

**MARYULAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20 & 21, 1990
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**

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The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Thomas A. Mattingly at 0900 hours at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Headquarters Station. The President called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who gave the invocation and led the pledge to allegiance. The President introduced President Michael Sacca of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department who welcomed everyone "home" to Ocean City. President Mattingly then introduced President Mary Fran Crisman of the Ladies Auxiliary who announced that President Mattingly and herself will be developing another cookbook, with the thanks of Marvin and Mary Ann Gibbons. The President then recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: R. N. Small, 59-60; L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; A. M. Gibbons, 77-78; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; T. L. Tharp, 81-82; S. N. Stathem, 82-83; C. W. Riley, 83-84; R. J. Smith, 84-85; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. W. Cumberland, 87-88; R. L. Shimer, 88-89; and J. R. Robison, 89-90. The President introduced the guests who were in attendance. The President then went into the officers reports.

PRESIDENT - President Mattingly recapped the recent Five State Presidents Meeting and felt that Maryland's fire service is in excellent condition when you here the problems of our neighbors. He felt that the greatest concerns continue to be with standards and government support to the fire service. The President reported on several letters and meetings dealing with the ongoing situation at the Trauma Center. He encouraged all associations and individuals to continue soliciting letters supporting no change at Shock Trauma. He suggested that all correspondence be sent to both the Governor and the Board of Regents. President Mattingly repeating one of his goals, which is to increase public awareness and the public perception of the volunteer fire and rescue service, reported on the taping and airing of a 30 minute Eyewitness News Conference moderated by George Bauman. The program was aired on October 7th. and was agreed by all that viewed it that it presented a professional, well trained, and well equipped volunteer fire service which provides major cost savings and service to the citizens of Maryland. The President thanked Gene Worthington for his efforts and coordination of the program. The President reported attending the Mid Atlantic Fire Prevention Commissions Annual Conference, in which he presented an overview of the MSFA Guide to NFPA 1500 Package. He reported receiving several supportive comments and distributed copies of the package to some of the visiting state representatives.

President Mattingly reported on a meeting he had held with the employees of MFRI, and felt that the meeting was very positive and the exchange of views was informative. The President relayed that he had participated in the Governor's proclamation signing for the recognition of EMS Week and Fire Prevention Week. President Mattingly reported that he and the Vice Presidents met with representatives of the State DOT to discuss the efforts of the CHART Program and its future direction. The DOT and the MSP want input and participation from the fire and rescue service. He relayed that they were given an explanation of the part that the fire and rescue service plays in this

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plan and offered support. The President reported that the Governor's Task Force to study MFRI has started to work. He congratulated those who were appointed and asked if anyone has a particular point that they feel would benefit the group to please contact him or other members of the Task Force. President Mattingly recapped the dedication of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the Annual Memorial Service, and congratulated those who played key roles in the program. He commented on the beautiful ceremonies conducted on a beautiful weekend in our State. President Mattingly reported that the budget concerns have been relayed to Annapolis. The officers and Legislative Chairman met with Secretary Mc Guinty and several budget analyst to explain our request and current problems. He relayed that they were very sympathetic but the response was not encouraging.

The President read off the list of those fire and rescue departments across the State who have failed to file the proper paperwork to keep their State Charters in tact. He reminded all companies to check the list. President Mattingly distributed a letter from the Association Attorney and a letter from MOSH which stated that "at this time, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry has not adopted the NFPA 1500 Standard. However, MOSH does recognize this industry standard to be a feasible means of abating certain hazards."

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Smith asked that continuous communications be maintained with the officers, so that concerns and problems across the State can be coordinated and resolved. He advised that even thou the Executive Committee has approved the Budget, those committees that have State Funds should check before spending that funding. Vice President Smith relayed that even after several meetings to study the Haz-Mat funding for training, the administration in Annapolis has stated that they would not sponsor such a bill.

Vice President Smith advised that after lengthy budget meetings and the meeting with State Officials, in which the publication of the Fire Laws Book was discussed, he recommended that a study of the publication be undertaken. He stated that a determination should be made as to whether this publication is serving the purpose for which it was intended, should we seek a change in the legislation, or should we publish a different type of book which would serve as a reference to the Annotated Codes of Maryland.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Fleshman complimented the many committees of the Association for the diligent work towards accomplishing the goals of the Association. The Vice President commented on a meeting with the MFRI staff in which he left with a feeling that the staff has lost sight of the fact that MFRI and its predecessor, the Fire Service Extension, are largely a product of the efforts, needs, and use by the member companies of the MSFA, and without the MSFA member companies there would be a very limited need for MFRI.

Vice President Fleshman recapped the dedication of the Prince George's County Fallen Firefighters Monument and the services which followed, along with the National Memorial Services in Emmitsburg, and commented on the very moving services.

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SECRETARY - Secretary Burton reported that all communications received since our last meeting have been properly executed and recorded for the records of the Association. He relayed that the minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting have been transcribed, duplicated and forwarded to all concerned on the Association mailing list. The Secretary relayed that application for membership has been received from the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad of St. Mary's County, and has been turned over to the Standards Committee for proper action. He also raised a question as to the membership status of the Powhatan Beach and Green Haven departments who have disbanded and formed a new department called Armiger Volunteer Fire Department.

TREASURER - Treasurer Saville presented the report of the Treasurer's Office, and copies were distributed.

CHAPLAIN - Assistant Chaplain Knauer offered the assistance of the Chaplain's Office to all fire and rescue personnel.

The President then turned the meeting over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Chairman Davis congratulated President Mattingly on the very positive presentation of our Association on the recent TV news program, and also congratulated Past President Gibbons on the moving ceremonies at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. The Chairman then moved to the Executive Committee for items from around the State.

G. Blanco relayed that the drawings for the Regional Training Center for Western Maryland are about 70 % complete at this time and that ground breaking should take place in March of 91. M. Robinson recapped the 25th. Anniversary of the combined Anne Arundel County Fire Service, and discussed the importance of the upcoming County Executive election on the fire service in Anne Arundel County. G. Worthington reported that the North-East Regional Training Center is about 75 % complete in the construction and that dedication should take place in April of 91. D. Mooney recapped the fire and rescue service efforts during the recent tornado, and the importance of the disaster plan that they have in place. He also discussed the importance of the upcoming election in their county. J. Robison invited all in attendance to attend the upcoming dedication of the new station for the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. P. Hurlock congratulated all the departments across the State for the recent efforts towards the fire prevention goals.

The Chairman reported that the Standards Committee has inspected the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, of St. Mary's County, in Avenue, Maryland, and reported that they meet the requirements for membership in the Association. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: That the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, of St. Mary's County be accepted into membership in the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Passed.

The Chairman then continued with committee reports.

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LOSAP - Chairperson A. Hawkins relayed that the committee is still providing booklets upon request, and that the Caroline County program is still incomplete. She also reminded all counties who have LOSAP that the committee will again need information for the Department of Fiscal Services which will include the number of individuals receiving payments, the number of widows, and the total amount of funds being distributed during the year of 1990.

AUDIT - Chairman Purdy reported that the annual audit will be on Saturday, May 18, 1991, in Frederick.

WAYS AND MEANS - Chairman Hay relayed that the raffle tickets are being printed at this time and will be distributed by the January meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS - Chairman Fleshman relayed that the committee is still working on the publication of the revised Constitution and By-Laws, and that they will be starting to work in the near future on some proposals that have been suggested.

FIRE PREVENTION - Chairman R. Collins reported that they have distributed 134,000 book covers across the State. He relayed that they are redesigning the place mats and they will be available for distribution in a few months. The Chairman reported that the new 4 x 8 posters are now available for the companies who request them on department letterhead.

The Chairman reported that the rules for the Fire Prevention Book Contest will be changed and that they will submit the changes. He also relayed that the awards have been changed as follows: 1st place - \$300.00; 2nd place - \$200.00; 3rd thru 9th place - \$100.00; and 10th place - \$50.00.

He also reported that the Fire Prevention Floats for the Ocean City Parade must be set up behind Convention Hall by 1000 hours the day of the parade for judging along with judging during the line of parade.

SCHOLARSHIP - Chairman Olsen reported that one student has transferred to general studies and will no longer be receiving support from the Association. He relayed that Matthew L. McBride is continuing to receive our support, and that David B. Szepesi has been selected to receive the Floyd B. Heimer Award.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley reported on the meeting held with Secretary McGinty of the Board of Public Works concerning State Funding to the Association. He relayed that those from the State Government felt sympathetic to our needs, however felt that this would be a very lean year for any increased funding.

The Chairman relayed that they are considering introducing the income tax incentive bill again in the 1991 Session, and that they are planning a Legislative Reception for the Legislators on January 21, 1991. He also relayed that the 1991 Legislative Session will open on January 9, 1991.

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Chairman Riley recapped the recent primary election in which several incumbents were defeated, which will mean approximately a 40 % turn over in the next session.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION - Chairman Cumberland reported that the committee is obtaining copies of various federal bills, and they have just obtained copies of the Legislative Issues for the 101st. Congress.

GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS RECEPTION - Chairman Cumberland reported that they have been advised that the train garden will be moved to another room this year and that they are redesigning the display.

AWARDS - Chairman Graf reported that with his committee being zero funded in the budget, he has been advised by several committees with awards that they are revising their rules and entry requirements. He advised that he will have all of the changes and a cost estimate for publication of a new booklet by the January meeting. The Executive Committee Chairman referred this information to the Budget Committee for investigation.

The Fire Prevention Committee also advised that they should have funding to assist with the publication.

DIRECTORY - Chairman White reported that he has supplied over 37,000 labels this year which is proving to be very costly. The committee is supplying labels to the Secretary's Office, the Public Relations Committee, the Board of Trustees, and others including other governmental agencies. The committee requested a budget supplemental of \$150.00. The Executive Committee Chairman advised the committee that they will consider the request.

17 STATE CIRCLE - L. King presented the report for Chairman J. Smith. He reported that the Historical Annapolis Foundation is pushing for the brick work in the building to be re-pointed and for the roof to be replaced. This work can possibly wait until better weather and after the construction work on State Circle has been completed. Other work which will be done in the near future includes \$495.00 for new guttering and downspouts, and exterior painting. Chairman Smith estimates that the needed work will cost around \$4000.00. President Mattingly also relayed that the Historical Annapolis is pressing for this work to be done.

The Executive Committee Chairman referred the request for additional funding to the Budget Committee.

HISTORICAL & ARCHIVES - Chairman D. Carpenter relayed that the committee has articles on display during the meetings, and that the committee has in storage some duplicate copies of old proceedings books and convention badges which they will bring to future meetings for people to obtain.

M.I.C.R.B. - Representative L. King relayed that the total certified Level II Instructors is 498, with 289 in fire; 152 in emergency care; 57 in rescue, 7 Instructor Trainers, and 103 Evaluators.

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N.V.F.C. - Representative T. Tharp recapped the recent meeting in Columbia, Missouri, and relayed that 31 states were represented. He reported that they distributed welcome packages for the Maryland meeting and copies of the MSFA Report on Implementing NFPA 1500. He also relayed that Maryland now has 130 of the 1430 Associate Members in the NVFC. He updated those in attendance on some of the probable changes in some of the NFPA Standards, including protective clothing, apparatus specifications, and noise levels. He also relayed that the Council will nominate a representative for the new NFPA 1211 Committee which will develop a standard to evaluate fire departments. T. Tharp reported that the NVFC officers will be meeting with the IAFF to determine if a cooperative political and legislative effort to develop haz-mat legislation is possible. He relayed that a presentation on the IFSTA proposal to establish a national fire service certification system was made, and that first impressions were that this would be a profit making venture and did not include NVFC or other volunteer input. He also relayed that he had accepted the nomination from the Nominating Committee for 2nd. Vice Chairman of the NVFC. J. Robison asked if the NVFC would be coming out with any recommendation as to the proposed certification program. T. Tharp relayed that he felt that they would be giving some guidelines and recommendations.

The following motion was made by G. Worthington and seconded by D. Mooney:

MOTION: TO SUPPORT THOMAS L. THARP ON HIS NOMINATION AS SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL. Passed.

TRANSPORTATION - Chairman Zembower reported that the committee has completed the added tag list and it is in the printers hands. He reported that \$1,750.00 has been turned over to the Convention Fund. A copy of the committee's 1990-91 budget was also provided to the Executive Committee. The Chairman relayed that they have arranged with the Alexandria Drafting Company for departments to purchase whole sets of the map books they are available for \$107.40.

President Mattingly advised that the officers and committee are working with the MVA on a possible centennial tag. After some discussion, the following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSAL OF THE PRESIDENT IN TRYING TO OBTAIN A CENTENNIAL TAG FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION. Passed.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - Chairman Dowell relayed that several departments have advised the committee that they will be turning over surplus items to them in the near future for distribution.

STATISTICAL - Chairman Shuhart provided those in attendance with an up-to-date Statistical Report which is 73 % participation. He advised that the only change for the up coming year will be the additional request for the number of EMT-P's in each department.

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DATA SYSTEMS - Chairman Snader reported that they now have a new sub-committee for training and education which will be chaired by Jessie Jackson. He also relayed that they have had several machines go down for various maintenance problems.

DINNER THEATER - Chairman Stathem reported that this year's date will be April 9, 1991, and the price will remain at \$20.00 per person, with the show being "On The Town."

INSURANCE ADVISORY - Chairman Cooke distributed copies of the Association's coverage to the Executive Committee for their information. This showed that the Association only owned \$80,000.00 in equipment. The Committee feels that this is not a complete inventory and urged all officers and committee chairpersons to upgrade their inventories, and turn them into the Secretary's Office. The Committee is following the current review of the laws on Workman's Compensation with the fire and rescue service in mind. They feel that this will result in a large legislative package in the near future. Lengthy discussion was held on the general duties and objectives of the overall committee. The Chairman will be holding a meeting in the near future and will develop overall objectives for the committee.

M.I.E.M.S.S. - Dr. Ramzy reported that they have distributed for comment purposes draft ambulance run sheet revisions and draft EMT-A protocol revisions. He reported on the concerns he has on the stability of Shock Trauma and the EMS System and requested help from the fire and rescue community. He relayed that discussions are continuing on the subject of who has control and management of Shock Trauma, and that he has been asked to re-assure the EMS community that changes at Shock Trauma will not have any impact on the EMS System, but his response was that he could not do that. He further relayed that he does not believe that the faith in the system will not be effected. President Mattingly asked if a meeting of the Board of Regents will be taking place to discuss this issue. Dr. Ramzy replied that he did not know of such a meeting. President Mattingly relayed that he has written several letters and has seen other letters to officials which requests that no changes be taken at Shock Trauma. The President also went into the possibility of starting a petition drive to help with the issue. M. Robinson asked what would be changed within the field portion of MIEMSS if such an administrative change would take place? President Mattingly stated that he was concerned that the patient care would be changed. He further stated that the way he understands the issue is that the Doctors would be required to do research and other administrative duties and would not be available for the trauma duties and patient care. The President asked Dr. Ramzy if this was the way he understood the issue, and Dr. Ramzy agreed. Dr. Ramzy stated that the issue involved who controls what goes on in the Shock Trauma Program, and because the Shock Trauma Program is so closely linked with the statewide coordination of EMS there is an impact. Dr. Ramzy relayed that when Dr. Cowley was on staff he could hire and fire, due to his force of persuasion and personality, but now it comes down to a control issue between the school of medicine and the University of Maryland Medical System. P. Sterling and M. Robinson of the EMS Committee asked Dr. Ramzy what would change in the field providers area? Dr. Ramzy replied that technically the EMS component of MIEMSS reports to the President of the UMBC President and the Board of Regents, but most of the time those other entities do not get involved in the substantive matters of EMS. In terms of personnel the Director of Shock Trauma is responsible for

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who works in EMS. Dr. Ramzy stated that he could not tell us that if the Shock Trauma Center were no longer responsible for itself that there would be dire predictions about what would happen the next day in EMS. He felt that training and programs would continue, but he felt that faith in the program would be

impacted. He felt that we are dealing with something that is so cohesive now, yet so fragile that he shutters to think about if we waited to see some negative effects and then start to fix it. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: TO SUPPORT A PARTITION DRIVE TO KEEP THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF M.I.E.M.S.S. AS IT IS TODAY. A Show Of Hands Vote Was Called For.
7 Yea and 4 Nea. Motion Passed.

The following motion was made by J. Robison and seconded by P. Hurlock:

MOTION: TO ALLOW THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO MOVE FORWARD TO PROTECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF M.I.E.M.S.S. AS WE NOW KNOW IT. Passed.

R. Shaefer of M.I.E.M.S.S. reported that the standard radios now being used in some of the regions are having problems in using Call 2 and Med 1, and that they are working on this and also that the new radios which are now on order will not be accepted until this problem has been corrected.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly, who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who offered the blessing before recessing for lunch. After lunch Vice Chairman Mooney of the Executive Committee called the meeting back to order and continued with Committee Reports.

E.M.S. - Chairman Sterling recapped the meeting held with Dr. Ramzy, relayed that they are now reviewing the draft rules and regulations for an award for the EMS member of the year. He also relayed that they are recommending legislative proposals for; the replacement of the statewide EMS communications system, the federal mandate for controlling infectious disease, for the funding to supply textbooks for departments, and for recertification at all levels of EMS providers.

A.L.S. - Chairman Robinson relayed that they are in the middle of compiling a survey from all jurisdictions to determine certain information on different problem areas of certification and re-certification. Chairman Robinson relayed that since was appointed the serve on the EMS Advisory Committee for the Board of Physician Quality Assurance, the last four meetings have been canceled allegedly due to a lack of agenda items. He stated that through is activities and travels he finds that this is not the case. He felt that as a long range objective we need to evaluate the current method of certification by the State for EMS providers, and that there is no peer review board for certification

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as do the majority of other health care providers.

J. Robison asked if the EMS Committee and ALS Committee have discussed the situation surrounding MIEMSS. Both Chairman Sterling and Chairman Robinson stated that they have not discussed this in committee, but felt that they needed additional information before they could properly address the issue.

PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS BOARD - Representative C. Carpenter reported that the Board is moving forward to joining the Oklahoma system and also will apply to the new National Pro Board when it becomes operational. He also relayed that a sub-committee has reviewed the NFPA 1002 Standard for Driver Operator and recommends its adoption. He also distributed certification statistics as of July of 1990. C. Carpenter relayed that they have new forms which clarified the question regarding emergency medical training necessary for certification. Lengthy discussion was held giving views on advantages and disadvantages of belonging to more than one national board, whether some of the boards are into the program for financial reasons, the medical requirements, and financial costs of certifications.

SAFETY - B. Everhart reported for the committee that a safety notice mailing was made to all companies requesting them to check their intakes and discharges on pumpers for factory defects. He also relayed that the committee is working on the in house safety brochure which will be printed in the near future, and distributed a safety notice covering physical output.

HAZ - MAT - Chairman Brooks reported that the committee has been working with the OSHA proposed Training Programs for hazardous materials accreditation. This proposal covers a broad range of fire service concerns including: 1. What federal agencies should play a role in training?; 2. Which levels of training should be accredited?; and 3. Should in house fire/rescue training be accredited? He reported that the committee is opposed to this proposal and feels that some type of action must be taken. He relayed that OSHA has no experience in such accreditation and lacks the resources. L. King from the MICRB relayed that any of these instructors would have to be certified by the MICRB before being able to offer such training to fire and rescue personnel. Chairman Brooks also relayed their deep concern over the lack of funding resources for haz-mat training. Vice President Smith reported that the Governor has stated that he will not submit a bill to cover this funding, and that a bill sponsor is being sought. Chairman Brooks stressed the need for this training and also that this type training must be worked into the entry level firefighter training program of our State.

911 BOARD - Representative Shimer recapped the recent meeting and stated that all county's must be 95% addressed by July of 1995. This includes findable addresses and driving instructions. He also reported that only 7 counties have submitted their audit for the 911 fees and updated those in attendance of those counties who have requested a raise if 911 fees.

MFRI EXECUTIVE STUDY COMMISSION - R. Shimer updated everyone in attendance on the formation meeting of the Commission and the charge which has been given to them along with the **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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tight deadline for their final report. Members of the Commission who were in attendance at this meeting included: T. Mattingly, D. Mooney, J. Robison, L. King, and R. Shimer. Discussion was held covering the charge and task of the Commission.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ROOM - Vice Chairman Watkins reported that the committee is working on obtaining a new photo board for the Association Presidents, new drapes, and that the committee will be working on new displays which will depict the 100 Anniversary of the Association.

CENTENNIAL - M. Gibbons reporting for the committee again stressed the need to have all departments submit the information for the Centennial Yearbook, and reminded that the deadline for purchasing advance copies of the book is November, 1990. He presented a prototype of the proposed Centennial Patch and went over the final corrections which are to be made to the patch. The largest correction deals with the copyright portion in the area which gives the year which will be included in the rocker portion of the Centennial Patch. The committee also plans to use this same design for a lapel pin and possibly some other items, and that this will be the official emblem for the Centennial Celebration. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO ADOPT A CENTENNIAL PATCH AS DISCUSSED. Passed.

M. Gibbons also updated those in attendance on the planning for the parade, picnic, memorial service, muster, coins, and other activities. Some discussion was held surrounding the progress of the Centennial activities. The committee due to the approaching time frame will be making some sound decisions as to activities, funding, organization, and other areas surrounding the Centennial Celebration, and should be able to report in detail at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

PROGRAM - Chairman Thomas updated those in attendance on the planning for the program portion of the 1991 Convention which included speakers, presenters, and seminar topics.

BESSIE MARSHALL FUND Chairperson E. Huttenloch reported that the lottery is not moving very well and still has tickets available. She reported that the fund has paid 18 cases so far this year to disabled firemen at a cost of \$8,800.00.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY - Representative Gibbons relayed that the monument is now officially the National Fallen Firefighters Monument and even if the National Academy would not continue to be located at Emmitsburg the Monument will be maintained by the National Park Service. He recapped the National Dedication Ceremony and the National Memorial Service which were held recently. This years Memorial Service honored 113 fallen firefighters. Several comments were made congratulating those who participated in the services on a very moving program. Copies of the statistical information surrounding the 1989 firefighter deaths was distributed. Discussion was held surrounding the causes of these deaths and preventative measures

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that should be taken.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly, who made some announcements, and called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer for the benediction prior to the meeting standing in recess at 1615 hours. Sunday, October 21, 1990, was started with a prayer service at 0830 hours by Assistant Chaplain Knauer, and Eastern Shore Association Chaplain Purdy. The meeting was called back to order by President Mattingly at 0900 hours, who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who offered the invocation and led the pledge to allegiance. The President recognized the following Past President's who were in attendance: R. N. Small, 59-60; L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. R. Preston, 74-75; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; A. M. Gibbons, 77-78; C. B. Burton, 79-80; T. L. Tharp, 81-82; S. N. Stathem, 82-83; R. J. Smith, 84-85; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; and J. R. Robison, 89-90.

The President also recognized those guests who were in attendance. The meeting was then turned over to chairman Davis of the Executive Committee. The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11 & 12, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 1990, AS DISTRIBUTED. Passed.

The Chairman called upon Past President L. King who discussed and distributed copies of a telephone network plan to be utilized when notifications need to be made across the State. The program should be utilized when making emergency notifications and will only require any one individual to make a maximum of four phone calls.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL - Fire Marshal Gabriele updated those in attendance on the budget cost reduction proposals for his office which amounts to some \$435,000.00. This would mean no additional equipment, freezing positions, no new vehicles, and other areas. He stated that he was allowed to ask for the filling of some vacant positions, but did not know what will be the outcome. The Fire Marshal relayed information covering recent personnel changes and placements, and regional office changes. He described a new piece of equipment for recovery and disposal of explosives which the office has placed into service. He had nominated an employee of the office for state government employee of the year and this individual has been selected as the public safety employee of the year. The Fire Marshal stressed the importance of when to request his staff to respond to the scene. He did not want to reflect that a department should not call for the assistance, but to call for the assistance when it is properly needed.

Fire Marshal Gabriele relayed information from an incident in another state which resulted in the death of two firefighters at the scene of a fire in a "crack house" which brought out the importance of complete protective gear and breathing apparatus.

The following motion was made by P. Hurlock and seconded by R. Poole:

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MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION SEND A LETTER TO DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL GEORGE KINHART RECOGNIZING HIM AS BEING SELECTED AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR MARYLAND. Passed.

CONVENTION - Chairman Gibbons reported that the committee is working on the convention activities for Tuesday. They are considering having a family night at Jolly Roger Park, moving the pajama parade up to 2300 hours. These considerations are necessary due to the time and logistics scheduling problems and the need for a change in the type of activity. He also reported that the dance can be started at 2030 hours as long as the afternoon session is over by 1630 hours, and that the Presidents will have a reserved table and will be recognized during the dance. He discussed the addition of roast beef, a live radio DJ, a raffle, and demonstrations for the picnic. He also updated everyone on planning for the program topics, exhibits, and the revamping of the program book.

The Chairman also discussed the actions and appearance of personnel on apparatus during the parade, and after the parade awards are presented. Everyone was asked to carry the word around the state for departments to clean-up their act during the parade and after the awards presentations. The committee also relayed that tickets will be sold on Sunday for the convention activities and asked that personnel carrying the flags in the opening ceremonies not to be wearing shorts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & BULLETIN - Chairman Gatton reported that the last edition of the bulletin was twenty four pages, and the committee appreciates the support from everyone. He also reminded that the deadline for the next issue is November 1st. After a question from the Executive Committee, Chairman Gatton replied that the committee is keeping back issues of the bulletin. It was brought up for discussion the issue of having advertising in the bulletin. Discussion surrounded the possibility of having ads from such companies as Volunteer Firemen's Insurance, and others, along with the budget limitations that may be impacting the publication. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND BULLETIN COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH THE POSSIBILITIES OF INCLUDING ADVERTISING IN THE VOLUNTEER TRUMPET. Passed.

MFRI BOARD OF ADVISORS - Representative Graf relayed that they have met with Dr. Kirwin and that he indicated that he would go along with and work with the Governor's Executive Task Force recommendations.

BOARD OF REVIEW - Secretary of the Board of Review D' Camera and Chairman Cross presented the following report from the Board: The financial information required from the Potomac Valley Volunteer Fire Department is still not correct, and therefore is holding up the process. The amount of funding available prior to their last meeting was \$590,911.00. Application 91-01 - from the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department for the replacement of a tanker, in the amount of \$100,000.00 grant with matching funds of \$6,600.00. The Board recommends a Grant of

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\$93,250.00 with matching funds of \$6,600.00. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD TO AWARD A GRANT OF \$93,250.00 WITH MATCHING FUNDS OF \$6,600.00 FOR ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO PURCHASE A TANKER. Passed.

Application 91-02 - from the District 16 Volunteer Fire Department for the replacement of a tanker, in the amount of \$95,000.00 grant with matching funds of \$437.63. The Board recommends a grant of \$88,000.00 and a requirement of matching funds of \$3,600.00. The following motion was made by R. Poole and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD TO AWARD A GRANT OF \$88,000.00 AND A MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT OF \$3,600.00 FOR THE DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO PURCHASE A TANKER. Passed.

Application 91-03 - from the Midland Volunteer Fire Department for the replacement of a tanker, in the amount of \$100,000.00. The Board recommends a grant of \$78,350.00 and a requirement of matching funds of \$21,500.00. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD TO AWARD A GRANT OF \$78,350.00 AND A MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT OF \$21,500.00 FOR THE MIDLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO PURCHASE A TANKER. Passed.

Application 91-04 - from the Clear Spring Ambulance Club for the renovations of their building, in the amount of \$180,000.00 grant with matching funds of \$50,000.00. The Board recommends a grant of \$80,000.00, a loan of \$55,000.00, and a requirement of matching funds of \$50,000.00. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD TO AWARD A GRANT OF \$80,000.00, A LOAN OF \$55,000.00, AND A REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE CLUB, FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS. Passed.

Application 91-05 - from the Crisfield Volunteer Fire Company for the replacement of an aerial ladder truck, in the amount of \$114,000.00 loan, and a \$225,000.00 grant. The Board rejected the request from the Crisfield Volunteer Fire Company due to only one bid submittal, and the lack of funding in the Trust Fund.

STANDARDS - Chairman Gatton reported that the committee has inspected the Seventh District Rescue Squad and that they met all requirements for membership in the Association. He also relayed that the committee is putting a release in the Bulletin covering breathing apparatus, and that they have developed a standard for truck companies. As a result of a question from the committee surrounding the pocket bullion for committee members, the Executive Committee Chairman advised them that the policy of the Association is that pocket bullion will only be purchased for the committee chairperson, however if committee members wish to purchase them on their own that this is permissible. Chairman Gatton advised that at their next meeting discussion will be held surrounding the upcoming revisions to NFPA 1901, 1902, 1903, and 1904.

TRAINING - Chairman Fairfax and Vice Chairman Watkins distributed and discussed the draft of their revised Ten Year Training Plan. The committee asked that the Executive Committee review the draft and provide comments to them by November 20th. so that they can consider them, and that they plan to have the plan finalized by the January meeting. The committee also asked that the EMS Committee review the draft and submit comments for consideration.

PROCUREMENT & DISCOUNT - Chairman Dasher reported that the committee is pursuing the goal of gaining authorization for departments to use federal supply sources, and have began planning to produce a MSFA supply schedule for common use items.

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS - Chairman Cumberland reported that the drawings for the Western Maryland Center are about 95 % complete with bids to be sent out during November. He relayed that the Lower Eastern Shore program has been approved for the lower Eastern Shore Campus property, the upper Eastern Shore program is on hold because of specific land problems. He reported that the North East Center construction is proceeding well, and that the College Park Academy construction is due for a construction punch list inspection. The Chairman also expressed the committees concern over not being able to secure an operating budget for the Southern Maryland Center.

NFPA OVERVIEW - Chairman Preston relayed that various committees of the Association are reviewing several NFPA standards. He also reported that NFPA is in the process of revising NFPA 1001.

FIRE LAWS BOOK - Chairman Chisholm reported that the books have been ordered and should be delivered in mid November with distribution to be handled the same as last year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Chairman Small and Secretary Fatkin reported that they have 26 widows, 7 orphans, and 2 firefighters on the Pension List, and have paid out a total of \$32,460.00 since June. They approved a death claim for the late Thomas Weeks of the Level Volunteer Fire Company, and will be paying \$4,025.00. Chairman Small discussed the publication of the benefits booklet they plan to publish, and that they will need \$750.00 for this publication. He also advised that Marbury Gates and the Secretary's Office will assist in this publication.

M.F.R.I. - Director Hoglund updated those in attendance on the budget cost reductions as it relates to MFRI. He relayed that MFRI will be cut by some \$252,000.00 plus almost \$36,000.00 in salary monies and \$60,000.00 in labor and assistance. The Director reported that the faculty search committee is well under way working on the filling of the vacancies at the Institute. He relayed that this was underway before the freeze on state hiring.

The Director reported that a Rescue Technician Class is being pilot tested at this time in Frederick County. He also relayed that the Marina Firefighting Course was well attended and was very successful in its offering to the more than 225 students. Director Hoglund updated those in attendance on the status of all of the capitol projects underway within the MFRI program, and recapped the 60th. Anniversary of the Institute. In answer to a question from the Executive Committee, the Director relayed that funds to operate the Southern Maryland Center have come from earned income from within MFRI due to the budget guidelines not allowing for a separate budget item for this type of operation.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly who recognized A. B. Chisholm, President of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. President Chisholm made a presentation to Roger Powell, inducting him into the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Hall of Fame. This honor was bestowed upon the Association's Attorney for his efforts on behalf of the volunteer fire and rescue departments of Montgomery County in securing the 508 funding for the departments. President Mattingly then called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who offered the blessing before the Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary served a delightful dinner. The Executive Committee Chairman reconvened the meeting and continued with reports.

ATTORNEY - Attorney Powell reported on his research into the issue as to whether or not NFPA 1500 has been adopted by MOSH. He distributed copies of his letter and the reply from the State Department of Licensing and Regulation. The letter stated that "at this time, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry has not adopted the NFPA 1500 Standard. However, MOSH does recognize this industry standard to be a feasible means of abating certain hazards." He additionally relayed that they must hold hearings if they plan to adopt such a standard.

BUDGET (CONT.) - Vice President Smith reported that the Budget Committee presents the following recommendations: 1. that \$150.00 be transferred to the Directory Committee from the Printing Account; 2. that any transfers for 17 State Circle be withheld until after January 1st.; 3. that the necessary funding for the Board of Trustees Publication be taken from State Funding; 4. that the Data System Committee be allowed to expend funds for repair of equipment but not to purchase new equipment; and 5. that the \$400.00 needed by the Awards Committee be funded from the Fire Prevention Account, but not to do the publication until the EMS Committee has finalized the EMS Member of the Year Award. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS DEALING WITH BUDGET TRANSFERS, AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATIONS,

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AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY BUDGET TRANSFERS. Passed.

President Mattingly thanked the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company for their hospitality over the weekend and presented them with a donation.

The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CAR COMMITTEE IN OFFERING THE OLD CAR FOR SALE IN APRIL AND TO OBTAIN BIDS ON THE NEW CAR IN JANUARY. Passed.

Chairman Brooks asked the Executive Committee to take action on the hearing that OSHA will be conducting on accreditation of hazardous materials training. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION OPPOSE THE ACCREDITATION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING IN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BY O.S.H.A. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMITTEE. Passed.

Past President Gibbons brought information on the developing of and cost of a Maryland State Fallen Firefighters Flag and a State Association Flag. He relayed that he had contacted three bids which ranged from \$370.00 to \$470.00. The design for the State Association Flag would be a 3 by 5 foot flag, containing a white background with the Association Emblem in the center with gold fringe, a staff and a double sided flag. After the initial flag the cost would drop to around \$35.00 to \$40.00 per flag without fringe. The Fallen Firefighters Flag currently in use is the one from Montgomery County which is copyrighted. It was suggested that the State Association Emblem be used within a black background with appropriate wording. After some discussion and individuals coming forward offering to donate the costs of these flags it was decided to pursue this in more detail and report back at the January meeting.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly who made some announcements and called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who offered the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1250 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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