

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes  
Sunday, August 14, 2005

Church Creek Vol. Fire Co. – Dorchester

The MSFA Safety Committee August meeting was called to order at 9:55 am on Sunday, August 14, 2005 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the Church Creek Vol Fire Co. A continental breakfast was provided prior to the meeting. 14 committee members were present. Guest was Bobbi Stevens.

**Members present:** Chair Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford), Vice Chair Russ Healy, (Williamsport, Washington), Gunter Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Jim Decker, (District 16, Allegany), Gerard McGann, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Gary McGinnis, (Sykesville, Carroll), Wayne Fettered, (Denton, Caroline), Ray Stevens (Chesapeake City, Cecil) Host – Sec. Barbara Steiner (Church Creek, Dorchester), David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick), Joe Slavotinek, (Elkridge – Howard), Dan Stevens, (Training Committee Liaison, (Charles), Hugh Ownes (Co 18, Prince George's), MD Fire Chief Assn.

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

**Welcome.** The committee was welcomed to the CCVFC by President Barbara Steiner. Hoby Howell thanked the members for coming to the meeting. Hoby noted that Bobbi Stevens's mother had passed away. A moment of respect was observed.

The presidents were unavailable for the meeting. Bobby Balta (1<sup>st</sup> VP) sent greetings.

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

Hoby – wants topics the committee will pursue this year.

- Cumberland Valley Assn – Safety Conference – Hoby attended in PA. Organization is deep into safety aspect. He attended their 5.5 hr workshop.

CVA wants to come on board with us on safety seminars

This workshop will be condensed to 3 hours and be presented at 2006 MSFA Convention in Ocean City.

- CVA works on getting grants for safety. Safety Committee is looking into getting grants through CVA.

Russ: Health Issues – Getting information out to firefighters about health.

About 50% of fire fighters die of health issues. Need nutrition facts, stroke info.

Wayne: Governor is trying to get money for physicals required under law.

Russ: Need to get money to put health issues on website.

Joe: full physicals are available through his county (Howard) which he takes advantage of yearly.

Russ: will take on project – find out where to get information on getting physicals.

Hoby requested someone to help with writing of grants. CVA will allow us (Safety Com)

To apply for grants. We want to buy hybrid vehicle books.

Joe will help with grant writing.

Liaison: Dan Stevens – Training

Fall schedule is out in all regions.

Fire department Safety Officer class is available. It is not on the schedule.

Companies can request a class not on schedule – need 15 signatures to apply.

Training Committee is pushing to give regions discretion on what is scheduled.

Fire Certification – need several courses, i.e. haz-mat tech, fire officer, etc.

Russ: If no pre-requirement – Safety Committee members could take it since we do Safety for whole state.

Dan: Swift water class – need SCBA.

Maryland Weekend at National Fire Academy – February 4 & 5: Specialist 2 to be offered.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> College Park

MEMA – Haz-Mat, WMD, Counter Terrorism – openings at school in Nevada

All free if meet pre-reqs. Others in Alabama – need Hza-Mat Tech.

Anne Arundel Community College \_ Agricultural Terrorism – contamination of food chain - Sept 20-22.

Washington Metro – managing metro emergencies

EMS: Johns Hopkins – Critical Care Transports

Rural fire fighting institution – scheduled for Fall – delayed to Spring 2006 in Ohio – Will be hands-on training.

MFRI – is training agency for state. They are responsible for training in state.

Pick a topic that your company wants. MFRI will get the instructors

Need 15 signatures on sheet to get class.

Tell MFRI what you want.

Cadet Program: (Bennie asked about this)

Dan and Bobbi's focus is to get programs started. They have met with St. Mary's, Talbot, Allegany and Garrett counties and Annapolis.

Also addressing problems counties have with school systems.

Training committee organizing meeting for cadets program still to meet.

County school systems will not recruit – results in existing programs not continuing .

Cadet Program is alive and well. It has it's ups and downs.

Need someone to keep on top of this.

Need communication with school systems. CP is one of the best things we are doing. Need to recruit and retain.

Recognize cadets at banquets and other functions.

Some grads of programs are being installed as officers of their companies.

Program in 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Kids going through programs are staying with fire service and going into Career service. Future of Fire Service is in kids.

Classes can be on Saturday or after school. Classes may be held at station.

Session at Ocean City involved folks who have programs – exchanged ideas on problems they encounter.

Tough to get program started if county doesn't have a training center.

Need to have control over kids from start. Set up rules for class.

**NEXT MEETING:** will be in DENTON ( was originally scheduled for October)  
September Meeting will be in Denton to coincide with DVFA meeting.  
Directions to follow minutes.

**OCTOBER meeting:** TO BE HELD IN LEVEL – Harford County

Cumberland Valley Assn – slated to meet at Level on Saturday, Oct 15,  
with Safety Seminar. Our meeting to follow on Sunday, October 16/  
Lunch for all. Will have CVA to give talk at our meeting.  
More on this meeting at the September meeting. (this info came from  
A phone call from Hoby after our Sunday meeting).

CVA Meeting: Hoby attended meeting where Gene Worthington was installed as  
President. Hoby wants to work with Gene as a team to get their ideas.

Seminar – cost \$5.00 – to join and attend and get lunch.

Russ will work with Hoby.

Find out how they do things, get grants and backing they get from FEMA.

Person was able to assist CVA in getting their grants.

Safety Committee Seminar for October 29, 2006 . Gary McGinnis has lined up  
Program for this year. To be held at Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Flyer is in draft. To be out – pass around state.

Maryland Fire Chief's Assn – Hugh Owens, rep.

Safety & Training Committee: will help with whatever we have on board

Can ask association for financial assistance in safety related items.

Hoby – Next October (2006) training – Gary says it takes about a year to get seminar set  
up.

Discussed travel for people to go to meeting.

Russ: Probably need better advertisement.

Hoby: Trying to get flyer out so presidents can take them to meetings around the state.

Requested some of CVA members be at October meeting so Safety Committee  
members can find out about CVA.

People from all over attended CVA seminar. Hoby to have info on Seminar at our  
next meeting.

MSFA Convention: Safety Committee to have 2 additional seminars in 2006.

CVA Safety Seminar (5.5 hrs reduced to 3 hrs.) on Sunday with Allen Kaufman.

Will also do one on Monday – Fire Incident Safety for Fire Fighters.

Chair Saw Seminar to continue - Will talk with Monte Mitchell to continue this.

CVA has an airbag seminar – Hoby will look into it.

Contact Gene Worthington for airbag seminar – work with Chesapeake Rescue  
(Sam Pierce) for airbag deployment.

Hope for 4 seminars

CVA Safety Seminar includes info on hazards presented to Fire Fighters while on  
scene when they (fire fighters) don't look after their own safety – walk  
into traffic – mind set on fire – not safety.

CVA seminar done with Pennsylvania Turnpike Highway Safety Administration.

Executive Committee meets next weekend – Aug 20-21.

Russ: Changing of electric demonstration – at noon – by power company

Hoby: Has to be done in that area.

Wayne: need to mark off area ahead of time.

Committee needs to have a page in program distributed prior to convention listing our Seminars.

David: People go to Trumpet for info at Ocean City.

To ask Ronnie to put a page for Safety Committee's schedule of seminars in Trumpet.

Hoby: to call PinOak to get better time frame for our seminars.

Russ: Safety Committee needs to watch out for itself and get on schedule.

Gerard: Needs/wants signs made for back door.

Russ: Jackie has contact for signs.

Hoby: **for signs – put it in writing and give to him next month**

Need easels – wants specific signs made up for our work

Vendors set up on Sunday – coming in from other conventions

Flea Market in rear of Convention Hall. Can pass out flyers there and also at Entrance.

Hugh: Good size easel – have all items Safety Committee is putting on and time frame  
Can see it – increase crowd.

Russ: Folks coming in are looking for specific things, i.e. bus tickets, programs, tickets to meal functions.

Sign at escalator will be seen. Need signs back further than front door.

Wayne: to see if he can get Pepsi banner advertising our seminars.

Gunter will check in Mt Savage area to see how to get Pepsi signs.

Will do it: How Big can they make it – 30 ft wide by 3-5 ft high.

Hoby: review of what we're working on

1. Traffic Safety Issues
2. Health & Wellness
3. Grants
4. Safety Seminar for next year
5. Everybody goes home

Hugh: driving – try to change behavior of people driving fire truck  
Respond back and forth to calls.

Constantly – use examples of what's happening – if don't follow  
NFP15 Rules – will stop at Traffic lights

Put safety slogan up on screens.

Backing vehicles into building with no spotter.

Highway Safety Committee – Hoby on Committee

Details on Fallston meeting to come – not finalized yet.

2 days meeting of CVA on highway safety with Safety Committee meeting next day.

Gary: Fallen Fire Fighters

Need to enforce standards and regulations – don't need more rules

Need more enforcement of existing rules

Hoby – folks get angry when you tell them to slow down at intersections

Hugh: Prince George's – 3 minutes to get on air. Take safety out p need it eased back  
Can't follow safety

Baltimore County – 45 seconds to get out in daytime

Volunteer companies – if not in station won't get on road in time frame.

Interwoven companies – volunteer and career – difficult – 5 minutes for volunteer

Fire before response check. Some fire fighters create more problems getting to  
Fire station.

Ben: New State Treasurer - Ron Sarnike

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Steiner, sec.

Directions to Denton:

400 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Denton MD 21629-1359

FROM ELKTON, LEVEL Points North and Western Counties

Rt 95 to Rt 40

To Rt 213 South thru Galena to 313 South

To Rt 301 South – go approximately 20 miles

Left turn on Rt MD 19 (Roberts Station Rd) for 4.6 miles

Stay Straight – go to Goldsboro Rd ( Rt 313) for 6.1 miles

Turn slightly Right onto MD 313 /Old Town Rd for 10.8 miles

Continue to follow Rt MD 313.

Stay Straight to go onto Rt 404 ?MD 619/N 6<sup>th</sup>St for 1.0 mile

Turn Slight Left onto 5<sup>th</sup>St .

Address 400 S 5<sup>th</sup>Ave.

From Annapolis and points West along Rt 50 (Southern MD, PG)

Rt 50

Cross Bay Bridge to Eastern Shore

Take Rt 50 at Rt 50/301 split

Take Rt 404 LEFT at light to Denton

Take 404 to Rt 619 to N 6<sup>th</sup>

Turn slight Left onto 5<sup>th</sup> street

400 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

From Easton and Mid/Lower Shore points

Rt 50 to Easton

Right on Rt 328 - Matthewstown Rd - 8.9 miles (becomes Easton Denton Rd- 5.7 miles

Turn Right on Meetinghouse Rd – go 0.4 miles

Continue on Franklin S – 0.4. miles

Turn Right on 5<sup>th</sup> St – go 0.3 miles

Turn Right on Carter Ave. go <0.1 mile

Address 400 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Denton

Also Look up on Mapquest or what ever map program you use

Address is 400 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

Denton, MD 21629