Sudden Passing of Past President Jacqueline M. Phillips-Olson

As this edition of the Volunteer Trumpet was going to press, we received notice of the sudden passing of Jacqueline Marie Phillips-Olson on Jan. 5, 2019. Past President (PP) Olson was a strong MSFA and fire service leader, President Blair stated. “She became the first woman to lead the Association, after working her way through the ranks and being elected to the top office in 2013. Everyone at MSFA is devastated by this sad news. We will keep her family, friends, brothers and sisters in our prayers.” PP Olson died on January 5, 2019.

Jackie had worked for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank before being hired by the fire department and kept a close affiliation with them each year providing support. Jackie is survived by her husband Jay Olson, Son Tyler Olson, and granddaughter Albree.

View and Funeral Arrangements will be announced Monday, Jan 7, 2019.

Cards may be sent to: Jay Olson and Family
424 Greenland Beach Road
Baltimore, MD 21226

Posted By: MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long Jr

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The President’s Corner

By Richard C. Blair

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and wishing everyone a very happy New Year.

As we quickly approach the 127 MSFA annual Convention I am hoping to meet new fire service personnel who have come on board to serve their communities. It is very important to continue taking a very serious look at where the MSFA is headed. We need a group of young volunteers who are within the ranks to be more active with helping to be more involved within the volunteer companies and the MSFA. We need these folks who will take the time and are willing to serve on the recruitment and retention committee. Please contact Kate Tomanelli, at ed@msfa.org Work # - 443-302-2911

Throughout 127 year history, MSFA has adapted to the constantly evolving trends in fire and ems service delivery as well as staying true to our mission and vision statement. The MSFA Officers continue strives to provide a supportive environment that both encourages and challenges each one of you to develop his strengths to pursue their dreams in firefighting and rescue services and live a life he loves. Regardless of the severity or complexity of the events that helps to make you the person that you are today. Just to bring you up to date on what’s been going on within the MSFA. Chip Jewel has been appointed as Chairman of a small working group to look at the final regulatory language developed by ERP Subcommitte. The group will review and start following the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health.

This is to see if there are any OSHA Regulations that may have an impact on our member companies of the MSFA. Michael Farlow, Bruce Poole, Richard K. Brooks III, Rick Hemphill and President Rick Blair, along with Vice Presidents Michael Faust and Richard (Dick) DeVore and MSFA Executive Director Kate Tomanelli are currently the individuals that will be handling and following the Occupational Safety and Health Regulations for the MSFA.

The MSFA Trustees were requested at their last meeting in Snow Hill, MD to review and update the Trustees Manual. The manual has since been reviewed and the recommendations have been completed. The Executive Board approved on December 06, 2018, Jeffrey A. Clements appointed as trustee to finish out C. Danny Carpenters term.

The MSFA leadership and MFRI and MIEMSS had been working on the Execu-
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tive Director replacement. Dr. Theodore R. Delbridge will be the new MIEMSS Executive Director and he will start at MIEMSS on February 13, 2019. A group of fire and EMS service individual’s are currently reviewing applications for a new MFRI Assistant Director.

As most of you know that I have appointed an EMS Taskforce back in August to review what kind of problems the NREMT program were having in the State of Maryland and advised them to get it fixed. The EMS Taskforce Committee did meet numerous times across the state since August to work on a number of solutions to fix the National Registry Program. The MSFA Leadership also met with MFRI to discuss the same issues and asked MFRI to review how other programs from across the country were working and what the difference was. MFRI was asked to see if they were following the same type of program that we were and to see if our program was being instructed in the same manner in which they did comply with the MSFA.

A few officers from the MSFA leadership met with the MFRI Director and the Assistant in early November to discuss what they have found out from other programs across the country. Information was brought to the meeting with MFRI that they were onto something that may be working here in Maryland after talking with Mr. Cox from MFRI. I brought the EMS Taskforce together in Ocean City on Nov 30, 2018, to discuss what was being requested and being introduced as the new pilot training program for NREMT. In February, MFRI will be rolling out a number of new NREMS pilot programs across the State of Maryland.

With the start of upcoming Legislative Sessions in Annapolis the MSFA Legislative Committee will be meeting each Friday morning at the Taylor Avenue Fire Station at 10:00 AM. Please advise your county and volunteer companies and legislative chairperson’s that they are more than welcome to attend these meetings for their counties.

Please contact Chuck Walker Chairman of the MSFA at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, MD., regarding any legislative issues involving the MSFA. Chucks phone number is 240-417-5370 and his email is cwwalker343@gmail.com. If you want to receive the MSFA legislative updates from Annapolis please send an email to mfsaleg@msfa.org with your complete name and contact information to be added to the mailing list.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at United Communities VFD Queen Anne’s County on Feb 9 & 10, 2019

If you are planning on going to the MSFA Convention please make your reservations ASAP. The Air Show is back in town on Saturday and Sunday and in the latter part of the week Ocean City is having a new event that’s having high expectations of a larger than normal crowd of people attending.

Richard C. Blair,  
MSFA President,  
2018-2019
Maryland Tornadoes

by Chief Clarence “Chip” Jewell, III

The tornadoes that recently ripped through Central Maryland seemed highly unusual, especially for the month of November.

But, meteorological history tells us otherwise. According to the Tornado History Project, 359 tornadoes have occurred in Maryland between 1950 and 2016 resulting in 7 fatalities. Eight of these tornadoes were F3/EF3 or F4/EF4.

The La Plata tornado in 2002 caused extensive damage literally flattening areas of central LaPlata. Unfortunately, and miraculously, 3 fatalities occurred. Initially designated an F5, this long path tornado was believed the strongest to ever hit Maryland. Ultimately, the funnel was rated at the higher end of the F-4 range based on the initial Fujita scale.

Four years earlier another F-4 tornado struck in the Frostburg area, causing significant damage. Damage was even caused to the Eckart fire station of the Clarysville Volunteer Fire Company. Members of the Clarysville Volunteer Fire Company also recalled another tornado struck the same area and followed nearly the same path through the Frostburg area in 1969. The Appalachian Tornado Outbreak in June of 1944 killed at least 104 people in West Virginia and 3 people in Maryland. The Frostburg area also saw a destructive tornado on November 23, 1891. These tornadoes shatter the myth that tornadoes do not strike in mountainous areas.

The recent EF1 tornado that tore through the Mt. Airy sections of Carroll and Howard Counties was on the ground for several miles, just missing the activities building of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company. The tornado brushed a trailer park and struck a shopping center, fortunately only minor injuries occurred. The November 2nd storm also spawned another EF1 tornado that collapsed a building near Baltimore, killing 2 workers. Fatal November tornadoes are not that unusual in Maryland.

The highest number of fatalities recorded in one tornado in Maryland occurred on November 9, 1926, in La Plata, Md. The La Plata School Tornado destroyed a school near the intersection of Wicomico and Somerset Streets trapping a reported 60 children in the collapsed structure and killing 13 school children and 4 residents.

Another fatal tornado in the 1920’s struck outside of Frederick on May 2, 1929. Richfield, the former home of Governor Thomas Johnson and Admiral Winfield Scott Schley was nearly destroyed and two family members of an adjoining farm were killed when as many as three tornadoes touched down in Frederick County.

Our fire service family suffered our greatest loss from a tornado

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Theodore R. Delbridge, MD Appointed Head of MIEMSS

The EMS Board has announced the appointment of Dr. Theodore R. Delbridge as MIEMSS Executive Director. Dr. Delbridge is a board-certified Emergency Physician with a 27-year clinical background in the practice of emergency medicine. He is experienced in all aspects of EMS including EMS medical and aero-medical direction, education, quality improvement, and research. He will begin at on February 13, 2019.

Among his many accomplishments, he led the development of the “EMS Agenda for the Future” from 1995-1999 that set the framework for the advancement of EMS systems throughout the United States. He is currently the Professor and Chair of Emergency Medicine at the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine where he has worked since 2006.

HB 359 Health – Reporting of Overdose Information

In July of this year a new state law, Reporting of Overdose Information, §13-3602 of the Health General Article, took effect. It provides for the reporting of overdoses in an effort to address the opioid epidemic.

Under the new law, MIEMSS is required to submit information to the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP).

MIEMSS is submitting data in compliance with the requirements of HB 359. Patient care reports are identified for submission to ODMAP where there is suspicion a patient is suffering from an opioid overdose based on the administration of naloxone as reported in eMeds.

Information is reported electronically to ODMAP every 15 minutes; following elements are reported: the date and time of the overdose; the approximate address where the overdose victim was initially encountered or where the overdose occurred; whether an opioid overdose reversal drug was administered; and whether the overdose was fatal or nonfatal.

Opioid Intervention Teams (OITs)

Opioid Intervention Teams (OITs) are coordinated jointly by the jurisdiction’s health officer and emergency manager but rely heavily on coordination of community organizations, local agencies, and community members to develop a unified local strategy to reduce the impact of overdose deaths in their jurisdiction.

OITs are set up in 24 jurisdictions in Maryland, including 23 counties and Baltimore City. All jurisdictions have reported EMS as partners with their OIT.

National Traffic Incident Response Transports to Providence Hospital - Health Care Facility #288

The Office of the State EMS Medical Director has become aware of significant limitations in emergency care services available at Providence Hospital, located at 1150 Varnum Street NE, in Washington, DC.

Effective immediately, this facility is not an appropriate destination for patients transported by Maryland jurisdictional (9-1-1/public safety) EMS operational programs. EMS providers should not consider this facility to be a transport destination, even as the “closest facility,” due to the significant decrease in services required to stabilize critically ill patients.

For further information on this matter, please contact your MIEMSS Regional Administrator or the Office of the State EMS Medical Director.

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Unfortunately during the winter months we see more and more fires across the state. These fires sometime result in injuries or deaths. Please continue to make Fire Prevention your most important service within your departments to prevent the 911 call. In the event you are on the scene of an incident, we wanted to pass along these guidelines on actions you can take to preserve the scene prior to the regional Deputy State Fire Marshal’s arrival.

Incident Commanders and operations personnel ability to preserve the scene is often the single most critical element in the overall fire investigation. Please take the time to review these with your personnel at your next company drill or meeting.

All fire scenes must be preserved when a fatality is discovered or occurs at the scene, a serious injury has occurred or occurs at the scene, criminal activity is suspected or the origin and cause of the fire cannot be determined by on scene units.

If an obvious fatality is discovered the body is not to be remove and left in the position found. If the body must be moved it must be secured by on scene personnel.

Secure access to the fire scene and restrict personnel movement to carry out essential fire control and minimal overhaul operations.

Once the fire is extinguished barrier tape must be used to secure the overall scene access on all sides of the structure.

A firefighter must be posted at each entrance to the structure to prohibit all access.

Orders must be given to all on scene personnel to prohibit access into the structure until a Fire and Explosive Investigator is on scene.

All attempts should be made to identify on scene victims and witnesses.

All personnel operating on the scene must limit their efforts to fire suppression only.

Nothing should be removed from the interior unless the item poses a hazard to personnel.

Minimal overhaul operations should be conducted in order to preserve any potential evidence. Do not move items within the structure leave in the position found.

Do not touch or move any controls, knobs or switches on appliances or utilities.

The main breaker should be used to remove power not the individual breakers.

Do not use any fuel powered equipment or other tools in or around the scene that may destroy potential evidence.

Any physical evidence discovered should be marked and secured.

EMS personnel should document all injuries and secure all clothing items from victims and potential suspects.

All personnel should assist the Fire and Explosive Investigators on scene as requested through the Incident Commander.

Following these simple guidelines will greatly enhance our on scene investigation to insure an accurate origin and cause is determined for the fire and/or explosion.

Should you have any questions regarding these guidelines please contact your OSFM Regional Commander.

Wintertime Is Here

By Jim Jarboe

The potential for injuries from slips and falls increase, whether inside or outside. We must be aware of our surroundings, especially where there is snow or ice.

We all need to help eliminate hazardous conditions, with the mopping up of water, shoveling of snow and ice, and putting down salt or sand. Finally, we must dress properly. That means wearing extra layers of clothing.
National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week

November 11 – 17, 2018 was observed as National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week. On Tuesday, November 13, law enforcement officers, emergency responders, tow operators, and highway safety advocates gathered for a media event at M and T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. This program was held to bring attention to the Move-Over Law, distracted driving, impaired driving, and what drivers need to do when approaching and driving through traffic incident scenes. The American Towman Spirit Ride conducted a memorial tribute to fallen responders as part of the ceremony.

Guest speakers from fire, law enforcement, and trauma centers provided insight into the importance of drivers obeying these critical laws. The MSFA Safety Committee played an instrumental role in this event.
MSFA Celebrates Christmas in Snow Hill

By Michael LeCompte
MSFA Safety Committee Chair

SNOW HILL, Dec. 1, 2018 — The MSFA Executive Committee met at Snow Hill for the December meeting. Following a long day of working on matters to advance the Maryland Fire Service, fire department representatives from across the state, celebrated Christmas Saturday evening at the Blue Dog Café in Snow Hill.

All twenty-three counties were represented at this planned Christmas dinner show. Snow Hill's "Christmas Dickens" dressed characters, greeted visitors and gave firefighters an historical live Dickens classic show, before dinner.

After dinner the visiting firefighters, from the Shore to the Maryland Mountains, were entertained with a live holiday show, the festive band, actors, and singers celebrating the holidays at the Blue Dog Café. Many of the 80 attendees, ended this festive night of entertainment with a fun train ride at Ocean City's popular "Winterfest of Lights."

See additional photo on back cover.

Photos by Michael Le Compte
OBITUARY

Jacqueline Marie Phillips-Olson
April 1, 1963 - January 5, 2019

Jacqueline Marie “Jackie” Phillips-Olson passed from a medical emergency on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Jackie is survived by her husband Jay Olson; Son, Tyler Olson; granddaughter, Aubree; Mother, Florence Phillips; close friends, JoAnn Debullet and Danielle Debullet. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is predeceased by her father, Kenneth W. Phillips and her grandparents.

Jackie joined the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company September 1, 1989, and served many years as a firefighter/EMT. She completed many hours of training and was certified to the Fire Officer III Level and Fire Instructor II Level. She also served the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company in several administrative roles, serving as a Board of Director, company President, and FVFC delegate to the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and Maryland State Firemen’s Association.


Jackie was employed with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department as the Volunteer Coordinator. Jackie lead a life of giving to others unconditionally in service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to:
National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, 2130 Priest Bridge Drive, Suite 6, Crofton, MD 21114.

Services:
Viewing: 3:00PM-9:00PM
Thursday January 10, 2019
Singleton Funeral Home
1 2nd Avenue, S.W.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
Funeral: 10:00AM
Faith Baptist Church
7378 E. Furnace Branch Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
Graveside Service
Glen Haven Memorial Park
7231 Ritchie Hwy
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Photo from the Volunteer Trumpet Archives
Mike Dixon of Elkton, MD has been named to the Board of Trustees for the National Fire Heritage Center. The National Fire Heritage Center is the nation’s archive for historic documents, and other perishables related to fire protection. These perishables include: art and artifacts; audio; books; Charts and graphs; documents; maps; photography; reports; and Video.

Dixon is a historian, adjunct professor, and writer whose research and teaching focuses on community studies and social history. He has served as a consultant for public television documentaries, Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Exhibits, and local government commissions. He has appeared on The Today Show, Maryland Public Television, the National Geographic Channel, and National Public Radio Shows.

Dixon joined the Singerly Fire Company of Elkton in 1969. Today, he is the editor of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Volunteer Trummet and chairs Singerly’s museum committee. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history and the behavioral science from St. Joseph’s University (Philadelphia), Washington College, and Wilmington University.

“Michael Dixon’s unique combination of being a historical scholar and his combat firefighting experience makes him an ideal member or our Board of Trustees. He has a built-in appreciation for what we are doing and why we are doing it.” Says NFHC President Bill Killen.

Singerly FC Capt. Mike Dixon at an elementary school for a Fire Prevention Week 1975 presentation.
Chip’s Logbook

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on September 24, 2001 in the College Park Tornado. MFRI was operating out of temporary quarters in trailers when the violent storm targeted the MFRI buildings. MFRI Associate Director Pat Marlatt and other MFRI staff were trapped in the debris. Tragically, his two daughters were killed as they were leaving the MFRI complex when the F3 tornado plowed into the College Park campus of the University of Maryland. The long path F3 tornado was on the ground for approximately 17.5 miles.

Three tornadoes touched down in Frederick County while I was on duty as the incident commander at the Great Frederick Fair in September of 2004. I was alerted to potential severe weather when the shift supervisor at the emergency communications center called me to advise multiple tornado reports in Loudoun County, VA are headed our way. With thousands of fairgoers in the open midways, the fair was finally convinced to announce that all patrons seek shelter in a solid structure. Fortunately, the tornadoes missed the fairground, but 2 tornadoes did touch down in the county just south of Frederick.

Another tornado that touched down in the Catoctin Mountains was reported to be an F3. Fortunately, it was a remote area and no damage to structures or injuries occurred. Twisted and snapped trees that show the path of the tornado are still evident today along MD Rt. 77.

In July, 1996, an F3 tornado was spawned near Gamber in Carroll County damaging as many as 50 houses and injuring 3 people. A more recent tornado in July of 2017 began as a water spout in the Chesapeake Bay and moved ashore on Kent Island causing severe damage to condos, houses and other structures in Queen Anne’s County.

Tornadoes actually occur in Maryland more frequently than most people realize. According to a 2012 article in the Baltimore Sun, Maryland ranks 3rd based on population per square mile in number of tornadoes. The Tornado Project survey indicates from 1991 – 2010 Maryland averaged 8 tornadoes per 10,000 square miles, only 6 states with a higher per square mile nationally. Over 350 tornadoes have touched down in Maryland since 1950.

As we enter the winter storm season, the fire and rescue service throughout our state will be called into action, regardless of weather conditions. Maryland has been called “America in Miniature” as we have a variety of geography from mountains to beaches. Our state also mirrors the entire country with a taste of every variety of weather from blizzards to tornadoes. And just as the many companies around Mt. Airy responded to this most recent tornado, fire and rescue companies around the Free State will always be the first to respond to nature’s fury.

Be Safe
Chip

Save the Date

Winterfest EMS 2019 – January 24 – 27, 2019
Easton High School, Easton, Md.

17th Annual Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar - March 8-9, 2019
Rocky Gap, Flintsone, Md.

Public Education & Life Safety Seminar - March 23, 2019
MFRI Headquarters, College Park, Md.

EMS Care 2019. – April 24-28, 2019
Clarion Resort, Ocean City, Md.

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Annual Convention and Conference-June 14-20, 2019
Ocean City, Md.
Some of the attendees from the MSFA arriving with Christmas Dickens performers on December 1st in Snow Hill (Worcester County) MD. See the full article on Page 8.