

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes
Sunday, February 19, 2006
Cordova, Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee October meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday February 19, 2006 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the Cordova Volunteer Fire Co. in Cordova, MD. Breakfast of homemade donuts and coffee was available for the members. 13 committee members were present. Guests included Pres. Lee Sachs, V. P. Bobby Balta, Doyle Cox, Exec. Com.; Bobbi Stevens and Margaret Gouty

Members present: Chair Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford), Jack Gouty, (Jessup VFD, Anne Arundel), Gunter Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Jim Decker, (District 16, Allegany), Gerard McGann, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Tom Blades, (Denton, Caroline), Gary McGinnis, (Sykesville, Carroll), Ray Stevens, Chesapeake City, Cecil), Dan Stevens, Charles – Training Committee Liaison), Sec. Barbara Steiner (Church Creek, Dorchester), David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick, Peter Lott, (Kennedyville, Kent), Bennie Shelton, (Sudlersville, Queen Anne's), David Smarte, (Showell- Worcester), Hugh Owens, MD Fire Chief's Assn.

Welcome: Cordova Chief welcomed the committee members to Cordova VF Col

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

Welcome. Hoby welcomed group back We haven't met since the November meeting. Hoby was unable to attend the Executive Meeting at Tilghman Island . Stoney unable to attend. He is not feeling well, weather also a factor. .

Pres. Lee Sachs: Thank you for being here. There are 4 months still left in this Administration. Legislation is ongoing.

Lee, Bobby and Paul are working round the clock in matters related to the Legislation before the General Assembly.

Bill pending – developed by Maryland Higher Education Commission to abolish The tuition reimbursement program and replace it with a scholarship Program . There are too many differences between the 2 programs – it would abolish our program- Training and Education Commission and MFRI TEC – State commission are both upset. Compromise bill – 1 in each house to be informed - need to change or MSFA will respond- effect will be on many programs.

MSFA is also watching other bills. Some gambling – will effect us negatively- any money from money raising group will have to give one-half of money to another organization.

Johnny Gullen, Sr. – had bad day, had surgery – doing better, can use cards, calls. George McWilliams injured.

New Grant window will open soon – Guidelines not announced yet. Usually in March -

Sen. Barbara Mikulski is holding a new conference Friday February 24 in Arbutus Announcing her support for the fire companies Money to be around \$265m down from \$550m in 05, \$650 in 04, and \$750 in 03.

Jack Gouty stated that the grant review process ends the second week in May.

4 Grant writing training classes still to be given. 3 have been held

Classes are joint effort by MFRI, MSFA and the Governor's Office on Volunteerism.

Companies get grants every year. Better written grants get requests.

2 hour classes in writing grant requests

Classes will be given M, T, W, and Thursday (Fruitland)

NFF Program – (Train the Trainer) endorsed by MSFA- Safety Committee and Training Committee assigned responsibility for doing it. Training was of a different format.

MSFA moving ahead to support program – 1 day course to be available to every fire department. Need to request program. Need a trained trainer.

Thanks for the opportunity to be here – keep up the good work.

V.P. Bobby Balta

Request that all members complete committee sign up form – to get accurate information for directory – indicate desire to serve on committee(s)

Bobby is putting the committees together.

Hoby – comment on persons on committee who never show up for any meetings

People have other items to do - want red shirts – cut don't show

Bobby- asked how committee was doing on attendance.

When sign up – attend and report back to association.

Should be active here and back in home areas.

If not participating on committee- not going back on

If can't make at least 50% - shouldn't have signed up in first place

Will send out to committee chairs on this.

Benny- most members are older- younger members don't have time.

Bobby – Safety Committee – extremely active – Average is lower on some

Committee. I.e. Fire Prevention – getting younger people to work with.

In cases it's up to people on committee to get new members to do things.

Need activities –

Dan – people see something on committee that helps them. Have to see progress,

Active with committee – if see things important to their company, will be active

Bobby – Safety – not a popular subject at company level. Need to keep talking to members to be safety driving to call

Dan – Training_ NFF near miss (Phone: (703)-273-9815 Ext 365 for information

Near miss reporting system – with CD and forms. – to get people to share with others. Table of contents. Of CD – Near Miss form , FF fatalities

Cadet Programs with Community Colleges and University of Maryland- Tuition program

MVC on 301 in Waldorf – Placed ladder truck across 3 of 4 lanes –

Currency and Credentials - retraining of fire fighters – need to watch so it unfolds to become helpful

Training committee to meet Friday, Feb 24 at 7pm at Waldorf

Hoby – Welcome to Donna and Wayne Fretterd – Glad to have both of you with us today.

Hugh Owens – Fire Chief's Association: Association is going to stay on top of things

Doyle Cox – Executive Committee _ Committees working – By –Law changes to be voted on at convention – currently person can only serve on two standing committees and one without regulations. By-Law changes submitted to omit this. This by-law tied the hands of the president. Proposal to set up districts for trustee representation- specific counties to specific districts. However, voting to be done by entire association. Convention packets have been sent out. Some award submissions due now, others later. Rules and regulations are on webpage – for breakdown of awards and Requirements.

Wayne – Statistical reports – can print – but now send

Lee: system has been corrected - It now works.

Need Fire Marshall – identification number to send report Contact fire marshal office to get number

Hugh Owens: Attended Fire Academy – Took EMS class – 16 hours. IS 100, IS 200 – Governor has ordered everyone has to be 700 by 2007.

Gerard – still waiting for the banner

Hoby – Meeting dates: Change of date for March meeting due to conflicts.

MARCH MEETING DATE TO BE MARCH 12TH

Place will be Millersville (Anne Arunell) if OK with Jackie, if not place will be Fallston in Harford at Hoby's place.

APRIL MEETING DATE ALSO CHANGED DUE TO EASTER .

APRIL TO BE APRIL 9TH AT DISTRICT 16 IN ALLEGANY COUNTY

(host will be Jim Decker).

Hoby - Pocket masks – Jackie is checking out price.

Camera – Hoby would like cameras back soon

Dan – At MVC, when necessary to close up lane – need to open it back up ASAP

Need to work together with MSP and sheriff's office.

Scene Safety has to be number one priority – for our providers –

Need to protect our providers while they are working.

Hoby – Safety Committee members need to sure secretary has correct E-Mail address

Russ Healy is on vacation

Bill Huttonlock is working on heart related issues.

Joe Slavotinek is working today. He is looking into grant process to get money to send out items to all companies - airbag, safety cutting into cars.

Gary McGinnis asked to work with Joe.

Smith Stathem Safety Award for 2006- need to get members motivated to go to Chiefs, department to come up with names of people who are doing good jobs with safety. Awards are on-line

Rules were changed so each Safety committee member can put name in.

Look at company and see who is doing a great job on Safety. – do chiefs do a great job out there with safety on the scend

Doyle – go back to Association

Information on Smith Stathem Award on-line – Leonard to be contacted to put
Announcement on the group that he sends to.

Margaret – Apparel – still in her vehicle from the Executive Meeting. Hats are being
all red.

Jack Gouty – suggested that safety vest be purchased for the members who work the
Parade. The vests to be issued in same manner as the radios.

Hoby - Seminars coming along

Sunday – Highway Safety – 3 hours starting at 12:30 pm

Monday – Firefighter Scene Safety – 2 hours – at 2:30 pm
- Chain Saw Safety DNR – 2 hours

Tuesday – Air Bags – 2 hours

Monday & Tuesday a 11:30 am – Delmarva Power Co –

Rough Draft for assignment for convention to be out next month

Advance notice of assignments necessary – be thinking of what
assignments you will be doing.

Breakfast on Sunday will be as a committee. Lunch will be provided for those
who work into evening hours.

Training committee meeting on Friday night in Waldorf. Jackie to attend as
Safety committee liaison. Others are welcome.

Ten cone of Safety CD put out by Cumberland Valley Firemen's Assn produced
with the help of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Association.

Heart Attacks – Of the 106 fire fighter fatalities in 2005, 48 were heart attacks.

Prince George' County – Landover Hills incident.- Alleged Fire Fighter Brawl
caught on video and air on new program - Fighting each other instead of
the fire. Career vs volunteer personnel.

Sad when can't work together.

Around the Room

Wayne Fretterd - local fire fighter – also a county commissioner who hunts, injured while
melting lead to make lead weights for decoys – house blew up. Wife got out, fire
fighter received burns over 60% of body. In Chester burn center.

Another house explosion – after electric turned on – in Burn center.

Dan Stevens – St. Mary's County - met with Cadet Program – 100% support from school
To Western Maryland – Allegany to set up Cadet Program.

V.P. Bobby Balta – Be careful of what you get into – shooting incident became HazMat –
Marijuana growing operation – lab forcing plants to grow with gases in room.
County police and fire fighters had problems with air tanks.

Police now joining HazMat teams

Through Homeland Security now have suits.

When you go into home – be careful – don't know what you could find.

Lee – Thanks for service – Glad to be here.

Tom Blades – Glad to be here

Ray Stevens – Homeless person stole milk truck – eventually landed in Susquehanna
River while trying to elude police. Didn't make it.

Jim Decker – Has his new leg. He hopes to be more active.

Gerard McGann – West Virginia has lots of fires – famous hotel on fire. Started by hot

Ashes from furnace put on wooden floor in basement.

Dope zone on I 68. Drive carefully in this area. You will be caught.

David Klein – Statistics on fatalities – 106 deaths – 48 are heart attacks.

Killing in training class – worse thing can do

Truck dispatched for rescue – power company person caught in bucket. Closed road down to get him out

Hugh Owens– Prince George’s County – person shot – bring coat with loaded gun – expect the

unexpected –all the time

Gary McGinnis Spent 65 days in Mississippi for FEMA – Public Assistance – documenting loses.- wore red shirt – helped getting accepted by people.

Pete Lott – NIMS – who has to take IS 700?

Bobby – Everyone who rides a piece of equipment – anyone going to be on the scene Meeting in Baltimore- administration, support have an awareness of NIMS – of role, need administration assistance- logistics, Anybody who would take that role anyone liable to be at the scene on official business – someone in charge of fire house when it is a “camp”.

Jack Gouty – 1 – MVC in Anne Arundel - if in response for MVC – victim sitting in car Front end crash – airbag did not deploy - Get out of vehicle – Airbag may go off.

2. LLD – Cut finger – washed it – became septic – need to clean cuts well.

3. Anne Arundel using Hot and Cold calls. _ Communities like it. Less problems with opportunity of Fire Vehicles hitting others.

PRIORITY THREE – NO LIGHTS OR SIRENS

Fire Alarm tells whether to go hot or cold.

Apparatus rides quiet

Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn 12: 27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Steiner, Sec.

Meeting place for March 12th either Millersville – off Rt 97 at Benfield Rd.

Contact for Millersville – Jackie Olson – W- 410-222-8200

Or Fallston will get directions to you before meeting.

Contact – Hoby Howell – Cell 443-807-0986

April meeting directions to District 16 in Allegany County – outside of Cumberland

Route 70 West of Frederick – to Hancock. Rt 68 West

Rt 68 to Cumberland

Exit 43B in Cumberland

Rt 51 – Industrial Blvd South

To PPG Road

Turn Right and Right again

Fire Company is on Left.

Contact is Jim Decker – 301-724-2120