Happy 75th Birthday Smokey Bear

By Chip Jewell

Chip Jewell, President of the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum and Wayne Powell of the National Fire Heritage Center, wish Smokey Bear a happy 75th birthday. Smokey is one of the most recognized fire prevention icons in America.

According to the US Forest Service, “Smokey Bear was born on Aug. 9, 1944, when the U.S. Forest Service and the Ad Council agreed that a fictional bear would be the symbol for their joint effort to promote forest fire prevention.

Artist Albert Staehle was asked to paint the first poster of Smokey Bear. It depicted a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire and saying “Care will prevent 9 out of 10 fires.” Smokey Bear soon became very popular as his image appeared on a variety of forest fire prevention materials.

In 1947, his slogan became the familiar “Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires!” Then in the spring of 1950, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, a young bear cub found himself caught in a burning forest. He took refuge in a tree, and while managing to stay alive was left badly burned. The firefighters who retrieved him were so moved by his bravery, they named him Smokey. News about this real bear named Smokey spread across the Nation, and he was soon given a new home at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

The living symbol of Smokey Bear, he played an important role in spreading messages of wildfire prevention and forest conservation. Smokey died in 1976 and was returned to Capitan, New Mexico, where he is buried in the State Historical Park.”

Though today the message is slightly different, “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires” the intent to save our natural resources and save lives and property is just as important as it was in 1944.
The President’s Corner

March 11, 2019

I would like to start out by saying thank you to the membership for allowing me to serve as your president of the MSFA. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you and be part of moving the MSFA forward as your president. Over the last two and half years going through the chairs I have had the opportunity to see some old friends and make new friends as I travel around this great state. This is something I will never forget.

Since the last Volunteer Trumpet the MSFA Legislative Committee has worked for each of you everyday in Annapolis. Their days start as early as 4:00 AM and they work into the late hours of the night. Each day the Legislative Committee and the staff at 17 State Circle have met challenges while looking over each new or revised bill. They have made follow up calls as well as attended meetings at a minute’s notice with a delegate or senator. The committee reviews bills coming in from the Senate and the House of Delegates each day, and they make sure there have not been any changes to the bills as it concerns the MSFA.

As most of you have heard, our Second Vice President Richard (Dick) DeVore, has elected to resign his position and step down as the 2nd Vice President of the MSFA immediately due to personal reasons. I have accepted Richard’s resignation and have spent many hours looking for the right person for Dick’s replacement for the last few weeks. I had many people contact me in regards to filling the position of 2nd VP. Chuck has shown the membership, over the last several years while serving on the MSFA Executive Board, that he is capable of serving as your 2nd VP. Chuck has the best interest of the MSFA at heart and will be able to move the organization forward.

I have been in contact with Lee Lutz and have asked Lee to serve as the replacement for Chuck Walker. Lee has agreed to serve in Chuck’s place on the Executive Board. Lee Lutz is from PG County.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 6th and 7th, 2019 at the Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc., 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 0900 hours. Those of you desiring to stay overnight, arrangements have been made at the Microtel Inn & Suites, 886 Casteel Road, Hazelton, West Virginia. A block of rooms is being held for MSFA at a reduced rate. Each individual is responsible for making arrangements. For reservations, call 1-800-771-7171 or 304-379-7900. Rooms with a queen single are $61.00 per night plus tax or rooms with 2 queen beds are $71.00 plus tax, using code Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Reservations must be made prior to March 28, 2019 to receive this discount rate. Hoping to see you all at the meeting.

Richard C. Blair,
MSFA President,
2018-2019
Walker Appointed 2nd VP; Lutz Joins Executive Committee

As a result of the immediate resignation of 2nd Vice-President Richard Devore, President Blair nominated Charles W. Walker to fill the position. The Executive Committee approved the appointment and to fill the vacancy created as Walker moved up Lee Lutz was appointed to the Executive Committee. Dick resigned due to personal issues. In announcing the new appointments, President Blair provided these brief bios for members.

New Leadership Appointments

By President Blair

CHARLES W. WALKER — Chuck has been an active member of Chillum – Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department since March 1975 and has held every operational line office within his department except chief. Chuck has served as the president of his department for two terms as well as the Vice President for two terms, in addition to serving on the board of directors for 15 years. He has been representing his department as a delegate to the MSFA and Prince Georges County Firemen’s Associations Conventions for more than 35 years.

For years, Chuck has been involved with legislative issues that affect the Fire and Emergency Service and this year he was asked to lead the MSFA Legislative Committee as chairman.

He has served on numerous committees over the years in the MSFA. Chuck has been on the MSFA Executive Board since 2013. He has also served as Prince Georges County VF&RA President in 2012, 2014, 2015 as well as serving on numerous committees and work groups for the PGCVF&RA and the Prince Georges County Fire Department.

LEE LUTZ — Lee is currently an active member with the Glenn Dale Fire Assn. Inc. with over 54 years of service. Lee is also an active member of PGCVF&RA. Lee has served on numerous committees with the Glenn Dale and PGCVF&RA Organizations. Lee served as President of Glenn Dale Fire Assn. Inc. from 2008-2016, and is also an active life member of Glenn Dale. Currently Lee is the chair of constitution and bylaws committee for PGCVF&RA. Lee is also serving on constitution and bylaws committee for MSFA, as well as having served on the MSFA Executive committee from 2011-2013.
Chip’s Firehouse Logbook

“The Times They are STILL A changin’”

by Chief Clarence “Chip” Jewell, III

The MSFA unexpectedly lost another great leader, Past President Jackie Olson. Not only was Jackie a great leader, she was a trailblazer by cracking the glass ceiling becoming the first female president of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

She never publicly complained about leading the “firemen’s” association or wore her feminism on her sleeve, but I am sure she often felt conspicuous and uncomfortable.

We say we want to involve more individuals, expand our association and truly represent all... but we continue to fail in the most obvious area.

In the February 2014 edition of the Volunteer Trumpet, I wrote a rather controversial article on the need to change the name of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

We now have several female fire chiefs in our state, our state legislature has elected more women and even the MSFA Executive Director is female. Yet, five years later, we have made no attempt to bring our association into the 21st century. I believe it is appropriate to reprint the article in its entirety. Thank you for your leadership Jackie, we all know you earned your place in heaven.

Reprinted from Volunteer Trumpet Feb. 2014

I know there will be some individuals that will cringe after reading this article. And other members of the fire and rescue service of the Free State will nod in agreement and very supportive. As our great association has continued to evolve into the 21st century, one thing has remained the same. The name Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

My passion for the history and traditions of the fire and rescue service are well documented. I have personally written books and articles, present a living history, and have helped develop a fire and rescue museum. When I joined the fire service, men’s banquets were served by the women, and after dinner cigars were on the menu. A fog of El Producto’s would cloud the speaker’s rostrum. Even the MSFA Executive Committee meetings would ad-

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MIEMSS News Briefs

By James W. Brown, MA, EMT
Director, Educational Support Services
MIEMSS

New MIEMSS Executive Director
Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH

The EMS Board has appointed 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 started as Executive Director on February 13, 2019.

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD

Stamp Chairs MD EMS Board

Governor Larry Hogan has appointed Clay B. Stamp as the Chairperson of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board. Mr. Stamp has a long history with emergency services in Maryland. He is experienced in all aspects of EMS and emergency services management. Stamp is currently the Talbot County Director of Emergency Services and Assistant County Manager. He also serves as Senior Advisor to Governor Hogan for Emergency Management and is the Chair of the Governors Emergency Management Advisory Council.

Maryland’s EMS Board oversees the state’s trauma and EMS system. The eleven member Board, appointed by the Governor, is comprised of representatives from organizations involved in providing emergency care services. MSFA Past President Steve Cox currently serves on the EMS Board.

The Maryland RA Spring 2019 Two-day Resuscitation Academy

The Maryland RA Spring 2019 Two-day Resuscitation Academy has been scheduled for May 1 and 2, 2019 from 8:00 am -4:30 pm at the Howard County Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, in Marriottsville, Maryland. This audience is directed to Medical Directors, EMS supervisors, Fire/EMS Chiefs, EMS personnel of all levels, and Emergency Department staff across Maryland and surrounding regions. Attendees can expect to increase understanding of the interventions important to pre-hospital cardiac arrest survival and learn to implement ways to track and improve survival rates in the community.

Clay B. Stamp

Save the Date

2019 Educational Programs

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.

Delmarva Safety Association’s Health and Safety Conference - April 8 - 9, 2019
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, Md.

Maryland EMS Care 2019 – April 25-28, 2019
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, Md.

The Maryland RA Spring 2019 Two-day Resuscitation Academy - May 1 - 2, 2019
Howard County Public Safety Training Center, Marriottsville, Md.

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Annual Conference and Convention 2019 – June 15-20, 2019 Ocean City, Md.
DO I NEED A FIRE INVESTIGATOR?

- **Fire Code Violations**
  - Call for Investigator (2)
  - Investigator for Need
  - No Need

- **Serious Fire Code Violations**
  - Request DSM for Fire Code Violations

- **Burn Injuries**
  - (2) Serious Fire Code Violations
  - Request DSM for Fire Code Violations

- **Miscellaneous**
  - See Other Side

- **No Fire**
  - No Attempt to Burn (1)
DO I NEED A FIRE INVESTIGATOR?
Eastern Shore Hospitality Greets Executive Committee

By Mike Dixon

STEVENSVILLE, Feb. 8, 2019 — The United Communities Volunteer Fire Department hosted the February MSFA Executive Committee Meeting. Wherever the Association holds its meetings, an enormous amount of work goes into supporting these regional sessions.

At Stevensville, long before over 130 public safety representatives started arriving at 7:30 a.m. on this Saturday morning, members of the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department and the UCVFD Auxiliary were busy in the kitchen. A hot breakfast greeted representatives as they arrived in Stevensville, and then the volunteers served a superb Eastern Shore noonday meal. That work continued the next day, as a second round of meetings continued.

President Blair thanked UCVFD and Auxiliary for the fine Eastern Shore Hospitality and the five star meals.

See additional photo on back cover.
Reflections on the Passing of Chief Theodore Lee Jarboe
1944—2019

By Jim Jarboe

My brother Teddy passed away on February 8 in Orlando, Florida at the age 78. I want to share some of his accomplishments during his close to 50 active years in the fire service. He was the first one in the Jarboe family to join the Takoma Park VFD in 1956. I joined two months later, followed by brothers Bobby, Billy, Johnny, our father A.J. and uncle Steve.

Teddy’s lifelong dedication to the fire service took place at a time when professionalization, training, staffing, and the nature of emergency response were changing rapidly. Once he joined the department as a TPVD volunteer, the life member served on the Board of Trustees, was treasurer, first aid instructor, radiological monitoring instructor and a University of Maryland Fire Service Extension Instructor. On the fire line, he held ranks from sergeant to deputy chief.

In 1963, it was time for him to begin his career service. On May 20, he was hired by the Rockville FD, on November 14, 1963, he was hired by the Hillandale FD, and on October 8, 1964, he moved to the Silver Spring FD for a 15-year stay. During his years at Silver spring he rose up through the ranks, serving as technician, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. During the riots of 1968, Teddy spent many hours in Washington D.C. as the officer of Engine 11.

In June of 1979, he moved over to Montgomery County, serving as the training officer. In 1982 he was assigned to Research and Planning. In 1986 Teddy was hired as Fire Chief of the Kensington FD, and on January 15, 1988, the career firefighters became county employees. He was promoted to Shift Operations Chief.

Teddy attended the University of Maryland, where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in fire protection engineering. As an adjunct professor in the Fire Science Program at Montgomery College, the dedicated fire service commander shared his academic side of the discipline with a young generation of firefighters for 20-years in the classroom. During a span of nearly forty years, he authored over 100 publications, and in 1963 he was awarded a U. S. patent for the hand portable electric current tap device. He also co-invented the elevator rescue pole in 1974.

Some of his other accomplishments included: 1988 Member of the County’s Hazardous Materials and Collapse Rescue Teams; • 1995 Spent nine days with the MD TF-1 Urban Search and rescue Team; Served on numerous committees related to WMD; 1997 Appointed to IAFC Terrorism Committee; 1997 Received the Outstanding Applied Research Award, National Fire Academy, Executive Fire Officer Program. Certified as an Executive Fire Officer in 1998; 2000 Certified as an Emergency Manager (International Association Of Emergency Managers • 2001 Made trip to Yokosuka, Japan to Teach Terrorism Preparedness; 2002 Guest Researcher, NIST; 2002 Created "Rescue Mission - Radiation Exposure Time "Formula"; 2007 Co-author Elevator and Escalator Rescue Book with John O’Donoghue; and 2019 Co-author Second Edition (perfect timing).

Would you believe there is much more?

He left his mark on the fire service. Teddy, only wanted to help educate firefighters in this most dangerous profession, preparing the next generation for the dangers en route and on the scene of an emergency. Safety was one of his top priorities. He will be missed by the ones that cared about him and learned by him.
The MSFA has many active committees carrying on the work of the Association, and on Feb. 8, 2019, the Safety Committee was working on matters related to risk reduction strategies and injury prevention for the fire service.
Chip’s Logbook

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to “Smokers” when meeting in the mountains. I was very much in the forefront of controversy to eliminate the words “white male” from fire company by-laws some 50 years ago. Change was on the horizon.

I vividly recall the first females to join the fire service, both volunteer and career, and the changing firehouse environment. Even the advent of females in the fire dispatch centers was somewhat of a challenge. With the rapid evolution of EMS, the fire service began to morph into the fire and rescue service. This more personal side of emergency services attracted even more females that were not necessarily interested in dragging hose and climbing ladders. Even my mother, a registered nurse, took EMT and pulled a duty shift.

Judy White was the first female to run for the office of 2nd Vice-President of MSFA. She became the first female member of the MSFA Executive Committee followed by Judy Lau from Prince George’s County. Today, the worker bees of the MSFA are comprised of many females, working on various committees and serving in officer positions. In 2013, the first female president of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association was elected.

As President, Jackie Olson has served with distinction, I am sure her elevation to the highest office in MSFA has brought some undeserved snide comments. I can just imagine some chauvinistic legislators smirk behind the scene when President Olson presents testimony on behalf of the Maryland State FIREMEN’S Association. It must be at least somewhat uncomfortable for her to introduce herself as president of the Maryland State FIREMEN’S Association. But, the mere exchange of the word “firemen’s” to “firefighter’s” does not totally address the issue.

Nationally, at least 80% of the incident response is related to EMS. I am confident Maryland more than mirrors that percentage. Years ago, the MSFA opened the membership to include ambulance, rescue and EMS organizations. Our organization is no longer, “firemen” or “firefighters”. The MSFA is an organization comprised of organizations: fire companies, ambulance companies and rescue squads. The MSFA is truly the representative organization of Maryland’s fire and rescue service. But, again, our historic name does not reflect our present day organization.

There have been attempts in the past to change our name. But, as our association has continued to expand, grow and diversify, we need to consider the metamorphosis of the MSFA into the future.

We now concentrate on multiple EMS issues during every session of the General Assembly. Much of our legislative efforts are targeted towards MIEMSS, SEMSAC, MSP Helicopters and other EMS related proposals. With 2014 as a statewide election year, we will need to educate what most likely will be over a third of the legislators that the name Maryland State Firemen’s Association really means over 370 volunteer fire, ambulance, rescue and EMS companies composed of 35,000 diversified members.

If we desire to truly represent the many facets of the emergency services, we need to consider how we are perceived outside the fire service community. If we are going to continue to promote our organization as representing all fire, ambulance and EMS services, we need to consider the first impression, our name.

As the present now will later be past 
The order is rapidly fadin’
And the first one now will later be last
For the times they are a-changin’
~ Bob Dylan – “The Times They Are A-Changin’” Lyrics | MetroLyrics

Just a reflection from 2014. Rest in Peace, Jackie.

Be Safe
Chip
MSFA Executive Committee Meeting at Stevensville

By Mike Dixon

STEVENSVILLE, Feb. 9, & 10 2019 -- On this weekend in early February, as a cold, Chesapeake Bay wind swept across Kent Island, over 130 Maryland Fire Service representatives and partner agency staff assembled at an early hour in Stevensville. With a packed agenda of business that spanned Saturday and Sunday, President Blair and his leadership team welcomed the member companies from Mountain Maryland to the Shore. This Executive Committee meeting was hosted by the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department. Throughout the weekend, MSFA officer reports, along with reports from partner first response agencies filled the schedule, as matters of significant interest to Maryland and its volunteer fire service were addressed.

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Early on Saturday morning President Blair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Executive Committee Vice-Chairman Robert Blackiston chaired the meeting, keeping the agenda moving along and moderating discussions.

Executive Committee Member John Fisher makes a point as a matter is discussed. Photos by Dixon
Delmarva Safety Training Conference 2019

The Delmarva Safety Association and the MSFA Safety Committee will be presenting the Delmarva Safety Training Conference on Monday April 8 at 8 a.m. and Tuesday April 9, 2019 at Clarion Hotel and Conference Center at 10100 Coastal Highway.

The two days of safety training is open to the public and all employers, and is Delmarva's largest safety training event. Classes will be on Opioid Epidemic Safety, Active shooter safety, Gas Explosion-lessons learned, Spill response dangers, Electrical Safety overview, OSHA/MOSH Best Practices and Updates, Storm response and preparation, Fall protection, Concepts of Risk Management, Underground utility safety and Incident Care for the active shooter and violence incidents.

The tuition for the two day conference is $150.00, which does include food and training aids. Discounted hotel rooms are available at the Clarion hotel at a discount under code DSA. Information and registration for the event should be made at www.delmarvasafety.org and Wendy Stack-conference coordinator at 302-363-4636 or Michael LeCompte, MSFA-Safety Chair at 443-366-0328.

The Tuition for Maryland firefighters is being paid for through the Safer Grant.

Quick Takes from the Feb. Executive Committee Meeting

Above: President Blair carefully listens to an important discussion.

Right: Laura Woods studies the crowd as she Keeps order in the packed meeting.
Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum Opens April

By Clarence Jewell III

The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum will open for the new museum season on April 6, 2019. The museum will open that day at 10:00 a.m. with normal hours from the first weekend in April until the first weekend in October from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Many artifacts related to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association are on display at the museum included old convention programs and delegate badges. Other featured attractions at the museum include the 1939 Ahrens-Fox front mounted piston pumper owned by the United Steam Fire Co. No. 3 of Frederick, the “Old Lady” hand tub pumper, and “Romeo” the 1893 Holloway Hose Carriage. Many pictures and news articles provide the visitor with an excellent opportunity to absorb the history and traditions of the Frederick County fire and rescue service.

A unique display showcases the Frederick fire company militia units that responded to Harper’s Ferry and information of local fire department activities during the Civil War. Another display special also includes information on the 1863 Emmitsburg Fire and the fire company Zouave units, some of which fought in Gettysburg.

The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum is located at 300B South Seton Avenue, just two blocks north of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The National Fire Heritage Center is co-located in the museum and is also open during the museum hours.

For more information go to: www.frederickmdfiremuseum.org.
Takoma Park VFD Goes on the Air: Promotes Fire & Injury Prevention

By Jim Jarboe

In the City of Takoma Park there is a radio station called Takoma Radio (WOWD 94.3 FM). It covers a 5 square mile radius, with a 250,000 listening audience. It operates in English and Spanish, hosted by Alvaro Calabia and Bienvenido Martinez with the Takoma Park City Cable. I do the English segment and EMS Lieutenant Jorge Alfaro does the Spanish. Sessions are held on Wednesdays at noon for a half hour. Some subjects covered - seasonal safety tips, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, fire and EMS stats, questions and much more. Starting 2019, sessions will be held monthly. Jorge and I look forward to the new media, the Air Waves in getting the message of safety out to the community. Alvaro had advised us that the responses to our shows have been positive.

McCrea Candidate for 2nd Vice-President

By Mike Dixon

STEVENSVILLE, Feb. 9, 2019 — Joel McCrea announced that he is a candidate for 2nd VP of the Association at the Feb MSFA Meeting. Joel has been a volunteer for the past 29 years, serving with the Long Green Volunteer Fire Company in Baltimore County. He twice served as president of his home company and the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. He has also been a member of the MSFA Executive Committee and had appointments to a number of Association committees.

His priorities are:

- Assuring the long term sustainability and advancement of the Volunteer Fire, EMS, and Rescue Services in MD;
- Focusing on the Challenges of Recruitment and retention; and
- Working with current stakeholders and the legislative process to ensure the company assistance fund can better meet the needs of member companies.
UCVFD Members in group photo, Left to Right: Kent Whalen, Kevin Moore, Jack Bossert, Pat Neil, Pat Schwink, Melissa Rousseau, Frances LeMay, Rose Clark, Bonnie Roberts, Kevin Henderson.

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