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February 10, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes

Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department Carroll County . Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee February Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a. m. on Sunday, February 10, 2008 by Chairman Hoby Howell at the Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Dept, Carroll County MD. Bagels, donuts and juices ,and coffee were available for breakfast. 16 committee members were present representing 13 counties. Guest: MSFA Assistant Treasurer Bobbi Aaron, Training Committee Bobbi Stevens and MSFA. Second Vice President Roger Powell 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); Don King, (Balitmore); Gary McGinnis,(Sykesville-Freedom, Carroll); Ray Stevens,(Chesapeake City, Cecil); Dan Stevens, (Waldorf, Charles); Joe Slavotinek (Elkridge, Howard);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), 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 Sykesville and thanked for coming out today by Gary McGinnis . Hoby also thanked the members for coming out today. Hoby stated that the following members were not in attendance: Hugh Owen- daughter is ill; Benny Shelton is still having issues with his knee; Jack Gouty is recovering at Spa Creek Center, 35 Milkshake Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403 and Chuck Pemberton had family commitments.

Minutes: The November meeting were emailed and snail mailed to members following the meeting. No meetings were scheduled for December and January..

Officers:

Second Vice President Roger Powell

VP Powell brought copies of "The Trumpet"

-Legislation Reception – The governor made a presentation. He will be funding 100% including funding for the executive position

Problems with the Volunteer Assistance Fund. The Bill to control money by MSFA. –re-codification of of COMAR is underway. A way to change the Code. Drafters are looking at it –in progress - drafters decided to combine 2 funds. Additional provisions – created problems. MSFA still working to correct the problems with statue. Money went to MEMA – in their budget. We are struggling with our money.

-Audit was ok. Legislative audit – wanted interpretation of Treasurer in statue – was undefined – now section 8 1.01.Treasure means treasure of MSFA (not state). Problem with MEMA – don't know amount of money at MEMA. Meeting Annapolis February 11. with Secretary of Budget and others to determine

amount of money available in fund. Money has been given out to those approved.

Governor called. Exec. Dir work group preparing for job opening.

Legislative working on “move-over” legislation.

MIEMSS – Bill to require law change – appointment of Director of MIEMSS by governor, not by MIEMSS

Check legislative bulletin for what affects fire service.

Meeting with legislative on February 18 to deal with Baltimore County issue.

Illnesses: Jack Gouty at Spa Creek, Leonard King at assisted living in Odenton – status quo; Jackie Olson’s brother passed away.

Question: how many positions are in exec dir program: Answer: funding is for 1 or 2 positions

Working group: interviewed executive directors from other organizations to get info on positions.

Budget - \$250,000 for salary for position and a secretary and other items. Position will use 17 State

Circle for location. No secretary hired at this time. Focus funding by July 1st for the person for position.

Roger thanked the group for allowing him to be here.

Hoby: Individuals on committee who are sick: James Decker – was back in the hospital and now home. He has infections – problems with both legs. His wife was in another hospital at the same time.

Stoney – was hoping to get to today’s meeting. The weather may be a factor in his absence.

Benny Shelton – is at home. The surgeon has told him that he has done all he could do. He may have to go to a hospital in Philly. He was in the emergency room on Friday and was in good spirits.

Roger – additional item: Helicopter – the governor has appropriated \$110 million. (\$33.6 million this year for 3 helicopters. The governor asked MSFA Pres. Sterling to attend news conference at Martin State Airport. The president was asked to make a presentation at the news conference

Sen. Pipkin has put a bill in to pay for private helicopters to do transports. The State is opposing this.

There are criteria for use of private helicopters.

EMS summit in Howard County- issue- whether or not changes in structure in pre-hospital providers and structure of education

CRT-I to be continued. Addition of 20-30 hours up to instructor (161 not required for EMT)

National standard generating – Maryland leads – Model for the WORLD for pre-hospital and transporting – the rest of the world can follow..

Training: Dan Stevens:

Maryland Fire-Rescue Training Institute – University of Maryland: committee met and toured the Academy. It has a driving range with various road hazards. Simulations are available for different units. \$11 million spent on the driving range.

1403 Standards – Dr Bass, MFRI, MSFA represented. Minimum standards – Main topic – look at all areas – looking for a consensus standard

How to encourage people to use 1403 standard. Do you require training for people?

Working on guidelines – checklist for house burns.

Some want to make use of 1403 a mandate

Maryland standards group to meet again before committee meets again – on March 19th

Others: Miltonburger: February 28-29; March 1st. – registration still open. Region I – MIEMSS.

MFRI – February 19th – Ex Dev compliance planning.

Mobile water supply March 29-30 and April 20 in Southern Maryland

Seminars: Eastern Garrett – Frostburg – Haz-Mat use of guidebook – on MFRI website

Grant Workshops-

MFRI headquarters; Tues. Feb 19th;

Mt. Airy VFC Carnival Activities Bldg Tues Feb 26th

NERTC – Aberdeen: Wed, Feb 27th

LESRTC – Princess Anne: Fri Feb 29th

UJESRTC – Centreville: Tues, March 4th

WMRTC –Cresaptown: Wed March 5th

SMRTC – La Plata: Fri March 14th

Preregistration is not required

Money: Amount not yet determined – expect cut from last year

DNR training – 1 week – Southern Maryland – LaPlata, April 21-22.

Chief Officer Seminar MFRI and Fire Rescue March 1 & 2 at Rockville Shady Grove

Safety related. Roadway Safety – Saturday

Miltonberger: (above) covers everything – Feb 28-29, Mar 1.

LODD – report out – on FEMA, MSFA – 115 – not a good year – heart attacks and vehicle deaths

Schooling: Bobbi went to Hampton Roads – interested in Maryland program

Hampton Roads has 3-4 year old program – do interns in department that leads to job offers-

Hired right out of high school

EMT failure rate high in program (50%) – wonders what is causing problem

Need to look at what's going on. Need to talk to instructors?

Trumpet: Don King: Heart-lung bill sent in- was condensed, sent back – and not in Trumpet

Contact made with Amber.

Janet Fisher: Training exercise

NFPA 1403 – draft to be presented to Exec Com. Guidelines for those companies who do not have a set of guidelines – guidelines for live burns

Check off list to follow – proposal discusses – have officer who is an excellent officer – has qualifications and others qualified who have no experience in burning buildings.

Chuck Pembleton: work with keynote speaker for Convention- Use of seatbelts while working on patients in back of ambulance- sitting down

Hoby – Contact made with Alan Baldwin –he will do seminars again in OC

Penoake Browning – will set up for our seminars – 3 seminars – Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Need people to help with seminars in rooms – more to follow

Tri-Fold publication: Don and Hoby working on this for Safety Gazette – Amber and MFRI to help put in picture form – wants portfolio of committee members .Also to include seatbelt safety issue, 1403 burn, labor employment law – Safety Seminars with photo of Alan Baldwin – also want 1500 Safety Regs.

Will check out Steve Edwards for help with printing of publication.

Publication – any suggestions – please get them to Don or Hoby ASAP

3 year old workman's comp case settled. Tom Wilson's heart attack case – just won.

Gary McGinnis – Power point presentation on www.responderssafety.com

Gary to be in Gettysburg- he will contact Alan Baldwin

Gary- Article on safety vests. Safety Committee has 4 point vests with zipper. These vests stay fairly nice after being tossed around.

Federal year 2008 - becomes law – November 1, 2008 –Standard on Federal and State Highways

Any company that responds to an incident on a Federally funded roadway must wear the vests.

Dan – Charles County incident – January 3rd – rescue squad tipped over on old 2 lane road. Mind set – we have a seat belt law –but no body uses them

Shirts – see Hoby to order shirts for committee.

Badges – also see Hoby to order badge

Christmas Safety Message – thanked secretary for putting it together

Awards: Smith Stathem Memorial Safety Award – nominations due in on May 1st. Write up someone in your company or county that is worth of recognition for the safety award. Application is on the website.

Bring to the April meeting.

Jack Gouty address: See above in “welcome section”

Hoby is visiting committee members who are ill. Let Hoby know of members who are ill. Cell phone

443-807-0986. His computer does not work. Hoby goes to viewings. He will take committee members with him.

Round the room:

Don King – 3 weeks ago – house fire. 1 fire fighter fell from second floor to basement, another tripped.

Barry Johnson – Miltonberger Conference – at Rocky Gap - Keynote speaker Incident Command from the Virginia Tech shootings. Discussion of what it's like to be IC at multiply shooting incident.

Haz-Mat –New DOT Books are out. Department of Transportation

MSFA Website – Check it out- Stats form is available ready to go on line

Credential forms also ready on line

Miltonberger Conference – Feb 28 & 29 are pre-conference days. Main session are on Mar 1

Tri-fold – direct to safety page on Website. www.MSFA.org/safety

Trumpet articles on website and updated calendar.

MSFA website has link to MIEMSS.org –link to flyer

David Kline: Emmitsburg – March 14,15,16 Class – Arrive Alive – Council of Government

Bobbie Stevens- Welcome in advance to Waldorf site for meeting

Pete – Thanks for having us here.

Buddy – yields time to Western MD delegation

Gunter-yields time to Mac

Mac (Gerard McCann) Went to Banquet –hit head - \$500 hospital bill.

John Fisher- Safety Committee to take best ideas back . Come out with good for best for State of MD

Hoby- everybody has right to state how their company works

John – need to be effective – best attitude

Hoby- situations are different – try to get message across through pamphlet and at convention

Gene Aaron- Cambridge fire injured several firefighters – one experienced a heart attack. Firefighter had

Surgery and is now home resting. Gene will miss next meeting – he is having shoulder surgery

Bobbi Aaron will have knee surgery in April

New seat belts have red straps

Barry asked about Anne Arundel county – Butch Britton – responded

Every driver is issued a safety vest . Officer or ranking person on unit sees that safety vests are worn by ALL persons. EMTs have safety vests on. Station wear jackets look like safety vests.

Two counties – Anne Arundell and Montgomery – safety vests area mandatory and compliance is in effect.

Chief's example of wearing safety vest – seat belt – conditioning for others to do it.

Safety committee members will wear safety vests at the convention

Ray Stevens: rural areas – rash of accidents by deer. Slammed into tree – flew 2 to Baltimore.

New Castle DE – townhouse fire , hoseline taken to 2nd floor with 7 firefighters – didn't get water. Hose was burned through on way up to second floor.

\ Gary – US fire, World fire Survey – fire equipment is old, not sufficient training, health exams needed.

Program for selling smoke detectors – Gary had information

Gary took photos of committee members for publication

Delicious pizza was available for lunch.

Next Meeting: Waldorf: March , 16, 2008. Dan and Bobbie Stevens are hosting this meeting. .

April Meeting will be in Chesapeake City – April 20, 2008 Ray Stevens will be contact

The New facility on the Eastern Shore side of the Chesapeake City Bridge – on Rt 213.

The May meeting will be at Glen Dale on May 18, 2008 with Hugh Owens as host.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment – 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Steiner, Sec.

Directions to follow:

DIRECTIONS Waldorf Station 3 (Fire) 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602

Dan's Cell phone 301-751-3860

From the Eastern Shore:

Bay Bridge: Take Rt 50 West to Rt 301 South to Exit 13 A-B-C to merge onto 301 South toward Richmond (32.5 miles)
Take 301 South to Berry Road Rt MD 228 South (27.9 miles)
Make U Turn at Berry Rd MD 228 South
Turn Right at Leonardtown Rd /MD 5 BR
Turn Right at MD 925 – Old Washington Rd

From Fallston and points in that area

MD 152 to I-95 toward Baltimore Take I-95 South – 13.1 miles
Harbor Tunnell – I-898/Annapolis (Toll Road)
Slight right at I895 - Spur South (Sign for I-97 –Bay Bridge/Annapolis
MD 2 South – Exit toward Glen Burnie
Merge onto I-97 South/MD 3-South – 9 miles
Exit 7 for MD 32 –W/MD-3 South toward Odenton/Bowie
Merge onto Crain Hwy-MD 3-South- continue on Crain Hwy 36.3 miles
At Rt MD 228 South – Berry Rd – Make U-Turn
Turn Right at Leonardtown Rd MD 5 BR
Turn Right at MD 925. Find 3245 Old Washington Rd

From Western Maryland – there are 2 ways to come

I-68 to I 70 East to 270S toward Washington DC
Merge onto I495 E (Capitol Beltway) 28.2 miles
Exit 7A to merge onto Branch Ave/MD 5 South toward Waldorf
Continue on MD 5 South 12.3
Continue on Crain Hwy/MD 5 BR South/US 301 South 2.8 miles
At Rt 228 South (Berry Road) Make a U-Turn
Turn Right at Leonardtown Rd/MD 5 BR
Turn Right at MD 925 (Old Washington Rd)
Find 3245 Old Washington Rd
OR
Continue on Rt I 70 to Rt 32 and follow directions as below
from Sykesville starting with Exit 13 B from Rt 32

From Sykesville and areas near it:

MD 851 toward Oklahoma Ave
Continue on W. Friendship Rd
Turn on MD 321/Sykesville Rd on MD 32 - 19.4 miles
Exit 13B – Merge onto I-95-South toward Washington 31 miles
Exit 7A merge onto Branch Ave MD /5 S toward Waldorf
Continue on MD 5-South, 12.3 miles
Continue on Crain Hwy/MD 5-BR - South – US 301 S for 2.8 miles
At Rt MD 228- Berry Road – Make a U- Turn
Turn Right at Leonardtown Rd/MD5 BR
Turn Right at MD 925 (Old Washington Rd)
Find 3245 Old Washington Rd

See you there.