

MSFA Safety Committee Minutes  
Sunday, May 21, 2006  
Fallston, Harford Co, Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee April meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. on Sunday May 21, 2006 by Chairman Hoby Howell at Fallston Vol. Fire Co in Harford County MD. A continental including fresh fruit, was available for the members. 15 committee members were present. Guests included Bobbi Stevens, and Pres. Lee Sachs.

**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), Jackie Olson, (Ferndale, Anne Arundel), Donald King, (Reisterstown, Baltimore Co), 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)

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

**Welcome.** Hoby welcomed group, to Fallston and thanked all for coming to the May meeting. Glad to have Stoney with us today.

**MSFA Pres. Lee Sachs:**

Your prayers are requested for those who are ill including Lester Downs, Joan Robison and Margaret King.

Legislation session was successful. More information will be given at the convention. Hoby’s first year as chair of Safety Committee- has done a superb job. The Association needs support.

**Chair – Hoby Howell:**

Glad to see Stoney here. He has spent the last 2 weeks in North Arundel Hospital .

**Dan – Training Committee Liaison:**

1. Training – Terror on Underground- London Experience – at MFRI –Thursday, June 29. Still room available.  
Summer classes – Southern Maryland – offering selection – open to all.  
Fall classes schedule on MFRI website –click on your region  
Seminars at Ocean City and Fire Expo – excellent opportunity for training.
2. Oxygen regulator fires – O rings need to be replaced. Single use o-rings should be discarded/replaced.
3. Scott Mask AB3000 – Prince George’s County had 45 that failed. Glass portion glazes over - get tiny cracks. D.C. had 1 pop out.  
Old AB 2000- webbing is attached to the face piece. On the AB 3000, the webbing is attached to the rubber – pulling loose. Glass is the same in both face masks. Mfg can’t figure out why 3000 glazes over . Dan has spoken to mfg spokes person.  
AB 2000 face masks are still available.

**Hoby – Assumes that committee members go back to county associations and tell them about items –these masks.**

**Need to make fire companies aware of masks.**

**Hoby –**

Convention”

**WEAR RED SHIRTS-** We have sweat shirts, pullovers, dress shirts, golf shirts.  
**DRESS APPROPROATELY –** Sunday- T-Shirts, Golf shirts.

**BE PRESENTABLE AND BE SEEN.**

Margaret has been asked to go back to old type of caps.

Next year's committee sign up:

Bobbi Balta 1<sup>st</sup> PV- has emailed list of present members who haven't signed up for next year.

Highway Safety Sub Committee – to come on board with Safety Committee.

Members include Gene Mellon, Steve Cox, Bob Jacobs, Don Lewis Major, Retired and Jeff Ringer.

Convention II

Master copy of convention tasks /assignments being circulated

Saturday, June 17, 2006 – 1 pm – Set up display in our room

Sunday, June 18, 2006 – 7

**7:00 AM** Meet upstairs in our room –distribute portable radios.

Committee will go to breakfast as a group

**8:00 AM** –Stuff in Stage – 6 members in display area-

(Gerard, Gunter, Wayne, Buddy)

FLEA Market Ronnie Watkins – to have Outdoor Flea Market – in rear

Need passes to get into vendor area

Pocket Masks – Jackie to take care of this.

**10:00AM Everyone at rear of Stage for Smith Stathem Award**

(Every member of committee can submit a name from their company, county association or other county company).

Seminars sponsored by Safety Committee – 2 main on Highway safety for

Firefighters safety by Allen Baldwin Safety person for

Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority. Take info back to county

association – very good speaker Taping was done along Pa Tpk.

VESTS : Jackie has vests for members to wear for visibility.

Cumberland Valley VFA will have new vests soon. Coming out of Indianapolis

**Monday & Tuesday** Delmarva Power will have electric trailer – Don Denver

Block off street

**NEED CONES SET UP IN FRONT OF GENERATOR TO PREVENT**

**PARKING IN AREA.- TRAILER NEEDS TO BE PARKED THERE**

**General Activities**

Basket Bingo –

Fire Prevention Queens – Ray Stevens and Hoby – Monday 3 PM

Caucas at 1 pm

**Lee Sachs:** Cumberland Valley VFA is set up for safety – Demonstrated new Vests – ANSI 3 – being circulated for approval. Not available yet. Project will be several months before they are ready for marketing.

**Hoby** talked with Cumberland Valley safety people – hopes to get vests at minimal costs for committee.

**Dan** – School Safety \_ News 5 chopper lady in DC graduated from Dan's program .

Several meeting held. Making progress. Allegany hopes to come on board.

Need 15 students – request to be field program – has advantages.

Convention seminars – Tim Dayton, Allegany and John Gatton , St Mary's to help Dan.

Gerard- announcement made at Allegany HS to recruit students.

St. Mary's trying to get students – need to talk with guidance counselors who advise students. Dan to get information from meetings held around state to give at seminars.

Programs are tailored to county – different for each county. Students are taken to various facilities in counties. Students can earn as many as 19 college credits for 1 year in high school.

**Lee:** - Safety related – Under 16 year olds cannot be sent into hazardous situations  
Members under age of 16: To avoid criminal law – guidelines are being set up.

**These youngsters many NOT do any of the following:**

Cannot sent 15 year old into training house, cannot use SCBA

Work in the kitchen, use power or hydraulic tools, climb ladder over 14 feet, charge a hose over 1- 3/4 inches, There are special exemptions in the law for those 16 year, buy NONE for under 16. “No law – can’t do”. Guidelines are blessed by the Dept of Labor They will be official for MSFA. No one under 16 can have an Entry Code.

Guidelines coming out.

Incident in My Airey – House fire – candle left burning – burned furniture. House had sprinkler system – fires was out when discovered. – First save of a house under sprinkler program in Maryland. Good example of why need residential sprinklers - Occurred 3:30-4:30 pm.

A member of a Volunteer Fire Co is not an employee. Workmen’s comp does not apply unless person is placed in

**Hoby:** Banners – Pepsi has made two banners for our use at the convention. The “Community” to be changed to “committee”.

Thank you note to be sent.

**Joe:** Grants: Nothing yet

**Russ:** 30 seconds promotion to be taped in Laurel on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am.

Segments to include: Alcohol and Driving do not mix – MSP

Fire fighter Set of Jaws-Western Md.

Seat belt use –Click it or Ticket – Ladies Auxiliary

Annual checkups/heart attack – EMT

Fire Chief – Laurel Fire Chief

**Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial** in Annapolis- to be unveiled on Sunday, June 11.

If marching must be in Class A uniform. Park at Naval Stadium

Project has taken 10 years to complete.

**Future meeting dates:** NOTE CHANGES

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Elkridge – Howard County – Joe to be host

August – meeting canceled. Motion by Stoney, seconded by Benny to cancel meeting. Conflict with executive board meeting. Motion passed. (Aug 19/20, Bedford Rd – Allegany County outside Cumberland

September 17 – need host

October 15 – need host

November 19 – need host

December – no meeting

**Executive Board meeting dates** scheduled as following:

August 19/20 – Bedford Road – Allegany

November 4/5- Oxford- Talbot

February 3 and 4 – Huntingtown – Calvert

April 21/22 – South Bay District – St. Mary’s

Check with your company to see if you can host a meeting.

**Around the room:**

Russ: Pictures of incidents in book. Hurst tool usage in unsafe manner. Fire fighters not using goggles, jackets hanging open, helmet chin strap not in place.  
Hydraulic line may burst – result would be disastrous.  
Go back and reiterate safety factors for extrications.  
Keep other people away. The more people on the scene, more chance of mishap.  
Don't need any army to use tool.

David: County meeting – committee to go countywide with safety issues to bring companies up to standard.

Peter: Kent County – Center Town Foods – chicken processing plant – Ambulance call as person had passed out. Breathing problem- EMS crew rushed in to pick up patient. Stated as chlorine leak – all contaminated – patient, crew, ambulance.  
Turned out to be nothing.

Ray: Fire reported in Elkton. Vehicle fire with exposure to residence. Started in Generator, went to pickup truck to house to marsh to trees. Had to call for boat to get to it.

Donald: Memorial Service in Ocean City for fallen firefighters on Boardwalk.

Stoney: Glad to be here.

Gerard: Hen house, barn fire, house fire all within 45 minutes in area Within 15 minutes, another house fire. It was a busy morning.

Jim – June 3 – Allegany Convention – all welcome

Hoby – Howard County \$7 million home burned. Fire started on deck- went to roof  
Roof exploded- house exploded with firefighters inside  
Garage is only thing left.

July meeting to be in Elkridge

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 11:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Steiner, Sec.

**Directions for Elkridge:**

Rt 100 to Ellicott City  
Rt 1 North to Old Washington Rd  
Right side – cut off  
Fire House on Right side

Address – 6275 Old Washington Rd  
Elkridge, MD 21075

From South – Rt 50 to Rt 97 to Rt 100 to Rt 1 North  
Contact Joe @ [jslavotine@aol.com](mailto:jslavotine@aol.com) if needed  
Or go on [www.Map-quest.com](http://www.Map-quest.com).

See you in Ocean City  
Barb