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SAFETY COMMITTEE

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November 18, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes

Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Co. Queen Anne's County. Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee November Meeting was called to order at 10:05a. m. on Sunday, November 18, 2007 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Co in Queen Anne's County MD. Bagels, donuts and juices, sodas and coffee were available for breakfast. 15 committee members were present representing 10 counties. Guest: MSFA Assistant Treasurer Bobbi Aaron, Training Committee Bobbi Stevens and MSFA. President Paul Sterling and First Vice President Frank Underwood were also in attendance.

Member present: Chair Hoby Howell, (Fallston, Harford); Gunter Corrado, (Mt Savage, Allegany); Gerard McGann, (Mt Savage, Allegany); Alfred (Butch) Britton, West Annapolis, Anne Arundell); Dan Stevens, (Waldorf, Charles); Wayne Fretterd, Jr., Denton, Caroline); Gene Aaron, (Hurlock, Dorchester), Sec. Barbara Steiner, (Church Creek, Dorchester); David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick); W. R. (Bud) Campbell, Betterton, Kent) ;Peter Lott, (Kennedyville, Kent).Barry Johnson, Laurel Rescue, Prince George's),Benny Shelton, (Sudlersville;Queen Anne's); Janet & John Fisher, (Ocean City Fire Co, Worcester).

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

Welcome: The committee was welcomed to Sudlersville and thanked for coming out today by Bill Faust President of SVFA. Benny's wife, Debbie was in the kitchen if needed. Hoby also thanked the members for coming out today

Minutes: The October meeting was cancelled therefore there were no minutes. The September minutes need a correction on the name of the chair of the committee working on the NFPA 1403 standards. .

Reporting:

Hoby:

-Don King is working today, no news from Jack. Joe had a death in the family. A sympathy card was sent from members of the committee. Also a get well card was sent to Leonard King.

—Firehouse. com has grants listed. Hoby will submit a grant for fire prevention and safety with the help from a Harford company member.

-Thanks to MSFA Pres. Sterling and 1st VP Underwood for coming to our meeting.

-Janet Fisher will serve as the second vice chair of the committee

Officers:

President Sterling: Thanked all for being here

- Leonard King – suffered stroke about 3 weeks ago. He is now in Annapolis in rehab. He can take calls. He has paralysis on his left side.

-Budget – big issue. 4 areas of money for companies: Appropriations, Volunteer Assistance Fund, 508 Amos

funds and Trustees funding –state deaths.

-State has a \$1.7 million deficit

We need to be aggressive to keep the money. Met with those in control of money for EMSOF, Shock Trauma, MIFR, MIEMSS and, MSP Aviation. Met with the State Comptroller, President of the Senate and others.

Subject of Slots: are interested, not enough money. If slots are here, MSFA should get some of the money.

Legislation: MSFA was to get 5% off the top for 508 funds.

MSFA was written into original the legislation. Of the 5%, each county was to get money as proportion to the 508 funds. Still working on bill to get 5% in for Amos funds into current bill.

-Executive Director: concept approved at the September Exec. Board meeting. If position happens, funding will be from outside sources, not dues money. Person would be an employee, not an officer, therefore there would be no need for a by-law change. Money is there to fund the position.

- Moving fine violation – law on books. HB1668 – Delegate Conway is sponsor. If violator receives a moving fine of \$50, \$7.50 is added on. One half goes to MSFA Volunteer Assistance Loan Fund and the other one half goes to MSP. We are looking at \$1.2 million not coming in. First part of money goes to court system. The other money only comes in if the violator goes to court. Delegate Conway is looking to increase the fine to \$20 - \$10 would go to MSFA. MSFA would collect up to a given amount.

-The Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund is a mess. State audit 2 years ago. A provision was found that MEMA had to channel the money . All applications are on hold. State people are not on same line with amount of money available. Applications are now being accepted. 6-7 were submitted at Church Creek on November 17th. Money is still available.

Auditors comments – too generous with grants. \$250,000 cap placed. We need more money from the state. Loan fund still has money. Fund is up and running.

-Trustees – line of duty deaths (LODD) benefit increase from \$5,000 to \$6,00. Added benefits for dependent children.

-First Responder Highway Safety – State Police: Move Over legislation- State Police in middle of road, Col. Hutchins felt law was not enforceable as written. The law was designed to keep first responders on highway safe. The new commander will work with MSFA on this.

-\$3,500 Income Tax incentive deduction - MSFA is trying to get it raised to \$5,000. The governor would like to raise the amount. It is contingent on the special session results. The comptroller has a vote on public works. He is interested in the money as is the speaker of the house.

-Duel registration plates

-Rear amber lights

-Physicals – 106 LODD , 56 from heart attacks. Funding is an issue for physicals. Potential funding- certain doctors within state system will do physical.

-EMT hours: currently 131 hours. Proposal NE standard to increase to 166-200hours. MSFA and MIEMSS are both opposed to this.

-MFR Training committee working on minimal standards on 1430.

-Grants – if comply with standards of grant can use as see. Chris St. John is successful in getting grants

1stVP Underwood: Is working on updating committee lists. Jackie Olson can also update lists.

- He appreciates the support and help given – let him know where he can be of help.

Dan Stevens- Training:

1403 –Chairs meeting on subject at many places

Discussion – Council of Academy, Metro Chiefs, National Fire Academy, Fire & Rescue Training Committee, Met at MFRI for 5 hours.

Instruction competencies- How to get people to follow 1403.

Advancing policy – permit before burn- lead to education

Met with MSFA Training Committee – wants to come up with cadre of instructors to use when Live burn is requested.

Fire Education Training Committee – down 3 members – need quorum for meetings

MFRI – Dan on Board of Administrators and has 25 years as instructor

New employees – writing advisories

Renovation of North East Training Center to start soon

Conducting Safe Live fire burn classes – 375 persons have taken the class successfully.

MFRI.org – seminars on-line. HazMat and EVOC.

Class failures are up in the state- Target 10% . Schedule less classes – Scheduled classes no demand for. MFRI to cut number of classes offered. MFRI will schedule a class if you have 15 person who will take it.

ICS 400 – Only need if operate on management team.

ICS 300-400 – was successful in Southern Maryland

NIOSH – PA instructor death in Altoona, report released on line. Center for Disease Control Center Website.

Recommends – Safety Committee members take : FF Safety Officer – 30 hrs. – a regular MFRI course
Conducting safe fires – 6 hrs. Acquired Structures

Attitude and Cultures – problem in fire service

Chief at meeting recommends training being simulated – not active – Many cons for this idea.
(no hands on experience when the real thing happens).

By March 31, 2008, all Fire Training – life in training centers must have this class (FF Safety Officer)

- North East Training Center – working on funding to upgrade center.

Hoby:

Don King working on publication for the Trumpet. Reworking item to make it fit.

Jim Decker – Hobby visited him at his home in Cumberland. Jim had a hip replacement. His wife is in the hospital – Morgan Hospital .

Charlie Riley Scholarship affair – Hobby attended affair.

Hobby now president of Harford/Cecil Counties Association. Ray Steven just completed his term as president of the group.

Use Hobby's cell phone if you need to contact him 443-807-0986. His computer is not working.

Janet Fisher: Bill passed on Labor and Employment – Section 9-503 of COMAR. – on Heart Lung
Paper passed out on item.

To qualify – need physical on record at fire department – must have a physical in your folder from a doctor.

Hobby asked that article be copied and given to fire companies in you area.

Workman's Comp Attorney – get one that know about Workman's comp.

If you have a physical with a paid company, it will carry over to the volunteer company

There is a 7 year wind – physicals must be filed within 7 years of injury.

Must have a competent workman's comp attorney

Keep copies of everything.

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Publication from internet – Seat belts – Firehouse.com/content/article/printer:jsp?id=56679

Article: Deaths This Year: It's Time for Seat Belt Hardball

Dr. Burton pledge – get members to sign

Opticon- Paul Fellows and Sam Smith gave presentation on Opticons

3 M company – Global Traffic Technologies

Use for intersection control, gated communities.

The company representative will go to counties in state to give presentations.

Information give to committee members.

Round the Room”

Barry Johnson: Keep an eye on MSFA website – so info gets on website. Send stuff to secretary - it goes to IT committee and to Leonard. Jackie is helping while Leonard is ill.

Dan – Initiative – MOSH – consensus standard on Safety & health – get SOPS – safety samples for companies that don't have them – tailor them for own company.

Gerard (Mac): Dakato doesn't need safety stuff next to hospital. It took Mac 445 minutes to go ½ mile.
Opticon would be useful.

Bobbi Stevens: Have a nice Thanksgiving

Benny: Needs 2 more surgeries on his legs: November 29.

VP Frank Underwood _ Washington Post – Helicopter program article – trying to help State Police in purchasing new helicopter. Have a good Thanksgiving.

Pres. Paul Sterling: He knows he is in trouble when nothing is in back seat and the Oxygen mask drops down.

Bobbi Aaron: Sorry Hurlock meeting was cancelled. They would like to get back on the schedule to host a meeting.

Pete: Question on increase in EMS hours. Added EVOS included. EMS Committee working on it. Need to show why it is needed – will impact volunteer, career and instructors- availability of classes. Proposed not standards – number of people at MIEMSS to see that Maryland doesn't need them.

John Fisher – correction on committee chairs name – Mike Clemson. Comment on directions to Hurlock. Felt that speed trap warning was unprofessional Apologies from the writer. Comments on 1500.

Paul – If Safety Committee has items to distribute, i.e. “Safety Message of the Month”, he will take them to meeting around the state.

Janet Fisher: 1500 guidelines – Safety Committee is spokesperson to get information out.

Butch: Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Dan: -2002 Life Pack 1200 for sale at Waldorf – Contact Dan needs to be reprogrammed

Next Meeting: Sykesville: February 10, 2008. Please note that the meeting is a week early due to the Executive Committee Meeting – February 16-17, 2008 in New Windsor .

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment – 12:20 pm.

Hamburgers, Cheeseburger, delicious fries and cole slaw along with pie for dessert was served by Debbie Selton and her assistants. Thanks

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Steiner, Sec.

Directions to follow:

DIRECTIONS Sykesville –Freedom District Fire Dept, Carroll County

Sykesville Freedom FD is located at 668 0 Sykesville Rd (MD Rt 32). It is approximately 5 miles North of I 70 at the corner of Freedom Ave. and Rt 32. The station is approximately 1.5 miles South of Rt 26.

From the Bay Bridge: Take Rt 50 West to Rt I 97 North.

Rt I 97 North to Rt MD 32

West on Rt 32 to the fire house

From the South: Take BW Parkway to I 95 or Rt 29 to MD 32 and continue past I 70 - 5 miles – the fire house will be on your left if you are driving North

From Baltimore : Take I 695 to Rt I 70 to RT MD 32 and follow above

From Frederick and points West: take I 70 to 32 and follow as above.

From Walkersville : Drive East on Rt 26 to 32 and go South Approximately 1.5 miles.

The fire house will be on the right side of the road

***After turning on Freedom Ave – go to the 2nd Driveway and go around the building to park

The meeting will be held in the classroom.

Gary 's cell phone id 410-206-6345.

See you there.