

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes
Sunday, April 24, 2005

District 16 – Allegany County

The MSFA Safety Committee April meeting was called to order at 10:04 am on Sunday, April 24, 2005 by Chairman Jackie Olson at the District 16 Allegany Co fire House. A delicious continental breakfast was provided prior to the meeting. 13 committee members were present. Guests included Bobbi Stevens and Charlene Stone, Steve Kestner (Chair of Budget committee).

Members present: Chair Jackie Olson, (Ferndale, Anne Arundell), Vice Chair Russ Healy (Williamsport, Washington Gunter Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Host Jim Decker, (District 16, Allegany); Gerald McGann, Mt Savage, Allegany); Ray Stevens, (Chesapeake City, Cedil), Sec. Barbara Steiner, (Church Creek, Dorchester); David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick), Harry Stone, (Deep Creek, Garrett); Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford); Joe Slavotinek, (Eldrdidge, Howard) Bennie Shelton, Suddlersville, Queen Anne's); Dan Stevens, (Training Liaison, Committee)

Welcome: Jim Decker, host, welcomed the committee members to Western Maryland. Steve Kestner also welcomed the group to Western Maryland. No MSFA representatives attended the meeting (The 100th Anniversary of Ocean City was held last night).

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as sent out.

Jackie Olson –

Convention

Attended Convention meeting Thursday. Talked about Safety.

2 additional events are being added to the convention agenda.

Sunday – Flea Market Sunday, 11-3 pm

Hub Cap Dance – after Parade Wednesday, June 22, 2005 8pm (2000 hrs)

We will take care of our seminars

Highway Safety Committee representative of MSFA Safety Committee not on committee. No representation of MSFA Safety Committee on committee.

Tuesday – presentation – Jackie will see that our Safety Committee has a representative on it

Joe Slavotinek moved, that Jackie present to MSFA President Jacobs, that Highway Safety Committee should be addressed with MSFA Safety Committee, Seconded by Bennie Shelton.

Russ Healy stated it was our idea to do this and the president took it away from us
Appointed a member of Safety Committee and put on Highway Safety Committee. It was to be a joint effort with MSP.

Jackie will get a letter together and let President Jacobs know that we are disappointed with the way it had developed.

Jackie will attempt to meet with Cumberland Valley – who has a great program. We had hoped to be more than “Red Shirts” at the convention.

Suggested to also send copy of letter to 1st VP Sachs.

Jackie concerned that our members are not included and not aware of what Highway Safety Committee is doing.

Harry Stone- Requested that Jackie send a copy of letter to members of committee. It will be e-mailed to those with e-mail addresses.

Letter is to be sent from committee and not chair, with names of those present at today's meeting only. Today's sign in sheet will be used for these names.

Calendars – to have safety message for every month. Asked for calendar to run from June through June – Company unable to provide this format.

Radios cost committee \$400 - \$450 per year to rent radios. Option to

Purchase radios at \$85 per radio.

Ray Stevens stated that he may be able to get a better deal.

Ray moved, David Kline seconded motion to purchase radios for Safety Committee. The money designated for the calendars(\$825) would be used to pay for the radios. Motion passed

Radios (at whatever cost) would be available to members of committee.

Calendars will be purchased with remaining money.

Phil Hurlock has samples of calendars at Safety Conference in Annapolis last October.

Vice Chairs: Russ Healy asked about Co-Chairs for committee next year. The new president will make that decision.

Computers: Lap top available to Chair. Joe – Computers for committees expense Steve Kestner provided the following information:

Comes out of Data Systems budget.

Requests must go to Data Systems committee and submit for it

Requests goes on to budget committee which determines if there is a need.

Take a look at whole association – may move computer from one committee to another.

If committee still wants a computer – must go to Executive Committee and ask for a change in budgeting.

Budget committee breaks down line items.

Many computers are out there

If committee can justify means for a computer, can ask, otherwise don't ask for it.

Jackie – computers needed to use with power-point displays.

Safety Committee computer is being upgraded.

National Safety Month – Month of June designation

Jackie has ordered green ribbons.

Letters to be sent to companies along Rt 50 requesting them to put safety Messages on the Marques

Requesting use of 2 Bulletin Board along Rt 50

“EVERYONE COMES HOME: by MSFA Safety Committee

Give aways – In past spent \$13,000 on giveaways. Pocket packets.

Last year used pocket mask key chain version.

Masks in red packets with gloves run from \$8.79 to \$9.19 per pack

Packets used last year cost less
Anne Arundell County get the masks cheaper
Jackie made business cards last year and stuffed them into packet.
Committee to make stickers –
Ordered 1500 – had about 300 left
Hoby recommended that we use the hard case model for CPR masks
Jackie will get as many as possible with the money available.

Committee assignments

Members were asked to indicate whether or not they wished to remain on Safety Committee. A paper was passed around for this information

Address corrections: Members were asked to supply correct address, phone number and e-mail if you have one. These corrections are to provide for accurate information to be put in the directory.

Convention Dead Time

In Convention hall during down time – to display safety messages on Big Screen –

Want to use National Fire Fighters 16 initiatives
June is National Safety Month – with theme

Add item on use of Cell phones – while driving to power point presentation.

Convention – members will work at door for Hub Cap dance

Budget – asked for \$200 for postage and office supplies

Trophy Awards – Johnsonville 65 ft Grill to be there to provide “brockwurst”

Dan Stevens – Training Liaison

Jenks – treatments at U of MD. Doing good with treatments – not out of woods Yet.

Baltimore Fire House Expo July 26-31 Find info on FireHouseexpo.com

Training not free

Get hands on a brochure – Safety and fire scene safety presentations.

Young officers are not getting mentoring and experience on fires.

Check MFRI for info on Expo

NIASH – Fire Deaths – line of duty deaths – Center CDC.gov/NIASH

Seminars in Ocean City

Monday- Keynote – Bus Melton –common sense – Haz-Mat

US Fire Administration – study of emergency warning lights

Maryland exemption from several NFPA regulations

Lighting scapegoat of why people die on road

MFRI seminars – check website – all over the state

MFRI.org

MFRI Ed training – Planning Commission looking at re-cert of Firefighters similar to what EMS does.

Normal company drills or formal training – ties into NIMS credential for FireFighters

Minimum Standards Committee will mail to all fire companies in the state
Training Committee – next year - a push with high school cadet classes
Now in 12 counties. Summit in the summer
Hope that State Board of Education will attend – Want to find out
what is good and not good
Working with St. Mary's County – Meeting scheduled for May 25.
Cadet Program – best recruiting tool we have. If trained in high school, stay with
us.
MFRI Fire Fighting Safety Officer training – 30 hour class leads up to 7
certifications.
Gives credibility to the program. Next meeting after convention
Drivers licenses exemption and cadet programs at Convention – Dan and
Roger Steger

Hoby Howell – Convention

Hub Caps – 8:30 to midnight on Wednesday, Need workers

Display – Stagger coverage – 1 hour at a time

Give out pocket masks on Sunday.

Need everyone there on Sunday, 7AM for breakfast – upstairs

10AM sign up – Bus Tickets, “Ride the Bus”

Seminars

Monday – DNR – Chain Saw Safety – talked to Monte Mitchell

Positions not being filled when someone retires Harford/Cecil to share

2:30 –finish – Hoby to open

“SAW THE LOG, NOT YOUR LEG”

Tuesday – 3:15 to finish Chesapeake Rescue – Hybrid vehicles, Air bags and
Demos.

Tuesday 4-4:30 Assist set-up parameter on circle drive for airbag set off

Will send schedule to members not here today

Sunday – 10-4 – Flea Market

Wednesday – full day – Sergeant – at – Arms helps us with parade

Wednesday night – Dance. PAY to get in MSFA has nothing to do with drinks

Will nr in large room where vendors set up downstairs in exhibition hall

NO COOLERS at dance

DANCE – Wear Golf shirt or Fancy shirt and Badge

Smith Stathem Awards – need nominees. Need to be in by May 1st.

. Margaret Gouty supplies – Need to be ordered immediately

Margaret is working on safety bags for members

Steve Kestner –Invitation to Allegany County Convention – June 4th Sat 10:30 am
Chesaptown.

Would like Safety Committee represented at meeting.

Table \$150 unless take out full page ad – then \$90 for ad – free table and
1 free lunch.

Stoney moved, Joe seconded a motion to take out an ad for the book by the Safety
Committee. Table to be next to Memorial foundations.

Russ – Wife Eloise has medical problems – Has breast cancer – She will undergo a
Double mastectomy on Monday, April 25. in Washington County hospital

Our prayers are with you Russ and Eloise.

Next Meeting – May 15 Elkridge – directions to follow minutes

Round the Room –

Stoney – Glad to be here. Thanks to Dan and Bobbi for card.

Stone made a motion to send a basket to Jenks. Seconded by Hoby – passed.

Hopes to be in Ocean City

Dan – Smith Stathem Trophy will be back.

Gerard McGann – asked to have Steve make a sign for school bus

Jim Decker – a welcome to all

Benny Shelton – Lester Downes is out and around

Ray Stevens – reported on unusual calls

Steve Kestner Welcome to the convention – First time department has held convention in 22 years.

Motion for adjournment by Joe, seconded by Hoby. Passed

Adjourned 11:55 am

Lunch was served by the Ladies – delicious soup and chicken salad sandwiches.

The cake was also delicious. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Steiner, Sec

DIRECTIONS to ELKRIDGE – HOWARD COUNTY

Ridge Volunteer Fire Co
6275 Old Washington Rd
Elkridge, MD

From where ever you are coming:

Rt 100 to Ellicott City
Rt 1 North
To Old Washington Rd
Right Side – cut off – Fire House on Right side

More specific
From Rt 50 take Rt 97 to Rt 100 and Rt 1 North

If you need more specifics please contact Joe at

jslavotine@alo.com

Hope to see you there.

Have a great month

Barb