who so very selflessly serve on the front lines of our Emergency Service!

As many of you are aware, Departments across the State are now able to enroll each of your members as members of the National Volunteer Fire Council for the low cost of $7.50 per year, with the MSFA contributing the other $7.50 per member to provide a greater level of benefits, protection and communication with each of our first responders!
Two new programs in which we are extremely invested are the National Fire Service Cancer Initiative and the Share the Load Program. The Cancer Initiative speaks for itself and NVFC Director, Jimmy Seavey, Sr., has been appointed to the National Steering Committee that was appointed by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The Cancer Initiative promises new efforts relating to prevention, protection, care and support for firefighters with respect to this sinister disease. The Share the Load Program is designed to help your Department and each member with respect to the mental stressors that responders face each and every day.

During the year, at the urging of NVFC Alternate, David Lewis, Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD) fought successfully to continue the program that provides surplus federal property to the fire service. This program will continue to provide great equipment that is no longer needed by various entities within the Federal Government to the local fire and rescue services, saving an amazing amount of money in the volunteer fire service treasuries in the process!

A new award has been established. Known as the “Firefighter of the Year” Award, it shall recognize acts of great significance made by volunteer firefighters across this great nation.

With respect to existing awards, the Maryland Volunteer Fire Service has been on a roll for the past three years. With great Junior/Cadet Fire Service Programs, receiving the Junior Firefighter of the Year Award in 2013 and 2014, and with the awarding of the Fire Prevention Award to Chief Jimmy Jarboe of the Takoma Park, MD Volunteer Fire Department just two months ago!

Our hat is off to Chief Jarboe and we hope more Maryland Departments will nominate the great deeds of their members in the coming year. Awards can be viewed by visiting www.nvfc.org.

The National Volunteer Fire Service Benefits Summit was held in Oklahoma City in February. This meeting, an amalgam of various fire service Organizations and some corporate representatives with benefits programs in our service, was held for two days and an incredible amount of information was shared and absorbed by those in attendance.

Notably, a new vision statement was adopted for this Summit. It is, “Offering a Better Life to the Members We Serve”. It was felt that the slogan captured the essence of this workshop that has now been enhanced from meeting every other year to that of meeting each and every year in conjunction with the NVFC Fall Board Meeting, if possible.

Several highlighted benefits that are successful in other States include:

- Implementing family programs at each and every Idaho Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services event, to encourage bringing families to functions.
- The South Carolina Firefighters Association has implemented a program for Executive Leadership, which is a one year mentoring program, designed to...
A number of State Fire Associations have implemented new procedures designed to protect both, the treasurer’s office and the respective Association with safeguards in the areas of finance and monies. This is a response to the high number of embezzlement and fraud cases of late involving our service.

The two-hatter issue has grown and is now within the Great Lakes States, with many Cities, Towns and Municipalities inserting language in collective bargaining agreements, prohibiting their paid personnel from volunteering on their days off in other jurisdictions. The Volunteer Advocacy Committee on which Director Jimmy Seavey serves, is actively engaged in seeking solutions to this practice.

Alternate, Dave Lewis, worked feverishly to locate fire service leaders from Maryland that would be willing to sacrifice a week of your time to ensure that the NVFC continues to provide a sufficient number of peer reviewers for the process that involves the review of grants submitted in the AFG, SAFR and Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Programs. The active participation of the volunteer fire service is critical to the success of these Federal funding programs.

The Bereavement Uniform Program, started by the Lighthouse Uniform Company, has been very successful and the President of Lighthouse, Steve Cohen, is now working with the various fire service groups toward turning the stewardship of the program over to the fire service, where it is best served! This program provides a full dress uniform for any fire service family, whose member has a desire to be buried in a dress uniform, acknowledging the service of that member to the Department. This is done at no cost, aside from shipping and any desired service or rank stripes. We are working to get a link to the program on the homepage of the MSFA website.

Finally, at the Spring Board Meeting of the NVFC, held in Alexandria, Virginia in April, the Council elected a new Chairman and Vice Chairmen; as the group thanked outgoing Chairman Phil Stittleburg for his leadership the past fourteen years. Active Deputy Chief and retired teacher, Kevin Quinn of Union Fire District in Rhode Island, was elected the new Chairman of the NVFC. Assisting him will be First Vice Chair, Steve Hirsch of Kansas and Second Vice Chair, Dallas Renfrew of Texas.

Additionally, your Director, Jimmy Seavey, Sr., received a Ten Year Pin from the Chairman of the NVFC, acknowledging his service to the Council as an Alternate and Director over the past ten years.

We are invigorated with all of the new programs that are being implemented by your Council and excited to see where the new leadership charts our course in the service to our membership. We continue to be very humbled and proud to represent the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to the National Volunteer Fire Council!

Respectfully submitted,
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr. – Director
MSFA Past President David Lewis - Alternate
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE

At the Executive President Keller, Vice President’s Roth and Davis, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year.

The Presidential Vehicle Committee has worked closely with the Presidents to ensure that our fleet provides reliable and safe transportation for our officers. Each vehicle receives routine maintenance as well as repair in a timely manner of an unexpected occurrence.

A 2014 Ford Sedan Police Interceptor, AWD was delivered in August, 2014, placed in service and assigned to President Keller. The 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Package Sedan was sold and delivered to Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company for $6,100.

An order was placed in December, 2014 for a 2015 Ford Sedan Police Interceptor, AWD. The dealer honored the price of the 2014 Ford Police Interceptor. The vehicle was received by the Presidential Car Committee and at the time of this writing is being equipped to be delivered to Vice President Roth.

The 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, Police package is being offered for sale to the highest bidder. Bids will be opened at the Executive Committee meeting on Sunday preceding the convention. The car committee expects to exchange vehicles with Vice President Roth in May in order to inspect and prepare the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria for delivery to the successful bidder at convention upon bid acceptance of the Executive Committee. The MSFA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

President Keller, Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, Chairman Abrecht, Officers, Members and Guests of the Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Convention and Conference. It is my pleasure to report that the Planning Committee had met this year. The focus was on wrapping up Past President Denver retreat, so we could plan the next retreat we will continue to work with 1st Vice President Johnie Roth for topic.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan Winpigler, Chair

REPORT OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) COMMITTEE

President Keller, Vice Presidents Roth and Davis, Chairman Abrecht, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 123rd Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
SAR Committee plan and goals:

- Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.

- Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues,

- I would 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.

- Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA.

- MSFA organizational representative to the ASTM F-32 Committee on Search and Rescue.

- MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR).

- NASAR has a program to provide discounts on SAR products called Promotive. 250 vendors are currently participating in this program. MSFA is enrolled in this program and members can go to www.promotive.com/nasar. On the left navigation bar under login, click the link “Have a Code” and use code B6FD-9DDE-DAED-F443. You will then be prompted through several screens to register as a user. This is available to all members of MSFA companies since MSFA is an organizational member of NASAR.

- 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.

- Technical SAR NIMS training gaps discussion with MFRI and MFRETC regarding 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.

- Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board barrier for companies that only provide technical SAR. Is there some way to develop a provisional or limited MFSPQB rating for just SAR companies?
Serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF-9 matters.

The MSFA ESF-9 Resource List was published in 2012. Hard copy is at the MEMA Fire Desk, electronic copies provided to MEMA ESF-9 rep, the SEOC Managers, and SAR committee members. It is also available on the MSFA website under the SAR Committee. I again want to emphasize that we want to hear about 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.

MEMA SEOC/ESF9 Requests: There have been no requests from MEMA for SAR Committee assistance since last report. Chair monitored WebEOC during severe weather/possible SAR incidents.

I would 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) certifications for their members in the following areas as applicable to the type of service you provide: Structural Collapse Technical Rescuer, Rope Technical Rescuer, Surface Water Technical Rescuer, Vehicle and Machinery Technical Rescuer, Confined Space Technical Rescuer, Trench Technical Rescuer, Fire/Rescue Boat Crew Mate I, II, and Motor Vessel Operator. By having these in place you will be on your way to demonstrating required competencies in the field of SAR response. Information on all of these programs is available thru MFRI.

The Committee would like to thank President Keller 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 STANDARDS AND NFPA REVIEW COMMITTEE

For the past year, it has once again 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 for this past year was the presentation of changes to Article D of the MSFA Bylaws regarding standards for the operation of fire department activities to the MSFA membership for their approval and official adoption as a part of the MSFA Bylaws. Following an affirmative vote on these changes,
they were presented and officially made a part of the Bylaws. Since, at the advice of the MSFA EMS Committee, it was decided to separate the issue of changes to the Bylaws for Fire Service and EMS operations, further changes to the sections regarding EMS operations were delayed pending further consideration and review by both Committees. The Standards Committee will continue in its efforts to coordinate changes to these sections of the Bylaws with all appropriate Committees to effectively provide amendments which are relevant, necessary, and acceptable to all governing Committees.

In response to these changes to the MSFA Bylaws, the Standards Committee reviewed the existing MSFA Standard Operating Procedures regarding apparatus standards. This process was initiated by assigning different sections of these SOPs to Task Groups of Committee Members for initial review and recommendation of each SOP Section for approval by the entire Standards Committee. As a result of that review, it was decided to retain the existing SOPs as currently written without modification, since this existing wording did not introduce any conflicts with the revised MSFA Bylaws, and since the current wording of the SOPs was deemed to be sufficient to address the wide variety of conditions and requirements currently in place across the State of Maryland. The Standards Committee will continue to monitor these SOPs to insure their uniform application and relevance to universally accepted codes, standards and recognized practices. This review will be in concert with other MSFA Committees, including the Rural Water Supply Committee, EMS Committee, and Water Craft Committee which lend special expertise on proposed revisions to pertinent MSFA SOPs. In addition, the Standards Committee will monitor the promulgation and passage of new and revised Codes and Standards of the National Fire Protection Association in order to determine possible effects on fire service operations in Maryland, and will stand ready to report any such effects to the Executive Committee and MSFA membership.

Another important responsibility of this Committee is to provide guidance and advice to the governing bodies of this Association and to its member companies. During the past year, this Committee provided guidance regarding the use of existing apparatus and equipment to the MSFA Office of the Secretary for action on the acceptance of an application for MSFA Membership, and on the need for a Standards inspection for admittance as a member fire company. It should also be noted that this Committee provided member companies with clarification on the reference to fire department standards currently stated in the SOPs which have been written and adopted by the MSFA Executive Committee.

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 monitor current MSFA Bylaws regarding EMS operations and current MSFA SOPs for Fire apparatus and EMS vehicles to coordinate these SOPs with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While the recommended SOPs 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 standards 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 STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted their 2013 MSAF Statistical Report. We finished 2014 with 199 responses to the 2013 Statistical Survey. Out of 365 Member Companies, it is overall our best response rate, but still kind of disappointing. The Committee hoping that this information is enough to help the Legislative Committee enough ammunition to get us more money from Annapolis.

As of this week we have been 113 responses to this year’s Statistical Report Form. While I would like to think that the Statistical Committee had something to do with this response I think that the Committee needs to thank the VCAF Committee & the Executive Committee for getting the member companies to fill out the form. Of the 113 responses, there are only 3 counties that have not submitted any responses this year: Caroline, Somerset & Wicomico. We tried to make this year’s form more user friendly by making it one page to allow the user to print the whole thing before submitting.

As far as tracking 2014 Statistical Responses goes, the new reporting form makes it easy for you to track who has responded and who has not. Just go to http://www.msfa.org/apps/member/database/?Form_ID=1 and you can see all of the entered responses. Putting the Statistical form behind the “Members Area” of the MSFA website guarantees that at least one member of each member company has access to the Announcements, Documents and Calendar Events on the website.

Thank you to everyone who has completed their report, your information will be used by the MSFA Leadership when talking to Local, State and Federal government representatives about the value of the Volunteer Service in Maryland. Your information is added to information provided by the other stations in your county to help show how much we, the Volunteers of Maryland, save the citizens of the state and help County Executives, County Councils and the State Legislature when making budget and funding decisions. We hope that all Volunteer Corporations in the state will help us gather information as we work to gather financial support throughout the state.
REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Several working meetings have been held by the Transportation Committee this year. The main focus was to finalize the numerous changes reported on the 2013 recertification forms and to try to obtain the fees from the companies who have not complied with the 2013 recertification.

At the MSFA February Executive meeting, the Transportation Committee was directed to notify the County Coordinators not to sell any new tags to the outstanding companies and to have MVA flag the tags for non-renewal.

What this means is that the company who has not complied with the 2013 recertification will have their MSFA tags flagged by MVA. At the next tag renewal, the individual will receive a letter from MVA and they will be required to surrender the MSFA tag and obtain a regular Maryland tag.

On February 24, 2015 letters were sent to County Coordinators who still have outstanding companies informing them of the action taken by the Executive committee and instructing them to notify the outstanding companies.

Based on the MSFA by-laws the companies are not qualified to obtain MSFA tags or to retain them and are considered not to be in good standing. Having MSFA tags is a privilege and paying $5.00 every 5 years is required to retain that privilege.

The names of the outstanding companies are listed on the MSFA website in a Transportation Newsletter that has been established and will be on going with updates to help provide information to member companies.

This year we lost two Coordinators due to death, Butch Britton Jr. from Queen Anne County and William Cooper from Caroline County. A new coordinator has not been appointed for these counties as of this report.

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 Keller, for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

REPORT OF THE WILLS FOR HEROES COMMITTEE

Our committee has been tasked with providing last wills and testaments without cost to qualified members of member companies. Our packet is on the MSFA website. To have a will written, one need only to download the packet, complete the forms and send to the committee chairperson who will have the will completed and return the completed will to the submitting member.

In addition to the above, individual service, our committee is available to attend a prearranged event in a county at a prearranged date, time and location to write wills for those members who have “signed up” to come to the event to have their wills written. Again, each member desiring to attend such event prearranged by their company’s county association should download the packet and bring the completed packet to the event at the time he/she has reserved in the sign up process.

The committee has prepared a durable power of attorney which we will be adding to the packet for those who desire this document for themselves. We are awaiting the webmaster to upload the durable power of attorney to be able to provide this additional service.

The committee wishes to remind all that this service is another benefit the MSFA provides to members of member companies amongst the many other benefits the MSFA provides. It is our pleasure to serve.

Respectfully Submitted
Roger N. Powell, Chairman, Past President,
Committee Members
Jacqueline Olson PP Gayle Moreland
C. Daniel Davis PP Franklin D. Roth, Jr.
Michael W. Farlow, Esq. Steven Schinein, Esq.
President Olson,

Allegany 48% Dorchester 37% Queen Anne’s 100%
Anne Arundel 52% Frederick 50% Somerset 67%
Baltimore 48% Garrett 46% St Marys 71%
Calvert 86% Harford 85% Talbot 43%
Caroline 43% Howard 100% Washington 48%
Carroll 86% Kent 28% Wicomico 36%
Cecil 89% Montgomery 68% Worcester 18%
Charles 62% Prince Georges 32%

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.

The returns by county were:

Allegany $ 1,710.00 Howard $ 795.00
Anne Arundel $ 2,417.00 Kent $ 200.00
Baltimore $ 1,850.00 Montgomery $1,690.00
Calvert $ 1,061.00 Prince Georges $1,045.00
Caroline $ 300.00 Queen Anne’s $ 580.00
Carroll $ 1,897.00 Somerset $ 546.00
Cecil $ 1,915.00 St Marys $1,407.00
Charles $ 1,390.00 Talbot $ 300.00
Dorchester $ 573.00 Washington $1,360.00
Frederick $ 2,120.00 Wicomico $ 500.00
Garrett $ 720.00 Worcester $ 222.00
Harford $25,644.00

Expenses for 2012-2013 Raffle

$16,800.00 Prize Money
$ 4,540.00 Printing
$ 1,990.00 OC Sunfest & Springfest fees
$ 65.00 Darlington Apple Fest
$ 25.00 Raffle license (Worcester Co)
$ 350.00 Maryland BBQ Bash
$ 16.95 Postage
$ 1,107.22 Tent Rentals
$ 24,894.17 Total Expenses
$ 58,725.00 Total Sales
$ 24,894.17 Total Expenses
$33,830.83 Total Profit

Prize Winners for 2012-2013 Raffle

1st $10,000 Friendsville Vol Fire Co – Friendsville, MD
2nd $2,500 Mance McCall III - Hebron, MD
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3rd $1,500 James Duffy - Bishopville, MD
4th $1,000 Greenbelt VFC - Greenbelt, MD
5th $750 David Caldwell, Elkton, MD
6th $500 B. Blakeley – Rising Sun, MD
7th $250 Karen Richardson – Waldorf, MD
8th $100 Joe Henry - Middletown, MD
9th $100 Susan Lemar – Frankford, DE
10th $100 Carol Senonin - Hanover, MD

Louis Jonske, Chairman
Anna Jonske, MSFALA Co-Chairman
Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman
PROGRAM
LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
OCEAN CITY, MD.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

6:00 pm JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET By Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

8:00 am Exhibitor Registration - Convention Center Lower Level
9:00-17:00 Education and Training Seminars - Convention Center
9:00-11:30 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews - Governor’s and Board Room Mezzanine Level
9:30 am Executive Committee Meeting - Performing Arts Center
10:00-12:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
10:00-12:00 Ladies Auxiliary Early Registration - Performing Arts Center
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship Service - Performing Arts Center
11:00-2:00 Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market - Convention Center Main Foyer
2:00 pm Miss Fire Prevention Contest - Performing Arts Center
5:00 pm Joint Memorial Service - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015

8:00 am Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
8:30 am Call to Order - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom Opening Ceremonies
9:00 am Exhibits Open
9:10 am Keynote Speaker - After the speaker has presented his program the LAMSFA will be excused to go to the Auxiliary meeting in the Preforming Arts Center

FIRST SESSION

11:00-11:45 am Registration
12:00 noon Call To Order - President Ann Price-Davis
Presentation of Colors - Colorbearers Shari Steffan, Stephanie Dalton
Invocation - Chaplain Donna Struntz
Pledge to the Flag - President Ann Price-Davis
Conference Song - Music chair Susan Derlunas
Welcome By Convention Chair - Flo Collins
Greetings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nomination of Officers - Corresponding Secretary Lori Denbow
Reading of Election Rules - Corresponding Secretary Lori Denbow
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of MSFA President David Keller III
Report of the Credentials Report - Fran Fusco
Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary Vivian Morgan Boyd
Report of the Treasurer - Michelle Healy
Report of the Financial Secretary - Marcia Roth

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015
FIRST SESSION CONTINUED

AWARDS CEREMONY
Jane Todd Award - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
Hall of Fame Inductions - Chairman Leone Gatton
Honey Award - Past President Leonard King and Treasurer Ron Siarnicki

Report of the Officers
Report of the Committee Chairmen
Communication and Bills - Corresponding Secretary Lori Denbow

Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawing - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Benediction - Vice Chaplain Becky Wathen
Recess

4:30pm Exhibits Close - No entry after 4:15

6:00pm Bag Bingo Bayfront Ballroom Convention Center - Doors open at 5:00

6:30pm Monday Night Family Event at Jolly Roger Amusement Park (Tickets Needed)
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015
SECOND SESSION

8:00-8:45 am  Registration and Balloting - Only the person with Chairman of Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman’s Badge. The Chairman must be present if a second ballot is needed.

9:00am  Exhibits Open

9:00 am  Call to Order - President Ann Price-Davis
Invocation - Chaplain Donna Struntz
Recognition of Guests
Report of the Fire Prevention Chair - Rose Pandolfini, Bridget Weishar, Gabby Kerby
Report of the Election Committee - Chair Leone Gatton
Report of the Credentials - Chair Fran Fusco
Guest Speaker-Lucy Staub-Helwig

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
   Bessie Marshall Fund - Chair Elaine Huttenloch
   Pins and Badges - Chair Marian Nicholson
   Safety - Barbara J. Lacey
   Ways and Means - Co-Chairs Gloria Schaffer, Kim Thomas
   Hall of Fame - Leone Gatton
   Benediction - Vice Chaplain-Becky Wathen

Recess

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015
SECOND SESSION

Meeting of the 2015-2016 Officers, Past Presidents, and Pages to the front of the Ladies Meeting room with Installing Officer Past President Carol Hayden

6:30pm  Joint Installation of Officers - Performing Arts Center

9:30pm  Pajama Parade and Costume Contest - Convention Center
Bayfront Ballroom
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015

THIRD SESSION

7:30am  Prayer Breakfast – Bayfront Ballroom Convention Center (Tickets Needed)

8:30-9:00am  Registration

9:15am  Call To Order - President Darby Byrd
         Invocation - Chaplain
         Dismissal 2014-2015 Committees - Except Ads/Patrons
         Past President Ann Price-Davis

         Officers Reports
         Committee Appointments - President Darby Byrd
         New Business
         Good of the Order
         Door Prizes - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
         Adjourn Convention Meeting
         Benediction - Vice Chaplain

         Past President’s Luncheon - By Invitation Only

12:00pm  Exhibits Close - No Entry after 11:45

1:00pm  Firemen’s Parade - Downtown Ocean City - Rain or Shine
         Parade Route is between 16th. and 30th. Street on Baltimore Avenue

5:30pm  Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies - Convention Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

9:00am  MSFA Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Center

9:00am  Meeting of the LAMSFA Financial Officers and Presidents to
         close out the books - Convention Center

2:00 pm  Tickled Paint ARTworks Fundraiser for LAMSFA – Room 208 (Preregistration)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015

8:00am  Golf Tournament - Eagles Landing Golf Course
Ann Price-Davis  
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary  
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that one year ago I was on stage being installed as President of the Ladies Auxiliary Maryland State Firemen’s Association (LAMSFA). It has been an honor and privilege to serve you in this capacity. I hope that I have served you well and made you proud.

My acceptance speech in June 2014 highlighted Maslow’s Hierarchy of needs and reaching the highest level of self-actualization. Achieving self-actualization is giving back to the greater good for no personal gain. I challenged you to self-actualize this year. Have you given back to the greater good? We have as an organization have given back by raising funds for the Bessie Marshall Fund. We have paid out at least 33 cases totaling over $29,000 to firefighters in need. We have promoted fire prevention and safety to prevent loss of life and property. So although I may be leaving office I challenge you to continue to self-actualize each and every day in all that you do.

I also highlighted learning in my role as President. I have tried to encourage learning at each conference. Fall Conference we learned about medicine and the dangers to little ones. Spring Conference educated us about the dangers of heroin use in Maryland. Convention will provide an opportunity to learn about fire/safety prevention for special needs populations.

The last goal I set for 2014-2015 was greater communication via social media. I have used Facebook to post photos from events attended and encouraged you to do as well. I have tried to highlight changing batteries and Fire Prevention Week. It has also been a tool to disseminate information in regards to meetings, fundraisers, and deaths of auxiliary members. Hopefully you will continue to share knowledge of fire and safety prevention, fundraisers, etc… via this outlet.

This year I have traveled over 9,000 miles as President attending parades, banquets, meetings, installations, memorial events, fire prevention contests, MSP helicopter dedication, MD Legislative reception, galas, LAMSFA Christmas Party and MSFA Executive Committee Meetings. I have had the pleasure of presenting my LAMSFA Past President, Leone Gatton with a recognition of 50 years of service to Hollywood VFD. In addition I was able to present my mom, Cathie Price with her recognition of 55 years of service to Cockeysville.

Thanks to my mom, Cathie Price, for babysitting so I could go to these events. Thanks to my husband, MSFA 2nd Vice President Mike Davis, for travelling with me and babysitting too. My dad, Paul Price, was a great date as well. Asa & Ezra Davis thanks for being such good babies and travelling to so many events. I hope that one day you two will grow up to self-actualize in the fire service just as your Mom Mom Price, Pop Price, Pop Pop Davis , Grammy Davis , Daddy, and I have done. Thanks to Sharptown Ladies for hosting Fall Conference, those oysters and Smith Island Cake...
were delicious. Thanks to Jarrettsville for hosting Spring Conference. Thanks to Linda Scheide and Cathie Price for serving as Conference Chairs. They didn’t know what they were getting into but they said yes and have been amazing. (self-actualizing) Thanks to my Past President, Leone Gatton for your guidance and friendship. Thanks to Darby Byrd and Barbara Sue Nelson for being a friend and a member of the BBB. Thanks to Kevin Byrd for being a friend and buddy to Asa and now Ezra. Thanks to the MSFA for allowing us to support you and your efforts pertaining to Fire, EMS, & Rescue in Maryland. Thanks to all the Past Presidents, Officers, Committee Chairs, and Members of the LAMSFA without you there would not be an organization. You have helped us achieve so much. Thanks to Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association for your support.

Sadly this year we mourn the loss of two LAMSFA Past Presidents. Marie Soutar 1988-1989 passed away this fall and June Black 1989-1990 passed away this winter. They are both greatly missed.

I dedicated my LAMSFA Procedure book as follows.

It is with great pleasure that I,  
Ann F. Price-Davis,  

Dedicate the 2014-2015 LAMSFA Procedure Book To  

The Past - Catherine D. Wolfe Bosley  
Grandmother  

The Present - Cathie & Paul Price and Michael Davis  
Parents and Husband  

The Future - Asa Q. Davis & Baby (Ezra) Davis  
Children  

You are the inspiration for my Volunteer work. I have been inspired by you, worked with you, and hope that our future generations will continue to volunteer too.

Thanks to all who are a part of this organization!

“God bless y’all real good” - Louis Lazarus Goldstein

This dedication still holds true and even though I am closing one chapter of my fire service life I will open another. Thanks to all for being a part of the chapters.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann F. Price-Davis, President
REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

To my fellow officers; it has been my pleasure to serve as the Senior Vice President of the LA-MSFA for this past year. I have enjoyed traveling around the state to visit with old friends and make new friends.

To my fellow Presidents Ann Price-Davis and Barbara Sue Nelson, it has been a wonderful year working with each of you. Ann, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. It has been my pleasure to follow behind you in the chairs and consider you a friend and part of my family. Barbara Sue, I am excited about sharing this next year with you. I plan to keep a journal of our travels and look forward to sitting back years from now and laughing.

To my family of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary, I cannot thank you enough for your support over the past 11 years. I would like to thank my Past President Eloise Healy for all of her long distance love and support. A special thanks to my mom, you have been very supportive of me while I have traveled this journey and for that I am thankful. To Katie, I appreciate the challenges that you give me. It keeps me on my toes and makes me a better person! Kevin, there are no words to express how I truly feel about you. Simply, you are my heart and soul!

To the other officers of the LA-MSFA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this past year. We still have goals to accomplish in order to keep moving this association forward. I will be looking to each of you for support in order to reach these goals.

I have enjoyed working with you and I look forward to our coming year. Please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance. I am here to serve you!

Sincerely,
Darby Byrd, Senior Vice President

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

It has been a pleasure to serve as Junior Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the year 2014 – 2015 and an honor to represent the organization at the many banquets, installations, meetings and other events I have attended this year. It’s great to travel over the beautiful state of Maryland, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Where ever my travels have taken me the hospitality has been great. Thank you to all the Auxiliaries, Fire Departments and Rescue Squads for all your invitations to your events.

As I serve the office of Junior Vice President I also serve as Membership Chairman. This year we are proud to have two new Auxiliaries join the LAMSFA. They are Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS Auxiliary and the Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary. We welcome them to the organization.
I would like to congratulate LAMSFA President Ann Price-Davis and MSFA President Dave Keller on an excellent job they have done this year. It has been a pleasure to work with both of you. I would like to wish good luck to the incoming Presidents for 2015-2016 Darby Byrd and Johnie Roth. I’m looking forward to working together. I know it will be a fun year. I also would like to congratulate all the new incoming Officers of the LAMSFA and MSFA.

Thank You to the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department. They are all my second family and I greatly appreciate all their support and great friendships. They are a devoted group of people and I know they are always there for me. Thanks to the Seventh District Rescue Squad for all their support.

To my Past President Joyce Thorne and my Page Bobbie Lacey, thank you very much for all your support and being there for me. To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Southern Maryland Firemen’s Association, thank you for your support and friendship and I hope I represent you well as I travel around the State of Maryland.

Thank you to all the Past President of the LAMSFA. It’s great to know that all of you are there if I have a question or just want to talk and are always willing to share your knowledge.

To my husband Speedy, thanks for being my biggest supporter and being there for me. To my son J.A., Daughter-in-law Candi, Granddaughter Makenna and Grandson Brayden, thank you for all you do.

To the Officers of the LAMSFA and MSFA, it has been a great year working with all of you and we’ve had some fun times. We’ve shared a lot of laughs and a few tears but most of all we share great friendship. I’m looking forward to the upcoming year as we work together. I know it will be a successful year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Sue Nelson, Jr. Vice President

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Chaplain for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the term of 2014/2015. I would like to congratulate President’s, David Keller and Ladies Auxiliary President Ann Price-Davis for a job well done as well as my fellow officers. It has been such an honor to work side by side with all of you this year as in the years past and I look forward to the years ahead as more friendships are built and we continue to work in harmony for the good of this great organization and we move into 2015/2016 under the direction of the incoming Presidents MSFA Johnie Roth and LAMSFA Darby Byrd. I would like to thank
you all for your continued votes of confidence and support of me over the years as I make my way through the chairs of state, as well as for your continued prayers.

As Chaplain we hope that our services are not needed but to open or close a meeting with prayers or to bless our meals, but this year has caused me to extend our services of Chaplain and participate in many funeral services, with one of them being LAMSFA Past President Marie Soutor of AA County, as well as cover in prayer the family of LAMSFA Past President June Black. I have been working closely with Chaplain Harry Hetz collecting the names from the entire state working to ensure we have not missed anyone, and as of today it saddens me to say we as an association have lost over 70 members and each one will be greatly missed not just by their families, but by their auxiliary’s and each of us of the LAMSFA, On behalf of the LAMSFA we extend our heartfelt deepest sympathy to all the Auxiliaries, and to the family members and friends. I would like to extend a large THANK YOU to Chaplain Hetz for all of your guidance, help as well as printing of the resolutions for each member, I am humbled and honored to have had this time working with you, as well as back up support of Lori Denbow & Lois Hetz! I love you guys as well as Chief Chaplain John Long and the entire chaplain core for all the help you have rendered, it has been my pleasure to serve.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me though out this and past years as I have moved up the chairs of this organization. First off my husband Joe, our children as well as our grandchildren. I couldn’t do what I do without your love and support in allowing me to follow my passion and follow my dreams; I love you all. Thank you to my home county Allegany / Garrett for your support, my home Auxiliary of Bowling Green. Thank you to my Past President “Sassy” Sandi Lutz for your love, support endless calls, texts, emails, and most of all your countless hours of I know you can do this girl, I got your back !!!! Thank you sweetie. Thank you also to the following but not limited to: ALL LAMSFA Past Presidents without your support, kind words, guidance, and yes allow us to make our mistakes but pull us back and set us all straight not a one of us could move forward without you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do daily for each of us officers.

May God Bless and watch over each and every one of us as we convene at each session of convention 2015 and grant the Officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA the knowledge and wisdom to administrate and conduct a successful convention. I pray safe travels to and from convention as well as safety during the week ahead for all our members and families.

Listed below are the names of our deceased LAMSFA Auxiliary members who have left us here on earth between January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014 to answer GODS call to a new life, to watch over and protect us who have been left behind.
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Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Lee Struntz, Chaplain

**Special Tributes**
Marie M. Soutar, Past President 1988-1989, Ladies Auxiliary to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company
Marie M. Soutar, Past President 1988-1989, Ladies Auxiliary of the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department
June E. Black, Past President 2002-2003, Ladies Auxiliary to the Manchester Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Co. 1

**Allegany**
Geraldinea Fuller, Baltimore Pike VFC Ladies Aux.
Patricia A. Wright, Bedford Road VFD Ladies Aux.
Merle L. Winters, Cresaptown VFD Ladies Auxiliary
Nancy C. Stark, La Vale VFD Ladies Auxiliary
Dorothy M. Hunt, Midland Fire Company 1 One Ladies Aux.

**Anne Arundel**
Cora M. Dail, Ladies Auxiliary to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company
Virginia P. Sohn, Ladies Auxiliary to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company
Marie M. Soutar, Past President 1988-1989, Ladies Auxiliary to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company
Ethel Disney, Odenton VFC Ladies Aux.
Barbara B. Norris, Odenton VFC Ladies Aux.
Marie M. Soutar, Past President 1988-1989, Ladies Aux. of the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department

**Baltimore**
Virginia M. “Betty” Wampler, Ladies of the Maryland Line Fire Protection Association

**Calvert**
Evelyn V. Moore, North Beach VFD Aux.
John Ortenzo, North Beach VFD Aux.

**Caroline**
None

**Carroll**
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Helen Epply, Ladies Aux. to the Manchester Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company Number One
Lisa A. Nightingale, Ladies Aux. to the Manchester Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company Number One
June E. Black, Past President 2002-2003, Ladies Aux. to the Manchester Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company Number 1
Donna S. Stull, Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC
Helen Franklin, New Windsor Fire and Hose Company Number One Aux.
Nancy Clark, Aux. to Sykesville-Freedom District FD
Linda L. Thomas, Aux. to Sykesville-Freedom District FD

Cecil
Marianne Burrows Lilley, Community FC of Perryville
Kathy K. Whitecavage, Community FC of Rising Sun
Ida C. Cahall, North East Fire Company Ladies Aux.
Betty Marie Crawford, North East FC Ladies Aux.
Marian “Betty” McKinney, North East FC Ladies Aux.
Mabel Slate, North East FC Ladies Aux.
Frances Denver, Ladies Aux. of Singerly FC
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Linda Rowles-Argo, Ladies Aux. of Singerly FC

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Ellen B. Helmeier, Waldorf VFD and EMS Association Aux.

Dorchester
None

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Helen L. Gladhill, Urbana VFDand Rescue Squad Ladies Aux.
Laura E. Stottlemyer, Ladies Aux. of the Woodsborro FD
M. Genevieve Smith, Ladies Aux. of the Woodsborro FD
Louise Colbert Warner, Ladies Aux. of the Woodsborro FD

Garrett
Audrey Brenneman, Bittinger VFD Ladies Aux.
Nina Callis, Deer Park Community VFD Ladies Aux.
Eleanor Dieal, Deer Park Community VFD Ladies Aux.
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Marie Williams Thomas, Joppa-Magnolia VFC
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Howard
None

Kent
None

Montgomery
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Washington
Linda Kay Findley, Antietam Fire Company
Elaine Gossard, Smithsburg Community VFC Ladies Aux.

Wicomico
None

Worcester
Susan Baker, Ocean City VFC Ladies Aux.
Louisa Quillin, Ocean City VFC Ladies Aux.
The Bessie Marshall Fund has been very busy since our last Convention. Your continued support to our entire fundraising events has made it possible for President Price-Davis to forward a check to 37 disabled fire/EMS person for a total of $33,300.00, as of the printing of this book. This is your committee and you can be very proud of your success.

My thanks to all of you who have taken the time to hold a special event in your local auxiliary or on the county level to raise donations for the fund. Every amount counts be it large or small they all add up to help our fire members.

A special thank you to MSFA President David Keller for his year-long fund raising event. At each Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday those who contributed $10.00 to the Bessie Marshall Fund did not have to wear a suit coat and tie. To date he has raised over $1000.00!

A thank you needs to be given to Mr. Steele, Past President of the Pa. State Firemen’s Association for his annual donation of a hand-made fire truck to be raffled off at the convention. Because of his hard work we have been able to raise hundreds of dollars.

To Frank Underwood a special thank you also for your continued support. You have been providing the committee with the Black-eyed Susan pins for the past three years which saves us hundreds of dollars to purchase them. We have been able to supply a small amount of them to the Legislative Committee Chair Steve Cox and Vice Chair Richard Smith to use in their connection with the legislators in Annapolis.

To all of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association words cannot express how wonderful it is to receive the raffle tickets purchased by each of you over the year. These raffles are the backbone of the fund and you all make it work.

This committee could not work without the members of the committee. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for being there at the conferences and convention to sell the “products” that we have on the table. A special thank you to Susan Derlunas for taking over the full responsibility of the committee’s table at the Sunday morning sales. A special thank you goes to my daughter Ginny Wilhite who prints all of our raffle tickets at her expense every year. She is my angel behind the scene.

To President Ann Price-Davis thank you for my appointment. It was a pleasure to work with you and Treasurer Michelle Healy and Financial Secretary Marcia Roth. Your cooperation made the system work quickly to get the checks to the fire/EMS members. My thanks to Darby Byrd for all of her cooperation in getting our books onto Quick Books. In time it will make our system work in a more efficient way.
Last but always first my thanks to God for my good health being restored for without it I could not do the work of this committee or any other committee I serve on in the LAMSFA or the MSfA. My wish for each of you that someone in your family may never have the need for this committee but if you do always remember we are here for each of you and please do send in your application.

May God bless all of you.
Elaine Huttenloch, Chair

REPORT OF THE SEVENTEEN STATE CIRCLE COMMITTEE

I would like to thank President Ann Price- Davis for the appointment as chairman of the Seventeen State Circle Committee. I have enjoyed working with committee members Jane Hufffman, Marian Nicholson, Teresa Crisman and Elaine Huttenloch. Our team reviewed 941 Senate bills and 1291 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 bills to track their progress through the State legislature. The State Circle Committee closely monitored 57 bills of specific interest to the MSFA.

I would also like to express my appreciation to MSFA Seventeen State Circle Chairman PP Steve Cox and Vice Chairman Richard Smith for all their help. We enjoyed working with them and the MSFA Officers 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.

Respectfully
Carene Housenfluck, Chairman


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**BENEDICT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 303, 18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, MD 20612; Charles County; Telephone 301-274-3890 Website: www.bvfdrs.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950. President: Calvin Demarr Sr., Vice President: Francis Cusick, Secretary: Destiny Cusick, Treasurer: Katie Vanslyke, Chaplain: Chief: Brian Cusick. Delegates: Donna Demarr, Calvin Demarr, Brian Cusick, Stacey Griffin, Francis Cusick. Alternates: None listed.


**BETHESDA FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 30384, 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20824; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-652-5602 Fax 301-656-3550; Website: www.bethesdafire.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: John B. Murgolo, Vice President: Gerry Morenoff, Secretary: Ted Rosen, Treasurer: Andrew Genova, Chaplain: Chief: Lawrence J. Gaddis. Delegates: Lawrence J., Gaddis, Michael Kay, Andrew Genova, Nathan Finkelstein. Alternates: None listed.

**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-652-0077; E-mail: ned.sherbume@...
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference


**BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 4213 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710-0001; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-864-4415 Fax: 301-779-0272; Website: www.bv9fd.com. President: Gary Katz, Vice President: Brad Bummmaw, Secretary: Jason Byrnes, Treasurer: Donnie Wells, Chaplain: Chris May, Chief: Randy S. Kuenzli. Delegates: Gary Katz Jr., Donald S. Wells, Randy Kuenzli, Brad Mummmaw, Jason Byrnes. Alternates: Stu Hurlburt, Joey Williams, Gerell Lockett.

BLOOMINGTON FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 12, 77 North Branch Avenue, (133 Meadow Drive) Bloomington, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone 301-359-3729; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. President: Tristan McRobie, Vice President: Donald Harvey, Secretary: Dave Robey, Treasurer: Jon Dowden, Chaplain: Paul Wilson, Chief: Dan Bever. Delegates: Daniel Bever, Kathryn Bever, Kristine Dowden, Jon Dowden, Greg Forney. Alternates: Shari Forney, Tristan McRobie.

BORDEN SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC. - 19303 Shaft Road, SW., Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-1535; Email: co17@allconet.org Website: www.shaftfire.com; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. No credentials submitted for 2015.

BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 14711 Old Hanover Road, Upperco, MD 21155; Baltimore County; Telephone 410-429-5200 Fax 410-429-5201; E-mail ca0420@bcvco.org. President: Ken Freeman, Vice President: Henry Horner IV, Secretary: Robin Freeman, Treasurer: Samuel Wesley, Chaplain: Mindy Coats, Chief: Charles Stinchcomb. Delegates: None submitted


**BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 6710 Laurel Bowie Road #990, Bowie, MD 20718; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-262-0502; E-mail: info@bowievfd.org; Website: bowievfd.org; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: David Parker Jr., Vice President: Francis Gormley, Secretary: Gary Blanton, Treasurer: Ed Oblas, Chaplain: Chief: Jonathan Howard. Delegates: Piero Mellits, Jason Bloom, Jonathan P. Bigony, Jonathan Howard, Chris St. John. Alternates: Denise Bloom.

**BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. 12420 McMullen Highway, SW, 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: William Bradley, Vice President: David Thompson, Secretary: Lance Adams, Treasurer: Richard Ross, Chaplain: Joanne, Chief: William. Delegates: Mary Carr. 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. NO Credentials were submitted for 2015

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**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


**BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – 200 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-8102; E-mail: zimmerchristina@aol.com; Website: bvar19.org; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1961. President: Nelson C. Smith, Vice President: Shane Pyles, Secretary: Christina Stracener, Treasurer: Stacy Myers, Chaplain: Chief: Andy Smothers. Delegates: Eric Smothers, Susie Nicol, Andy Smothers, Stacy Myers. Alternates: None Listed

**BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 286, 1500 Volunteer Drive, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-8300; Website: bvfd5.org; Organized: 1893; Chartered: 1894; Joined MSFA: 1910. President: Nate Gesse, Vice President: Kenny Nicewarner, Secretary: Robin Bell, Treasurer: Kevin Myers, Chaplain: Chief: George Clary Jr. Delegates: Dave Young, Gail Young, Clarence Webber, David Nalborczyk, Billy Beacht. Alternates: None listed.


**BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION** – 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood Maryland 20722; Telephone: 301-927-5713 Fax: 301-927-5713; E-mail: information@bhvfrass.com Website: bhvrass.com. No credentials submitted for 2015.

**BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 215, 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-8957 Fax 301-879-1487; E-mail: newmanlen@aol.com Website: bvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Tamera G. Bull, Vice President: Drew Dunn, Secretary: Leonard Newman, Treasurer: Christine Dunn, Chaplain: Christine Dunn, Chief: Joseph Pignataro. Delegates: Joseph Pignataro, Gary Jones, John V. Pignataro. Alternates: None listed.

**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@bcvfa.org Website: butlervfd.com; Organized:1953; Chartered:1954. President: Cary Rutledge, Vice President: David Arbogast, Secretary: Milton Curtis, Treasurer: Wayne Hackley, Chaplain: Chief: Matthew Underwood. Delegates: David Arbogast, Cary Rutledge, Wayne Hackley, Matthew Underwood, Todd Rutledge. Alternates: None Listed

**CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 41, 8001 River Road, Cabin John, MD 20818; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-365-2028 Fax: 301-365-2563; E-mail: firefighter@cjpvfd.org Website: cjpvfd.com; Organized:1930; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: James Lee Hunter, Vice President: Michael Harting, Secretary: Christian Mage, Treasurer: James Fones, Chaplain: Katherine Bryant, Chief: James P Seavey Sr. Delegates: James Seavey Sr., James Lee Hunter, Robert Harrison Wilson, Christina Mage, Scott Perlmutter. Alternates: Paul Krause, Paul Sterling Jr., Mary Morgal, Frank Leizear Jr., Elaine Custead.

**CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, INC** – 55 Security Blvd., Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-0411; E-mail: chief10@calvertals.net Website: calvertals.net; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2001; Charter: 1989. President: Stanley Harris, Vice President: Kim Wells, Secretary: Donna Ford, Treasurer: Barbara Fenwick, Chaplain: Damian Legacy, Chief: Steve Stanton. Delegates: None Listed for 2015.

**CAPE ST. CLAIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1411 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis, MD 21409; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-757-3434; E-mail: webmaster@csvcfc.org Website: csvcfc.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: Jim Mekins Jr., Carol Mekins, Bob Seibel. Alternates: Jessica Rindos, Drew Mutch.
**CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-883-7705. See Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Capitol Heights, MD.

**CARROLL MANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 2795 Adams Street, Adamstown, MD 21710; Frederick County; Telephone 301-874-5111; Fax 301-874-5101; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1954. President: Daryl Murphy, Vice President: Rosemary Long, Secretary: Hilary Schaub, Treasurer: Ida Young, Chief: Mike Smallwood. Delegates: Joyce Shry.


**CHARLES COUNTY MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, INC.** – PO Box 366 ,10700 Billingsley Road, White Plains, MD 20695; Charles County; Telephone 301-645-7707 Fax 301-870-6136; Website: ccmedicunit.org; Organized: 1978; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1983. President: Janet Siviter, Vice President: Charles Shaw, Secretary: Brian Clements, Treasurer: Gary Gertz, Chaplain: Dave Petroni, Chief: David Siviter. Delegates: Charles Shaw, Michael Thrift, Brian Clements. Alternates: None Listed

**CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 40, 2 Calvert Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-934-4434; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1984. No credentials submitted for 2015.


**CHESTERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 296, 211 Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-3434. President:
William Pinder, Vice President: Donald Hodges Jr., Secretary: Cindy Morris, Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney, Chaplain, Chief: Bruce Neal. Delegates: Jeffrey H. Thompson, Bruce Neal, Donald Hodges Sr., Darlene Neal. Alternates: William Hildebrand, Henrietta Maloney.

**CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 12021 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 22085; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7781 Fax: 410-252-6111; E-mail: larryg500@comcast.net, Web Site: www.chestnutridgefire.com; Organized:1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA: 1961. President: Larry Getlan, Vice President: Charles Fauer, Secretary: Bryan Crystal, Treasurer: Harry Kakel, Chaplain, Chief: Daniel Uddeme. Delegates: Larry Getlan, Dan Udde, Harry Kakel, Charles Fauer, Jack Crystal. Alternates: Adam Harrison, Fred Cross, Gentry Fitzpatrick, Scott Cohen, Dave Cameron.

CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 8001 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-652-0707 Fax 301-652-1532; Organized: 1927; Chartered:1930. President: John E. Bird, Vice President: Natalie Straus Wells, Secretary: Sandra Snyder, Treasurer: Thomas Myers. No Delegates listed for 2015.

**CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. STATION 34 – 7833 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-434-3435 Fax: 301-434-5245; Website: 34box.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Louise M. Davis, Vice President: Charles Larkin, Secretary: Amanda King, Treasurer: John Guyton, Chaplain, Chief: Charles Aldridge. Delegates: Louis M. Davis, Charles Aldridge, Charles Larkin, Charles Walker, John Guyton. Alternates: Calvin Colwell, Ricky Rodríguez, Christopher Miller, Jeff Miller, George Hearn.

**CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 16, 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-330-2070; E-mail: bstheimer@fastol.com. President: Tina McWilliams, Vice President: Jamie Harding Willey, Secretary: Stephanie McWilliams, Treasurer: Russell Hurley Sr., Chief: Guy McWilliams. Delegates: Tina McWilliams, Barbara Steiner. Alternates: Stephanie 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: John Paul Griffin, Secretary: Dorcas Welch, Treasurer: Sandra A. Reed, Chaplain: M. Shane Moran, Chief: Tyler W. Williams. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Francis D. Jester, Brett Vanzant, Shawn Rideout, Cole Coursey. Alternates: Jake Griffin, Stephen T. Hurlock, Tyler W. Williams, Kevin M. Carson.

**CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4 FREDERICK MD, INC. – PO Box 3855, 15 South Court Street, Frederick, MD 21705; Frederick County; Telephone 301-600-1713 Fax
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference


CLARYSVILLE FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 16304 Clarysville Road, SW, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3828; E-mail: co14@allconet.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. No credentials submitted for 2015.


**CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone: 301-842-3775 Fax: 301-842-3794; Email: chief4reid@myactv.net; Website: clearspringfire.net; Organized:1935; Chartered:1935; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Gary W. Mariotti, Vice President: Robert Downs, Secretary: Tammy S. Mariotti, Treasurer: Charles Mundey, Chaplain: Theodore Hovermale, Chief: Michael Reid. Delegates: Gary W. Mariotti, Robert Downs, Michael Reid, Richard Blair, Zach Reid. Alternates: Walter Irving Sr., Donna Reid, Greg Trumpower, Charles Mundey, Bryan Altman.

**CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 9025 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-868-1333 Fax: 301-868-0330; E-mail: rmason3275@gmail.com, Website: clintonvfd.org; Organized: 1936; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1937. President: Jerry Spence, Scott Kaiser, Secretary: Sally Brown, Treasurer: Robert McGhee Jr., Chaplain, Chief: Renaldo Mason. Delegates: Jerry Spence, Scott Kaiser, Sally Brown, Robert McGhee Jr., Lisa Faunce. Alternates: Theresa Kaiser, Mark Clagg.


**COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 344. 11210 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-527-1634 Fax: 410-527-3739; Email: treasure@cvfa.org Website: cvfc.org; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896. President: Jean Roberts, Vice President: Olga Brillman, Secretary:

**COLLEGE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 8115 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-901-9112; E-mail: webmaster@cpvfd.org Website: cpvfd.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Pete Piringer, Vice President: Vacant, Secretary: Mat Chibbaro, Treasurer: Fred Brower, Chaplain: Chief: William Corrigan. Delegates: Pete Piringer, William Corrigan, Kenneth Bush, Robert Ryan, Brandon Frieder. Alternates: Matthew Machala, Jill Dannenfelser, Troy Dannenfelser, Jesse Walter, Fred Brower.

**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 T. Delisle, Vice President: Jean Reese, Secretary: Jason P. Pippen, Treasurer: Joseph T. Delisle, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Joseph Delisle, Jean Reese, Jason P. Pippen. Alternates: Charles Doegen, J. G. Delisle, David E. Reese III.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BOWLEY'S QUARTERS & VICINITY, INC.** - 900 Bowley’s Quarters Road, Middle River, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5771; Organized:1944; Email: jmheinz210@gmail.com Website: bqvolunteers.org; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: John E. Hammen, Vice President; Louis Hartmann, Secretary: Jennifer Ryan, Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic Jr., Chaplain: Roy Elder, Chief: John Heinz Captain. Delegates: John Hammen, Jerry Cusic, Larry Grannas, PJ Cusic, John Ritz. Alternates: John Stanko, Bernie Eckert, Lou Hurley, Marge Mroz, William Stockum.

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON, INC.** – 185 Sassafras Street, (2414 Millington Road), Millington, MD 21651; Kent County; Telephone: 410-928-3171; Organized:1921; Chartered: 1923. President: Leroy Davis, Vice President: Wayne Starkey, Secretary: Jessica Morales, Treasurer: Paige Hickman, Chaplain: Rev. Kevin White, Chief: Jesse Downey Sr. Delegates: CJ Morales, Barry Edwards, Jessica Morales. Alternates: None listed.

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE, MD INC.** – 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD 21903; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-642-2647 Fax: 410-642-0266; E-mail: jajonesey@yahoo.com Website: pvfd616.com; Organized:1923; Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: John Jones, Vice President: Daniel Mahan, Secretary: Karen Reinhart, Treasurer: Dale Deweese, Chaplain: Sue Hornbarger, Chief: Shawn Buchanan. Delegates: Terry Grove, Daniel Mahan, Karen Jones, Charles Thomas, Arthur Brown. Alternates: John Jones, Charles Gardner, James Hall, Mark Fayer.

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN, INC.** – PO Box 699, 300 Joseph Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-658-5115
**COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** – 110 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-1113 Fax: 301-739-6015; E-mail: jsprecher@crs75.org; Organized: 1998, Chartered: 1998. President: Lynn Brumbelow, Vice President: Gerry Kendle, Secretary: Charlie Shindle, Treasurer: David Zampelli, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: James Sprecher III. Delegates: Lynn Brumbelow, James Sprecher III, R. David Hays, Donna Long, Christopher Stockslager. Alternates: John Shaw, Christopher Amos, Scott Leeney, Gerald Cook, Stephen Mitchell.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. DISTRICT No. 12** – PO Box 97, 18002 Tilgmantoon Road, Fairplay, MD 21733; Washington County; Telephone: 301-582-0099; Email: fairplay12@earthlink.net; Organized: 1947. President: William Pennington, Vice President: Robert Moncrief, Secretary: Charlie Shindle, Treasurer: David Grabil, Chaplain: Chief: Leonard Heller. Delegates: Glenna Moncreif. Alternates: None Listed.


**CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 102, 11864 Kittys Corner Road, Cordova, MD 21625; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-364-5400 Fax 410-364-5119; Website: www.cordovavfa.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered:1926. President: Jason Lindorm, Vice President: James Eason Sr., Secretary: William Dulin, Treasurer: William Behrens, Chaplain: William Cheezum, Chief: Mark Secrist. Delegates: Thomas Diem, Mark Secrist, Vernon Dulin, Jason Lindorm, William Dulin. Alternates: None Listed.

**CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 187, 12502 Corrigan Drive, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-7418; Organized: 1939. President: Brandon Cobb, Vice President: Bill VanMeter, Secretary: Megan Michaels, Treasurer: Kaulin Kamauf, Chaplain: Delicia Harden, Chief: Jim VanMeter. Delegates: Jim VanMeter, Danny Bishop, Bill VanMeter, Brandon Cobb. Alternates: None Listed.
COTTAGE CITY-COLMAR MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-985-5400; E-mail: cottagecityfd@verizon.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. No credentials submitted for 2015.

**CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 13109 Warrior Drive, SW, Cresaptown, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1111 Fax: 301-729-1820; Email: ccage@atlanticbb.net Website: cresaptownvfd.com; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1933. President: Patrick Reid, Vice President: William McElvie, Secretary: Katrina Wolf, Treasurer: Susan Clark-Cecil, Chaplain: Pete Walbert, Chief: Christopher Cage. Delegates: Susan Clark-Cecil, Patrick Reid, Christopher Cage, Calvin “Pete” Walbert, Don Reid. Alternates: Andy Thomas, Josh Earnest.

CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 591, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-968-1262 Fax: 410-651-9361; Organized: 1874; Chartered: 1921; Joined MSFA: 1939. President: Louis Hickman, Vice President: Steve Marshall, Secretary: John Dize, Treasurer: Jay Paro, Chaplain: Russell Ward, Chief: Frankie Pruitt. Delegates: None listed.


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 2014.


**DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 10090 Deal Island Road, Deal Island, MD 21821; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-784-2612; Website: dealislandchancevfc.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Charles Jacobson, Vice President: George Mister, Secretary: Jimmy Muir, Treasurer: Danny Webster, Chaplain: David Webster, Chief: Donald L. Ford. Delegates: Donald Ford, George Mister, Jim Muir, Sue Kay Ford, Danny Webster. Alternates: None Listed.


**DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, Bi-State & Grove Street, Delmar, DE 19940; Wicomico County; Telephone: 302-846-2530; Website: delmar74.com; Organized:1928; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1929. President: Robert Thompson, Vice President: Joseph Morris Jr., Secretary: Brian Hearm, Treasurer: Marty Skarson, Chaplain: Robert Jones, Chief: Andrew Rementer. Delegates: Robert F. Jones, John Morris. Alternates: None listed.

**DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314-0015; (near)Harford County; Telephone: 717-456-7133 Fax: 717-456-7958; Website: deltacardiffvfc.com; Organized:1898; Chartered:1910; Joined MSFA:1942. President: Dennis Emmel, Vice President: Richard Fantom, Secretary: Sandy Kennedy, Treasurer: Lori Robbins, Chaplain: Gale Parthree, Chief: Jeffrey Griffith. Delegates: None listed.

**DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 400 South Fifth Avenue, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-479-2121 Fax: 410-479-5377; Organized: 1892; Chartered:1922; Joined MSFA:1927. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED FOR 2015.
DENTSVILLE VOLUNTEER EMS & AUXILIARY INC – PO Box 109, 12135 Charles Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-392-0050; Website: dvems.org. President: Robin Windsor, Vice President: Joann Hoffmaster, Secretary: Madison Brady, Treasurer: Darby Byrd, Chaplain: Pat O’Conner, Chief: Mark Kaufmann. Delegates: Darby Byrd, Mark Kaufmann, Darlene Thompson, Robin Windsor. Alternates: None Listed.

**DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 12100 North Branch Road, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-4444; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Chris Collins, Vice President: Phillip Miller, Secretary: Megan Hetrick, Treasurer: Beverly Robey, Chaplain: Chris Collins, Chief: Gregory Boyd. Delegates: Ronald Grabenstein Sr. Alternates: None Listed.

**DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 5900 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-887-7726; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Kirk V. Ingram, Vice President: Bruce Beall, Secretary: Olivia Turpin, Treasurer: Charles A. Norris, Chaplain: Thomas Stommel. Delegates: Kirk V. Ingram, Thomas C. Stommel, Charles A Norris, Jamaal Brooks, Bruce Beall. Alternates: Mark Jackson, Tim Titcomb, Olivia Turpin, Harold Fletcher.

**DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone: 301-855-8895; Email: billrector@dunkirk5.com, Website: dunkirk5.com; Organized: 1974. President: Dave Hibbens, Vice President: Charlie Hanko, Secretary: Jaime Longfellow, Treasurer: Tommy Smith, Chaplain: Charles Hanko, Chief: William Rector III. Delegates: Howard Kelly, Randy Smith, Charles Hanko, Dave Hibbens, Bill Rector. Alternates: Chris McNalley, Fred Holzberger III, Charles Miles, James Hearer, Tommy Smith.

**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: 2002theend@gmail.com Website: www.ehvfc.org; Organized: 1918; Chartered: 1918; Joined MSFA: 1923. President: Andrew Condor, Vice President: Ken Walker, Secretary: Paul Demasky, Treasurer: Victor Henderson, Chaplain: Keith Zucco, Chief: Ed Detwiler. Delegates: Michael Sohn, Bryan, Sohn, Chuck Austin, Jow Angelof, Paul Demesky. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**EASTERN GARRETT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 401 Finzel Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-689-8388 Fax: 301-689-0554; E-mail: kitisdl@yahoo.com; Organized: 1967; Chartered: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1967. President: James Raley, Vice President: Marsh Smith, Secretary: Charon Overstreet, Treasurer: Dwayne Kitis, Chaplain: David Kitis, Chief: Timothy Clark. Delegates: Dwayne Kitis, David Kitis, Timothy Clark, Charon Overstreet, James Raley. Alternates: Marsh Smith, Dana Kesner, Donald Gaumer, Nicholas Wiland, David Wiland.
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. No Credentials were submitted for 2015.

**EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-822-4848; E-mail: eastonvfd@goeaston.net Website: eastonvfd.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1917; Joined MSFA: 1914. President: Edward Lynch, Vice President: Don Abbatiello, Secretary: Rebecca A. Caldwell, Treasurer: Kenneth E. Bush, Chaplain: Andrew Jensen, Chief: CR Chance. Delegates: William E. Mullikin, Lyle Fuller, Rose Miles, Barry Slaughter, Chris Hash. Alternates: None Listed.

EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403-0332; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 301-509-1005; Organized: 1886; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Albert Kirchner, Vice President: P. Gary Matuis, Secretary: Jennifer Gray, Treasurer: G. Danny Clark, Chaplain: Richard Hurlock, Chief: vacant. Delegates: None listed for 2015.

ELDORADO-BROOKVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 5752 Rhodesdale-Eldorado Road, Eldorado, MD 21659; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-4004; Email: kma6070@yahoo.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Mark Adams, Vice President: Paul Dixon, Secretary: Bridget Harding, Treasurer: Shirley Breuil, Chaplain: Jimmy Cole, Chief: Norman Warrell. Delegates: None listed for 2015.

**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 Poligaro, Chaplain, Chief: Russell Pryor. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Keith Summers, Vince Glorioso, Amanda Summers, Steven Butler. Alternates: Dan Casey.  

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – PO Box 237, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0476; Organized: 1980; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1982. No Credentials were received for 2014

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 237, 14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Website: www.evfc.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Dick Devore, Vice President: Scott Williams, Secretary: Denoma Stallings, Treasurer: Rob Johnson, Chaplain: Jennifer Christner, Chief: Scott Williams. Delegates: Dick Devore. Alternates: None listed.

**ELLICOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-2600 Fax: 410-313-2671; Website: ellicottcityvfa.com; Organized: 1888; Chartered: 1927; Joined


**FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 27407 Fairmount Road, Westover, MD 21871; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2888; E-mail: taylorwirt@gmail.com; Organized: 1999; Chartered: 1999; Joined MSFA: 1999. President: Roger Olsen, Vice President: Wayne Bozman, Secretary: Linda Wirt, Treasurer: Sue Nevins, Chaplain: Charles Bagley, Chief: Frank Lusk. Delegates: None listed.

**FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE CO.,** - P O Box 141, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4890 Fax: 410-638-4889; E-mail: chief@fvfac.org, Website: fvfac.org; Organized: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1974. President: Christopher Gibbons, Vice President: Scott Golly, Secretary: Joseph Felliner, Treasurer: Kim Weber, Chaplain: Mike Hayden, Chief: Will Rosenberg.

**FEDERALSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 99, 208 N. University Avenue, Federalsburg, MD 21632; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-754-7400; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1920. President: Michael Robinson, 1st Vice President: Thomas Blades, Secretary: Denise Haschern, Treasurer: Craig Ruf, Chaplain: George Clark, Chief: Joseph Holland. Delegates: Thomas Blades, Kenneth Trader, Susan Trader, Kevin Mowbray, Doug Ramney. Alternates: None listed.

**FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 4 Broadview Boulevard South, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-766-2131; Website: www.fvfc34.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1943. President: Joseph M. Wojtowycz, Vice President: Gerard A. Varner, Secretary: Jeremey Weiss, Treasurer: Craig A. Bidinger, Chaplain: John Long, Chief: Jay Olson. Delegates: Jackie Olson, Jay Olson, John Long, Joseph Wojtowycz, Cliff Odendhal. Alternates: Gerard Varner, Jeremey Weiss, Craig Bidinger, Jon Johnson, Timmy Doegen.

**FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-7215 Fax: 410-313-7219; E-mail: fpmarlett@mfri.org Website: fdvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Miji Kim, Vice President: Carol Stevens, Secretary: Edward Zepp, Treasurer: Roy Ferguson, Chaplain, Chief: Patrick Marlatt. Delegates: Pat Paulist, Ron Price, Wendy Norwitz. Alternates: None Listed.


**FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, Inc.** - 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-736-7170; E-mail: chief5876@gmail.com; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Jennifer King, Vice President: Joseph Gray, Secretary: Kim Latham, Treasurer: Paul Thorne Jr., Chaplain: Alic O’Daniel, Chief: Robert Dickinson. Delegates: Robert Wilhite, Ed Thurston, Jennifer King, Mark Worth, Joseph Gray. Alternates: Paul Thorne Jr., Jeff Thorne, Jennifer Wilhite, Allison Worth, Dottie Talbot-Burket.

**FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD 21531; Garrett County; Telephone 301-746-5577; 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, Wayne A. Anderson. Alternates: None listed.

**FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE** – PO Box 75, 86 West Main Street, Frostburg MD 21532-0075; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3356 Fax: 301-689-1679; E-mail: faas53@yahoo.com; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2005. President: Wayne Lewis. Vice President: Dorothy Turner. Secretary: Linda Rase, Treasurer: Shelley B. Drees, Chaplain: Jay Stevens, Chief: David Ogden. Delegates: Gary Granger. Alternates: None listed.

**FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 461, 75 S. Water Street, Frostburg, MD 21532-0461; Allegany County; Telephone 301-689-8444; E-mail ebladen@frostburgfd.com; Organized: 1878; Chartered: 1878; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Ronald Dugan, Vice President: William Price, Secretary: Emily A. Bladen, Treasurer: Gary Tummino, Chaplain: Harry W. Foor, Chief: Douglas Hanson. Delegates: Ronald Dugan, Douglas Hanson, Melvin Bladen. Alternates: Emily A. Bladen, William Price, JB Hovatter, Gary Tummino, Erik Phillips.

**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 2014

**FUNKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 670, 2 South Westside Avenue, Funkstown, MD 21734; Washington County; Telephone: 301-790-0090 Fax: 301-739-5244; E-mail: dfraley@funkstownfireco.org Website: funkstownfireco.org; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1931. President: Glenn Fuscisick, Vice President: Mike Cummings, Secretary: Judith Ann Bowers, Treasurer: Joan Kotanko, Chaplain: Dan L. Fraley, Chief: David W. Fraley. Delegates: Edward Clopper, Jean Clopper, David W. Fraley, Dale Hill, Kyd Dieterick. Alternates: Steve Pifer, Gary Farrell, Dave Harmon.

**GAITHERSBURG - WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-6209 Fax: 301-987-0361; E-mail: kvk2@juno.com Website: gwgvfd.org; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Steve Hayes,


**GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 174, 954 Main Street, Galesville, MD 20765-0174; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1521. President: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Vice President: Raymond Hardesty, Secretary: Gladys Sears, Treasurer: Albert Bembe, Chief: Terry McAllister. Delegates: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Raymond Hardesty, Terry McAllister, Ronald Wood. Alternates: Mathew Zang, Carol Sherbert.

**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: Bruce Bouch, Secretary: Jeannie Green, Treasurer: Clay Myers, Chaplain: Arthur Frotton, Chief: Tim Brown. Delegates: Dale Bollinger, Charles Green Jr., Michael Franklin, Tim Brown, Bruce Bouch. Alternates: Lonel Stickles.

**GEORGE'S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.** – PO Box 155, 19 Union Street, Lonaconing, MD 21539-0155; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6122 Fax 301-463-6172; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977. No credentials submitted for 2015.


**GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 25, 2839 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2128 Fax: 410-632-5664; E-mail: info@girdletree.org Website www.girdletree.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: John Merritt, Vice President: Daniel Age, Secretary: Raye Ellen Thomas, Treasurer: Jeff McMahon, Chaplain: Ralph

**GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1268, 15 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-222-8233; E-mail: gdicus@verizon.net Website: gbvfd.org; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1937. President: Gilbert Dicus, Vice President: Cindy Dicus, Secretary: Edward Lindsay, Treasurer: Paul Cogswell, Chaplain, Chief: Robert Galante. Delegates: Edward Lindsay, Gilbert Dicus, Robert Galante, Cindy Dicus, Thom Nevin. Alternates: Christopher Younger.

**GLENN DALE FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 249, 11900 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale, MD 20769; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-805-2400; E-mail: lal18@firehousemail.com Website: www.gdvfd18.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Lee Lutz, Vice President: Laura Woods, Secretary: Mary K. Owens, Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Postell. Delegates: Lee Lutz, Laura Woods, H. Edward Woods Sr., Sandi T. Lutz, Hugh Owens. Alternates: Mary K. Owens, Ardy Peters.

**GLEN ECHO FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-229-3200; Website: www.gefd.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1933. President: John Witherspoon, Vice President: Jane Callen, Secretary: Andy O’Brien, Treasurer: Paul Meehan, Chaplain: Cristina Richardson, Chief: Herb Leusch. Delegates: Herb Leusch, John Witherspoon. Alternates: None listed 2015. 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; Website: GVFD40.org; Organized: 1904; Chartered: 1904. President: Randy Brown, Vice President: Richard Stem Jr, Secretary: Richard Cole/Kathy Reitz, Treasurer: Susan Bollinger, Chaplain: Joan Wolfenden, Chief: Scott Warner. Delegates: Richard Stem Sr., Frank J. Corasaniti II, Kathy Reitz, Scott Warner, Paul Wilhelm. Alternates: None listed 2015.

**GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 35, 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro, MD 21636; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-6196; E-mail goldsborofirecompany@yahoo; Website: goldsborofirecompany.com; Organized:1948; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Joel McGinnes, Vice President: David Wothers, Secretary: Shelly Gray, Treasurer: Edna Talley, Chaplain: Douglas Morley, Chief: Julius Bartz. Delegates: None listed 2015.

**GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 212 Broadway Street (100 Earle Branch Road), Centreville, MD 21617; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-758-1422; E-mail: aaronslabs@verizon.net; Organized 1889, Chartered 1889. President: Raymond Aaron, Vice President: Lester D. Downes III, Secretary: Cliff Green, Treasurer:


**GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-1600 Fax: 301-334-1600; E-mail: co120@gc911.org. President: Dan Tichnell, Vice President: Nathan Tichnell, Secretary: Jennifer Landis, Treasurer: Sue Steyer, Chaplain: Stuart Harvey, Chief: Mike Steyer. Delegates: Johnny Mayne. Alternates: Mike Steyer.

**GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 181, 14026 Graceham Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone 301-271-2000; E-mail: electronicaddictions@msn.com Website: gvfc18.com. President: Scott Willard, Vice President: Louis Powell Jr., Secretary: Kelly M. Willard, Treasurer: Sterling Seiss, Chaplain, Chief: Jim Kilby. Delegates: Brian Boller, Hilary Blake, James Kilby, Scott Willard, Kelly Willard. Alternates: Kenneth Simmer Sr., Louis Powell, Michelle Powell, Eddy Woods Sr., Laura Woods.

**GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 248, 178 Springs Road, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5200 Fax: 301-895-3720; E-mail: steve.smith.em2@gmail.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Steven Smith, Vice President: Anthony Bittinger, Secretary: Menno Yoder, Treasurer: Herman Yoder, Chaplain: Raymond Yoder, Chief: Duane Stein. Delegates: Duane Stein, Anthony Bittinger, Keith Durst, John Vought, Steve Smith. Alternates: Michael Glotfelty, Eugene Stein, Shaun Broadwater, Norman Yoder, Bill Kelley.

**GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4128 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-827-8100; Website: www.gvfd2.com E-mail: tsheahan02@aol.com. President: Thomas Sheahan, Vice President: Jimmy Tiernan, Secretary: Laura Smith, Treasurer: Phyliss Black, Chaplain: John Rediger, Chief: Jason Anthony. Delegates: Cory Holmes. Alternates: Jason Bloom.

**GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1804; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-345-7000 Fax: 301-345-2235; E-mail: t ray@verizon.net Website: engine35.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Brian Rudy, Vice President: John
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference


GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 307, 116 N. Main, Greensboro, MD 21639; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-8420; Fax: 410-482-2599; E-mail: rcovert67@comcast.net; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927. President: Richard Covert, Vice President: Shawn Starkey, Secretary: James Bruce, Treasurer: Karen Harvey, Chief: Jack Gowen. Delegates: 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@verizon.net Website: guardianhose.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1934. President: Wayne Stackhouse, Vice President: Terry Frushour, Secretary: Laurie Brown, Treasurer: Russell Schantz, Chaplain: Rev. James Hamrick, Chief: Christopher Kinnaird. Delegates: Clarence White Jr., Terry Frushour, Chris Kinnaird, Larry Duble. Alternates: None Listed


**HANCOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-7739 Fax: 301-678-6072; Website: www.hancockfire5.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928. President: Rick Rowe, Vice President: Thomas Leach, Secretary: Graham Snow, Treasurer: Mike Stewart, Chaplain: Graham Snow, Chief: Robert Hoopengardner. Delegates: Greg Yost, Graham Snow, Rick Rowe, Robert Hoopengardner. Alternates: Robert Hoopengardner, Mike Stewart.

**HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 6 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-6774; E-mail: washcofp53@gmail.com; Chartered: 1969; Joined MSFA: 1998. President: Ernest Truax, Vice President: Tim Ward, Secretary: Beth Buskirk, Treasurer: Debbie Cohill, Chaplain, Chief: Stephen Barnhart. Delegates: Stephen Barnhart, Ernie Truax, Josh Unger, Beth Buskirk, Mike Stewart. 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.  None submitted for 2015.

**HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, Inc.** – PO Box 77, 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD 21032; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-923-3990 Fax: None; Website: hhvfd.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926.  President: Robert Jones, Vice President: John Storm, Secretary: Rose Conrad, Treasurer: Alex Graham, Chaplain: Billie Armstrong, Chief: Dennis McDonald.  Delegates: John Storm, Dennis McDonald, Kathy Gies, Ruth Orndorff, Shermee Collins.  Alternates: Marty Orndorff, Kenneth Jones, Nick Thomas, Jeff Swingle, Alex Graham.

**HEREFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 262, 901 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1935 Fax: 410-887-1935; E-mail: info@herefordemsrescue.org Website: hvaa.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1955.  President: Mike Burton, Vice President: James Davis, Secretary: Jenn Welsh, Treasurer: Steve Wilcoxson, Chaplain: Dave Crow, Chief: Robert Pearce.  Delegates: Hope Bilger, Dick Bilger.  Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**HEREFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 510 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1924; Website: herefordfire.org; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1924; Joined MSFA: 1926.  President: Steven Gore, Vice President: Ronald Campion, Secretary: Deborah Campion, Treasurer: Christina Matthew, Chaplain: Keith Peters, Chief: Kenneth Bollinger III.  Delegates: Steven Gore, Kenneth Bollinger III, William Kaplaska, Justin Kinsey, Herbert Taylor.  Alternates: Ronald Campion.

**HILLANDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-434-2400 Fax: 301-434-7886; E-mail: hvfdmail@yahoo.com Website: hvfd.org; Organized: 1941; Chartered: 1941; Joined MSFA: 1941.  President: Russell S. Hartung, Vice


**HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3311; Email: hvivfc@safe.quik.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953. President: Marcus Flowers, Vice President: Brett Thompson, Secretary: Teresa Flowers, Treasurer: Rosemary Dean, Chaplain, Chief: Mark Flowers. Delegates: Richard L. Yinger, Mark Flowers, Teresa Flowers, Rosemary Dean, Rick Yinger. 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; Email: president@hvfdems.org Website: www.hvfdems.org Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Steve Cook, Vice President: Tim Goff Sr, Secretary: Jimmy Rose, Treasurer: Mary Ellen Hutchinson, Chief: Jeremy Mercure. No credentials submitted for 2015.

**HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 178, 300 Charles Street, Hurlock, MD 21643; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3110 Fax 410-943-4355; Website: Hurlockfiredept@comcast.net; Organized:1924; Chartered: 1936;
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference


**HYATTSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 25801 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-831-8499 Fax: 301-831-8901; E-mail: hyattstownfire@yahoo.com Website: hyattstownvfd.org; Organized: 1929. President: Scotty Testerman, Vice President: Ray Hartzell, Secretary: Kennedy Day, Treasurer: Doug Edwards, Chaplain, Chief: Jeff Gross. Delegates: None listed for 2015.

**HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 5275, 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-927-5770 Fax: 301-699-8947; E-mail: hyattsvillesq1@yahoo.com Website: www hvfd.com; Organized: 1888. President: Thomas Falcone, Vice President: David Iannone, Secretary: Kevin King, Treasurer: Patricia Thomas, Chaplain, Chief: Dave Hang. Delegates: Thomas Falcone, Dave Iannone, Dave Hang, Nick Welter, Chris Evans. Alternates: Patricia Thomas, John Carey, Mitch Kannry, Kevin King, Ryan Pidgeon.

**INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY No. 2, INC.** – PO Box 1884, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD 21404; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-757-1494; E-mail: rchambers@chamberscontracting.com; Organized: 1838; Chartered: 1838. President: Reginald B. Chambers III, Vice President: Thomas NewQuist Sr., Secretary: Anthony P. Capezio, Treasurer: George D. Clark III, Chaplain: George D. Clark Jr., Chief. Delegates: Thomas Newquist Sr., George D. Clark Jr., William D. Hollidayoke. Alternates: George D. Clark III, Thomas Newquist Jr.

**INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. No. 1, INC.** - 310 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1720 Fax: 301-600-1751; E-mail: crhandley@verizon.net; Website: ihc#1.org; Organized: 1818; Chartered: 1839; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Charles Handley, Vice President: Greg Fulmer, Secretary: Virginia Rinehart, Treasurer: Susan Smith, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Rodney Masser. Delegates: Virginia Rinehart, Charles Handley, Walt Cramer, Clarence Rinehart. Alternates: None listed.

**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; Website: ihvfd@aol.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1975. President: Richard Bowie, Vice President: Donald Chappell, Secretary: Molly Valentine, Treasurer: Larry Johnson, Chaplain: Mike O’Neil, Chief: Jeffrey Williams. Delegates: Richard Bowie, Jeffrey Williams, Mike O’Neil, Joanna Simpson. Alternates: Kevin Winkler, Richard Clagett.


**JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 344, 3500 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7780 Fax: 410-666-3736; Website: www.jvfc.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953: Joined MSFA: 1953. President: William Shields, Vice President: Steven Watkeys, Secretary: Barbara White, Treasurer: Steve Stelmack, Chaplain, Chief: Andrew Laird. Delegates: Curtis Dean Wiggins Sr. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**JARRETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 3825 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084; Harford County; Telephone: 410-692-7890 Fax: 410-692-7896; Website: jarrettsvillevfc.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Theodore Burkhardt, Vice President: Stephen Lancaster, Secretary: Nancy Dorn Treasurer: Laura Barwick, Chaplain: Terrence Murphy, Chief: Rudolf Walter IV. Delegates: Benjamin W. Kurtz, W. Mitchell Vocke, James Bair, Thomas Fruhling, Ernest Tracey. Alternates: None Listed.

**JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 578, 4603A Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-473-5150; E-mail: aclakin20@comcast.net; Website: jvfc20.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1960. President: David Remsburg, Vice President: Ronald Ahalt, Secretary: Ashley Corun, Treasurer: Susan Corun, Chaplain: Bernard Remsburg, Chief: Thomas Lakin. Delegates: Thomas Lakin, Michael Ambrose, Donna Gosbee Cathy Lakin, Tina Holloway. 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; E-mail: smaceiko@mfri.org Website: jessupvfd.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Mark Hartz, Vice President: Tyler Jensen, Secretary: Delta Priest-Maceiko, Treasurer: Kathryn Morgan; Chaplain, Chief: Stephen M. Maceiko. Delegates: Stephen Maceiko Sr., Delta Priest-Maceiko, Mark Hartz, Kathryn Morgan, Stephen Maceiko Jr. Alternates: Tyler Jensen, Dorthy Dean.


**KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 11993 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5340 Fax: 410-348-5150; Email: cchazmatchick@gmail.com; Website: kennedyvillefcc.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Heather Miller, Vice President: Danny Quinn, Secretary: Patti Scott, Treasurer: Brooke Shaw, Chaplain: Vonnie Paxton, Chief: Dan Menchey. Delegates: M. Heather Miller, Danny Quinn. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**KENNEDINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 222, 10620 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-929-8000 Fax: 301-929-8008; E-mail: heflinj@kvfd.org Website: kvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1925. President: Steven R. Semler, Vice President: John Connell IV, Secretary: Lynn M. Tantardini, Treasurer: Robert M. Arnold, Chaplain: F. Tom Claxton, Chief: Jayme M. Heflin. Delegates: Andrew White, Jayme M. Heflin, Andrew M. Hawkins. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**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: kvfd.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Jody Schulz, Vice President: Joe Cvach, Secretary: Annie Gardner, Treasurer: John Cahill, Chaplain: Rev. Bobby Timms, Chief: Buddy Thomas. Delegates: None listed for 2015.

**KENT-QUEEN ANNE’S RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 126, 140 Morngec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-4495 Fax 410-810-0346; E-Mail: mddecoy12@hotmail.com; Website: kentrescuesquad.com; Organized: 1961; Chartered: 1961. President: Allan W. Schauer, Vice President: William Lobley, Secretary: Mary Grussing, Treasurer: Raye Jones, Chaplain: Leonard Miller, Chief: Allan W. Schauer. Delegates: Allan W. Schauer, William Lobley, Kathy Hastings, Kevin Kerr, Maurice King. Alternates: Larry Hastings, Alex Dolgos, Robert Coleman, Jason Lobley, John Machen.
**KENTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 7701 Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-773-6033; E-Mail: tkelleher33@gmail.com Website: www.kentland33.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: Donald Aker Jr., Vice President: John Burns, Secretary: Oleg Pelekhaty, Treasurer: Bret Bestpitch, Chaplain: Chief Anthony Kelleher. Delegates: Donald Aker Jr., Anthony Kelleher, Roger Steger, John Burns, Oleg Pelekhaty. Alternates: Mark Trader, Joe Neville, Kenny Holderness, Candy Mitchell, Ray McRae.

**KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 65, 11601 Bellvue Avenue, Kingsville, MD 21087; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5773 Fax: 410-592-8557; Website: kvfc.com; E-mail: swft2o48@aol.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Stuart Miller, Vice President: Robert Chaney, Secretary: Rita Sayler, Treasurer: Victoria Clayton, Chaplain: Ronald Cassett Sr., Chief: Michael Berna. Delegates: Stuart Miller, Rita Sayler, Dennis Eyre, Michael Berna, Robert Chaney. Alternates: Jeffrey Weer, Shane Hubbe, Courtney Berkeridge, David Franz, Ronald Cassett Sr.

**KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 38, 249 East Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD 21538; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-453-3178; E-mail: paugh@ymail.com Website: kvfd70.org; Organized: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Sharon Paugh, Vice President: James A. Browning Jr., Secretary: Missi Nesselrodt, Treasurer: Ronnie Bray Jr., Chaplain: Shirley Coleman, Chief: Shawn Nesselrodt. Delegates: Sharon Paugh, James Browning Jr., Missi Nesselrodt, Shawn Nesselrodt, David K. Burrell Sr. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**LA PLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 728, 911 Washington Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646-0728; Charles County; Telephone: 301-934-9201 Fax: 301-934-4217; E-mail: president@laplatafiredepartment.com Website: laplatafiredepartment.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA. President: William Frazier, Vice President: Stephen Shahan, Secretary: Mary E. Gilroy, Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy, Chaplain: Joseph Gardiner Jr., Chief: Matthew E. Gilroy. Delegates: William A. Frazier, Lynn D. Gilroy, Robert Hutchins, Matthew E. Gilroy, Mary E. Gilroy. Alternates: Thomas Swann Sr.

**LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0871; E-mail: rreichert2@yahoo.com; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933. President: Steven Ellsworth, Vice President: Kimberly Pryor, Secretary: Kimberly C. Reichert, Treasurer, Chaplain: Earl T. Pryor III, Chief: Ryan N. Reichert. Delegates: Christopher Pryor, Kimberly Pryor. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**LAVALE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 3343, 977 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21504-3343; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-4458 Fax: 301-729-8191; E-mail: adam.m.miller@lavalerescue.org Website: lavalerescue.org; Organized: 1969; Chartered. President: Kenneth L. May, Vice President: Dianne G. Shoemaker, Secretary: Pamela DeVore, Treasurer: Scott C. Whetsell, Chaplain, Chief: Adam Miller. Delegates: None listed for 2015.
**LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-2401; E-mail: achall20@aol.com Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1941. President: Jerry White, Vice President: John Thursby, Secretary: Debbie Kartub, Treasurer: Ellen Thursby, Chaplain: Howard Belford, Chief: Timothy Hall. Delegates: Jane Huffman.

**LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-2401; E-mail: achall20@aol.com Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1941. President: Jerry White, Vice President: John Thursby, Secretary: Debbie Kartub, Treasurer: Ellen Thursby, Chaplain: Howard Belford, Chief: Timothy Hall. Delegates: Jane Huffman.

**LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-2401; E-mail: achall20@aol.com Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1941. President: Jerry White, Vice President: John Thursby, Secretary: Debbie Kartub, Treasurer: Ellen Thursby, Chaplain: Howard Belford, Chief: Timothy Hall. Delegates: Jane Huffman.

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Delegates: Gregory Albrecht, Clark Beall, Linda Albrecht.  Alternates: None listed for 2015.


**LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 50, 22733 Lawrance Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-475-8996 Fax: 301-475-8580; E-mail: ipscully11@gmail.com Website: lvfd1.org; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1929.  President: Gary S. Bell Sr., Vice President: Chris Bell, Secretary: J. Kevin Mattingly, Treasurer: George Kalnasy Jr., Chaplain, Chief: Jonathan Scully.  Delegates: Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly Sr., Carl B. Scully, Thomas A. Trossbach, Robert Trossbach.  Alternates: William M. Watts, Kevin Mattingly, Robert P. Abell Jr., John E. Wathen.

**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: Peter Woodburn, Vice President: Lisa Cooksey, Secretary: Billy Yost, Treasurer: Jaime Weber, Chaplain: Wendy Hite, Chief: Mary Ellen Borland.  Delegates: David Wright, Mary Della Trossbach, Jaime Weber.  Alternates: Amy Smith, Billy Yost, Lisa Cooksey.

**LEVEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3633 Level Village Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-3826; Fax: 410-734-7207; E-mail: kelopes@comcast.net; Website: levelvfc.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1954.  President: Dale Burkins, Vice President: Sandra Gallion, Secretary: Karen E. Lopes, Treasurer: Sharon Worthington, Chaplain: Diana Caudill, Chief: Daniel Hawkins.  Delegates: Gene Worthington, C. Dale Burkins, Alan Caudill, Nolan Gallion Jr., Russell Gallion.  Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**LEWISTOWN DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone 301-898-9988; Website: lewistownfire.org; Organized: 1970.  President: Donald R. Stull Sr.; Vice President: Charles Jenkins; Secretary: Karen Stull; Treasurer: Lena Stull; Chaplain: Pastor Elza Hurst, Chief: Vicky Martin.  Delegates: Vicky Martin, Donald Martin, Donald Stull Sr., Karen Stull, Wayne Wachter Jr.  Alternates: Steve Stull, Gerald Stull, Scott Stonesifer, Jacob Howell, Michael Fogle.

**LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 339, 21685 FDR Boulevard, Lexington Park, MD 20653; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-862-

**LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 33, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, MD 21762; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-9193; E-mail: daniel.p.more@gmail.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964. President: Michael Naill, Vice President: Mark Vasallo, Secretary: April Welsh, Treasurer: Richard Hemp, Chaplain, Chief: Chip Stevens. Delegates: Chip Jewell, Mike Naill, Doug Welsh, Larrie Welsh, George Norris. Alternates: John Lowman, Marty Fuller, Ryan Fuller.

**LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21102-3125; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-374-2197 Fax: 410-374-9254; Website: lineborovfd.org; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1919; Joined MSFA: 1915. President: Donald Fair II, Vice President: E. Tim Warehime, Secretary: Pat Alexander, Treasurer: Bette Sheperd, Chaplain: Dave Dickmyer, Chief: Kevin Kidd. Delegates: Donald Fair II, Marianne Warehime, Tim Warehime, John Tawes, Linas Saurusaitis. Alternates: None listed for 2015.


**LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Road, Lisbon, MD 21765; Howard County; Telephone: 410-489-4646; Fax: 410-489-7632; E-mail: dws8364@gmail.com; Website: lisbonvfc.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Curtis Lowrey, Vice President: Vacant, Secretary: Jeffrey Vogts, Treasurer: Simone Rochstroh, Chaplain: Lisa Bandel-Sparks, Chief: David Stull. Delegates: Ivan Betancourt, Paul Atwill, Carey McIntosh, Eric McIntosh, Kyle Stull. Alternates: Nicholas Larson.

**LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1499, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-6235; E-mail: mpepper@pepupinc.com; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1960.

**LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 4009, 4506 Long Green Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-592-8337; Website: lgvfc.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930. President: Skip Hayes, Vice President: Richard Eyre, Secretary: Bill Saur, Treasurer: Amber Butcher, Chaplain, Chief: Justin Ragaini. Delegates: Rick Eyre, Joel McCrea, Sherry Eyre, Ron Harrison, Justin Ragaini. Alternates: Bill Delcher, Greg Stollins, Amy Eyre, Katie Eyre, Bill Saur.

**LONGMEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY;** 19307 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Telephone: 301-797-5504 Fax: 301-797-7585; Email: fireco27@aol.com. Website: www.longmeadowfire.com. President: Vacant, Vice President: John Latimer, Secretary: Terry Martin, Treasurer: Sam Murray, Chaplain: Don Talbert, Chief: Jason Eckstine, Kiel Lyons, John Latimer, Terry Martin. Alternates: Bill Haines, Scott Adams.

**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 2015.

**LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 236, Westernport, MD 21562; 300 Grant Street, Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone 301-359-3311x3240; Email; tddayton@pennswoods.net; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: William Squires, Vice President: Danny Bever, Secretary: Jim Jenkins, Treasurer: Ron Files Sr., Chaplain: Philip Whetstone, Chief: Timothy Dayton. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Tim Dayton, Ron Carr, Dale Matthews, Travis Miller. Alternates: Jim Jenkins, Bill Squires, Dan Bever, Ron Files, Kathy Bever.

**LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 232,1609 Bellona Avenue, Lutherville, MD 21094; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7778 Fax: 410-252-3099; E-mail: jbkakel@comcast.net; Website: lvfc.com; Organized: 1909; Chatered:1909. President: Michael L. Huber, Vice President: James Cahn, Secretary: Janet M. O’Rourke, Treasurer: Josh Kakel; Chaplain, Chief: Capt. Mark Goodwin. Delegates: Michael L. Huber, Mark Goodwin, James Cahn, Steve Weatherby, Gus Siegel III. Alternates: Janet O’Rourke, Josh Kakel, Frank Barranco MD, James Doran, Brett Walker.

**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 Sr. Alternates: William Stevens Jr., Ronnie Reynolds, Ralph Stevens.
**MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-2286; Organized: 1885; Chartered: 1885; Joined MSFA: 1885. President: Richard Dell, Vice President: Elwin Wagner, Secretary: Ralph Dull, Treasurer: Corrie Sanders, Chaplain: Terri Lankford; Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Elwin Wagner, Ralph Dull, Malcom Helwig, Richard Dell, Danny Bloskey Sr. Alternates: Gary Eppley.

**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 MSFA: 1927. NO Credential were submitted for 2015


**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: mvfcc20@aol.com Website: marlborofire.com; Organized:1925; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Donald Strine, Vice President: Jeff Wyvill/Jay Tucker, Secretary: Edith Rippy, Treasurer: Nicole Hunter, Chaplain: Roberta Strine, Chief: Tim Clark. Delegates: Donald Strine, Jeff Wyvill, Jay Tucker, Tim Clark, Bobby Beavers. Alternates: Mark Wyvill, Eddie Bivens, Chris Hunter, James Atchison, Edith Rippy.

**MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 110 Firehouse Lane, Marydel, MD 21649; Caroline County; Telephone: 302-492-9917; Fax: 302-492-8908; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1940; Joined MSFA: 1940. President: Joe Collins, Vice President: Steve Bernat, Secretary: Jason Mills, Treasurer: Randy Barr, Chaplain, Chief: Gary Madden. Delegates: Les States, Randy Barr, Jason Mills, Sandy Houseman, Naomi Fields. Alternates: Marti Dehoff, Tony Albia, Sandy States.

**MARYLAND CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 3498 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, MD 20724; Anne Arundel County; Telephone 301-498-6161; Website: mcvfda.org; Organized: 1969; Chartered:1970. President: Kimberly Larsen, Vice President: Brian Strickland, Secretary: Amanda Bruns, Treasurer: Linda Henry-Isaacs, Chaplain, Chief: Ray Smallwood. Delegates: Kimberly Larsen, Joe Larsen Sr., Dawn Berry, Mary Louise Snidow, Amanda Bruns. Alternates: Joe Larsen Jr., Josh Strenger, David Tibbetts, Juliet Bain, Ray Smallwood.

**MARYLAND LINE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD 21105; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1932; E-mail: co450@bcvfa.org; Website: marylandlinefire.com; Organized: 1943;
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference


**MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD 21767-0716; Washington County; Telephone: 301-739-8515; Fax: 301-739-8516; E-mail: mgvfc@myactv.net Website: mgvfc.com. President: Phil Ridenour, Vice President: Brian Pile, Secretary: Jill Webb, Treasurer: Heather Ridenour, Chaplain: Leonard Horst, Chief: lan Swisher. Delegates: Steve Eby, Charles Shindle, Leonard Horst. Alternates: Phil Ridenour, lan Swisher, Dave Baer.

**MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 37, 28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-884-4709 Fax: 301-884-8602; E-mail president@mvfd.com Website www.mvfd.com; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1937. President: William Smith Jr., Vice President: Dennis Bellevou, Secretary: Darene Kleinsorgen, Treasurer: Tom Kidwell, Chaplain, Chief: John B. Raley Jr. Delegates: William Smith Jr., William Wilkerson, J. Paul Colonna, John S. Montgomery, John Raley. Alternates: Harold Anderson, David Sampson, James Adams Jr., Andy McWilliams, Brett Krabbe.

**MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 15, 28120 Old Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-884-2900; Website: www.co29.org; Organized: 1959; Chartered: 1959; Joined MSFA 1990. President: James Breeden, Vice President: Allen Bryant, Secretary, Diane M. Mangel, Treasurer: Joyce Downs, Chaplain, Chief: Jessica Vallandingham. Delegates: Jessica Vallandingham, Raith Roache, Diane Mangel. Alternates: None Listed.


**MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1100 Wilson Point Road, Middle River, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0362; E-mail: cao220@bcvfa.org Website: mrvc.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: James Akehurst, Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer: Chaplain: John Dulina, Chief. Delegates: Ryan Dovel, Chris Aryes. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 16634, 1913 Middleborough Road, Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0327; E-mail: cao230@bcvf0326a.org Website: www.23fire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: John Henderson, Vice President: Mark Dranbauer Sr.,

**MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 322, 13 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9070 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 Caho, Chief: Brent Harne. Delegates: Steve Nalborczyk Jr., Janie E. Nalborczyk, Wayne Smith, Debbie Smith, Brenda Cobletz. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**MIDLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – 14823 Broadway Avenue, Midland, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6631 Fax: 301-463-6631; Organized: 1900. President: James Reno, Vice President: Paul Fair, Secretary: Nicole O’Rourke, Treasurer: Barbara Knippenburg, Chaplain: Robert Blair, Chief: Michael McGowan. Delegates: Robert Knippenburg, Julie Blanco, Jesse James, Michelle McGowan, Corey Gatian. Alternates: Barbara Knippenburg, Paul Fair, JR Monahan, Steve Moore, Robby Crawford.

**MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-736-4343; E-mail: mvfd27@digizen.net Website: morningsidevfd27.com. President: David Hansen, Vice President: Charles Phillips, Secretary: Lisa McKlveen, Treasurer: Jamie Hansen, Chaplain, Chief: Michael Poekter. Delegates: None listed for 2015. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**MOUNT AETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 10305 Crystal Falls Drive, (21814 Black Rock Lane), Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-797-5555; E-mail: twootton@mtaetnafire.com; Website: www.mtaetnafire.com; Organized: 1967; Chartered: 1969. President: Tom Wootton, Vice President: Ned Householder, Secretary: Bethany Ridenour, Treasurer: Bob Spence, Chaplain: Dale Martin, Chief: Terry Stouffer. Delegates: Scott Smith, Dale Martin. Alternates: None listed 2015.

**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: kstull@mavfc.org. President: Bruce Walz, Vice President: Dan Caiola, Secretary: Janet Woodfield, Treasurer: James Linton Jr., Chaplain: Phil Ayers, Chief: Kenneth Stull. Delegates: Bruce Walz, Kenneth Stull, Dan Caiola, Doug Alexander, Matthew Bowles. Alternates: Jeff Lowman, Terry Baker, Richard Baker, Dale Lowman, Steven Stull.

**MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 533, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-264-3333, Fax: 301-264-3145; E-mail: co15@gmail.com; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined


MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. - 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-9817 Fax: 301-293-9828; Email: rebeccaustin*@yahoo.com Website: myersvillevfc.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925. No credentials submitted for 2015.


NECK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 954 Cooks Point Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-2434; E-mail: neckdistrictvfc@gmail.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Bill Rock, Vice President: Marty Heiberger, Secretary: Sonya Parham, Treasurer: Sandy Russum, Chaplain, Chief: Dennis Russum. Delegates: Dennis Russum, Eddie Howard. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**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; Email: fpdep1@xecu.net; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1955. No credentials submitted for 2015.

**NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-0543; E-mail: emtb01nmmvfc9@aol.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Matthew Moser, Vice President: George Nicholson, Secretary: Jusy Smith, Treasurer: Joe Lenhart, Chaplain: Monroe Main, Chief: Gary Keller. Delegates: Gary Keller, Nancy Keller. 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; Email: info@nwfd10.org Website: nwfd10.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. President: Rick Fritz, Vice President: Richard Hooper, Secretary: Sarah Lowman, Treasurer: Jack Coe, Chaplain: Neal Roop, Chief: Tom Coe. Delegates: Rick Fritz, Richard Hooper, Felix Hill, Tom Coe, Dianne Gunderson. Alternates: Dave Coe, Brad Kreimer, Kellen Toop.
NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 82, 8338 Newark Road, Newark, MD 21841; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3980 Fax: 410-632-0915; E-mail: jbarbely@aol.com; Organized: 1929. President: James C. Barbely, Vice President: Clint Timmons, Secretary: Jackie Carey, Treasurer: James Scott, Chaplain: Sherrwood McGrafft, Chief: Warren Bevard. Delegates: Tom Henman, Chris Seymour. Alternates: None listed.

**NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 9, 12245 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD 20664; Charles County; Telephone: 301-259-2105; Website: nvrsfd.org; Organized: 1988; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA. President: Stephan Johnson, Vice President: Ronnie Wright, Secretary, Phyllis Viars, Treasurer: Terry Langley, Chaplain: John Henry Thomas, Chief: George Edelen. Delegates: George Hayden, George Edelen, Lisa Yates, Mike Abell, Phyllis Viars, Cathy Murphy. Alternates: Hohn Henry Thomas, Lisa Yates, Harry Knight.


**NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 86, 8536 Bayside Road, North Beach, MD 20714; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-257-6564 Fax: 301-855-2271; E-mail: nbvfdpresident@gmail.com; Website: northbeachfire.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1947. President: Jeffrey Idol, Vice President: William Hardesty, Secretary: John Gott Jr., Treasurer: Eric Brumley, Chaplain: Father David Russell, Chief: Dave Devere. Delegates: Richard Cress, Jimmy Dickerson, Dave Devere, Joey Keller, Billy Gee. Alternates: Robert Allen, Wally Gooding.

**NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 770, 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD 21901; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-8222 Fax: 410-287-6913; Email: admin@nefc4.com Website: nefc4.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. President: Gabe Garzia, Vice President: Howard Flower, Secretary: Kathy Scott, Treasurer: Lyn Nickle, Chaplain: Phil Meekins, Chief: Steve Piatelli. Delegates: Howard Flower, Hohn Hamilton IV, Charles Stewart, Steve Piatelli, Monica Penhollow. Alternates: None listed.

**NORTH POINT EDGEMERE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 7500 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7554; E-mail: palcher687@aol.com; Website: npevfd26.org; Organized: 1936; Chartered: 1936. President: Al Palcher, Vice President: Timothy Pace, Secretary: Patricia Pace, Treasurer: Albert Palcher, Chaplain: James Caris, Chief: Matthew Paul. Delegates: Jim Riegel Sr., Jonathan Tarburton, James Harvey, Timothy Pace. Alternates: None Listed.
**NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 293, 124 Miller Street, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5520 Fax: 301-895-4618; E-mail: ngcrs@verizon.net; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Cody Wilt, Vice President: Gary Teats, Secretary: Nancy Savage, Treasurer: Harold Fike, Chaplain: Patricia Bowser, Chief: Barry Beal. Delegates: Patricia Bowser, Gary Teats, Mike Simmons. 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 2015.

**OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1409 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City; MD 21842; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-289-4346 Fax: 410-289-8421; E-mail: robertboduke@hotmail.com; Website: www.ocvfc.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1926. President: James Jester, Vice President: Michael LeCompte, Secretary: Sean Donovan, Treasurer: Conner Braniff, Chaplain: Phillip Turk, Chief: Robert Duke. Delegates: Roger Steger Sr., Reggie Bell, J. Paul Adkins, Jim Smith, Larry Lewis. Alternates: William Carey, Charles Bunting, Maurice Cropper, David Cropper, Michael LeCompte.


**ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-674-4444 Fax: 410-672-0758; Email joinovfc@verizon.net, Website: ovfc28.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Robert L. Rose, Vice President: Wylie L. Donaldson, Secretary: Michael C. Davis, Treasurer: David M. Svadeba, Chaplain, Chief: Joseph McNally. Delegates: David W. Lewis, John E. Rose, Wylie L. Donaldson, Bob Rose, Charles Rogers. Alternates: Michael C. Davis, Craig Harman, Bill Lewis, Paul Gunshol, Mark Telfer.

**OLDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 83, 18712 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555-0083; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-5151 Fax: 301-478-5400; E-mail: co13@allconet.org Website: www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd. President: Royce Crebtree Jr., Vice President: Kevin Bender, Secretary: Cindy Crabtree, Treasurer: Dennis Mallery, Chaplain: Rodger Long, Chief: Ken Wolford Jr. Delegates: Dennis Mallery, Rodger Long, Cindy Crabtree, Royce Crabtree Jr., Ken Wolford Jr. Alternates: Kevin Bender, Justin Hetrick, Randon Crabtree, Mark Crabtree.

**ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 654, 7549 Solley Road, Pasadena, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1505

**ORELEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 12210 Orleans Road, NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2229 Fax: 301-478-3699; E-mail: orchidbeach11@yahoo.com Website: orchidbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Janet M. Elbin, Vice President: Robert Littleton, Secretary: Pamela Pyles, Treasurer: Judith Sowers, Chaplain: Robert Littleton, Chief: John Clingerman. Delegates: Michael Yonker, Randy Pyles, Pam Pyles. Alternates: Shannon Elbin, Danny Pyles, Jason Reed.


**OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-226-5110; E-mail: henryshale@gmail.com Website: www.oxfordfireco.org; Chartered: 1926. President: Henry Hale, Vice President: Tim Kearns, Secretary: David Baker, Treasurer: Cionnie Greenhawk, Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Cross, Chief: Jon Fox. Delegates: Richard Smith, Richard Schmitt, Steve Mroczek, John Sullivan. Alternates: None listed.

**OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 259, 6300 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20750; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-567-1038, Fax: 301-839-0925; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Mark Adkins Sr., Vice President: Vincent Washington, Secretary: Napoleon Epps Sr., Treasurer: David Jones Jr., Chaplain, Chief: Darryl Lowery. Delegates: Mark Adkins Sr., Darryl Lowery, Napoleon Epps Sr., David Jones Jr., Patrick Wise. Alternates: None listed.

**PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 208, 33030 Old Ocean City Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-742-2408; E-mail: sewmedic@yahoo.com Website: parsonsburgfire.com. President: Jeff Willis, Vice President: Chelsea Massey, Secretary: David Brimer, Treasurer: Carol Fisher, Chaplain: Josh Engle, Chief: Steve White. Delegates: Steve White, Eric Tyler, Jeff Willis, Leigh Tyler, Mike Parsons. Alternates: None listed 2015.

**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: pvfd32.org; Organized: 1897. President:
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference


**PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY TRUCK 1, INC.** – PO Box 2799, 21 West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21741; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3338 Fax: 301-733-3368. President: Rodney McCoy, Vice President: James Burdett, Secretary: Frances Marshal, Treasurer: Rita McCoy, Chaplain: Jack Emery, Chief: Rodney McCoy. Delegates: Rodney McCoy, James Burdett, Frances Marshal, Steve Ashby, Rita McCoy. Alternates: None Listed 2015.

**PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 387, 7447 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-2323; E-mail wknapp2@aol.com; Website pvfd.4t.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929. President: Anthony Webster, Vice President: Ronald Adkins, Secretary: Gene Peavley, Treasurer: Jennifer Hammond, Chaplain, Chief: George Whited III. Delegates: Essel Ted Farlow, Essel Tad. Farlow III, George Whited III, Mark Bratten, Roland Adkins. Alternates: Michael Farlow, George Whited Jr, Shawn Townsend, Joshua Farlow, Steve Records.

**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: mgist@pleasantvalleyfire.org Website: pleasantvalleyfire.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931. President: Michael Stewart, Vice President: James Mora Sr., Secretary: Nancy Wagner, Treasurer: John Wagner, Chaplain: Donna Geiman, Chief: Michael Gist. Delegates: Richard Smith, Jack Wagner, Charlie Simpson, James Mora Sr., Jeffrey Geiman. Alternates: Stephen Wantz, Michael Swartzbaugh.

POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – Pocomoke City, MD 21851; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-957-2310; Website: pocomokefire.com; Organized: 1888. No Credentials submitted for 2015.


**POTOMAC HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 73 Glymont Road, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-7700 Fax: 301-743-6814; Website: phvfd.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Robert E. Collins Sr., Vice President: John T.

**POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2130; E-mail: ac11@myactv.net; Website: potomacvalleyfire.com; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1975. President: Amber R. Hewett, Vice President: Adam McMillian, Secretary: Kristen McCoy, Treasurer, Chaplain: Henry Ingram, Chief: Eric L. Gray. Delegates: Henry Ingram, Arnold Martin, Ronnie Gray, Jeffrey Martin, Amber Hewett. Alternates: Jeanne Gray, Roger Otzelberger Jr., Donal Warfield.

POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-8181; Fax: 410-835-2059; E-mail: cward@powellvillefire.com Website: www.powellvillefire.com; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1962; Joined MSFA: 1963. President: Chuck Ward, Vice President: Travis Dennis, Secretary: Tyler Disharoon, Treasurer: Kevin White, Chaplain, Chief: Willis Disharoon. Delegates: None listed for 2015.

**PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 44, 3680 Choptank Road, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-673-7874; Fax: 410-673-1138; Website: pvfc200.com; Organized: 1927. President: Mike Bradley, Vice President: Russell Dukes, Secretary: Jennifer Kenton, Treasurer: Lori Jester Childers, Chaplain: Bob Wahl, Chief: Troy Plutschak. Delegates: Richie Childers, Russell Dukes, Donnie Chesseman. 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: 410-535-3655; Email: pfvfdjwo@verizon.net; Website: pfvfd.org; Organized: 1940. President: Patrick F. Hassler, Vice President: James Cox, Secretary: Linda F. Reamy, Treasurer: Alan Billings, Chaplain: Michael Bowen, Chief: Fred Holzberger IV. Delegates: Dwight Armiger, Michael Bowen, William Reamy, Thomas Scott III, Mark Carrico. Alternates: Linda Reamy, Theresa Bowen, James Cox, Brian Ficke, Nancy Scott.

**PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 346, 755 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD. 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-5365 410-535-5750; Email: jwelpf@hotmail.com; Website: pfvrs.org; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: Robert Francis, Vice President: Roland “Sonny” Brady, Secretary: Carrie Hooper, Treasurer: Keith Ferreir, Chaplain: Todd Marple, Chief: Stanis Inscoe. Delegates: Stanis Inscoe, Cora Stockhausen, Dennis Plugge, Keith Ferreir. Alternates: None Listed.

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY VOLUNTEER MARINE FIRE & RESCUE, Inc. – 13600 King Charles Terrace, Ft. Washington, MD 20744; Prince George’s County; Telephone:
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PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2144; E-mail: pavfc@verison.com; Organized: 1914. President: Van Muir, Vice President: Keith Widdowson, Secretary: Jenny Cottman, Treasurer: Robert Murphy, Chief: Marion Mister Jr. No Credentials submitted for 2015.

**PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 9702, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-828-9029; E-mail: joseph.henham@gmail.com Website: 222pvfc29.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Joseph Benham, Vice President: Philip Darr, Secretary: Mary Rivera, Treasurer: Jeff Mims, Chaplain, Chief: Geoff Donahue. Delegates: Joseph Benham, Geoffrey Donahue, Philip Darr, Mary Rivera, Thomas Rice Jr. Alternates: None listed.

**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; Website: qahvfc.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945. President: Philip Starkey Jr., Vice President: Danny McNeal, Secretary: Thomas DiFatta, Treasurer: Linda Chalupa, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Morgan. Delegates: David Chaires, Danielle Hayes. Alternates: None listed 2015.

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 2015.

RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone 301-729-8229; Email ronniecarr@hotmail.com; Organized: 1985; Chartered: 1985; Joined MSFA:1986. President: Wesley Foor, Vice President: R. Garth Nasser, Secretary: Paul Gaetani, Treasurer: Paul Gaetani, Chaplain: Wesley Foor, Chief: Ronald Carr III. Delegates: Wes Foor, Ron Carr, Paul Gaetani. Alternates: None listed 2015.

**REESE AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-7172; E-mail: reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org Website: reesevfc.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Phil Hild, Vice President: Norman Schaeffer, Secretary: Barbara McComas, Treasurer: Marion Davidson Jr., Chaplain: Lori Davidson-Bell, Chief: Donald Love. Delegates: Norman Schaeffer, 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. No Credentials submitted for 2015.

**RESCUE FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 776, 8 Washington Street, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-1670; Website: rescuefirecompany.org; Organized: 1881; Chartered: 1882. President: Wayne Cook, Vice President: Janice Banks, Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Timothy McCarter, Chaplain: Gary Hickman, Chief: Brian Willey. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Frank Horsman, Don Kinnamon. Alternates: Linda Horsman, Walter Heisler.


**RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 520, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD 20680-0520; 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: Francis Raley, Vice President: James I. Raley, Secretary: Phillip R. Cooper Jr. Treasurer: John E. Wathen Jr., Chaplain: Monsignor Karl Chimiak, Chief: Bruce R. Raley. Delegates: Francis Raley, Robert Raley, John E. Wathen Jr., Ray Mercure, Bruce R. Raley. Alternates: Phillip R. Cooper, Robert Lee Owens, Paul Balta Jr, Leon Cullison, Joseph Raley.


**RIDGE GELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 425, 8 West First Street, Ridgely, MD 21660; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-634-2424 Fax: 410-634-2798; E-mail: tjgunderson10@comcast.net Website: rvfd400.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1928. President: Timothy Gunderson, Vice President: George Cohey, Secretary: Tammy Taylor, Treasurer: Bryan Ebling, Chaplain, Chief: Louis Hayes. Delegates: Bryan Ebling, Wayne Winchester, John Hurley, Rick Baker, Tammy Taylor. Alternates: Barbie Utz, Bobby Utz, Justin Ebling, Lauren Ebling, Louis Hayes.

**RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-336-3731; E-mail: info@ritchie37.com Website: ritchie37.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1966; Joined MSFA: 1970. President: Steve Wilson, Vice President: Steven Bernard,

**RIVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 602, 3123 Riva Road, Riva, MD 21140; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-956-2910; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1940. President: John Fluharty, Vice President, Secretary: David E Carr, Treasurer: Maurice E. Carr, Chaplain, Chief. Delegates: Maurice E. Carr, John Fluharty, David E. Carr. Alternates: Joel Greenwell, Edgar Yost.

**RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 6101 Roanoke Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-883-7713; Email: info@rhvfd.org Website: rhvfd13.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925. President: Robert Goninan, Vice President, Secretary: Shawntel Collins, Treasurer: Sarah Dofflemeyer, Chaplain, Chief: Aldo Zambrana. Delegates: Robert Goninan, Aldo Zambrana, Shawntel Collins, Sarah Dofflemeyer, Todd Reedy. Alternates: Shariff Thomas, Troy Emelio, Sharon Shoemaker, Andrew Canter.

RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-927-0356; E-mail: chief7b@gmail.com Web Site: www.riverdalevfd.org. Delegates: Steve Lamphier, James Johns, Brian Carpio, Kevin Nash, Nova Johns. Alternates: None submitted for 2015.

**RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 301, 8506 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1314; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932. President: Jason Gallo, Vice President: Edward Kiser, Secretary: Kimberly Smith, Treasurer: Russ Zaccari, Chaplain: William Zamostny, Chief: George Smith. Delegates: John Spiker Sr., Russel Schlick, Jay Shipley, David Rictor, Timmy Johnson. Alternates: Russ Zaccari.


**ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1547, 380 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20849; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-424-0310 Fax: 301-294-4721; E-mail: president@rvfd.org Website: www.rvfd.org; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921. President: T. Cosgrove Jones. No other information submitted for 2015.


**ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.** – 8037 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-866-4042; Email: charles.leiss@capitalone.com; Website: rosedalevfd.com; Organized: 1930. President: Raymond Bartock, Vice President: Kate Shawler, Secretary: Michelle Harding, Treasurer: Chuck McJilton, Chaplain, Chief: Chuck Leiss. Delegates: Bill Pearson, Richard Gross, Eric Endrayas, Scott Dorer. Alternates: Dave Potts, Scott Small.


**SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1** - 1100 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3127; E-mail: folskeychuck@yahoo.com Website www.salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1986; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Chuck Foskey, Vice President: William David Elliott, Secretary: Justin Elliott, Treasurer: Eric Foskey, Chaplain: Reverend Knoudrop, Chief: Richard Hoppes. Delegates: Justin L. Elliott, Eric Foskey, David Elliott, David Cooper, Ken Vickers. Alternates: Chuck Foskey, Cory Polidore.

**SALISBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2** – PO Box 3381 (zip 21802), 801 Brown Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3125; Website: salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1930. President: Bryan Cook, Vice President: Justin Byrd, Secretary: Luann Hampshire, Treasurer: Corey Allensworth, Chaplain: Roger Koundrop, Chief: Richard Hoppes. Delegates: Bryan Cook, Richard Childers, Corey Allensworth, Brad Sparrow, Rob Strobel. Alternates: Rob Layfield, David Bowling, Calub Stockdill.

**SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 295, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-
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**SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 905, 8521 Corridor Road, Savage, MD 20763; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-8754; Fax: 410-313-8768; E-mail: goofman2320@yahoo.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937. President: Michael Hitt, Vice President: Kristin Cox, Secretary: Charisa Carkhuff, Treasurer: Alan Conway, Chaplain: Paul Epstein, Chief: Ronald Hunley. Delegates: Michael Hitt, Terry Thompson, Ronald Hunley, Maynard Wines, Norman Wines. Alternates: George Clayton, David Brosky, Kevin Larkins Jr., David Hunley, Ray Wines.

**SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 6305 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-336-2331; E-mail: marcus.jones@seatpleasantfire.com; Website: www.seatpleasantfire.com; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1915. Delegates: Marcus Jones, Kevin Brenner, Joseph Johnson, Nicole Bennett, Dan Varroney. Alternates: Bryce Mendez, Aaron Marshall, Acacia Daniels, Phillip Martin, Cassandra Alexander.


**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: pfefferlenny@gmail.com; Website: www.secretaryvfc.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined: MSFA: 1938. President: George Pfeffer Jr., Vice President: Sam Yockey, Secretary: Susan Kirwan, Treasurer: Amanda Gullion, Chaplain, Chief: William Gullion III. Delegates: Samuel B. Yockey, Michael W. Larrimore Sr., William Gullion III, Ryan Bramble, Christopher Short. Alternates: Amanda Gullion, David Cox, John Burton, Brian Kimmey, George Pfeffer Jr.

**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.
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**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: Amy Farr, Treasurer: Steve Lawrence, Chaplain: George Kennett, Chief: Hattie Norris. Delegates: Melissa Friess-Bailey, 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; Email: co17@allconet.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. No credentials submitted 2015.

**SHARPSBURG AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.** – PO Box 307, 110 ½ West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone 301-432-5348 Fax 301-432-6456; E-mail: lester.bussard@saems19.org Website: sharpsburgems.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968. President: Peggy Myers, Vice President: Diane Reid, Secretary: Ashley Grimm, Treasurer: Mack Neikirk, Chaplain: Delancy Chaplett, Chief: Lester Bussard. Delegates: Bob Moncrief, Peggy Myers, Ashley Grimm, Diane Reid, Mack Neikirk. Alternates: Theda Dofflemyer, Priscilla Myers.

**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: brandenb@comcast.net Website: sharpsburgfire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944. President: Jay Brandenburg, Vice President: Daryl Benner, Secretary: Dolly Jones, Treasurer: Ron Delauney, Chaplain: Rev. Delancy Catlett, Chief: Chris Mullendore. Delegates: Harry E. Gossard, W. Allen James, Jay Morgan, Jay Brandenburg, Bob Moncrief. Alternates: None listed.

**SHARPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 307, 402 Church Street, Sharptown, MD 21861; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-883-3131; Fax: 410-883-3043; E-mail: president@sharptown.net Website: www.sharptown.net; Organized: 1926; President: Jack Bennett, Vice President: Eric Gosnell, Secretary: Brenda L. Marvil, Treasurer: Linda Lambrose, Chaplain, Chief: William White; Delegates: Tommy Bowden, Ted Fletcher. Alternates: Jack Bennett.

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 submitted for 2015.

**SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-
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**SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-587-3400 Fax: 301-588-3548; Email: deana.o@montgomerycountymd.com; Website: www.silverspringvfd.org; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1918. President: Deana Cairo, Vice President: George Peet, Secretary: Susan Myatt, Treasurer: Gerald Leener, Chaplain, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Burton Brenner, Susan Myatt, Barry Contee, Harold Traver, Margaret Fowke. Alternates: Arnold Passman, George Peet.

**SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922-0444; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-2078 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; E-mail: president@smithburgvfc.org Website: www.smithburgvfc.org; Organized:1932; Chartered: 1933. President: Charlse Blake Sr., Vice President: Glenn Fishack Sr., Secretary: Barb Miller, Treasurer: Barry Gipp, Chaplain, Chief: G. Dale Fishack Jr. Delegates: Dale Fishack, Glenn Fishack, Phil Rohrer, Don Bradburn, Raymond Slick. Alternates: Margaret Fishack, Pat Smith, Charlse Blake Sr., Chandler Fishack.

**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. No Credentials submitted for 2015.

**SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 83, 4718 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2110 Fax: 410-632-3911; Website: snowhillfire.com; Organized: 1897; Chartered: 1897. President: Alfred Larson, Vice President: Billy Layfield, Secretary: Barb Miller, Treasurer: Howard Stephens, Chaplain: Jim Phillips, Chief: Troy Heiser. Delegates: Richard Mills Jr., Bobby Davis, Billy Layfield. Alternates: None Listed.

**SOLONANS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 189, 13150 H G Trueman Road, Solomons, MD 20688; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-326-6657; Website: www.svrsfd.org; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Bernie Shea, Vice President: Fred Sheckels, Secretary: Kiersten Shea, Treasurer: Matt Neel, Chaplain: Bill Miller, Chief: Joe Ford. Delegates: Fred Sheckels,

**SOUTH HAGERSTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 409 West First Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3337; E-mail: southhagerstownfire@myactv.com; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932. President: Clinton Rowland, Vice President: Jack Coffelt, Secretary: Todd Cochrane, Treasurer: Jerry L. Cummingham, Chaplain: Mr. Burdette, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Jerry Cunningham, William Hastings. Alternates: None Listed.

**SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC** - PO Box 378, 200 Baltimore Avenue, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-3000; E-mail: emtmayne@gmail.com; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 2000. President: Ann Smith, Vice President: Sam Moon, Secretary: Karen Royer, Treasurer: Naomi Swartzentruber, Chief: Johnny Mayne. Delegates: none listed for 2015.

**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: 410-586-3200; E-mail: president@slvfd.com Website: slvfd.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982. President: Raleigh Midkiff, Vice President: Earnie Earnshaw, Secretary: Ginger Weasenforth, Treasurer: Keith Graham, Chaplain: Alexander Keith Graham, Chief: Ricky Weems II. Delegates: Raleigh Midkiff, Ricky Weems II, George Anderson, Earnie Ernshaw, Dan Baker Jr. Alternates: Michelle Weems, Ricky Weems Sr., David Garrett, Sterling Myers.

**ST. MARY’S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT** - PO Box 2421, 41550 Doctor’s Crossing Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-690-2044; E-mail: dscooley@erols.com Website: smcals.org; Organized: 1983; Chartered: 1983; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Scott Cooley, Vice President: Eva Jones, Secretary: Hattie Norris, Treasurer: Debbie Kenney, Chaplain: Peter Woodburn, Chief: Paul Koch. Delegates: Scott Cooley, Paul Koch, Michael Barnett, Eva Jones, Hattie Nottis. Alternates: Nick Harrison, Debbie Kenney.


**STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1501 Snow Hill Road, Stockton, MD 21864; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3030, Fax: 410-632-3075; E-mail tom@bbcs.net; Organized: 1924. President: Thomas C. Beauchamp, Vice President: John Foxwell, Secretary: Chris Riddleberger, Treasurer: Tim Wynne, Chaplain: David Selby, Chief: Neil A. Payne. Delegates: Tim Wynne, Neil Payne, Tim Jerscheid, Jimmy

**SUDLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 61, 203 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD 21668; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-438-3155. President: Michael Faust, Vice President: Kurt Wise, Secretary: Pam Wise, Treasurer: Nicole Brown, Chaplain, Chief: T. Robert Blackston. Delegates: Michael Faust, Robert Nicholson Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

**SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 58, 911 Revolution Street, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-1920; Organized: 1902. No Credentials submitted for 2015.

**SYKESVILLE FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-8021; E-mail: sfdfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us Website: www.sykesvillefire.org; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933; Joined MSFA: 1935. President: Kevin Shiloh, Vice President: Brian Bowman, Secretary: Paula Buck, Treasurer: Susan Tarrant, Chaplain: Deacon Charles Barnhart, Chief: Glenn Ruch, Jr. Delegates: Kevin Shiloh, Brian Bowman, Paula Buck, Glenn Buch Jr., Lynn Gabler. Alternates: None Listed.

**TAKOMA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-8954; Fax: 301-270-1906; E-mail: elmer.hamm@montgomerycountymd.gov Website: tpvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1922. President: Elmer E. Hamm, Vice President: Richard Willey, Secretary: Stephen Novik, Treasurer: Bruce Allen, Chaplain: David Hooker, Chief: Thomas Musgrove. Delegates: James E. Jarboe, Thomas Musgrove, Glenn Butts, Richard Willey, Enrique Alfaro. Alternates: Andrew Willey, Leslie Deleon, Mark Anastasti, Armin Cannon, Jorge Alfaro.

**TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-751-0506; Website: tvfc5.org. President: James Haines, Vice President: Donald Shoemaker, Secretary: Daniel Haines, Treasurer: James Parker, Chaplain: Jordon Brauning, Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: Tom Hogg, Craig Austin, Jim Parker, Phil Petry, Steve Aberts. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**TAYLOR’S ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 277, 501 Taylor’s Island Road, Taylor’s Island, MD 21669; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3524; E-mail: myislandlady@gmail.com. President: Patti C. Tieder; Vice President: Anna Grossnickle, Secretary: Ed Bacon, Treasurer: Paul Mace, Chaplain: Rev. Robert Kirkley, Chief: JB Tieder. Delegates: Patti C. Tieder, JB Tieder, Ed Bacon, Paul Mace, Anna Grossnickle. Alternates: John Cutter, Josh Tieder, Jack Smakow.

**TENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 522, 7035 Poorhouse Road, Marbury, MD 20658; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-2080; Fax: 301-743-6096; E-mail: dhhudson@comcast.net Website: tdvfd8.com; Organized:
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**THE BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince Georges’s County; Telephone: 301-927-5713, Fax: 301-927-5713; E-mail: steven.king551@gmail.com; Organized: 1951. President: Steven King, Vice President: William Boardus Jr., Secretary: Jennifer Hampton, Treasurer: Alicia Reidy, Chaplain: Edward Mutchler, Chief: John Moats. Delegates: Steven King, Edward Mutchler, Marcus Ford, Richard Melito, Laura Moats. Alternates: John Moats, Curtis King, Anthony King Jr., Byron Hope, Lawrence Moats.

THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE, INC. – 27 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-7550 Fax: 301-271-0167; E-mail: lke2807732@aol.com; Organized: 1953; 1985. President: Lowman Keeney, Vice President: Dave Riffle, 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, 5697 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-886-2101 Fax: 410-886-2677; E-mail: tivfc@verizon.net; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1938. President: Charlie Schneider, Vice President: Eleene Reese, Secretary: Linda Gottleib, Treasurer: Charlotte Fluharty, Chaplain: Rev. Landon, Chief: Billy Lednum. Delegates: Neal Lednum, David McQuay. Alternates: None Listed.

**TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 86, 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD 21673; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-476-3535; E-mail: trappevfd@verizon.net; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935. President: Ben Diefenderfer, Vice President: Lou Diefenderfer, Secretary: Kayleigh Davis, Treasurer: Mike Marshall, Chaplain, Chief: Nick Newman. Delegates: George McCracken. Alternates: Evan Roe.

**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; 1999. President: David Sweitzer, Vice President: Pamela Burkett, Secretary: Leeann Abernathy, Treasurer: Travis Mayhew, Chaplain: Thomas Morgan, Chief: Robert Pattison. Delegates: David Sweitzer, Pamela Burkett, Tim Connor, Robert Pattison, Josh Burkett. Alternates: Carey Williams, Chris Green.

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 2015.
**UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1050, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-775-7402 Fax: 410-857-8775; E-mail: tomsgarber@aol.net; Website: www.ubfc8.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1889; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Thomas M. Garber, Vice President: David Buffington, Secretary: Linda Bostian, Treasurer: Michael Kreimer, Chaplain: Rev. Richard Michael, Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Doug Bostian, Jerry Harris, Tom Garber, Chad Green. Alternates: George Wentz, David Nelson.

**UNITED COMMUNITIES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 939, 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-643-1162 Fax: 410-643-1163; E-mail: rsiarnicki@aol.com Website: www.ucvfd.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Ronald J. Siarnicki, Vice President: Tylor Patton, Secretary: Pat Neil, Treasurer: Charles Ferrin, Chaplain: Mary Alice Van Hoy, Chief: A.J. Papa. Delegates: Tyler Patton, Tim Thomas, Mike Levasseur, Rick Ringenbach, Kent Whalen. Alternates: AJ Papa, Lisa Tona, Chris Tona, Kevin Henderson, Brad Childress.

**UNITED STEAM ENGINE FIRE COMPANY NO.3, INC.** – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1711; E-mail: ufcsgraham@comcast.net Website: ufc3.org; Organized: 1845; Chartered: 1905; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: James Graham, Vice President: John Droneyburg, Secretary: Angie Hummer, Treasurer: Chris Apperson, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Marc McNeal. Delegates: Jerry Dorsey, Marie O’Brien, Rick O’Bries, Tammy Dorsey, Jeanna Panarella. Alternates: Derek Graham.

**UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-972-8719 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: Penny Jones, Treasurer: Michael Burns, Chaplain: Fr. Kevin O’Reilly, Chief: Mike White. Delegates: Ross Meem, Mike White, Robby Bliss, Bob Settelmaier, Jeffrey Eck. Alternates: Earl Moore, Dick Bauer.


**VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 5, 301 Ocean Gateway, Vienna, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-376-3319 Fax: 410-376-3319; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935. No Credentials submitted for 2015.

**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: tomsgarber@aol.net
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VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 7359, 4000 Benson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-242-3131 Fax: 410-877-1470; E-mail: williamswann410@gmail.com Website: violetvillevfd.com; Organized: 1906; Chartered: 1945. President: Charles Weber Jr., Vice President: Albert Wingrove, Secretary: John Rudasil, Treasurer: Carolyn Connell, Chaplain: Melvin Rositzky Sr., Captain: William Swann. Delegates: None listed for 2015.


**VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS, INC. - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-883-7705 E-Mail jemcclelland1@co.pg.md.us 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, Rima Sifri, Albert Adams, Kimberly F. Lee. Alternates: Charles L. Baldi, Charles E. Miller, David S Breeden Jr., Jennifer A. McClelland, Robert E. McClelland Jr.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CHESAPEAKE CITY, INC. – 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-885-5951; E-mail: terryferguson31@yahoo.com Website: chesapeakecity2and12.com; Organized: 1911; Chartered: 1911; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Terry Ferguson, Vice President: Jimmy Wadkins, Secretary: Heather Loveless, Treasurer: Ed Long Sr., Chaplain: Robert Loller, Chief: John Loveless Sr. Delegates: Frankie StubbS, Donald L. Briscoe, John Toulson, Donald Briscoe, Theresa Sweetman. Alternates: John Loveless Sr., Terry Ferguson, Jimmy Wadkins, Jennie Brockell, Esther Glanding.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF HYDE PARK, INC.** – 1449 Sussex Road, Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0329 Fax: 410-391-4718; E-mail: bfastboats@hotmail.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Matt Wooden, Vice President: Josh Horton, Secretary: Rebecca Schield, Treasurer: William Stump, Chaplain: Fran Pollock Sr., Chief. Delegates: John Alban III, Josh Horton, Anthony Schield, Matt Wooden, John Alban Jr. Alternates: Fran Pollock Sr., Rebecca Schield, James Francis, William Stump, Joe Sturgill.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD OF WEST LANHAM HILLS, MD, INC.** - 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, MD 20784; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-883-7728 Fax 301-731-5163; Website www.wlhvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. No Credentials submitted for 2015.

**WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20601; Charles County; Telephone: 301-645-3000 Fax: 301-870-0136; Email: jrhayden12awvfd@yahoo.com Website: waldorfvfd.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: David C. VanGasbeck, Vice President: Ron Marth, Secretary: Karen Brandt, Treasurer: Mike Strain, Chaplain, Chief: J. R. Hayden. Delegates: Bobbie Stevens, Daniel J. Stevens, David VanGasbeck, Bill Bauer, Thomas Edwards. Alternates: J. R. Hayden, Mike Strain, Paul Purcell, Vernon Monday, Ron Marth.

**WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 425, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9110; E-mail: jtzimmerman@verizon.net Website: www.walkersvillefire.com; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1940. President: John Zimmerman, Vice President: Brian Hildebrand, Secretary: Brenda Staley, Treasurer: James Graham, Chaplain: Chad Weddle, Chief: Matt Staley. Delegates: Brian Hildebrand, Matt Staley, Billy Horine. Alternates: None Listed.

**WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – 73 W. Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-845-8875 Fax: 301-845-6058; E-mail: smaxey2@aol.com Website: www.wrc24.com; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977; Joined MSFA: 1978. President: Sandra Maxey, Vice President: Cindy Cramer, Secretary: Lindsey Kelly, Treasurer: Chuck Hanfman, Chaplain: Ellie Gilbert, Chief: William Cramer. Delegates: Topper Cramer, Craig Moore, Jeff Huggins. Alternates: None Listed.

**WATER WITCH FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 324, 15 North Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21904; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-378-4133 Fax: 410-378-9343; E-mail: circled@zoominternet.net Website: http://wwfco.com; Organized: 1844. President: William Dill, Vice President: Keith Williams, Secretary: Ashley Hennemuth, Treasurer: Fred Mott, Chaplain: Rev. George Hipkins, Chief: Greg Miller. Delegates: Wayne Tome Sr., Fred Mott, Tony Dimaro Sr., Karen Mott, Richard Brooks. Alternates: None listed.
**WEST ANnapolis VOlunteer FIRE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, INC.** – 121 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-266-8066; E-mail: pwbeal19@aacounty.org Website: wavfd.org; Organized: 1911. President: Douglas M. Beall, Vice President: Linderman L. Burkhart, Secretary: Andrew Clemenko, Treasurer: Kenneth Blackwell, Chaplain: James Caufield III, Chief: Robert E. Vice Jr. Delegates: Gayle C. Bender, Wayne Bender, Douglas Beall, Robert Vice Jr., Penny Nichols. Alternates: Linderman Burkhart, Andrew Clemenko, Kenneth Blackwell, James Caufield III.

**WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 439, 12535 Old Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794-0439; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-5403; E-mail: ciroles58@comcast.net Website: wfvd.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944. President: Carroll L. Roles, Vice President: Michael Collins, Secretary: Teresa Beck, Treasurer: Steven Fleming, Chaplain: Ryan Egleseder, Chief: H. Mitchell Day. Delegates: Carroll Roles, Mickey Day, Carl Buell, James Piersall. Alternates: William Spicer, Norma Spicer, Marthe Roles, Sandi Hawkins.

**WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784, Prince George’s 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, 21045 Nanticoke Road, Bivalve, MD 21814; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-873-2140 Fax: 410-873-2170; E-mail: Donald_sue@comcast.net Website: westsidevfd@verizon.com; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. President: Donald Messick, Vice President: Jerry Nelson, Secretary: Dana Earp, Treasurer: Paul Dennis, Chaplain: Willard Pusey, Chief: John Wilson. Delegates: Joe Dickerson, Don Messick, Brian Catlin Crystal Dickerson, Riley Scott. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**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@myactv.net; Organized: 1872. President: Cherry Hiser, Vice President: Charles Barr, Secretary: Tania Leather, Treasurer: Devin Mills, Chaplain: Richard Bower, Chief: Rick Blair. Delegates: Cherry Hiser, Rick Blair, Devin Mills, Richard Bower, Tania Leather. Alternates: None listed for 2015.

**WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 357, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1800 Fax: 410-848-3407; E-mail: president@westminstervfd.org Website: westminstervfd.org; Organized: 1823. President: Daniel Plunkert, Vice President: Jason Tyler, Secretary: Tim Bangerd, Treasurer: Robert Ruby, Chaplain: Kevin Dayhoff, Chief: James Bangerd III. Delegates: Daniel Plunkert, Fred Plunkert, Bob Cumberland. Alternates: None listed.

**WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 2400 Arcola Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-949-9673; E-mail: gam@wvrs.org
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**WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, Maryland 21162. Telephone: 410-335-5112; E-Mail: president@wmvfc.org Website: wmvfc.org. President: Kevin Palmer Jr., Vice President: Michael Connelly, Secretary: Kelly Murphy, Treasurer: Vicky Davidson, Chaplain: Rick Blubaugh. Delegate: Vicki Davidson. Alternates: None listed.

**WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 222, 1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford, MD 21160. Telephone: 410-452-8425; E-Mail: 6063@wvfc.com Website: whitefordvfc.com. President: Donald Galbreath, Vice President: Josh Schueler, Secretary: Kathy Monath, Treasurer: Charles Mohr, Chaplain: Michael Karmann, Chief: Frank Krick. Delegates: James R. Williams, Donald Galbreath, David C. “Rusty” Leftwich. Alternates: None Listed.


**THE 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 21922-0444; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-2078; E-mail: president@singerly.com Website: www.singerly.com; Organized: 1892; Joined MSFA: 1896. President: Phillip B. Scott, Vice President: Joseph Zurolo, Secretary: Steven G. Horah, Treasurer: Norman E. Marquess, Chaplain: Karen Bunnell, Chief: Michele DeBold. Delegates: William R. Caldwell, Kay Trego, Walter Trego, Dave Meaders, John J. Denver. Alternates: None listed.


**WINFIELD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1320 West Old Liberty Road, Winfield, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-1333; Website: www.winfieldvfd.org. President: Robert Farver, Vice President: Carl Broussard,

**WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 214 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-877-7262; E-mail: cao270@bcvfa.org Website: www.wavfc.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1972. President: George Bruzdzinski, Vice President: Tom Cero, Secretary: Judy Krouse, Treasurer: Deanna Beam, Chaplain, Chief: Tom Ludwig. Delegates: Robert Francis, Joe Bruzdzinski. Alternates: None listed.

**WOLFSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 12464 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-1453; E-mail: dafddf21@aol.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: David Fox, Vice President: David Doyle, Secretary: Sherrie Fleishell, Treasurer: Gerald Lewis, Chaplain, Chief: Stefan Nalborczyk. Delegates: David Fox, Debora Fox, David Doyle, Larry Harne, Diana Lewis. Alternates: None listed.

**WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 236, 529 Londontown Road, Edgewater, MD 21037; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-956-3100; E-mail: imandsaconnell@aol.com Website: woodlandbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1944. President: Mac Connell Sr., Vice President: Tim Faudree, Secretary: Candyce Hilgenberg, Treasurer: Vivki Ogilvie, Chaplain: Margaret Stalsberg, Chief: Joseph Howlin. Delegates: Joseph M. Connell, Joseph Connell Jr., Roy Faudree, Vicki Ogilvie, Tim Faudree. Alternates: Jim Howard, Julie Faudree, Melissa Bailey, Laura Gray, Candyce Hilgenberg.


**WOODSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 153, 2 South Third Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-5100 Fax: 301-898-8443; E-mail: rjklind@comcast.net Website: woodsborovfc.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1956; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Robert Lind, Vice President: Donald Beyer, Secretary: Sue Mosholder, Treasurer: James Writer, Chaplain: Kay Ensor, Chief: Michael Fyock. Delegates: Michael Fyock, James Lind, Sharon Soper, Robert Lind. Alternates: Diane Fyock, Donald Beyer.
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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 FIREFIGHTER’S ASSOCIATION - PO 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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HARFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMS ASSOCIATION – 343C Granny Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050.
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CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

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 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, 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 STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
by C. EDWIN TURNER SR., President
(SEAL)         (SEAL)

STATE OF MARYLAND, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of June, 1975, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared C. EDWIN TURNER SR., President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, acknowledged the 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 notarial seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public

Articles of Amendment To The Charter Of The Maryland State Firemen’s Association
The Maryland State Firemen’s Association having had notice of proposed Charter Amendments in accordance with the Constitution of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as recommended by the Officers and Directors, and having had notice having attended the annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, and a quorum of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association having been present, and the ballots having been distributed, and the question of the Amendment having been passed as certified by the election judges of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, this Amendment to the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association,

Witnesseth:

FIRST: That the Resident Agent of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association shall be until his successor is duly appointed, Leonard T. King, 6047, Melbourne Avenue, Deale, Maryland, 120751.
SECOND: The principal office of the corporation shall be 6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740.
THIRD: Section 3 of the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is amended to add to the designated elected officers, the office of Financial Secretary.
FOURTH: With the incorporation of the amendments to its Charter hereinbefore made, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association does reaffirm and republish its Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association has caused these 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 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
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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 the 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
Section 5- Sustaining Membership- Any organization which desires to provide pecuniary support or otherwise collaterally support any program or purpose of the MSFA, and the existence of which as an entity does not otherwise contain any conflict with respect to the purposes of the MSFA, may apply to the MSFA as a Sustaining Member. The application for such membership would be required to be submitted to the Executive Committee of the MFSA for review and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Sustaining Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference.

The application shall identify the applicant with regard to the name of the applicant, whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, the primary business of the applicant, the nature of activities in which the applicant is involved, other than its primary business, the reason for the application, the type of pecuniary or collateral support the applicant proposes to provide to the MSFA, and the nature and constituency of its directors or membership or any other persons having a directorial or managerial interest in the applicant organization. The application will be accompanied by the first year's annual dues of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), plus a five-dollar ($5.00) initiation fee. Two hundred dollars ($200.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

The applicant, upon approval as a Sustaining Member, would be entitled to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA and, by invitation, selected meetings of the Executive Committee of the MSFA, but would have neither a right to a seat in the Annual Convention and Conference nor a right to vote with respect to the affairs of the MSFA. The Sustaining Member shall receive the Maryland State Firemen's Association Trumpet magazine, window decal, and an appropriate recognition award as approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 6- The President shall designate a Special Committee to study and report on the application of any person, firm or corporation for either Associate or Sustaining Membership and to, thereafter, report to the Executive Committee its recommendations with respect to the applicant. Such Special Committee would consist of no less than two (2) members of the Executive Committee, two (2) past presidents of the MSFA, the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and the Chairman of the Standards Committee. In addition, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, up to three (3) additional members-at-large may be appointed to the Special Committee to study and make a recommendation with respect to the application for Associate or Sustaining Membership. This committee shall not exist beyond the recommendation for any subject application.

Section 7- The Executive Committee shall report on the approval of all Associate or
Sustaining Memberships at the Annual Convention and Conference. Such report shall be made prior to the preparation and distribution of ballots, thereby providing the right of the delegates registered and voting to call for reversal of action by the Executive Committee with regard to such approval or disapproval of Associate or Sustaining Memberships. This reversal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 8- 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,
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
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:

1. **17 State Circle Committee-** At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Constitution and By-Laws Committee-** At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.
5. **Convention and Conference Committee-** At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.
6. **Data Systems Committee-** At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.
7. **Emergency Medical Services Committee-** At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.
8. **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.
9. **Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee-** At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.
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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**

The Board of Trustees shall act in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq. to provide and administer Line of Duty death benefits to spouses and children, or other family members, of volunteer firefighters, volunteer rescue squad personnel, volunteer ambulance personnel, and volunteer advanced life support personnel who have been determined to have died in the Line of Duty.

The Board of Trustees will also provide and administer Line of Duty injury and disability benefits as provided in the Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to increase death and/or disability benefits subject to available funding and in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

Specific rules and application procedures for the award of benefits shall be published in a manual which shall be made available to the membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, and any changes thereto shall be presented to the Executive Committee. The manual shall be reviewed and/or updated at least annually.

**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 1 Member
- Washington, Frederick Counties 1 Member
- Carroll, Howard Counties 1 Member
- Harford, Cecil Counties 1 Member
- Baltimore County 1 Member
- Anne Arundel County 1 Member
- Prince George's County 1 Member
- Montgomery County 1 Member
- Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's Counties 1 Member
- Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's Counties 1 Member
- Talbot, Dorchester Counties 1 Member
- Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester Counties 1 Member

Board members shall be appointed annually by the President for the stated terms, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association. A Board member should not be appointed to serve concurrently as an Executive Committee Member. The following credentials should be considered for selection of members to the Board:

- Ten (10) or more years of fire organization experience
- Operational fire service experience
- Administrative fire service experience
- Financial Background

Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years with four (4) members appointed each year. Of the initial twelve (12) appointments, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. A Chairman shall be appointed annually by the President.

Section 3- Board members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.
A) The Board shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is unable to fulfill the term of appointment. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Board, maintain all records of the Board and initiate and receive correspondence on behalf of the Board.

B) Initially, the Board shall meet and consider, adopt and publish such rules of procedure as is necessary to carry out the functions of the Board as mandated by the aforesaid statute and shall thereafter enact or amend such other rules and regulations as it might be necessary to carry out its purpose. The Board, shall in addition to the foregoing, provide for applications for a low interest loan or grant and provide for distribution of such applications. The rules and regulations enacted by the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

1) That any volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company of the State of Maryland be entitled to apply for assistance pursuant to the provisions of the statute, to the Board, irrespective of affiliation of the applicant;

2) Develop loan and grant criteria;

3) Develop loan and grant terms;

4) Develop criteria for the loan and grant application process;

5) Develop criteria for prioritization of loan and grant requests;

6) That the business of the Board be conducted in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure.

C) The Board shall meet as and when necessary to consider or otherwise act upon applications that are pending or as is otherwise necessary to transact the business of the Board. The Board Secretary shall make notification of the meetings to all appropriate parties.

D) The applications submitted to the Board shall be complete and shall have attached thereto the following:

1) Applicants audited financial statements for the most recent two (2) years. For applicants that do not have audited financial statements, each application must have attached thereto financial statements in the form requested by the Board for the applicants most recent two (2) year period along with IRS Form 990 for each year presented on the financial statements.

2) A completed Non-Discrimination Certificate.
E) The Chairman of the Board shall regularly report on the business of the Board to the Executive Committee of the MSFA. No action with respect to any applicant or application recommended by the Board shall be valid unless the Executive Committee of the MSFA approves the same. Initially, all rules and regulations proposed by the Board in reference to its operation, including application forms, shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the MSFA, and thereafter, any amendments to the rules or regulations or changes in any application forms are subject to the herein approval of the Executive Committee of the MSFA.

F) The provision of an application form to an applicant, or the approval by the Board and Executive Committee of the MFSA, shall nevertheless be subject to approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and available funding, in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

G) The Board shall recommend annually to the Executive Committee of the MFSA the rate of interest charged on the loans.

H) The Board shall not be limited nor otherwise bound with regard to its consideration of an application by any previous action it has taken with respect to any other applicant or application.

I) The Board shall receive and disburse funds in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

J) The Board shall in any event be subject in all of its activities to the provisions of the 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, ALS, BLS, RESCUE, AND MARINE COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENTS ARE:

a) Shall maintain records of responses in accordance with an approved reporting system

b) Provide a heated station of adequate size and configuration to house apparatus, vehicles and equipment

c) Shall have a suitable means of receiving and alarm and alerting membership

d) Shall pass an inspection made by the Standards Committee prior to acceptance

e) Shall pass subsequent inspections made from time to time by the Standards Committee

f) Shall require all emergency vehicle drivers to be trained as Emergency Vehicle Operators

g) Shall require all Marine unit vessels to have a qualified operator

h) As used in these By-Laws the term "emergency medical provider" will include those individuals having a current valid certification or license issued by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).
Section 2— THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENT ARE:

a) Active 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 apparatus. These operators shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of the apparatus and will be under the guidance of the Chief Officer

c) A minimum of ten (10) active members 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) Shall operate apparatus in conformance to the following SOPs defining the MSFA standard for pumpers, pumper/tankers, tankers with pumps, tankers without pump, and aerial apparatus, as applicable:

1. SOP No. S001 "Pumper Standards"
2. SOP No. S002 "Tanker Standards"
3. SOP No. 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 subsection "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.

   a) 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,
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in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

b) 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.

i) 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 subsection (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.

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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.

a) 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 subsection "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. The Budget and Revenue Committee at the time they present the Budget to the Executive Committee shall make a recommendation of monies to be kept in Reserve for that Budget year. That Reserve can only be changed by a supplemental Budget.

**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 shall be responsible for receipt
of the nominations and selection of the recipient of the annual MSFA award. The Committee shall 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 shall 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 shall be 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** shall be 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 P* 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 (Statistical Report) by the State. The Committee shall require 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 requested by the MSFA.

The failure, in any two consecutive years, of a member company of the MSFA to provide to the MSFA a Statistical Report as required by the Statistical Committee shall lead to the suspension of said company from the MSFA until such reports are filed.

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.

Punctuation and grammatical errors were corrected August 14, 2013.

Steven J. Scheinin, 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"

SOP A004 "Operation and Maintenance of the President's Vehicle Fleet" SOP E001 "Ambulance Company Standards"

SOP E002 "ALS (MICU) Standards"

SOP E003 "Rescue Company Standards"

SOP E004 "BLS First Responder Standards"

SOP E005 "Watercraft Standards"

SOP 5001 "Pumper Standards"

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# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## SCHEDULE OF DEADLINE DATES FOR AWARDS

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Check msfa.org (Awards) for details and specifics for each 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 Award 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
2014
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.
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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 Associates 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 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.
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.

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 withheld 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.

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: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: ________________________________________________________________________________________________
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 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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*****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

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: _________________________
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*****ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*****

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: ___________________________ State:__________ Zip Code:__________
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 your 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 March 31st 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
Scholarship Renewal Application
(Please Type or Use Dark Ink)
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Name: _____________________________________________________
Date of Birth:_____/_____/_______
Home Address:____________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________
Zip Code: ______________________
Phone #’s: Home:_____________________Cell:_________________________
Email Address: ____________________________________________________
Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary: ___________________________
Address:_________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________

President of Department/Auxiliary: ____________________________________
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*****

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College:
________________________________________________________________
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*****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

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EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com
PAST PRESIDENT C. OSCAR BAKER
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Rookie Firefighter/EMS Provider

Award Sponsor: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company or Carroll County

Award Administered By: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the elected officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Background: The Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award was established by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 2002. The award was established to honor 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 retired as Fire Chief of the National Bureau of Standards and then served as the Volunteer Coordinator for Carroll County for several years. He was a field instructor for the Fire Service Extension and later the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute for several decades. 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 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 15\textsuperscript{th} of each year. Late entries will \textbf{NOT} be considered.

9. All 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

\textbf{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 15\textsuperscript{th} 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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EDWIN L. EMKEY SR. CADET AWARD

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, DVDs, 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: Jeffery H. Thompson
   MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary
   202 Oriole Road
   Chestertown, MD 21320

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Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference

**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 departments 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**

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 MSFA plaque and a Governor’s Citation the first year nominated and any sequential years a MSFA certificate recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service.

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:
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CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company in Convention Parade

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated – Montgomery County, Maryland

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee

Background: In memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) and a man whose impact on the fire service was felt nationwide, the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County, Maryland) with the foreknowledge and endorsement of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Gibbons family, shall sponsor the annual A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award for the best appearing company in the MSFA Convention Parade.

Starting with the 1992 MSFA Convention, a trophy will be awarded by the parade judges at the regular award ceremony following the parade and will be presented to the best appearing company for their edification and personal safekeeping until the following MSFA Annual Convention. At that time, during the opening ceremony, the trophy will be formally surrendered to the Convention Chairman, who will then present a permanent award to the surrendering company. The trophy will then remain on display until it is re-awarded.

The perpetual trophy and permanent award will be provided by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County) in memory of our brother, Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, who served with profound distinction for the forty-two years in many capacities, including President and Fire Chief.

Because Marvin was the driving force behind the annual MSFA Convention Parade and because he personally choreographed the opening ceremony of our convention it was universally felt that this award, having an impact upon both the annual parade and opening ceremony, would be a fitting tribute and memorial to this great man.

The award shall be presented to the company which, in the sole opinion of the parade judges, presents the best overall appearance considering such factors as: number of and composition of units, number of personnel in uniform, decorum, demeanor, and esprit de corps.

SECTION 1 – ANNOUNCEMENT - The following announcement was submitted to the MSFA for inclusion in the Awards Information Manual:
Name of Award: Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award.
Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company/Department in Line of Parade, Annual MSFA Convention Parade.

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., (Montgomery County).

Award Judged By: MSFA Annual Convention Parade Judges.

SECTION 2 – CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS

Arthur Marvin Gibbons was born on April 14, 1927 in Washington, D.C. For over forty-two years, Chief Gibbons made significant and lasting contributions to the fire service of his community, Montgomery County, the State, and the Nation.

In his community, Marvin joined the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 and served as Fire Chief for sixteen years and as President for four terms. In 1961, he was named Montgomery County “Fireman of the Year”.

At the county level, Marvin worked enthusiastically for “Bill 1” which established a seven member Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Fire Board. This committee developed policy for the fire and rescue services of Montgomery County. Chief Gibbons served as chairman or vice-chairman of the Fire Board for fourteen years. During his tenure, he spearheaded the movement to establish the county’s Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). This program was the first of its type to recognize the service of volunteer fire and rescue personnel and has spread throughout our nation.

Also while Chairman of the Fire Board, Marvin helped to established the Heart Mobil which was the forerunner to the current Paramedic Program. In addition, he was personally involved with the building of the Public Safety Training Academy. Chief Gibbons hired the first Training Officer, the late Warren Isman and hired the first Director of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services. Chief David B. Gratz. Both of these individuals went on to become known internationally in the fire service community.

When Chief Gibbons recognized that Montgomery County lacked adequate mutual aid agreements, he attacked the problem. He used his common sense and uncommon persuasive abilities to forge the mutual aid agreements that now exist among all metropolitan area jurisdictions.

Upon retiring from the Fire Board, Chief Gibbons was elected Chairman Emeritus. Chief Gibbons also served as President of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Association.

At the state level, Chief Gibbons, for many years, worked tirelessly for the MSFA Convention, organizing the parade, choreographing the opening ceremonies, and...
serving as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Convention Committee. In 1977 Marvin was elected President of the MSFA. Following his tenure as President, Chief Gibbons continued his work with the Association on numerous committees. In 1981, Chief Gibbons was elected to the “Hall of Fame.”

His efforts just prior to his death were more national in scope. Chief Gibbons was instrumental in establishing a National Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial erected at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This memorial, and the annual ceremony which recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their fellow citizens, was truly one of Marvin’s proudest achievements. In 1990, Chief Gibbons was honored with an award for outstanding service from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his work in overseeing the design and construction of the Memorial.

Chief Gibbons held honorary memberships in the following organizations: Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s County; Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County; Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Upper Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Wheaton Volunteer rescue Squad, Montgomery County.

Chief Gibbons was a life member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a charter member of Heroes, Inc.

On May 16, 1993, the Fire and Rescue Service Wing of the Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy was dedicated in memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

Marvin Gibbons was raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Anacostia High School. He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado for 23 months in the Pacific during World War II. Chief Gibbons married May Ann Campbell. They raised two sons, Michael C. and A. Marvin III. Marvin’s grandchildren include: Lauren A., Michael C. II, Kelly L., and Marvin IV.

Chief A. Marvin Gibbons passed away on December 13, 1990 at his home in Lighthouse Point, Florida.

Marvin was admired for his accomplishments, love for his wit, and respected for his decency. He saw the good in every person. A friend of both the mighty and the meek. Marvin nonetheless possessed uncommon humility.

Those of us who knew Marvin personally will never forget his happy demeanor, caring personality, and high values. Those who did not have that special privilege will still
have his remarkable legacy of good works.
Marvin Gibbons will always be a beacon of honor and genuine hero to the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION 3 – THE MEMORIAL AWARD

1.1 INTRODUCTION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award consists of four major components: the pedestal, the felt field, the granite base, and the speaking trumpet. In addition, the award also includes a support for the trumpet and a dust cover. Each of the major components represents a specific aspect of the life of A. Marvin Gibbons.

1.2 PEDESTAL - The pedestal forms the foundation of the A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award. Just as Marvin Gibbons was in life, this pedestal is robust, solid, and distinguished looking. The pedestal. Made of solid mahogany, is octagonal in shape and measures forty inches high and approximately twenty-five inches across. The pedestal rests on a one inch base plate. In the top surface of the pedestal is a circular felt field. This felt field is red, Marvin’s favorite color. The felt field measures approximately eighteen inches in diameter. Upon this surface rests the granite base.

1.3 GRANITE BASE - The base of the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award is made from Elberton dark blue-gray granite. The stone measures twelve and five-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 RELLOCATION - 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 Doyle E. Cox at doyle.cox2010@gmail.com or call 410-532-1416

The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and support of the following individuals and organizations during the design and production of this award: Abe Lincoln Flags, Banners & Gifts, Vienna, Virginia; Acme Plating Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Clements Industries, Inc., Ashton, Maryland; Continental, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; Day Memorials, Beltsville, Maryland; John J. Habert, Ellicott City, Maryland; New Arts Foundry, Baltimore, Maryland; Precision Plastics, Beltsville, Maryland; William Thrift III, Bowie, Maryland; Wood Creations, Dunkirk, Maryland.

The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Richard P. Clime, Chief Bruce A. Emmel, C. Townesend Jones, Maureen G. Saval, Joseph A. Weisgerber, George W. Willie.

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GLADHILL – THOMPSON TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Outstanding contribution to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Sponsor: Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill, and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Elected Officers

Background: This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen’s Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson.

Award Rules:

1. Eligibility

   A. The following are eligible:
      a. Members of the “Official Family” (i.e., members of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, Special Committees, etc.)
      b. Bona fide members of member fire companies
      c. Members of part-paid or paid fire departments, within the state
      d. Former members of an organized Fire Department within the state

   B. The following are not eligible:
      a. The judges
      b. Any candidate that received compensation for the performance of the act or acts considered for the award
2. Criteria

A. The Candidate accomplished assigned (or assumed) duties in such a manner as have been clearly exceptional among all who have performed like or similar duties in a superior manner and/or;

B. The candidate developed and improved methods and procedures, or produced an innovation or invention which accomplished extraordinary results for the MSFA or the U.S. Fire Service; or

C. The candidate may have exhibited great courage and voluntary risk of personal safety or personal possessions in the face of danger, over and beyond the call of duty, in performing an act or acts which resulted in direct benefit to the MSFA and/or its members (which this award is given for a “heroic” act it shall be given to the candidate if no other award (cash or otherwise) has been granted previously in connection with the same act); or

D. The candidate may have rendered outstanding service related to his/her activities for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association comparable with the above and relating to the following:

   a. Activities which improved the image of the Association or which gained favorable benefits or meritorious recognition for the Association or its members, or
   b. 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 15th 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 - The judges shall be the elected officers of the MSFA. A simple majority of the judges present and voting shall be necessary for a decision.
7. The Award will be presented to the recipient annually at the Annual Convention and Conference and to be inscribed with his/her name. He/she will be presented with a miniature trophy for his/her possession at the following Annual Convention and Conference. After the trophy has been filled with the names of the recipients, the award will be retired to the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

8. The recipient will also receive the Gladhill-Thompson Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Gladhill-Thompson Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

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HALL OF FAME AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Distinguished Service to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association or an Individual Department or County Fire or Rescue Service

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame Committee

Background: The Hall of Fame Award was established by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1979 as a result of a recommendation from Past President Eugene J. C. Raney to recognize the distinguished service of individuals. The first emphasis was to service to the MSFA and then service to the individual’s department and local jurisdiction. Through the year 1985 the Hall of Fame Committee was authorized to select up to twenty (20) inductees into the Hall of Fame, and hence the selection shall be limited to ten (10) inductees, either living or deceased. The award shall be made at the Annual Convention. Distinguished service to the MSFA is the primary consideration, with service to the member’s company and county to be considered also.

Award Rules

1. During the year 1981 thru 1985, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.

2. Beginning in the year 1986, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue or EMS 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.

5. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon distinguished service to the MSFA. Distinguished service to the nominee’s individual
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

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Maryland State Firemen’s Association

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Judy A. Lau
Laurel Prince George’s

Rev. Harry Hetz
Beltsville Prince George’s

Robert W. Jacobs, PP
Citizens Truck Frederick

John C. Spiker Sr.
Lake Shore Anne Arundel

Richard Baker Jr.
Mt. Airy Carroll

Jacqueline Olson
Odenton Anne Arundel

Susan T. Schell
Norrisville Harford

William Hildebrand
Chestertown Kent

Marcine D. Goodloe
Kensington Montgomery

Andrew B. White
Kensington Montgomery

Brenda Fosler Johnson
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

W. Faron Taylor
Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

John R. Frazier
Baltimore City Fire Department

2008
William Reinecke
Fallston Harford

Charles Abrecht
Junior Fire Co. No.2 Frederick

Hugh D. Owens
Glenn Dale Fire Association Prince George’s

James M. “Jimbo” Magruder Sr.
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Montgomery

John W. “Jack” Gouty
Jessup Anne Arundel

Earl “Dick” Baker Sr.
Winfield and Community Carroll
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 123rd Annual Convention and Conference

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Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps. Harford
Odenton Anne Arundel
Pittsville Wicomico
Level Harford
Guardian Hose/Citizens Truck Co. Frederick
Volunteer Firemen’s Insurance Services
Regional Vice President, Delmarva Power
Major General – Maryland Military Department

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Richard C. Blair
Leon A. Cullison
Essel T. Farlow
Barry Glassman
Warren D. Gott
Robyn Sheldon Hahn
S. Darron Long
Robert E. McClelland, Sr.
Thomas W. Musgrove, Sr.
William “Bill” Sparrow
Barbara Goff
Margaret “Peg” Mooney
Allison Nicodemus

Clear Spring Ambulance Washington
Ridge VFD St. Mary’s
Pittsville VFD Wicomico
Level VFC Harford
Prince Frederick VFD Calvert
Hacks Point VFC Cecil
Damascus VFD Montgomery
Capital Heights VFD Prince George’s
Takoma Park VFD Montgomery
Pocomoke City VFC Worcester
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MD Fire Rescue Service Memorial Foundation
Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office
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/A, or above. The award is considered to be the highest award conferred upon an individual within the Maryland Emergency Medical Services community.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be from a member company of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. The nominee must be submitted by an active member company of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA).
3. The nominee must be submitted on an individual basis only and the nomination must be on official letterhead or company stationary and signed by at least two (2) officers of the company.
4. Only one nominee may be submitted from any one member company.
5. Nominations and letters of resume must be submitted to the Chair of the MSFA Emergency Medical Services Committee, No Later than 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.
9. Submit nominations to: William Dousa
   Chairman, MSFA EMS Committee
   600 Rivershore Court
   Edgewood, MD 21040
Previous Recipients:

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**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 department’s 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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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 may submit entries for their department as long as the president or chief forwards a cover letter as verification.
12. 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 parent/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 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 any 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 in 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:

A. Name, Address, and phone list of the following:
   a. MSFA President
   b. MSFA 1st Vice President
   c. MSFA 2nd Vice President
   d. LAMSFA President
   e. Executive Committee Chairperson
   f. Fire Prevention Committee and Chairperson
   g. Transportation (ADC Books) will be passed down each year

B. Itinerary of Mid Atlantic Fire Prevention Conference, parades, banquets, carnivals, etc.

C. Upcoming seminars: subjects and expenses

D. Proceeding book

21. THE MSFA CONTEST RULES EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR 2012
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: Current Miss Fire Prevention Chairman
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest
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
1981  Kimberly Ann Kessler
1982  Melanie Susan Webster
1983  Cheryl Reese
1984  Carolyn Boone
1985  Alice Kozier
1986  Verra Fleming
1987  Tammy Conners
1988  Terri Gartner
1989  Jennifer I. Laird
1990  Bonnie Rae Crispin
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
2003  Sarah Blackowicz
2004  Michelle Gallion
2005  Kristi Gartrell-Kemp
2006  Erin Drumheller
2007  Brittany Myers
2008  Colleen Frances
2009  Erin Drumheller
2010  Elyssa Cool
2011  Jennifer Barciz
2012  Stacie Jaret
2013  Danielle Crane
2014  Stacy Holden
2015  Susan Hilton
SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL
LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual’s contributions and determination in promoting the betterment of Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services through successful legislation and the legislative process.

Award Sponsor: Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Legislative Committee

Background: The Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislative Award was created to honor an individual who served over 20 years actively representing the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services, throughout the State, in a legislative capacity both in the House of Delegates and the State Senate. In 1998, the Maryland General Assembly recognized Senator Amoss’ dedication to the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services by renaming Senate Bill 508, the “Senator William H. Amoss Fund.” Introduced in 1985 by Senator Amoss, the 508 Bill was created to financially assist the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services departments on an annual basis. This award was presented by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and accepted by the Executive Committee in 1999.

Award Qualifications: In order for a candidate to be considered for this award, he/she must meet at least (1) one of the following criteria:

1. Be a duly elected legislative official representing a Maryland municipality, a Maryland county, the State of Maryland or the Federal Government.
2. Be a member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Legislative Committee
3. Be a member of a county emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or stationery. 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
       Charles W. Riley, PP
2001  Senator Thomas M. Middleton – Charles County
2002  Delegate John F. Wood – St. Mary’s County
2003  Bernard J. Smith, PP
2004  Delegate Richard B. Weldon Jr. – Frederick County
2005  C. Daniel Davis Jr., PP
       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., PP
       Richard L. Yinger, PP
2013  Delegate John L. Bohanan Jr., - St. Mary’s County
2014  Delegate Norman Conway, - Wicomico County
2015  Senator James N. Mathias, Jr. - Dist. 38 – Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester
       Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. - District 23 - Prince George’s
       Delegate Dana M. Stein - District 11 – Baltimore County
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 no 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 his/her fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.
5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State fire Marshal’s Office on later than April 30th.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee’s procedures.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Nominations must include the nominee’s name, title, fire department name, and other pertinent information.

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SMITH N. STATHEM JR., PP
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 no later than May 1st.
5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-
affiliated representatives from the safety industry.

6. All nominations are subject to investigation by the Safety Committee and Judges.

7. A Safety Committee member can nominate any member of MSFA.

8. MSFA Safety Committee members are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

9. Submit your nominations to Chairperson of the MSFA Safety Committee.

**Previous Recipients:**

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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 and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS
   - Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy
   - 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. 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:
6. 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.

   Emergency Medical Technician – Basic 165
   Emergency Medical Technician - Re-fresher 24
   EMT I 540
   EMT I to P Bridge 442
   Emergency Medical Services Officer I 48
   Emergency Medical Responder 51
   Emergency Medical Technician Skills 12
   Emergency Medical Technician On line Continuing Education 12
   Paramedic Refresher 40
   Emergency Medical Responder Refresher 15
   Aerial Apparatus Operator 24
Aircraft Rescue Firefighter 40
Fire Officer I 63
Fire Officer II 45
Fire Officer III 60
Fire Officer IV 60
Incident Safety Officer 16
FD Safety Officer 30
Firefighter I 108
Firefighter II 60
Leadership I 12
Leadership II 12
Leadership III 12
LACK 4
Courage to be Safe 4
Protective Envelope & Foam 9
Pumps 30
Truck Company Fire Grounds Operations 24
Engine Company Fire Grounds Operations 24
Firefighter Survival and Rescue 18
Emergency Vehicle Driver Refresher 12
Emergency Vehicle On-Line Course 18
Emergency Vehicle Skills for On-line Students 12
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course 30
Rescue Tech. Site Operations 27
Rescue Tech. V&M 27
Rescue Tech. Structural Collapse 84
Rescue Tech. Rope Rescue 54
Rescue Tech. Trench Rescue 30
Rescue Tech. Confined Space Rescue 30
Rescue Tech. Swift Water Rescue 48
Instructor Training I 33
Instructor Training II 36
Fire Inspector I 30
Fire Inspector II 30
Fire Inspector III 30
Hazardous Materials Awareness 13
Hazardous Materials Operations 24
Hazardous Materials Technician 60
WMD Awareness 6
Decision Making for Initial Company Operations 12
Strategy and Tactics for Initial Co. Operations 12
ICS for EMS 14
ICS for Fire Service 16
Shipboard Firefighting for Land Based Firefighters 63
Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations 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 is not an exhaustive list, but are those that are routinely offered and are 12 hours each: IRHMIBC, IRHMICI, MCTO: Decision Making, MCTO: Preparation, MCTO: Tactics, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, and Basic Life Support-Hazardous Materials.

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1978 Prince Frederick VFD Calvert
1979 Deer Park VFD Garrett
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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
FAMILY APPRECIATION PROGRAM AWARD

Purpose of Award: To recognize the family of a Volunteer Fire or EMS members, sacrifices their 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 the family of volunteer members of the Fire/EMS Service.
2. Member MUST be an active volunteer and his/her Company or Department in good standing of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
3. Family nomination must be endorsed by the President or Chief of the member’s Department or Company.
4. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association Recruitment and Retention Committee will base their selection on the following criteria:

   - Exhibit consistent positive effort towards training, response to incidents, fundraising, etc.
   - Exhibit overall effort to support team concepts.
   - Active member for a minimum of 5 years.
   - Nominations must be submitted by NO LATER THAN April 30th, to:
     Joe Chornock, Chairman
     MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee
     65 Bralan Court
     Gaithersburg, MD 20877
     josephchornock@gmail.com
   - Awards will be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference.
   - Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Committee, Members of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association are not eligible for the award.

Nominee must:

   - Exhibit positive effort toward Department or Company and family member and have clear understanding of member’s commitment.
   - Exhibit overall effort to support team concept.
   - Nominator must be an active member of a Department or Company
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for at least one year.

• A narrative of 250 words or less describing community support and consistent effort towards the fire/rescue service.
• No attachments

Name of Nominee: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________ City _____________________________

State _______________ Zip _______________ County ________________

Phone: Day _______________ Evening __________________________

Other __________________

Company/Department/Squad ________________________________________________

NOMINATOR:

Name and Title _______________________________________________________________

First ___________________ Middle ___________________ Last ___________________ Title ___________________

Address __________________________________ City _____________________________

State ____________ Zip ____________ Phone: Day _________________

Evening/Mobil __________________

NARRATIVE OF RECOMMENDATION:

Endorsed By: Name: ____________________________________________________________

Title __________________

Signature ________________________

Previous Recipients:

2012 Charles M. Kelso III Laurel Prince George’s
2013 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 at 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 of 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 Brakes” 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.

Maryland State Firemen’s Association

122nd Annual Convention
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
123rd Annual Convention
TROPHIES AND AWARDS LISTING

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance
Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
1st Hollywood Vol Fire Co

Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance
2nd Easton Vol Fire Co

President’s Award (2)
1 Sandy Spring FVD
2 BCC Rescue

Company Coming Longest Distance
1st First Hose Co of Boonsboro

Company Coming Second Longest Distance
1st Jr Fire Co Frederick

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
1st Hollowood Vol Fire Dept
2nd Easton VFD
3rd N/A

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Service Personnel
1st Hollywood VFD

Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance
1st Easton E64
2nd College Park E121
3rd Preston E203
Honorable Mention 1 New Market E152
Honorable Mention 2 Bay District E32
Honorable Mention 3 Laurel Delaware E4
Honorable Mention 4 Level E112
Honorable Mention 5 Solomans E31
Honorable Mention 6 Hollywood E72
Honorable Mention 7
Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance
1st Bladensburg E9
2nd Trappe E 38
3rd Hacks Point E911
Honorable Mention 1 Federalsburg E103
Honorable Mention 2 Church Hill E51
Honorable Mention 3 Marion E306
Honorable Mention 4 Sudlersville E64
Honorable Mention 5 English Council E371

Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance
1st Tilghman Island E77
2nd Girdletree Fire E305
3rd Brentwood VFD MP855

Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance
1st Solomans
2nd Hacks Point
3rd Church Creek

Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
1st Solomons
2nd Hollywood
3rd Frankford

Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
1st Deal Island
2nd Boonsboro
3rd Newark

Brush Unit – Making Best Appearance
1st Marion
2nd Damascus
3rd Potomac Heights
Honorable Mention 1 Queenstown
Honorable Mention 2 New Market
Honorable Mention 3 Hollywood VFD Jeep

Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance
1st St. Michaels
2nd Hollywood
3rd Charlestown
Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance

1st Easton
2nd Selbyville
3rd N/A

Squad Truck Making Best Appearance

1st Hollywood
2nd Springdale
3rd Easton

Ambulance Making Best Appearance

1st Solomons
2nd Dentsville
3rd Snow Hill
Honorable Mention 1 Hollywood
Honorable Mention 2 Gaithersburg
Honorable Mention 3 Easton
Honorable Mention 4 White Marsh
Honorable Mention 5 Cabin John Park

Command Unit Making Best Appearance

1st Hollywood
2nd St Michaels
3rd Easton

Marine Rescue Unit Making Best Appearance

1st MD State Police Marine Unit
2nd Kent Queen Anne’s Marine Unit
3rd Sandy Springs Marine Unit

Emergency Service Special Unit Making Best Appearance
(Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, etc.)

1st Gaithersburg708
2nd Arcadia ATV
3rd Maryland Forestry Smokey
Honorable Mention 1 Sandy Spring ATV 740 Short
Honorable Mention 2 Sandy Spring ATV 740 Long
Honorable Mention 3 Hollywood Jeep 7
Honorable Mention 4 N/A
Honorable Mention 5 N/A
Best Appearing Company from Delaware

1st Frankford VFD
2nd Laurel VFD

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania

1st Seven Valley Citizen PA

Best Appearing Company from Virginia

1st No Entry

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(Over 25 Years or Older In Service)

1st Girdletree - 1984 Ford
2nd Rescue Hose Company - 1988 Seagrav
3rd Church Hill - 1988 Pierce
Honorable Mention 1 Easton - 1986 International Bronco
Honorable Mention 2 N/A

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(25 Years or Older Not in Service)

1st Berlin - 1924 Mack
2nd Cabin John Park - 1930 Brockway
3rd Hollywood - 1947 International
Honorable Mention 1 Easton - 1919 American LaFrance
Honorable Mention 2 Bladensburg - 1970 MACK

Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance (25 Years or Older)

1st Ridgely - 1986 Blazer
2nd N/A

Hand Drawn Antique Making Best Appearance

1st Seven Valley PA - 1920

Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform

1st Hollywood Ladies Auxiliary

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance

1st No Entry

Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance

1st Maryland Fire Rescue Service Pipes & Drums
2nd Hollywood VFD
3rd Easton VFD
Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
1st Westminster Municipal Band
2nd Annapolis Drum & Bugle Corp

Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance
1st (Governor’s Award) Cordova VF Auxilliary
2nd Hollywood VFD

Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
1st Megan Thornton - Cordova VFD
2nd Caity Lipscomb - Harford Co Association
3rd Brittnee Ewing - Easton Fire Co
4th Casey English - Sharptown Fire Co
Honorable Mention 1 Chelsey Roberts - Glen Burnie Fire Co
Honorable Mention 2 Cari McHenry - Maryland Fire Chiefs 1st Runner Up

Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
1st Madeline Moore - MSFA NE Region
2nd Emily Hinman - MSFA Lower Eastern Shore
3rd Elizabeth Watkins - MSFA Lower Eastern Shore 1st Runner Up
4th Katelyn Tribbett - Ridgley Fire Co
Honorable Mention 1 Brianna Price - Cecil County
Honorable Mention 2 Hailie Santos - MSFA Souther MD

Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
1st Morgan Kelley - Easton Fire Co
2nd Charlotte Denbow - Harford County
3rd Sophia Smith - St Michaels Fire Co
4th Rory-Jane Esposito - Trappe Fire Company
Honorable Mention 1 Elizabeth Lynn - Cecilton Fire Company
Honorable Mention 2 Calista Freeman - Cordova Fire Company

Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance
1st Michael Tribbett - Ridgely Fire Company
2nd Coalson Plato - Cecitto Fire Company
3rd Andrew Deckard - Harford County
4th Aedan Guschke - St Michaels
Honorable Mention 1 L.J. Nelson - Hollywood Fire Company
Honorable Mention 2 Colton Wilkins - Montgomery Co. Fire & Rescue Assoc.

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company
1st Elkridge VFD Junior Fire Department Progra
2nd English Council Junior Fire Company
Marching Band Making Best Appearance
1st Westminster Municipal Bank
2nd Maryland Fire Rescue Service Pipe & Drums

Best Drum and Bugle Corp
1st Marvalette Stars

Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes
1st No Entry

Majorettes Making Best Appearance
1st Silver Starlettes
2nd Marvalette Stars

Pom Pom Squad Making Best Appearance
1st Annapolis Drum & Bugle Corps

Comic Entry Making Best Appearance
1st Cordova Vol Fire

Mascot Making Best Appearance
1st Water Witch Fire Co Witch

Hard Luck Award
1st Fruitland VFC 1959 Ford

Judges Awards (10)
1 Pittsville Ambulance
2 Easton VFD
3 Cordova Brush Truck
4 Frankford VFC 1968 Cadillac
5 Rescue 77
6 A.J. Davis - Singerly Fire Co
7 New Market (Fred Co) Marine Unit
8 Sandy Springs - 1954 MACK
9 Crisfield Fire Dept Engine 203
10 Arcadia VFC Juniors