

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes
Sunday, April 9, 2006
District 16, Allegany Co, Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee April meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday April 9, 2006 by Chairman Hoby Howell at District 16 Fire Co in Allegany County-Western MD. A breakfast including delicious homemade buns, fresh fruit was available for the members. 15 committee members were present. Guests included Bobbi Stevens, Mrs. Lott and Mrs. Stone.

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), Donald King, (Reisterstown, Baltimore Co.), Gary McGinnis, (Sykesville, Carroll), Ray Stevens, Chesapeake City, Cecil), Dan Stevens, Charles –Training Committee Liaison), Sec. Barbara Steiner (Church Creek, Dorchester), Joe Slavotinek, (Eldridge, Howard); David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick); Harry (Stoney) Stone, Deep Creek VFC, Garrett, Peter Lott, (Kennedyville, Kent), Bennie Shelton, (Sudlersville, Queen Anne's)

Welcome: Jim Decker welcomed all to District 16. .

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

Welcome. Hoby welcomed group, Glad to have Stoney with us today. A welcome to new Member – Donald King from Reisterstown – Baltimore County.
The 3 presidents were in attendance at the Ladies Auxiliary function in St. Mary's County last night and were not able to attend our meeting today.

Chair – Hoby Howell:

Pres. Sach stated at last meeting - changes being made to bus passes.

Convention

Schedule of assignments for convention duties will be available at next meeting.

Everyone will have a function. It's a busy time

Seminars- Safety committee is sponsoring 4 seminars

Hoby has spoken with Pinoak – concerning seminars

Sunday – June 18 Room 205 – 12:30- 15:30 (3 hours) First Responder for Highway safety with Allen Baldwin - Safety Supervisor with Pennsylvania Turnpike Administration. He has done this seminar for Cumberland Valley CC.

Cumberland Valley will be at convention with set up in the same room as the Safety Committee Display.

Cumberland Valley had a booster meeting in March outside of Harrisburg, PA Gene Worthington will be president until August.- Was a good meeting.

Hoby would like 2-3 committee members for each session for help with setup and opening statement.

Monday – June 19 – Room 201 – 14:30 to 16:30 hrs. –Air Bag Safety by

Chesapeake Rescue.

Monday – June 19 – Room 205 – 14:30 –16:30 hrs. – Interstate Fire Suppression – Allen Baldwin presenter.

Tuesday – June 20 – Room 210 – 15:15 – 17:00 - Chain Saw Safety DNR - through Monte Mitchell – Presenter from Western MD
Need 4 committee members to help

Four nice seminars for the convention presented by this committee. Everyone's help will be greatly appreciated

Sunday Breakfast; Committee will eat together at Buffet. DO NOT EAT on your own ahead of time. We want to eat as a group. Hoby wants all members there

Anyone working after 12 noon will be provided lunch at 1 pm.

Saturday – Display to be set up – unload trailer – do before Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday morning.

Cumberland Valley will set up and be in room in Sunday.

Hope each and every one can make it

WEAR RED SHIRTS

Monday & Tuesday Delmarva Power will have electric trailer – Don Denver
NEED CONES SET UP IN FRONT OF GENERATOR TO PREVENT
PARKING IN AREA.- TRAILER NEEDS TO BE PARKED THERE

General Activities Ronnie Watkins – to have Outdoor Flea Market – in rear
Basket Bingo –
Fire Prevention Queens – Ray Stevens and Hoby – Monday 3 PM
Caucas at 1 pm

Hope to have schedule printed for May's meeting

LIAISON – Dan Stevens – Good to be here

MFRI Fall schedule to come out

Southern Region has summer schedule includes FF I, FFII, EMT, Instructor
Check website

Other classes

1. Washington County – VF & R – moulage May 5 – 9am to 4 pm \$100 for materials 301-714-0812
2. Alexander VA – N.VA – EMS Council Sponsor -London Subway bombing – to be presented May 18 – phone 571-261-3550
3. Convention – CBR – Terrorism at 14:00hrs. Rm 215 – check date
Need Fire Department ID to get into session
4. Seminars at convention
FireHouse Expo – Safety related seminar – July 25-30.
5. MFRI – Jerry Tracy – May 18 at College Park – limited to 100
First Alarm – Strategies & Tactics (fire fighters do not have enough fires to get training)
Young guys aren't getting strategies.
6. MFRI – minimum standards committee – minimum training and consensus requirements. Information going out to all department – requesting

comments.

7. HB 1668 – Helicopter replacement and volunteer fund. Surcharge on moving violations to get money for Low Interest Fund.
8. Steve Carter left MFRI to Johns Hopkins and not at U. of MD, U.C. fire coordinator.
9. Residential Sprinkler – enacted by several jurisdictions – get on board to get in your jurisdiction - May 13 – Southern Maryland meeting – Trailer to come to their meeting – Don Stevens feels every building built should have a sprinkler system.
10. Southern Maryland Convention – May 6 & 7. Parade – Sunday, Indian Head **School Programs** – Need to articulate with schools.

Committee held 3 meetings around the state – obtained good information
Committee will hold a seminar at the convention in OC to discuss what others are doing – how to get the program started.

Allegany getting program started.

Easton – had good meeting. Still need some counties to get on board.

Students can earn college credits from community colleges – need ACE approval from college

Counties have problems with guidance counselors. They need to be informed
EMT- 6, FF – 1 plus other courses give up to 19 credit hours.

Some students were misinformed about whether or not students can fail course.

Meeting with guidance counselors hopefully will fix the problem

EMS courses can be used in nursing curriculum

Joe – Howard county pays for classes take at community colleges

BANNERS – Gerard to get Pepsi banners this week (Tuesday) for MSFA Safety Committee to be used at convention.

Jackie “the Bagel Lady” will help us with setting them up Banners are 3x10 ft
Will have strings on them

Thank you to be sent – letter of appreciation – next month – Dave McClan

NEXT MEETING – May 21st at Fallston VFCo – 2201 Carrsville Rd 21047
(directions will be sent)

FDIC convention – Cumberland Valley to unveil new ANSI 3 vests for approval –

A type of breakaway vest – goes over turnout gear and breathing apparatus

Pocket masks – Jackie to order same as last year Joe will help with masks.

CAMERAS - Take with you on calls – need some shots.

E-MAIL address – be sure secretary has a correct one for you.

Bill Huttenloch – back in hospital – card signed at meeting –will be sent on Monday/

FILM – Russ working on it – 30 second time frame

Has 4 sections

– Firefighter with extrication tool

- EMT – Heart attacks – get annual checkups

- Ladies Aux – Seat belts – click it or ticket

- MSP – Alcohol and driving don’t mix

Hope to get it on public announcements

Executive board and presidents are concerned about these 4 areas.

A DVD will eventually be made for distribution
GRANTS- Joe is working on it along with Gary McGinnis
Past projects – air bags – putting out information on all vehicles
Hybrids – where are they putting the batteries on pickup trucks?
Gary to work on this – list of hybrid trucks, etc.
AWARDS – SMITH STATHEM - Due May 1st.
Please come up with names – start writing
Russ to put one in – would like a dozen
Apparel – go through Margaret – not at meeting.
Jackie – attending training committee meetings.
Tapes from Cumberland Valley – 10 cones of Safety available for Safety
Committee members.
Bobby requested assignment sheets be completed – He will be assigning assignments
for his reign as president
He will inform Safety committee of their charge at July meeting.
FUTURE MEETING dates, locations.:
May 21st – Fallston – see above
June – convention
July 16th – Elkrige, Howard County – directions with May minutes
August 20 – Church Creek, Dorchester County
September 17 – need host
October 15 – need host
November 19 – need host
December – no meeting
Round the Room –
Donald King – Reistertown, Works on the roads 25 years. Vol 26 years. Teaches
EMS classes.
Stoney – Thanks for the card – glad to be here
Bobbi Stevens – nice to be up in this part of the country
Dan Stevens – AB 300 face pieces – PG Co 1800 masks – 2 failed – webbing
pulled off. Kentland – 1 got crazen- material same as AB 2000 (no problems)
3 layers – fog layer gets hairline cracks- doesn't fail – reduces visibility – Scott
can't figure out why it's happening – Washington DC has no problems
Keep an eye on this – Scott will replace face piece
300 had bigger surface area than 2000.
Gerard – Had 4 occupied school bus MVC in 2 weeks – only minor injuries –
2 involved emergency vehicles – ladder truck
School bus – Board of Eds have different specs than fire co for removing
students from buses.
AIR BAGS – remove - pry plastic off post before cutting – pretensioners will
Damage jaws.
Jim Decker – Had a scare – discovered an ulcer on the bottom of his foot. Is OK
Will be able to go to Convention in OC.
Gerard – Fire in area Zoo, motel on fire, Fatality in county. Lots of brush fires
No burning law – still burning.
Ray – 45 year in Fire Dept – First in North East area – Brush trucks couldn't

reach fire – had helicopter drop three times and fire was out.
Safety concerns – New station on Rt 213 – top of hill – old farm house
Across the road. Girl ran across road and killed man sleeping on couch in house. House was repaired. Tanker truck was off loading water into folding tank on road. Area was blocked off. Tractor-trailer drove on shoulder to get past scene, caught the guy wire that was supporting the utility pole, ripped wires wires and aluminum siding off house, clipped the folding tank in middle of highway -dumped water on highway

Joe – Brush fires – used chain saw wearing turn out gear – will cut through pants and into leg Should use CHAPS – not turn out gear – need to put set on unit invest in a pair – jams the saw and wont cut you.

Dave – Wheaten – vacant townhouse – 5 5 gallon containers found – house being used as a drug house – meth lab.

Gary – Fire Fighter life safety initiative – NFF newsletter – wants Safety Committee to represent state as advocate for State of Maryland
Idea to get safety message out
Has cards from chief's meeting - \$25 for 100.

Pete – Pleased to come and go fishing

Bennie – Glad to be here – Had a call for an “Outside barnfire” Bennie’s Company had an alert for one. When fully involved, become an inside one.

Russ – Opticon – doesn’t give authority to do whatever you want to – must do What your supposed to do. – doesn’t mean you have a free ride – just another aid – does not restrict from obeying the law.

Gary – Garage door opener will operate opticon.

Hoby – Company stops at all traffic lights, stop signs – reduces the number of Accidents – if don’t have the right of way –
Officer has control of vehicle whether driving it or not – need to obey traffic Devices – will be held accountable
Keep kids on school bus to keep track of them

Stoney – Friendsville – 2 tour busses – W VA – ran into back of tractor trailer.

**MAY MEETING TO BE MAY 21 IN FALLSTON, HARFORD COUNTY
(host to be Hoby Howell)**

Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn 12: 00 noon

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Steiner, Sec.

DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW ON PAGE 6

May meeting directions to 2201 Carrs Mill Rd Fallston< MD 21047

From WESTERN MARYLAND:

From I-68 E / US-40 E TOWARD HAGERSTOWN – (from Cumberland - ~ 36 miles

Merge onto I-70 E via Exit 82B on the Left toward Hagerstown (90 miles)

Take the I-695 exit – EXIT 91A-B toward I-95 S/Baltimore/Glen Burnie / I-95 N/ New York /Towson. (0.2miles)

Merge onto I-695 N/Baltimore Beltway INNER LOOP via Exit 91B on the Left toward I-95 N / Towson (18.9 miles)

Merge onto MD-43 E/ White Marsh Blvd via EXIT 31C on the LEFT toward White Marsh (1.7 miles)

Turn LEFT (0.2 miles)

Bear RIGHT onto US- 1 N / BELAIR RD (9.6 miles)

Turn LEFT on to MD 152 /MOUNTAIN RD ((2.2 miles)

Bear RIGHT onto OLD FALLSTON RD (0.1 miles)

Bear RIGHT onto CARRS MILL RD (0.2 miles)

2201 Carrs Mill Rd is on the RIGHT

(From Jim Decker's – 166.87 miles , 2 hours, 58 minutes.

All the members in between can pick up directions from your location and follow to Fallston

EASTERN SHORE – You have 2 choices:

1 - Via Bay Bridge,-

I-97 Merge to I-895 - through the Harbor Tunnel (Toll)which becomes I-95 – to MD 152 exit - EXIT 74 toward Joppatowne/Fallston

Turn LEFT onto Old Mountain RD S. – continue on MD 152 N (6.2 miles)

Bear Right onto Old Fallston Rd (0.1 miles)

Bear Right onto Carrs Mill Rd (0.2miles) Station on the Right.

(From Cambridge, 106. 79 miles – 2 hours, 3 minutes

2. – Via 213 – over the Chesapeake City Bridge- past Ray's station to Rt 40 in Elkton,

Left on Rt 40 toward Baltimore

Right on MD 272 / NORTH EAST RD (1.8 miles)

MERGE onto I-95 toward Baltimore (25.7 miles)

Merge onto MD 152 N via EXIT 74 toward FALLSTON (6.7 miles)

Bear Right onto Old Fallston Rd (0.1 miles)

Bear Right onto Carrs Mill Rd (0.2 miles)

Station is on the Right