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SAFETY COMMITTEE

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November Committee Meeting Minutes

November 19 2006

Mt. Savage, Allegany County, Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee October Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m. on Sunday, November 19 2006 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Department in Mt. Savage, Allegany County MD. A continental breakfast was provided. 13 committee members were present. Guests Bobbi Stevens.

Member present: Chair Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford); Vice Chair, Jack Gouty, Jessup, Anne Arundell); Vice Chair, Russ Healy, (Williamsport, Washington); Gunter & Jill Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany); Jim Decker, (District 16, Allegany); Gerard McGann, (Mt Savage, Allegany); Don King,(Reisterstown, Baltimore); Gary McGinnis, (Sykesville, Carroll); Ray Stevens, (Chesapeake City, Cecil); Sec. Barbara Steiner, (Church Creek, Dorchester); Peter Lott, (Kennedyville, Kent); Bennie Shelton, (Sudlersville, Queen Anne's);

Welcome: Hoby welcomed the committee members to Mt Savage and thanked them from coming the long distance to the meeting. We also appreciate those who come down off the mountain to be with us in the eastern part of the state. Stoney (Harry Stone) is back in the hospital. A get well card was sent.

Gerard welcomed the committee to the Mt. Savage Vol Fire Company.

Salute to the Flag. The meeting was opened with a salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chairman Hoby Howell.

No presidents were present.

Reporting

Dan Stevens: Training Committee liaison:

The Spring schedule is out and on the website- It is yellow in color.

If you don't see what you need on the schedule, talk to the training advisory committee members.

A lot of training is out there.

On-line: Haz-Mat and EOVS – for independent learners. And go to a driving course.

Hybrid Cars: Safety and anatomy – a 2 days- the same seminar. at College Park – 8 am

December 10th – Grant writing seminar in Odenton

February 18, 2007 – Terrorist

February 25, 1 C.S. tabletop

March 3& 4 – Chiefs : MFRI.org – Get listings and register.

MSFA Training Committee – holding meetings in different regions

Already met in North Central and Upper Shore.

To meet in December in Level and in January in Cresptown.

Maryland State Water Supply – connections – to hydrants – 4.5 as national standard proposed.

National Institute of Standards and Technology – recommend do to State Fire Marshall

Change to Stewards connections

Maryland Weekend in Emmtsburg – February 3 & 4. Lots of good stuff there.

Safety vest – Dan showed a new mesh vest. New vests are in production. Price will be around \$50. It has a zipper. Sides and shoulders are Velcro for tear away advantage.

Hoby – Cumberland Valley Volunteer Assn is not backing the vest with the zipper.

FEMA is looking at credentialing 17 job titles. –Looking at it. Not sure what they will do nationally- will need credentials for deployment to national events.

If standards are too high, it limits the pool of people who can qualify.

Look on FEMA website for information on standards to see how it will impact us.

Hoby: Safety Committee Seminars in Ocean City are a world of good. Seminars are well attended
Have good ideas.

Job opening – Ranger – Jarrettsville. Technician 3. Contact Monte Mitchell –
December. first deadline.

Members health: Donna Fretterd – How is she doing?” Benny –not sure where she is- He spoke to
her son. Stoney is still recuperating.

Training committee meeting in Level on December 1st. Hoby will be working. Don King will represent t
the safety committee at this meeting.

Barb- Correction in October minutes

Hugh advised secretary that the item on the Ocean City meeting is for the MFRI not the chiefs.

Also – The Maryland Chiefs sponsor 10 slots - \$1,000.

Don King: Trumpet: December 6th is meeting with Trumpet Committee.

Safety items to be in next issue. Any ideas from the committee should be given to Don

Dan: more on training

MFRI.org – seminars on website. Click on course name dot O – get a brochure – information
Region listing of courses also available.

Special programs- can get one (1) program per region per year. i.e. “Dealing with Special Needs
Children: (Management #134). It will come up on the 10 Year Plan. If it is available under
special programs it should be free to volunteers

Spanish for First Responders is available

Hoby – Next Executive Committee meeting will be in Huntingtown – February 10 and 11. There will be no
Safety Committee report as this meeting will be held prior to the next Safety Committee meeting
We do not meet in December or January.

Barb gave the Safety Committee report at the Oxford Executive Committee meeting. Hoby and Barb
attended on Saturday. Hoby had to work on Sunday

Parade in Ocean City – Barb spoke to Roger Seiger concerning Ocean City fire vehicles not following
the no siren, no bells rule.

Mayor asked to be safe when riding on fire apparatus.

Safety Committee has right to pull fire apparatus out of parade if justifiable.

Dan - Opticom issue. Dan’s person is working in Baltimore. Suggests new developments (shopping centers,
etc.) required to put traffic light at intersection be required to install opticom.

Dan suggests Safety Committee work on legislation for this issue.

Russ – Tape – Bill to report on them.

Rain and flooding – roads flooded- do not adhere to Safety. Swift water rescues – Bill is working on this
Russ announced that he will be moving to Missouri immediately, and therefore has resigned his position
on the Safety Committee. He thanked the group. He has enjoyed everything we have done. He
will be locating in Eagle Rock, MO.

We wish Russ and Eloise well in their new digs.

Dan: E-Z Pass. When traveling through a toll booth, without an E-Z Pass, the driver of the emergency/fire/EMS piece of equipment needs to stop and tell the teller who you are.

Dan had give information as to how to obtain E-Z passes for your fire department.

This information will be as an attachment to these minutes.

Executive Committee meeting with President Balta: to bring someone else on line with the Safety Committee. Looking at partnering with Sheriff's association. There are more department than with the state police. Bobby is working on this.

Hoby – met with Steve Austin of CCVA- working on another items such as the 10 cone one.

Hoby hopes that Harford and Cecil counties will purchase the safety vests together to get a better price

Fallston held their Bull Roast on November 18th with Harford and Cecil. The proceeds will go to the memorial.

ROUND THE ROOM:

Barb: Dorchester EM sponsoring Haz-Mat Table top exercises this weekend at Church Creek.

Russ: Swift water problems

Jack: Thanks for thoughts while he was going thru treatment. He is cancer free.

Swift water – responded to water incident. People still drove thru water

Fatality – Hit tree – on dry road.

Have a nice- safe Thanksgiving

Gerard: Several fatalities from MVC. Kid riding on bumper of fire truck.

Jim : will be in the hospital – will lose his foot. We wish you well, Jim and will keep you in our prayers.

Don King: Fire at Owens Mills – Drove thru a 711. Wanted coffee in a hurry.

Peter: Fire Chief had heart attack at the fire company. Funeral today. Buddy attending.

Gary – 3 alarm fire. – Candle wick, wax – entire candle on fire.

Benny: - Happy Thanksgiving – Good luck to Russ.

Dan: Winterfest to be January 27/28 in Tilghman.

Need to push for property home sprinkler systems. for Fire Fighters safety.

Results – need less personal equipment.

Legislative committee – to Danny.

Fire Marshall's office –need fair pay. Not on schedule with state police

See an exodus of people - won't get new people.

Have a safe Thanksgiving. Good Luck to Russ.

Ray ; Toll takers would not let his vehicle thru.

A safe Thanksgiving to all.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on February 18 at District 16 in Cumberland, Maryland. The meeting will be hosted

by Jim Decker

Directions to follow

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.. Hot homemade soup and sandwiches were served.

Thank you Jill, Gunter and Gerard. .

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Steiner, Sec.

Everybody: Have a Safe and Wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

DATES of MEETINGS:

As of today

December NO MEETING

January	NO MEETING		
February	February 18th	District 16, Cumberland	Jim Decker
March	March 18th	Chesapeake City – Cecil	Ray Stevens, host
April	April 15th	Church Creek – Dorchester	Barbara Steiner, host
May	May 20	TBD	
June	Convention OC		
July	July 15th	TBD	

Directions to District 16 as per Jim Decker:

Route 70 West From Frederick

to Route 68 West at Hancock

Route 68 West to Exit 43B in Cumberland

RT 51 Industrial Blvd South

to PPG Rd

Turn right on PPG Rd

Turn right again

Fire house on left

Jim's home phone is 310-724-2120

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See you there

Barb