

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes  
Sunday, March 12, 2006  
Millersville, Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee October meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday March 12, 2006 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the Anne Arundell County Fire Dept, in Millersville, MD. A continental breakfast was available for the members. 19 committee members were present. Guests included Pres. Lee Sachs, Bobbi Stevens and Margaret Gouty

**Members present:** Chair Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford), Vice Chair, Jack Gouty, (Jessup VFD, Anne Arundel), Vice Chair, Russ Healy, (Williamsport, Washington), Jackie Olson, (Ferndale, Anne Arundel), J. Wayne Bender (West Annapolis, Anne Arundel), Gunter Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Jim Decker, (District 16, Allegany), Gerard McGann, (Mt Savage, Allegany), Tom Jeffers, (Cockeysville, Baltimore Co.), Wayne Frettered, Sr. (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) Bud Campbell, (Betterton, Kent); Peter Lott, (Kennedyville, Kent), Bill Huttenloch, (Forestville, Prince George's), Bennie Shelton, (Sudlersville, Queen Anne's

**Welcome:** Jackie Olson welcomed the committee to the Anne Arundel County facility.

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

**Welcome.** Hoby welcomed group

Stoney unable to attend. He is not feeling well, VP Balta has another engagement and send his regrets.

**Pres. Lee Sachs:** Thank you for being here

1. Convention starting to build up.

Bus pass changing due to abuse – distribution to be tightened up. Limited to 6

Must show fire or EMS ID to obtain pass

Need on company letterhead signed by chief or president the number of tickets to  
B

e picked up.

Program is falling into place.

2. Legislature

A. Scholarship – higher ed commission, MFRET commission – presented a bill to replace present – has more minuses than pluses

Reacted negatively

MSFA to be excluded from change. Sec of higher ed not aware of what was going on

MSFA to stay where we are.

B. Safety- Water- Rural water hydrant- Can't be criminally prosecuted. Have to repair property if damage done.

County Associations endorsing bill – support for bill – act of doing –

going on property will not be arrested for pulling water to a fire – Drafting  
C. Gambling bill- opposing this bill. Would require part of profit to go to another  
Organization.

D. Moving violation bill – part of money to go to Low Interest Loan fund

E. Send bill – money to go to our funds and to replace helicopters.

**Hoby –**

1. Letter to chairman of Ways & Means opposing gaming bill.
2. Stoney ill
3. Hugh Owens going in for surgery.  
( send cards to Stoney & Hugh)
4. dwelling fire in garage – mutual aid from his company. Company was fortunate  
no one was killed- roof collapsed – Rancher – fire spread from garage through  
house – 6 lines pulled, had no water coming – was not hooked up to pumper.  
“Every body came home last night”
5. Banner from Pepsi – Gerard still working on it.

**Russ –** Was requested to come up with project to do for Association this year

Bill Huttenloch is working with Russ

4 main topics Bill to do filming- a 30 second blurb.

- a. Speeding on the highways – fire fighters using Jaws
- b. Safety seat belts – Ladies Auxiliary members wearing seatbelts
- c Physical – EMTS
- d. Alcohol- State trooper – alcohol and driving don't mix  
all will be in uniforms  
Brought to you by MSFA, LAMSFA & MSP.

Will take about 3 weeks to do.

Russ wants 1 for the convention. It will be going to public broadcasting, TV, and  
local channels in Maryland – Hagerstown, Salisbury.

Put on video for TV and later DVD.

**Hoby –** Benny was hospitalized with pneumonia – good to see him at this meeting.

**Dan Stevens:**

Training – Public Life March 25. Residential sprinklers – to save firefighters  
lives

DNR – 4 day class – Greenbrier State Park – May 5-9

Southern Maryland - Table top

MFRI – had many classes

LESRTC – Water supply class

FireHouse Expo in July – excellent training

Training Committee – Summer Schedule – Southern Maryland, LaPlata &  
College Park locations.

Cadet Program – Frederick, Calvert, Charles, Washington, Carroll, presentations

Found ideas from each county

Seminar at OC to bring out what works, what doesn't.

Plan to put out booklet on what works and what doesn't.

Guidance department – can make or break program

Final meeting - Easton Fire House March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Bobby and Dan went to Creasptown – met with local people  
Training center nearby - a great help to have one close  
Hope to have Allegany County next. Also St. Mary's is coming on board.  
Fire Officer 4 – available through Special Programs- will be available in the Fall  
If have demand – must be certified in FO 3.  
Special programs – will teach 3 & 4 back to back –  
Harford to have meeting with counselors in high school  
Misunderstanding of program – expressed by counselors in schools.  
To enter program, must be 16 years old. Can be offered in junior and senior years.  
The big thing is interest – be careful of too fine screening  
March 24<sup>th</sup>- 7pm Training Room at Easton Vol Fire in Easton, MD .

**Margaret:** Apparel. – Committee members will be able to get apparel.

Vests – Should be approved by NFPA.

**Hoby** – Cumberland Valley is coming up with a vest. Information on vests will be available at the next meeting.

**Jackie** – pocket masks are \$4.96 each.

**Hoby** – folks like the larger masks.

**Hoby** – Cumberland Valley booster meeting to be next weekend.

President s council will be following weekend in Pennsylvania

**Jack** – vest with Velcro is best. If you get caught on something, Velcro will come apart.

Please send correct e-mail to secretary - ([bsteiner@fastol.com](mailto:bsteiner@fastol.com))

**Lee** – Fire Act Grant Month – this month is for firefighters and EMS to April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Down one third fro what it was (\$269 million)

**Jack** – Safer Act – number of companies awarded grants – had to turn down grant as could not afford the co-pay – each year pick up for 5 years.

**Hoby** – Smith Stathem Award – Need to send in applications

Safety Committee sponsoring 4 seminars at OC.

Sunday – PA turnpike – 3 hour – highway

Monday – FireFighters Scene Safety

- DNR – Monte Mitchell – Chain Saw

Tuesday – Air bag seminar

Working with Gene Worthington of Cumberland Valley

Monday & Tuesday – Conectiv Power (Delmarva) 11:30 am till finished

Cones up – for demo area. Need to set up to keep vehicles out.

Schedule for committee members - draft to be up for next week

What we will be doing – to leave folks in same areas

Sunday morning breakfast – 7 am. Go as a group

Nice to get accolades - pat on back for Safety Committee ( at the Exec Com mtg)

Invitation to Harford-Cecil Hospitality room at Princess Bayside Sunday, Monday & Tues.

**Russ:** When to set up Safety Committee Booth – Done Saturday - in corner

**Hoby** – DVD – 10 cones of Safety – hope committee members took it back to individual

Companies and had a drill.

**Jim Decker** – showed at Association meeting.

Hoby – Shame if fire engine gets hit – bad if our people do – can't replace them.

**Jack** – Red is low on spectrum for visibility especially in inclement weather.

Flashers are being changed to AMBER – replace covers to globe.

**Gerard** – When engine leaves factory- has 1 amber light on it.

**Hoby** – only red and amber lights show – white go off

Amber lights are way to go – are blinking – are halogen for pure safety

Railroad stripping may become standard

**Hoby** – Need to put people to watch out for firefighters – due to drivers going around road blocks.

**Bill Huttenloch** – Make sure you are doing your job correctly – so you don't look bad on a TV video. You make all fire people look bad.

**Hoby** – be sure to fill out form for committee assignment

Committee is committed - Need to attend meeting if sign up on a committee – are expected to attend meetings.

Hoby sends e-mails, calls members.

E-mails send to Snader

### **Problem with SCOTTS**

New 3000 Scotts – fire fighters getting burned – Mask collapsed – melted on to face

Masks failed

Plastic face piece melts

Having problems with double connector – snapping in and out

Need training on masks

When shut off – still has pressure

2 pull backs need to be pulled in correctly.

### **Around the Room**

Ray Stevens - Cecil – School bus incident – 2 last week. Second accident for driver since October.

Pete: Kennedyville celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 25.

Barb: Many brush fires – fear arsonist.

Gary – Close Call – put on internet - Closecall.com – get word out especially on Scott's

Lee – Thanks all for being here.

Jim – CD – 10 Cones – had many requests.

Gerard – Lot of brush fires, School bus had 2 major accidents – no longer driving – Speeding ticket

Bill H – using 10 pts on driving training – re-cert each year

Rash of fires. – arsonist in new fires – injuries down – 2 burned at Brandywine-, Landover. 9 second alarms, 3 alarm in March – lost 19 units – about 200 fires a day.

Jack – Anne Arundel County – new response policy- no report of loss/gain

Pres Delaware Fire Chiefs Association interested in this program –

Hot/Cold response policy

Certain calls – whole box alarm response – hot calls

Other calls – Cold

Block traffic – set up safety lanes

Dan – arriving in less time

Warm – first due response lights and sirens – rest don't

Russ – apologized for not being here last month- took vacation.

- 1 . Warmer weather – cabin fever – want to get out – Make sure water gear is set up and in order.
2. Bunker gear (Bill H is safety inspector of PG county). He inspected 1900 sets. 25% had problems. Tears, holes, illegal helmets – don't have crash section on condemned
3. At convention – selling helmets that are not approved. Put 666 inside to hide problem.
4. Black hood – single sided – needs to be double . Not NFPA approved.
5. Painting helmet – must be fire retardant –heat resistant 800degrees – regular paint will cause a flashback.

Jack – Does every body have a cleaning procedure for county – drop off?

Bill – MD Fire Equipment – cleans and then repairs – has 3-5 day return

PG had 3 day turn-around

Take gear to battalion

**Jackie – need to thank Margaret for the breakfast Thank you Margaret.-**

**Images by Design**

**Hoby - District 16 for next meeting**

All equipment stops at traffic lights – Stops at “STOP” signs – reduces accidents.

\*\*even if you have an opticom.

Get photos for the ocean display

APRIL MEETING DATE ALSO CHANGED DUE TO EASTER .

**APRIL TO BE APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AT DISTRICT 16 IN ALLEGANY COUNTY**

(host will be Jim Decker).

Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn 12: 25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Steiner, Sec.

**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