

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes  
Sunday, July 17, 2005

Mt. Savage Fire Co. - Allegany

The MSFA Safety Committee July meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on Sunday, July 17, 2005 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the Mt. Savage Fire Co.. A continental breakfast was provided prior to the meeting. 13 committee members were present. Guests included MSFA Pres. Lee Sachs, Bobbi Stevens and Charlene Stone.

**Members present:** Chair Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford ), Vice Chair Russ Healy (Williamsport, Washington) Vice Chair Jack Gouty, (Jessup, Anne Arundell); Jill and Gunter Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Jim Decker, (District 16, Allegany); Host: Gerard McGann, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Gary McGinnis, (Sykesville Carroll), Ray Stevens (Chesapeake City, Cecil), Sec. Barbara Steiner, (Church Creek, Dorchester); David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick), Harry Stone, (Deep Creek, Garrett), Dan Stevens, (Training Committee Liaison,)

**Salute to the Flag.** The meeting was opened with a salute to the Flag led by Hoby Howell.

**Welcome:** Hoby Howell, newly appointed chair of the committee welcomed the group. Gerard McCann, host, welcomed the committee members to Mt Savage and Allegany County. He stated that there had been lots of rain in the area, affecting the roads. Congratulations to Hoby on the appointment as Chair of the Safety Committee.

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

Pres. Lee Sachs: - opening remarks

It's a pleasure to see everyone

As Chair of Safety Committee, Hoby has been designated representative to the Highway Safety Committee.

The committee to have more public meetings.

Fire Fighter deaths: 103 – 12 were in fire emergencies, 9 in non-fire emergencies  
(23 in dangerous part of our operation) 12 in training, 19 in Highway accidents.

A sub committee is working to make it better

49 died of heart attacks: 39 volunteers, 10 career.

The Physicals required have been put off until the funding is available.

We've got to get the money to pay for them.

The challenges are out there for the Safety Committee.

Executive Committee meeting schedule was available.

The EC will meet next in Pikesville – Info on motels was available.

Have a good meeting.

Dan Stevens – Training Committee liaison

J.J. Lamont will take over as Chair of training committee

Dan will concentrate on working with the Cadet program in the high schools He will chair the sub committee on the high school cadet program.

Several counties and areas are interested in starting the program. Dan hopes to get

3-4 more programs up and running in the future.

Problem is occurring due to lack of communication. Dan is working to get better communication.

Baltimore County has 7 of the 8 cadets who took the program still active.

Jenks Mattingly – Health issues. He has had chemo treatments and stem cell treatment

Reach Jenks at University of Maryland Hospital – Room C922

Phone – 410-328-4521.

Charlie Black – has serious health issues. He is in PRMC in Salisbury. R 4530.

Cards would be welcomed.

#### Training

1. Managing Metro Emergencies – Metro training for Washington DC .
2. National Fire Academy – Arson investigation – 2 weeks of classes  
Call MFRI to see if there is still space available. Closing deadline has past.
3. Terrorism- Bombing program – November 19<sup>th</sup>. Upper Shore  
Also – December 10<sup>th</sup> at North Central  
Need 12-15 persons in class – Call MFRI to schedule class.
4. MFRI to celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Open House – October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2PM.
5. University of Virginia to offer Fire Service Social Attitude. – contact Dan for info.

Dan is liaison to Safety Committee for Training Committee

Russ asked – About the Cadet program – are they trying to standardize the program for the whole State?

Need State to recognize all the courses that need to be in the program.

Some counties want different things. They get these approved and then can add others

Need flexibility to meet the needs of the counties. When get cleared by State Board of Education – MFRI changes things and then have to go back and get re-cleared.

Completer problems – get road blocks by some who don't understand.

Russ: Some don't want to take EMT classes

Dan: Montgomery County had program EMT for a year and FF for a year.

Lee: MSFA – aim to get courses on list of approved programs so counties can have program with courses but not all program.

Essence – to have core classes approved – have to look at counties that can do more/less

Can pick classes if Board of Education will allow.

Down to a menu

State Board has to approve programs – than local can do it.

Dan: Priority to get these programs in place

Lee: Key – let needs of individual companies drive program.

Bobby Balta says “hello” He has another commitment this morning.

Paul Sterling (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) also has a commitment this morning.

New members added to committee: list will be finalized at Executive Committee

`meeting in August.

Hoby – Convention critiqued at meeting at Prince George's .

Praise for Safety Committee for our work at the convention

From Exhibitors – Thanks to Gunter and Gerard who manned the back door for the entire time. (They also assisted the Choppers coming

From Flea Market – Committee members helped out here too.

Committee members were very visible.

Hoby thanked each and every one who assisted at Ocean City.

The pocket masks went over big.

Cumberland Valley Association – had a set-up in the same room as ours at the convention.

Hoby asked for representatives from the Safety Committee attend this Convention. There will be a seminar on Highway Safety for Emergency responders.

To take place outside of Connellsburg PA. on August 4/5.

Gene Worthington will be installed as President.

Association covers W.Va., VA, PA, MD, DE.

Will be staying at the Ramada Inn in Breezewood.

Affairs at Connellsbury VFC and American Legion.

Hoby would like to get on board with this association.

They receive grants. He wants to see what we can do to get a grant.

Steve Austin , a safety person invited Hoby to attend. He will go with Gene to establish a relationship .

\$5.00 dues gets you into association, lecture and lunch.

Hoby on Highway Safety Committee as liaison asked 2 vice chairs to assist him with attending meetings so someone is at each meeting.

Lees says there were 2 meeting last year, heard no news.

Lee: Convention critiquing yesterday at PG. Good things came out of it

Jack Gouty to take care of ordering Safety Committee apparel etc.

3 new members on mailing list ( Sec needs e-mails)

Lee – is a transition period from Ocean City to the Exec Com mtg in Aug.

New people expressed interest – Hoby had contacted them

Maryland Fire Chiefs asked that they have a liaison on the Safety Committee – Hugh Ownes will serve as liaison to both SC and Training Committee.

Secretary will get minutes out to these folks. (Need infor)

Changes in Black Book – info must get to Jackie or Leonard King by Wednesday.

Hoby- Seminars for 2006 Convention – Do we want to continue with Chain Saw Safety Talk and Hybrid Vehicle Seminar? Session were not as well

Attended as in previous years.

Was third year for each may have been a factor.

Awards: nothing in booklet as to when awards would be given out.

People need to be aware of when awards were to be given out – rough to sit for so long.

Lee: will be changes in Monday morning schedule next year.

Monday morning time frame – includes Governor, OC mayor – who may show up – will go on when they show up – anytime from 9-11:30 after the opening ceremony. Can't say not when they show up. No so for reps, etc. 11:30 deadline for ending AM session – takes time to set up Ladies half of room for their meeting.

Lee: Won't let it run over next year. Keynote speaker can be placed at another time.

Awards are our people – important to us. Go from opening exercises to Awards so we have an audience.

Dan – Need to recognize our people at the convention with awards.

Jack – Time on Picnic ticket – not observed. Caused problem with people waiting on line to get in.

Lee – 3 weeks prior to convention, presentation had additions - Ticket were already printed. Announcements were made during the session that the start of the picnic would be delayed. Problem – folks were already on line and didn't hear it.

Have an idea of how to get people in quicker – Will try for no Caucus on Monday AM during the opening exercises/Awards (prior to 11am).

Jack – Announce to picnic folds – as soon as session is over and food is ready – they will be let in.

Hoby- problem with where food was and people waiting.

Hoby – BACK to Seminars:

**Come up with thoughts on Seminars – What would you like. Bring ideas to August meeting.**

Want to get on the agenda earlier than this year.

Dan – asked to give good ideas.

Jackie will assist Hoby to Training committee this year, Russ will also help.

Website: can't get on it

Hoby's number – let him know of members concerns – health problems.

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Private Nextel – 164\*142\*396\*3

Hoby will try to get on the website.

He gave Richard Snader his email address .

Lew Harvey in black book is good contact.

Stoney: Asked how possible to give ID's to those who go backstage (workers)

So they can be identified.

Would these folks to have something so those checking would know who they are.

The regulars who are working need some ID

Sunday Brunch – together, then not food for those who work later in the day.

Lee – need to check with Wylie on food next year

Hoby will make sure those who help with exhibits will eat.

Hoby will serve on many committees including awards

Liaison appointed to Chief's committee. He has right to send someone to

Meetings that he can't attend

Safety Committee will **NOT meet in December and June**. Need locations for Meetings

Meeting date to stay third Sunday of the month except if conflicts with Executive Committee as it does in August

Meeting dates – locations

August 14<sup>th</sup> (due to conflict) Church Creek Dorchester Barb Steiner host.

September 18<sup>th</sup> Fallston – Harford – Hoby host

October 16 – Waldorf – Charles – Dan host

Need locations for these dates

November 20 –

January 15 –

February 19

March 19

April 16 is Easter Sunday

May 21

July 16

Hoby : Members of the Safety Committee were nominated for the Smith Stathem award.

Current members are **not** eligible for this award. A former member of the Committee may be nominated.

Rules are set up so that members can nominate others for the award.

Question as to whether this is in writing.

Asked for feeling of group. As long as person sits on Safety Committee, they are not eligible to receive the award, but can submit an individual from your county or company.

Russ – should be that way so no comments are made about getting it because person is a member of the committee.

**MOTION by Russ, seconded by Gary to put in writing that current members of the Safety Committee are not eligible to receive the award. Motion passed.**

3 applications were submitted this year.

Please come up with a name for the award from your area.

What person has done for the year of the award

Our committee gives most to those who receive award. Receive a plaque.

Gary – Safety Seminar in October 29<sup>th</sup> Hoby will check with Jackie to see what plans have been made.

Lee asked to get copy of final flyer to distribute.

Speaker is Capt. William Mora from San Antonio

Around the Room

Jack – Fire crew put tree out, tree fell on firefighter and killed him. Need to be aware – observant.

Russ: Rescue boat – motor not strong enough – goes over fall as was trying rescue a boat that had already gone over the falls.

Dan: Bobbi enjoyed being in this region on Maryland

Stoney: Comments about Masks being given out on Sunday, when many people have not arrived in OC. He feels they should be given out on Monday.

Lights were not on on display board.

Hoby- were a lot of people on Sunday. Aimed to curtail Safety Committee

from sitting all day on Monday.

Gunter and Russ gave out masks on Monday

Hoby: limit give away on Sunday and give away again on Monday and Tuesday.  
Were trying to limit members from having to sit there. If you care to sit in there we'll have them.

Like to continue with larger masks- can put pair of gloves in case.

Still have some left over

Lee: Thank all for service – do good work

Ray Stevens – Pickup truck hit tree cut it off and hit another tree. Hit it so hard that back buckled up to cab rear.

David: Maryland Fire Chiefs Meeting October 6-9. Need help at Emitsburgh

Jack – Monday Oct 10 to greet families, help to get around at hotel, to locations,  
Contact Margaret Gouty if you can help

Frederick County and State Assn working with Fire Chiefs to help National Fallen Fire Fighters Assn.

Gary – comfort, help, appreciated by stranger who come. Thanks to Harford Cecil for hospitality room at OC

James – Missed convention –glad to be here today.To get new leg soon

Barb – problems with language barrier when treating Hispanic in area.

Hoby – thanked Lee for coming

Russ moved, Gary seconded motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

A delicious lunch of hot homemade chicken noodle soup and lunchmeats, cheese tray, slaw, bread pudding was served.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Steiner, Sec

August meeting at Church Creek Dorchester on August 14<sup>th</sup> due to conflict with Exec Bd mtg.)

DIRECTIONS to Church Creek:

Rt 50 to Cambridge Maryland

At Wal-mart: Intersection of Rt 16 and Rt 50 Get in the RIGHT Lane

Turn at this intersection (WEST )

It is across the road from the entrance to the Hyatt Regency Conference center.

Travel approximately 8 miles. Past Traffic light, high school complex on right, continue past "CHURCH CREEK" Road marker about 1-2 more miles.

The fire house is on the right at the intersection of Rt 16 and Rt 335.

There is a BIG sign outside – you can't miss it The Engine House is separate from the dining room building

Phone 410-228-4156

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See you there

Barb