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SAFETY COMMITTEE

Hobert B. "Hoby" Howell - Chair

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Barbara Steiner – Secretary

May 20, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes

District 16, Allegany County. Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee May Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a. m. on Sunday, May 20, 2007 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the District 16 Fire Co in Allegany County MD. A delicious breakfast with homemade buns and fresh fruit was served. 12 committee members were present representing. Guest: Charlene Stone and Renie Lott.

Member present: Chair Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford), Gunter Corrado, Jill Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany); Jim Decker, (District 16, Allegany); Gerard McGann, (Mt Savage, Allegany); Don King, (Reisterstown VFC, Baltimore); (Ray Stevens, Chesapeake City, Cecil); Gene Aaron, (Hurlock, Dorchester), Sec. Barbara Steiner, (Church Creek, Dorchester); David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick); Harry Stone, (Deep Creek, Garrett); Peter Lott, (Kennedyville, Kent).

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

Welcome: The committee was welcomed to District 16 by host Jim Decker. Hoby thanked the members for coming to today's meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as presented. The April meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

No presidents were present.

Reporting:

Hoby

reported that at his request the secretary submitted a letter to Vice President Paul Sterling with the names of committee members who have not attended any meeting of the Safety Committee. This letter was read to the members. The letter also requested the removal of Russ Healy as Vice Chair and as a committee members since he has moved to Missouri. Russ informed Hoby that he would be present at the convention in Ocean City.

Hoby stated that the "go-getters" come or let him know. Call and let him know if you're not coming. Jack is out of town.

A \$50 money order from the Sunshine fund was sent to the Hospice of St. Mary's County in memory of Bobby Balta's mother

Hoby attended her funeral and Barb attended the wake.

Funerals for the 2 Crumpton VFC members (father and son) who were killed in the Bay Bridge accident are this week. Lou Jonske's mother passed away as did two members of Hoby's family this week.

Ocean City Plans: the Master Copy of the schedule of duty assignment coverage was circulated among the committee members for corrections and additions. Members were asked to make the changes. Assignments start on Saturday afternoon.

Harford/Cecil Association will have their hospitality room at the Princess Bayside. Members

are welcome to stop by. A donation helps keep the room functioning.

Monday morning Awards: **Safety Committee members are asked to report to the rear of the stage area for the presentation of the Smith Stathem Award.** Barbara Hammond, daughter of Smith Stathem will present the award.

Ocean city packets were distributed.

Parade Rules

Copies were distributed and reviewed – explained.

Assignments were adjusted on the Master copy. Members were asked to be at assigned positions

Members were asked to wear appropriate shirts to the assignments. T-Shirts for work detail and Golf shirts or dress shirt when appearing at awards etc.

Display:

Pictures are needed for the display – safety on the highways and fire grounds. If you have a camera – utilize it and get it back to Hoby.

Allen Baldwin, Manager of Operations and Incident Response, Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority will present our 3 seminars. He asked for help with his room expenses. Hoby suggested that the committee help Allen with his expenses. Don King moved, David Kline seconded the motion to give Allen \$500 to help defray his expenses. The motion passed.

Hoby stated that the Safety Committee members have responsibility to do something about anything that is going on that is unsafe. Speak to the offender and report it to Hoby

Venders should be wearing safety glasses, shield, etc. also wearing proper gear, gloves – when they are demonstrating product that requires safety protection.

Folks have got to change attitude and think SAFETY.

Your eyes, fingers, legs are irreplaceable.

Parade: Take Parade rules with you to the parade. If you can rectify an infraction do so and watch for a repeat. Call ahead to the next street and notify member of what's happening. You have a radio to do this.

Vests: Your vest is to be worn while on duty at the parade. They are to be worn by members.

On back will be printed MSFA SAFETY.

Members were asked to determine what size they wanted. Vests will be ordered immediately for use at Ocean City Names will be added later.

Don King moved, Gary McGinnis seconded the motion that the vests have MSFA on the top line and SAFETY under it on the back. The motion passed.

Badges: Let Hoby know if you want to order one.

Round the Room:

Hoby: Appreciate everybody coming to the meetings- as usual. Also appreciate the county support on committee. Has been great being a part of the group. Never can tell who will be on committee in future.

Glad to see Stoney is here today.

Jim – good to see you.

Benny had a set back. Learned via Ray . Benny hopes to be in Ocean City.

Ray Stevens: Benny – talked to his wife and Benny. Doc allowed Benny to drive. He took 2 falls on Tues . Went to a funeral on Wed. Fell on way home.

Stoney- Glad to be here. Had a bad experience with the winter storm. 36” tree fell over and went through the house. Had trouble getting out . About \$30,000 damage estimate. Never broke a window.

Jim Decker: Wife is sick 3 months. – has stomach cancer. Is under chemo. He will need help in Ocean city if he can get there.

Don King – Be careful coming up over the mountain – watch for radar traps. Red seatbelts are in fire apparatus. Seagrave has red seatbelts on all spots with seatbelts. Belts are now longer and mandatory for all apparatus. **IT'S THE LAW**

State law- must be wearing Safety Vest or can be fined.

State ordinance Anybody working on a State highway in any capacity – has to have a vest on – in police, fire, construction.

David Kline: Notice 2 large commercial trucks have orange seatbelts. Seat Belts can be seen .

Be safe – See you in Ocean City.

Gary McGinnis: has been on different things. Federal regulations – high visibility apparel.

Power point presentation for Instructor I class – put on website of CCVF.

Now in Instructor II class. H

Highway dangers – several accidents during storm.

US Park Police Cited driver.

(Gary sent this via e-mail to be included. He asked that it be pass on the rest of the committee.

George Washington Memorial Parkway (MD) – Conviction for following Emergency Vehicles too closely.

On May 10th, Stuart Goldman was found guilty of following fire apparatus too closely in federal court in Alexandria and sentenced to a fine of \$1500. Last October, Goldman was following behind a Fairfax County ambulance and fire truck that were responding with emergency lights activated to a reported traffic accident on the parkway. Traffic was yielding to the emergency vehicles, which were traveling up the middle of the two northbound lanes. Goldman was following ten to twelve feet behind the ambulance for between a half and three-quarters of a mile. The ambulance then stopped and EMS personnel on board asked Goldman to stop following so closely. The ambulance then continued to the accident, where Park Police officers were notified of the incident. Sergeant Frank Barwinczik stopped Goldman and cited him.

Pete Lott: Fish weren't biting in Grantsville

Gene Aaron: Get the word out. People are running overtop of fire hose. Had incident with 5 inch hose.

Gerard McCann: Fire in Creasptown – 5 inch hose run over .

3 year old hit by rock while sitting in parked truck.

Wall fell on workers a strip mine. 2 men were found dead in their equipment at Martin strip mine

Gunter Corrado: Have a safe trip home.

Jill Corrado: Glad to be here.

Sent via e-mail from Dan and Bobbi Stevens:

Bobbi and I will not be in attendance on Sunday. We have a conflict with the High School Cadet

Banquet in St. Mary's County.

Please remind the members that the MD Fire Rescue Training Committee will hold the meeting on Live Fire Burns in acquired structures on the 24th at 1000 hours at the Higher Education Commission on Bestgate Road in Annapolis.

Also MFRI has a 6 hour class on Conducting Safe Live Fire Training. It is on the street. We taught it in Southern Maryland last Thursday and Friday evenings. It will be repeated in Ocean City on Sunday. It is a very good program and MFRI developed it in about 6 weeks.

Say hi to everyone and we will see you in Ocean City Dan and Bobbi

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on July 15 at Fallston. Hoby will be host. .

Adjournment:

Motion by Gary, seconded by Gene to adjourn meeting at 11:55 am.

A delicious lunch with homemade soup and sandwiches along with banana nut and carrot cakes was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Steiner, Sec.

Directions to follow:

DIRECTIONS FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Address 2201 Carrs Mill Road. Fallston, MD 21047-1802

Plug into your GPS and you're on your way OR follow one of the following:

From Western Maryland

From I-68 E /US 40 E Toward Hagerstown (from Cumberland 36 miles)

Merge onto I-70 E via exit 82 B 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/Towson (18.9 miles)

Merge onto MD 43-East/White Marsh Blvd. 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.

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:

RT 50 to I 97

Merge to I895 - through the Harbor Tunnel (toll) which becomes I-95 – to MD 152 exit. EXIT 74 toward Joppatown/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 (0.2 miles) Station is on the Right

2. VIA 213 – over Chesapeake City Bridge – past Ray's station to Rt 40 in Elkton

Take RT 301 to Galena Rt 313.

Turn at corner toward Galena on Rt 313

Follow Rt 313 – at traffic light in Galena STAY STRAIGHT – it becomes Rt 213

Follow Rt 213 over the Chesapeake City Bridge to Rt 40 West

Follow Rt 40 West – Left turn toward Baltimore

Right on 272 North East Road (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 (0.1miles)

Bear Right onto Carrs Mill Rd (0.2 miles)

Station is on the Right