

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes  
Sunday, May 15, 2005

Elkridge – Howard County

The MSFA Safety Committee April meeting was called to order at 9:56 am on Sunday, May 15, 2005 by Chairman Jackie Olson at the Elkridge Vol Fire Co Fire House. A continental breakfast was provided prior to the meeting. 14 committee members were present. Guests included MSFA Pres. Bob Jacobs, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lee Sachs and Bobbi Stevens.

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

**Welcome:** Joe Slavotinek, host, welcomed the committee members to Elkridge and Howard County

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as sent out.

**Jackie Olson –**

**Highway Safety Committee Issue**– letter from committee to MSFA Pres was passed for comments. Hoby recommended that copies be sent to all presidents.

**Committee Assignments** – Letter was sent to individuals listed in directory as members of this committee requesting what their intent is as to staying on the committee. Some of the members listed are no shows at the meetings.

**Convention**

Slides: have been updated with safety messages to be used in the meeting hall on the big screen during “down time”.

Display board – Jackie needs to know if there are “hot topics” that will be used. i.e. gear inspection, air bags, hybrids, chain saws.

Russ suggested posting photos of safety hazards with a quiz to identify the safety hazard in each photo.

Signs – for Seminars, room designation etc have been updated. (Yellow/Black) Signs to be donated. Big Safety sign also to be donated – can be changed – peel off type.

Seminars : Electrical – 2 days – Monday and Tuesday from 11am – 12 noon.

Logistic : Need tables for handouts Sunday.

Table to be set up after Executive Committee meeting.

John Denver has a display for electrical demonstration. – outside ( if not called on emergency).

B G & E – co member invited to convention to do seminar

(Gas seminars with demos rectangle/square box lights off with propane s

suggested for next year). Express different safety issues.

TV at Booth - Have display outside room in hallway if TV and video are not used. Ask Leonard to put display table in hallway upstairs.

Hybrid and Airbag seminar together

CPR Masks – Benny asked about masks – Will be given out Sunday and Monday while they last. Purchased through Anne Arundell County at cost of \$4.15. Regular price is \$9.15. Shipping and handling was free.

Masks will be white and red.

Safety Committee Labels on masks – Margaret supplying labels. Joe offered to put labels on masks.

Jackie will get as many as possible. Joe Slavotinek moved, Harry Stone seconded motion that Jackie buy as many as possible for the \$5,000 set aside for the masks. Motion passed.

Cresaptown meeting – last years masks will be taken to meeting for distribution.

Radios for convention – Jackie contacted person recommended by Ray Stevens.

Will have the radios. Will also need to rent some more.

Hoby suggested giving masks out on Tuesday at door.

Russ suggested saving some for other occasions.

TV and Tape – If TV and tape are used – someone will have to stay in room Russ will be there.

If display only is used, it can be out in the hallway with display and handouts.

TV is not a automatic rewind. It needs someone there at all time.

Will go back to way – need sign – Come into Safety Committee Display

Will have give-aways – bookmarks

Need ideas for display – TV and tape will be there – If you have new safety tapes Bring them. Hobo will see if he can get some.

Gary – Cumberland Valley tapes are good. He can get them on a DVD.

Jackie – some of the tapes are outdated.

Awards – Smith Stathem Safety – Hobo reported that 3 will be presented at the Convention. Will be on stage handing out plaques. Needs an 8 foot table with all committee members behind it. Rough time will be after keynote speaker on Monday morning. Smith-Stathem's daughter will be there.

(Awards from Fallston, Southern Maryland and PG county)

Hobo asked to pick up the trophy from Dan Stevens today on his way to motorcycle races to watch his grandkids race.

Cost of awards – Jackie asked about the cost this year as last year was high. Hobo explained that the plaque was redone so that all letter matched.. He will know the cost for this year in a few weeks.

Awards to be given out between 10-12 noon.

National Fallen Fire Fighters – Gary stated that a presentation will be made by this group.

**MSFA President Jacobs** – welcomed to meeting

Pres Jacobs stated that there are a few added duties for the Safety Committee this convention. – They include the HubCabs dance

on Wednesday night ( Hoby has taken care of coverage)  
The flea market.

The video with Cumberland Valley will be in the same room as the  
Safety Committee display. Room 208.

Contact Gene to coordinate. Cumberland Valley will share room and  
Fire Prevention also. Historical Archives will also be there  
Cumberland Valley deals with Gene – Will coordinate with Steve Austin  
Jeff Ringer – Seminar on Highway Safety

**Highway Safety issue** was defeated by legislature in Annapolis this year.  
V. P Sachs can come back with it next year – more attention with issues  
across state and nation. With Fire Fighters and EMS safety.

Pres Jacobs has had several conversations with Steve Austin – hot  
program kicked off on increase of line of duty deaths across U.S.

**Line of Duty Deaths** - Largest number ever had killed in line of duty this  
year – no answer to problem

Big promo in Florida – to bring to attention of Fire Service  
personnel in U.S. – getting more attention to concern -  
going in wrong direction.

Part of message to individual departments and contacts of Safety  
Committee – **hammer on issue** - not only local, but  
national - need to do our part in State of Maryland – need  
to do across State – need to do a better job.

Jackie asked who is kicking off the issue – National Fallen Fire  
Fighters organization is doing it.

Pres. Jacobs has asked Steve to have the person call him – to try to  
coordinate - to bring it as a state announcement during the  
convention.

Media – Pres. Jacobs hopes that Baltimore media will be in Ocean  
City to do this – When he has all the ducks in a row he will  
make a press announcement.

Gary – a mini summit on Safety will be part of the Fire House  
Expo.

Jenks - Russ asked about his health status. Lee Sachs stated that all tests  
show that he is heading in the right direction. He loves phone calls.

**Lee Sachs – 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.** Good morning. He is pleased with the work done by the  
committee. He is looking forward to continuing productivity of  
the committee. Committee does a superb job at the convention.  
Tasks for committee go beyond it. More to come. Thanks for the  
service.

Lee thanked Jackie for the stewardship of the committee for the past 2  
years. Keep up the good work.

**Dan Stevens – Training Committee liaison.**

6-7 Safety oriented programs and seminars at the  
Fire House Expo July 26-30. Around 20 session on safety orientation  
Are excellent programs – highly recommended including hybrid  
Vehicle updates.

Seminar sponsored by Safety Committee – Individual in one of Dan’s Classes – owner of a land clearing tree removal business had an incident with a chain saw. He was directed to our “Cut the log not the Leg” seminar.

Committee looking for things for the Safety committee to do:

Opitcon system for traffic light controls – WORK

Stop cross traffic – get vehicles out of the way.

Need statewide effort for safety committee to get them across state. Serious accidents occur at intersections

Training committee supports Safety Committee – will be happier to partner . Now have Safety Officer certification – 30 hours class  
Now on board for state.

Thanked Lee and Jackie.

**Cadet Program Seminar at Convention** Benny asked about this program.

St Mary’s 14<sup>th</sup> county to offer program in high schools. Meeting this week.

After convention will have a summit of all counties involved to discuss challenges. Representative for cadet program in each county need to contact Dan and give name.

Fire departments fighting uphill battle to get opicons installed.

**Pres. Bob Jacobs** – Awards after Monday a.m. keynote speaker.

Have 11”30 break

Schedule change from preliminary printing on Tues AM

9:30 – Chief Billy Goldfider changed to service for National Fallen Fire Fighters system - issue of safety and getting message out to try to bring line of duty deaths down

Some items will be moved from schedule to allow above to take place.

Bennie asked if the Memorial Service could be shortened. Also if opening ritual could be shortened and give more time

Bob stated that call to order is only 30 minutes – Keynote 35-40.

No issue with this. Issue is not saving time - is in not knowing names of various localities throughout state

**Gary McGinnis – Fall Seminar** – Gary has lined up a speaker – cost will be \$1500 plus Expenses. Capt William Morro of San Antonio. Partner with U.S. Fire Administration – He has written article, does presentation on Fire Fighters getting lost in the building- Fire Fighter Survival. He was in Ocean City last year – a dynamic speaker – issues with safety

To be October 29. – Second Annual Seminar.

Looking for a central location – let Jackie know if you have one.

Last year Anne Arundel County FF partnered – helped pay expenses for Gordon Graham.

Capt Moor will stay 2 nights.

Looking for place to partner

**Jackie – attended Metropolitan Fire Chiefs** meeting. –

They have a safety sub-committee. Pres. Jacobs and Roger Steger (Pres of

Fire Chiefs) asked Jackie to attend meeting.  
Big Issue – standards and regulations of each county  
Fire Fighters having a lot of backing incidents  
Group meets second Wednesday of the month  
Jackie will keep us informed.  
Meeting was very informative – a few companies attended  
Setting goals and mission – will meet Thursday in Ocean City  
Bill Boards – light up signs – asking to put up message  
“**EVERYONE COMES HOME**”  
got names of businesses near Ocean City  
Flyer to give out on Monday and Tuesday and to go into bags to announce  
our seminars  
Chesaptown – ad for program sent in on time – June 4<sup>th</sup> – Display will be there.  
Steve wants his county familiarized with Maryland State

**Sunshine Fund:** Joe reported that items have been taken care of.

### **Convention**

Refreshments for committee – invited to Cecil Hospitality Sunday 13:00-17:00  
At Princess Bayside also on Monday and Tues 17-21  
Wednesday after parade – drinks and food. Convention comments:  
Gary – People using programmable road signs for convention – Rt 50 has them  
Fire Fighter challenge safety sign  
Russ – Airplanes with streamer – to fly over – cost to toe – Jackie – ask Roger for  
point of contact – “MSFA Safety - Drive Safely  
“Everybody Comes Home”  
Lee – put label on Bud Lite bottles  
Bob – trying to get message out to general public to drive safely – to teens.  
**VP Sachs** – MSFA and Memorial Foundation to do Booths at MACO in August and  
at Fire House Expo  
Maryland Municipal League – after our convention in O.C. – invited to give demo  
12-2 public safety.  
Mon – MSFA – Residential Safety house – have booth for Monday & Tuesday.  
Display – MSFA and Memorial on table – Need person to help with booth.  
Getting to various (2600) subdivision in state  
Tues – MSP – mobile command post

### **Convention – Hobby**

**Sunday** – 7AM – Meeting – Radios, Breakfast – go to prospective work area.  
Need all those who signed up to be there  
**Wednesday** night – help with HubCap dance.  
Seminars – Monte Mitchell – Chris Robertson to help out (DNR)  
Copies of schedule out – name changed on items – update on duties on Sunday.  
Thanked those who signed up to help out  
Russ – what are responsibilities of Dance???  
Same as Monday at Beach Party – take tickets. Others will be bouncers.  
Wear Tennis or Dress Shirt to Dance – **NO T-SHIRTS**

### **Round the Room”**

Stoney – Wish it was June

Ray – 2 killed in Amtrack Rail Road incident – were on tracks  
Gerard – Fire in City Commons – Missing child turned out to be under furniture in home.  
Jackie – Shock Trauma – 2 hero stories –  
Barb – child lost foot – ran over by lawnmover.  
Gary – Fire Fighter department in St Louis – sued for not following NFPA Standards – caused accident. Won case.  
Utility company – CO detection – (Carbon Monoxide) incident  
Discovered battery charger charging battery caused CO to be released Home.  
Hoby – stated same problem – Found Battery charger in garage connected to Battery causing emission of CO into area.  
Russ – used brush truck to tow boat, Truck caught fire.- electrical under hood  
Fire fighter got caught inbetween boat and vehicle while trying to take  
Save boat by taking trailer off hitch on brush truck.  
Boating season – schools out – parties –  
See everyone in Ocean City  
Gerard – Remind counties who don't have railroad tracks – running through them  
Control for trains comes out of Jacksonville Florida.  
Jackie – Great Group of people to work with – She has other responsibilities coming up – will give up chair but remain on committee.  
Pres. Jacobs – Rays point about railroads – brush fires, folks on tracks – need to bring up to folks  
Comments on what you see in businesses and in homes – deal with on Homeland Security – Seminar at OC with Lt Chris Nelson, MSP – deals with day to day actions around state.  
River rescue - upper Potomac –  
Homeland Security – Earl Edding to talk about Maryland Transportation Authority dealing with waterways  
Issues on waterways and Homeland Security – Harford/Cecil connections to Canal – what is being brought into area via the waterways. Lt Nelson will point out what's going on to public 1-800 – 492 –TIPS is number to report suspicious activities.  
Identify what you see – get info to law enforcement authority  
Get info to proper authorities  
Committee does a great job – Thanked committee for everything we do.

**Motion to adjourn:** Gary moved, Harry (Stoney) seconded motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.

A delicious lunch of hot soup and sub sandwiches was served.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Steiner, Sec

July meeting at Mt Savage – Allegany County July 19<sup>th</sup>. (August meeting will be in Church Creek Dorchester on August 14<sup>th</sup> due to conflict with Exec Bd mtg.)  
DIRECTIONS to MT SAVAGE – ALLEGANY COUNTY TO FOLLOW:

To Mt Savage as per Gerard McGann:

ROUTE 70 WEST to ROUTE 68 WEST

ROUTE 68 WEST to 40 WEST (EXIT 44)

ROUTE 40 WEST to ROUTE 36 SOUTH

TURN LEFT on 36 SOUTH

7 miles to IRON RAIL ST

TURN LEFT on Iron Rail St – travel 1 mile

FIRE HOUSE IN ON RIGHT

Gerard's home phone 310-264-3110

Cell phone – 301-876-0437

See you in there

Barb