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 chair version.
Masks in red packets with gloves run form $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
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 Statthem 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

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Hope to see you there.
Have a great month
Barb