

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
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SAFETY COMMITTEE

Steven J. Scheinin – Chair
Barbara L. Steiner – Secretary
Barry Johnson – Data Technical Support

May 16, 2010 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Ocean City 15th Street Station, Ocean City – Worcester County Maryland

The MSFA Safety Committee May Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010 by Chair Steven Scheinin at the 15th Street Station of Ocean City Fire Department. 7 committee members were present representing 6 counties.

Member present: Gary McGinnis, (Sykesville-Freedom, Carroll), Sec. Barbara Steiner, (Church Creek, Dorchester); David Kline, (Walkersville, Frederick); Steven Scheinin, Chair, (Fallston, Harford); Pete Lott, (Kennedyville, Kent); Janet Fisher, (Ocean City, Worcester); John Fisher, (Ocean City, Worcester). Also present was 2nd VP David Lewis. (Also present was Renie Lott).

Excused absences: Attending Eastern Shore VFC mtg in Linkwood-Salem: Bobbie & Gene Aaron; Butch Britton; Working: Hoby Howell, Travel Distance: Gunter Corrado, Gerard McGann, Jim Decker.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Discussion centered on two e-mails given to members by David Lewis concerning the duties of the Safety Committee at the convention.
 - A. The first communication received by Dave was from Roger Steger, Sr.
Roger stated what he wanted from the Safety Committee which includes:
 - 5 Safety Committee members at 7:30 am in the inlet parking lot to assist with staging/line-up of equipment. They stay until it is time for them to go to their post along the parade route as they have done for over 10 years to assist with safe operations of units in parade and the people watching. The email will be attached to these minutes.
 - B. The second communication was from Lee Sachs to Steven Scheinin with cc to several others.
This communication stated that Jackie and Lee have the responsibility for the Convention Committee for assisting the Safety Committee in preparing for and executing its duties at the Convention. These include:
 1. Parade – Chief Roger Steger is responsible for this component. Steven is to work directly with him and be in regular contact with Roger.
 2. Entrance to stage – bottom of steps – south side – Safety Committee member posted in this position at all times to control who gains access to the stage from that approach.
 3. Control access to the center steps to the stage in the Main hall.
 4. Be available for the Memorial Service (Sunday at 5PM), and the Opening Exercises on Monday to attempt to maintain order)
 5. Exhibit Halls – As in the past. Work with Wylie at their usual stations.
 6. Daily brief Safety Message to those gathered in the main hall.
2. Revised Parade Rules (April 25, 2009) to be followed. Rules are included in Convention package distributed to individual fire departments.
Chief Steger and Parade committee make the decision on who pulls out units for violations.

John Fisher will get radios from Ocean City.

Parking Lot – underage drinking is a police issue – inform Roger

3. Committee Display; partnering with Everybody Goes Home and 16 Safety Initiatives
4. Committee Raffle: Basket of tools will be raffled; Firefighters are asked to sign the “Seatbelt Pledge”
Any firefighter or EMS personnel who signs the pledge will receive a ticket (chance) on winning the basket of tools.
John will contact vendors. Need roll of tickets and jar to put them in
Drawing to be held on Wednesday by the Fire Prevention Queen.
5. Breakfast Meeting: All Safety Committee members who will be going to Ocean City to help with the Safety Committee duties during the Convention are requested to attend the Breakfast on Sunday June 13, 2010 at 6:45 am at Layton’s Restaurant at 16th Street.
Assignment will be confirmed at this meeting.
6. Contact information:
Steve’s numbers: Home 410-692-2761
Work: 410-828-9363
Cell: 410-371-1794
email: law@scheinin.com
7. Steven will contact Lee and Chief Roger
8. Any other problems call Steven
9. Safety Committee is sponsoring several seminars on Sunday and Monday
10. Post incident critique: want done prior to Convention Committee critique.

Changes this year

Sunday - Memorial Service – June 13 at 1700 hrs. 5pm

Movie on the Beach – 8 pm – The Blind Side at 27th Street Oceanfront - food on boardwalk

Monday – Family Event at Jolly Rogers Amusement Park – 30th Street – Rides, Food, Bev. Food \$10 food and rides \$15.00. Specials for families.

Tuesday – 1230-1530- Convention Center Buffet Lunch – Convention Center East Hall \$11.00

Tuesday – 1600-2200 – Family Picnic and Beach Party Ocean Pines Beach Club – Coastal Highway between 49th and 50th St. \$15.00

Wednesday – 0730 Prayer Breakfast – Convention Center East Hall

Next meeting:

July 18, 2010 to be held at Fallston VFD in Fallston MD. –10 am.

Next Exec Com mtg to be in Hollywood, MD August 28-29

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Steiner

Directions to Fallston VFC – 2201 Carrs Mill Rd, Fallston 21047 – Put it in your GPS and press GO

For those of you without a GPS

From Western MD

From I-68-/US 40 East toward Hagerstown

From Cumberland – I 68- Merge onto I-70 EAST via Exit 82B on the Left toward Hagerstown (90 miles

Take 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 Left toward I-95 Towson (18.9 miles)

Merge onto MD 43-East/White Marsh Blvd Exit 31C toward White Marsh (1.7 miles)

Turn LEFT (0.2 miles)

Bear Right onto US 1 N / Belair Rd (9.6miles)

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 members in between can pick up directions from you location and follow to Fallston

Eastern Shore: You have 2 choices

1. Via the Bay Bridge – Rt 50 to Rt 97.

Merge to 895 – through the Harbor Tunnel (toll) which becomes I95 to MD 152 Exit 74 toward Joppatown/Fallston

Turn Left onto Old Mountain Rd S – continue on MD 152 (6.2 miles)

Bear Right onto Old Fallston Rd (0.1 miles)

Bear Right onto Carrs Mills (0.2 miles)- Station is on the RIGHT

2. Via 213 over the Chesapeake City Bridge on Rt 213 – pass Ray’s station to 40 in Elkton

Take Rt 301 to Galena – Rt 313

Follow Rt 313 – at the 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 toward Baltimore

Right on Rt 272 North East Rd

Merge onto I 95 toward Baltimore

Merge onto MD 152 N Via Exit 74 toward Fallston

Bear right on Old Fallston Rd

Bear Right on Carrs Mill Rd – Station is on the Right.

The Firefighter Life Safety Summit held in Tampa, FL, in March 2004 produced 16 major initiatives designed to give the fire service a blueprint for making changes:

1. Define and advocate the need for a cultural change within the fire service relating to safety, incorporating leadership, management, supervision, accountability and personal responsibility.
2. Enhance the personal and organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service.
3. Focus greater attention on the integration of risk management with incident management at all levels, including strategic, tactical, and planning responsibilities.
4. Empower all firefighters to stop unsafe practices.
5. Develop and implement national standards for training, qualifications, and certification (including regular re-certification) that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.
6. Develop and implement national medical and physical fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.
7. Create a national research agenda and data collection system that relate to the initiatives.
8. Utilize available technology wherever it can produce higher levels of health and safety.
9. Thoroughly investigate all firefighter fatalities, injuries, and near misses.
10. Ensure grant programs support the implementation of safe practices and/or mandate safe practices as an eligibility requirement.
11. Develop and champion national standards for emergency response policies and procedures.
12. Develop and champion national protocols for response to violent incidents.
13. Provide firefighters and their families access to counseling and psychological support.
14. Provide public education more resources and champion it as a critical fire and life safety program.
15. Strengthen advocacy for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.
16. Make safety a primary consideration in the design of apparatus and equipment.