

MARYLAND STAATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCAITION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12 & 13, 1991
GAMBRILLS, MARYLAND

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by First Vice President Bernard J. Smith at 0900 hours at the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department. The First Vice President Smith relayed that the President Mattingly would not be able to be with us during the meetings due to an illness in his family. Vice President Smith called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the invocation, remembered those who are ill and the passing of Past President A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President Howard A. Keller, Ladies Auxiliary Past President Kate Ware, and Ladies Auxiliary Past President Nancy Growden. The Chaplain led those in attendance in the pledge to allegiance. Vice President Smith called upon President Edward Woods of the Arundel department who welcomed the Association to the Arundel station. The Vice President then went into the officers reports.

PRESIDENT - Vice President Smith presented President Mattingly's report. He reported that the officers and the Transportation Chairman met with the Motor Vehicle Administration on several topics, including a request to have a centennial fire department tag series. They have not had a reply on the request as yet. He relayed that the recent Legislative Committee Meeting was well attended with good input, and that the Friday morning fire service legislative sessions have been interesting. Everyone seems to feel that this year will be a lean year in Annapolis. The Vice President reported for the President that the MFRI Task Force has completed its final report to the Governor. The President felt that the final results of this task force may not be what many had hoped for but felt that most of those who served were not comfortable with making any major structural changes with the short time period given to make the review. He also noted that the request for continuation of the task force has been denied by the Governor. The President does plan to contact President Kirwan to discuss MFRI items.

The President's report urged all member companies to participate in the program sponsored by the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use which encourages the use of child passenger safety seats. The President's report brought out concerns over the future of two of the MSP Helicopter Sections. He relayed that on January 1st., the Centreville and Southern Maryland sections were reduced to daytime flying only while using the Bell Jet Rangers. He felt that while safety is certainly a concern, that this reduction is more of a political maneuver by the State Police. The President urged all companies and individuals to work for the continuation of full service in all eight sections and to write letters to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. He relayed that he has been asked to serve on the MEHAC Committee to replace Chief Reincke who recently retired. President Mattingly in his report thanked Gene Worthington for his work on the report to the Legislature. He has received many favorable comments on the publication and felt that with the amount of new faces in Annapolis we have an excellent opportunity to inform the legislators of the service we provide and the savings this represents to the State. The President also thanked MIEMSS for assisting with the cost of the publication.

President Mattingly made the following committee changes and or appointments:
Hall of Fame Committee - Vice Chairman Leslie B. Thompson

Member - J. Donald Mooney

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Centennial Committee - Member - Thomas L. Tharp
National Fire Academy Liaison Committee - Chairman Robert P. Cumberland
Member - Ronald E. Watkins
Member - David S. Dwyer
Convention Committee - Chairman Leonard T. King
Vice Chairman Michael C. Gibbons
Training Committee - Member - Dennis Bonner
(replacing Randy Helmick)

Vice President Smith recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: J. W. Smith, 54-55; R. N. Small, 59-60; L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; H. B. Hare, 64-65; R. L. Atkins, 65-66; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; C. O. Baker 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; 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; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; and J. R. Robison, 89-90. He also introduced President Mary Fran Crisman of the Ladies Auxiliary and other guests in attendance.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Bernard J. Smith reported that he had written Lt. Col. Snyder requesting assurances from the Governor that he would sign legislation dealing with hazardous materials training funding, if passed. He explained that this was needed before our Association put efforts into trying to get such legislation passed. Vice President Smith updated those in attendance on the status of the various Regional Training Centers. He relayed that the North East Center is nearing completion with the dedication being set for April 14th., progress is being made on the Western Maryland Center, and work is still being done on a site location for the Upper Shore Center. He reported that the Regional Planning Council has voted to support the Association's position to oppose OSHA becoming a certifying agency for haz-mat training. Vice President Smith reminded all committee chairpersons to submit a brief synopsis of the service their committee provides to the member companies for publication in the Volunteer Trumpet.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President William J. Fleshman relayed that the Legislative Session, now underway, is indicating that any proposals which require funding hold little chance of passage and possibly the worst is yet to come. He reported that all levels of government are experiencing the lack of funding. He felt that fire service legislation would be minimal this year, but that they will be monitoring the entire session.

SECRETARY - Secretary Burton reported that all communications received have been properly recorded and executed. He relayed that the minutes of the October 20 & 21, and Special Meeting of December 2, 1990, have been transcribed, duplicated, and distributed. He reported that dues for 1991 have been received from 222 Active, 1 Associate, and 1 Sustaining Member Companies. The Secretary reported that the Proceedings Book of the 98th. Annual Convention should be available by the Legislative Meeting, and that the 99th. Convention Badges have been ordered. Secretary Burton relayed that assistance was provided to the Board of Trustees in the preparation of the

Benefits Manual, and distribution will be made when the manual is received from the printer.

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TREASURER - Treasurer Saville presented the report of the Treasurer's Office.

CHAPLAIN - Chaplain Damewood reminded all departments that the cut off date is May 1st. for submittal of Memorial Forms and photos for inclusion in the 99th. Annual Convention. He relayed that he is working on the Centennial Memorial Service.

Vice President Smith distributed copies of the MFRI Task Force letter from the Governor which stated that the Task Force will not be extended. He also distributed copies of a letter from the State Board of Public Works which outlined the budget cuts which effect the Association. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Davis of the Executive Committee.

Chairman Davis opened with comments from around the State. Philip Hurlock expressed the concerns from his area over the cutback of service by the MSP Helicopters. M. Robinson reported that the inspection of the new Armiger Volunteer Fire Department has been made with membership action to be taken today. He also relayed that the Anne Arundel County Fire Service is being reviewed by the new county executives transition team and expressed the concerns over this issue. P. Sterling commented that they are enjoying a good relationship with the new elected officials, and thanked all those who paid their tributes to Chief A. Marvin Gibbons and his family. D. Mooney commented that they are also enjoying a good relationship with the new elected officials, and that Chief Bannister has been confirmed as the Baltimore County Fire Chief after the retirement of Chief Reincke. J. Robison expressed the concerns over a recent memo being circulated within the NFPA 1500 Committee which does not make any favorable comments on the Maryland and Prince George's County fire service. He relayed that this will be discussed later in the meeting. G. Curfman reported that problems may exist with some carnival gambling equipment and suggested that everyone keep up on current laws and regulations. Chairman Davis also expressed the concerns over the MSP Helicopter service cutbacks.

Secretary Burton presented the inspection report of the Armiger Volunteer Fire Department and relayed that they meet all requirements for active membership in the Association. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION; THAT THE ARMIGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BE ACCEPTED INTO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Passed.

LOSAP - Chairperson Hawkins relayed that the committee has forwarded several booklets to interested individuals, and that the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department should be implementing a program in the near future. The committee will be providing information for the Legislative Session.

AUDIT - Chairman Purdy relayed that the annual audit will be on May 11, 1991 in Western

Maryland.

WAYS AND MEANS - Chairman Hay relayed that they are in the process of distributing some 55,000 raffle tickets. Those companies needing additional tickets should contact one of the coordinators listed: Allegany - Garrett - Robert Saville, George Blanco; Anne Arundel - Bill Hawkins,

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Marvin Bladen; Baltimore - Smith Stathem, Steve Dunn; Calvert - Charles - St. Mary's - Clarence Carpenter; Caroline - Mickey Fluharty; Carroll - Glenn Hay; Cecil - Harford - Charles Riley, Herchal Armour; Dorchester - Talbot - Calvin Stack; Frederick - Terry Lewis; Howard - Rick McCauley; Kent - Edwin Joiner; Montgomery - James Snyder; Prince George's - Charles Burton; Queen Anne's - Philip Hurlock; Somerset - Donald Howard; and Wicomico - Severn Cooper.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS - Chairman Fleshman reported on action taken by the committee at their last meeting. Discussion was held about the re-submission of the dues increase amendment. It was agreed that if this proposal is to be given a chance of passage it will require the promotion by all the officers and committee chairpersons. He also relayed discussion held on a request from the Firemen's Training Committee to add to the duties of the EMS Committee, in order to assure the transfer of data between the committees. He discussed the previously submitted change to the standards in which there appeared to be some discrepancy in the data. The Chairman reminded everyone that the deadline for final submission is April 18th, which will not allow any action to be taken by the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee is to take any action on any proposals they will have to do so at the February Legislative Meeting. The Committee submitted the following proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws:

- 1) Dealing with a dues increase from \$75.00 to \$100.00, Constitution Article 1, Sec. 2;
- 2) Dealing with the EMS Committee cooperation with the Firemen's Training Committee for the development of a 10 Year Training Plan, By-Laws Article G, Sec. 2;
- 3) Dealing with minimum standards for ladder trucks, By-Laws Article D, Sec. 4;
- 4) Dealing with minimum standards for pumpers, By-Laws Article D, Sec. 2;
- 5) Dealing with minimum standards for tankers, By-Laws Article D, Sec. 3A, 3B, and 3C.

FIRE PREVENTION - Chairman Bob Collins reported on their last meeting in which they discussed a letter from the Maryland Committee on Safety Belt Use. The committee decided that participation by their committee would take away from their efforts in fire safety. He also relayed that they are working with the McDonalds and Pepsi Cola Companies on some fire safety activities. Other activities they are working on include a new design on the placemats and the book covers. The Chairman also brought up discussion on a request to have a coloring book developed and dedicated. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION; TO HAVE THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE FURTHER STUDY THE PROPOSAL ON A COLORING BOOK. Passed.

AWARDS - Chairman Graf reported that the committee will be producing a new booklet this with distribution at the Convention.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION - Chairman Cumberland relayed that the work this year on the garden took longer this year due to limitations put on them by the staff of the mansion. They operated the garden for ten events held at the mansion, with the MSFA reception being held on December 18th. The Chairman felt that there will be changes and better guidelines for next year.

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DIRECTORY - Chairman D. White reported that he is updating the politician list for the directory.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD - Representative Shimer reported that at the last meeting they received a packet which included the Executive Order establishing the Maryland Emergency Response Commission with the following responsibilities: 1) To establish emergency response planning districts; 2) To establish emergency response planning committees; 3) To receive and distribute certain materials safety data sheets, hazardous chemical inventories, and toxic chemical release forms, to be submitted by certain described facilities; 4) To advise on emergency management and civil defense matters, including planning and coordination; 5) To fulfill the requirements of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act.

He relayed that they received a presentation by the Governor's Commission on Growth in the Chesapeake Bay Region which included projections as seen by the year 2020 and addressed the concerns of the State as it relates to potential increase for spills, haz-mat, emergency planning, etc. B. Shimer also relayed that they received a report on recent haz-mat incidents, and they learned that there will not be any legislation introduced to provide funding for haz-mat training. They were also told that all funds available last year for haz-mat training were not utilized due to late submission of proper paper work. He also reported that the State is continuing its efforts to implement a statewide 800 MHZ communication system.

911 BOARD - Representative Shimer reported that they had received a request from the MSP for a special cellular phone number for the reporting of drunk drivers. A vote of the Board revealed that the Board was in favor of utilizing the 911 number only. He also recapped the increase in user fees for 911, reported on an increase in use of 911 for life-line numbers, and the intent of the C & P Company on installation of enhanced systems.

YOUTH PROGRAMS - Chairman Powell reported that their committee and the Recruitment Committee are working together on some mutual concerns. He also relayed that the committee is making presentations at various locations around the State and is working on a Pre-Convention Seminar for Ocean City.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - Chairman Dowell distributed a list of items the committee has for distribution to those departments needing such items. The committee is also developing a form to be used for the release of liability when surplus items are distributed.

TRANSPORTATION - Chairman Zembower reported that the Tag Supplement Pamphlet is being distributed, and the work session for the next certification will be February 9th. at Beltsville. The

Chairman reported that MVA is not planning on replacing the FD tags in the near future. He did not know how many more years this tag will be utilized.

TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Chairman Stathem asked that all interested in attending should obtain their tickets as soon as possible, they are going fast.

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INCENTIVE TASK FORCE - Chairman S. White relayed that they will not be submitting legislation this year, but that they are continuing to work closely with the Legislative Committee. The committee is still in need of the survey forms so that they can provide the most up to date and complete information possible.

17 STATE CIRCLE - Chairman J. Smith reported that the new rain guttering is in place, the cabinet has been installed, and the painting and pointing of brick is still to be worked on.

INSURANCE ADVISORY - Chairman Cooke reported that the current rewrite of the Workers Compensation Laws continues to be monitored, and at this time no drastic changes are apparent but several deficiencies have been detected and legislative changes will be required. The representatives whose counties were involved were contacted by the Chairman for their feelings on suggested changes and Senator Simpson's office was to be contacted for the corrections. The committee is also involved with various inquiries from around the State on insurance questions. It was recommended that all departments review their workman's compensation coverage as well as their overall insurance coverage.

PRESIDENT'S CAR - Chairman Cooke distributed copies of the bid requests for the 1991 automobile which is to be obtained, and asked that individuals contact dealers for bid submissions.

VOLUNTEER RETENTION - S. White relayed that the committee is working on a Pre-Convention Seminar for Ocean City, and they are also working on a packet for distribution.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Chairman Baker reported that the History Book will be sent to the printer on January 14th. and should be ready for proofing by the middle of February. He relayed that 58 companies did not respond to the request for a half page of text. The committee suggested that someone should be writing a yearly history to keep it current. He updated those in attendance on the progress of various activities which are planned for the Centennial Celebration, which included a Centennial Patch, Parade, Picnic, Muster, Memorial Service, and a Re-enactment. The committee will have packets for distribution in Ocean City, and are working with several other committees of the Association.

HALL OF FAME - Chairman Baker reported that the Hall of Fame nomination letters will be mailed the first part of February with the nominations due by May 1st.

E.M.S. - Chairman Sterling reported that the committee will be taking action on the concerns over the MSP Helicopter cut back in service, and that they will have a report on their recommendation

for a E.M.S. Member of the Year Award by the Legislative Meeting.

He also relayed that they are working with the Legislative Committee on funding for the EMT-A Textbooks.

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A.L.S. - Chairman M. Robinson reported that they have forwarded a second ALS Survey to those jurisdictions that had not responded previously and they will be evaluating the data from these and then develop a report of their findings. He reported that the committee will be working with the Legislative Committee in the areas of infectious diseases and the statewide communications system upgrade. The Chairman relayed that a EMT-P skill which allow for rapid infusion of fluids for trauma patients is being piloted in Anne Arundel and Baltimore County and the MSP Helicopter EMT-P's. Chairman Robinson reported that the EMT-D Program has been deemed a "Standard of Care" by the American Heart Association and the IAFC EMS Section. He relayed that with the pilot programs and studies in Maryland the program has yet to be approved, but commended Montgomery County for implementing the program on several engine companies. The Chairman reported that at a recent meeting of the EMS Advisory Subcommittee to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance a motion was made recommending that this committee be made a full committee of the Board.

Chairman Sterling of the EMS Committee relayed that the request from the Firemen's Training Committee for the By-Laws proposed change had not been run by the EMS Committee.

M.I.E.M.S.S. - Dr. Ramzy expressed the concerns that MIEMSS has over the possible budget reductions, and also the apparent increase in violent crimes which has increased patient injuries. Ronald Schaefer displayed the new ankle hitches which are being distributed across the State which will allow easier placement of patients with fractured femurs on helicopters. He went over a memo which states that an examination testing fee for those individuals who are not connected with the emergency services. He relayed that EMRC is now operating from their new facility in Dunning Hall with the old location being used as a back up. Ronald Schaefer reported that they expect the new budget for Field Operations will be cut by some 20 percent but at this time no particular areas have been identified.

J. Robison asked if the Montgomery County program on EMT-D has been authorized by MIEMSS. Dr. Ramzy replied that the program has not been authorized and went over his feelings on the program value. P. Sterling asked how Montgomery County could implement a new program without the authorization from MIEMSS. Dr. Ramzy did not wish to go into the specifics of the Montgomery County issue. M. Robinson asked that if Montgomery County is allowed to start a new program what is to keep any other jurisdiction from implementing other programs. No specific answer could be made. Dr. Ramzy thanked the Association for the assistance to MIEMSS with the recent UMMS issues.

CONVENTION - Chairman King reported that communications has been started between the many

organizations which assist our Association with the Convention. He also went over the form which was distributed to all committees of the Association to be completed by February 20th. which asked the committees to request their needs for the Convention. This form is for all types of needed assistance such as storage space, presentation items, meeting space, etc. The form is not for exhibit space or program time.

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BESSIE MARSHALL FUND - Chairman Elaine Huttenloch reported that the Annual Lottery is still progressing, with tickets still available. They have collected \$6,700.00 to date. She reported that they have been receiving memorial donations in the names of Past Presidents. The Fund has been able to pay 20 cases at a cost of \$9,600.00.

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS - Chairman Cumberland reported that some area representatives need to be re-appointed or replaced. He updated those in attendance on the status of various centers.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY - Chairman Cumberland relayed that the search for a NFA Superintendent is progressing. He also relayed that Pennsylvania now has a fallen firefighters flag.

The meeting was turned back to Vice President Smith who called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the blessing before breaking for lunch. After lunch Vice President Smith called the meeting back to order and turned the meeting over to Executive Committee Chairman Davis. Chairman Davis continued with committee reports.

PROGRAM - Chairman Thomas reported on progress being made on topics for the program and program time frames and changes. The keynote speaker will probably be Congressman Weldon, and program topics to be the Reisterstown Tornado, Denver Incident, Post Trauma and stress, Bomb Squad, and others. Six Pre Convention Seminars are being planned at this time.

STATISTICAL - G. Worthington presented a slide program which utilizes information from the State Statistical Reports and pointed out the need for all departments to provide this vital information.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL - Fire Marshal Gabriele reported that his office has also had to take several budget reduction cuts. This will include holding vacant positions, position cuts, training, vehicles, and equipment. He relayed that they will do their best to not cut services in view of the budget cutbacks. He also upgraded those in attendance on recent personnel changes and programs within the office. The Fire Marshal relayed that due to the budget problems the registration fee for the Governor's Fire Safety Conference may have to be increased or some other type of cut back made. Fire Marshal Gabriele relayed certain precautions which will be taking place for potential target areas if the January 15th. deadline is not met for the Middle East Crises.

AUDIT - (CONT.) - Chairman Purdy reported that the financial records of the Convention

Committee have been audited and found to be correct. He also reported that after consulting with the Treasurer and new Convention Chairman recommended that a resolution be passed that allows for an account to be kept in Ocean City and the closing of the account with the Sovereign Bank. The Committee congratulated past Convention Committee Chairman Ralph Small on his records, and turned over a check for \$14,749.32 to the Secretary for the Convention Committee. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Blanco:

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MOTION: THAT A RESOLUTION BE PASSED TO ALLOW THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE, SECRETARY'S OFFICE, AND TREASURER'S OFFICE TO KEEP AN ACCOUNT IN OCEAN CITY FOR THE CONVENTION ACCOUNT. Passed.

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

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS. Passed.

FIRE LAWS BOOK - Chairman Chisholm reported that the committee is distributing the new book, all legislators have received their book, and the committee will continue the process. He relayed that the Ladies Auxiliary is handling the public solicitation process and thanked them for their assistance.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Chairman Small reported that as of this date the Board has 23 widows, 7 orphans, and 2 firefighters on the pension list. He also relayed that since the Convention they have paid \$57,135.00 in pensions and \$4,025.00 in death benefits. Chairman Small and J. Ferguson updated those in attendance on the condition of Marbury Gates who is recovering from a recent health problem. They relayed that he is at home and would appreciate a call and or cards.

The Trustees Benefits Publication is in the printers and should be available for distribution at the Convention. The Trustees thanked Secretary Burton and his Assistants, for the assistance he gave on preparing publication for printing.

The meeting was turned back to Vice President Smith who called upon Past President Shimer who offered the benediction. The meeting stood in recess. The meeting was convened on Sunday morning by Vice President Smith. The Chaplain presented a short worship service, offered the opening prayer, and led those in attendance in the pledge. Vice President Smith recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: J. W. Smith, 54-55; R. N. Small, 59-60; L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; H. B. Hare, 64-65; R. I. Adkins, 65-66; R. L. Wood, 73-74; 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; 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 Vice President also introduced the guests in attendance, made some opening remarks and turned the meeting over to the Executive Committee Chairman. Chairman

Davis continued with Committee Reports.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley reported that 47 new Legislators (37 Delegates and 10 Senators) have been elected and will have to be educated about the State Association. He pointed out the importance of everyone working together in Annapolis and only wearing one hat while working with the Legislators. He reported that the Legislative Bulletin will be mailed each week to keep everyone updated, and if additional names need to be added to the distribution list to contact him. The Chairman relayed that the Committee has been working with the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning and the Legislators concerning our funding programs. The following is the current status of our funding:

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<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>FY 90-91</u>	<u>FY 91-92</u>
508 Fund	\$4,950,000.00	\$4,950,000.00
Emergency Assistance Trust Fund	675,000.00	Cut by 5%-\$641,250.00
Grant to M.S.F.A.	100,000.00	Cut 8,000.00-92,000.00
Board of Trustees	125,000.00	125,000.00

Chairman Riley reported that the Income Tax Incentive Bill will not be introduced this year due to the budget problems. Chairman Riley reported that S.B. 60 dealing with law enforcement vessels emergency lights had a hearing on January 10th. and the committee had an amendment added to allow flashing alternating red and yellow lights for fire, rescue, and ambulance vessels.

He reported that a Legislative Reception will be held on Monday, January 21st. for Legislators and other invited personnel. The Chairman reported that H.B. 38 dealing with financial assistance to volunteer fire, emergency medical, and rescue personnel. The bill would establish a task force to study the proposal. This proposal is similar to the Income Tax Incentive proposal which is being planned by our Association. After much discussion the following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: TO ASK THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO THE BILL SPONSOR TO HAVE HOUSE BILL 38 WITHDRAWN. After discussion on the motion the motion was withdrawn.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Chairman Brooks distributed and went over the material which has been submitted from the Association to the OSHA rule making process on the Accreditation - Hazardous Materials Training issue.

STANDARDS - Chairman J. Gatton, Sr. reported that the Committee has submitted a corrected copy of the proposed standards for ladder trucks to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The Committee has also reviewed and made recommended revisions to NFPA 1901, 1902, and 1903, to bring them into current compliance. The Committee inspected the Armiger Volunteer Fire Department and recommended that they be accepted for membership in the Association.

BULLETIN & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman J. Gatton, Jr. reported that they have published a 24 page issue of the Volunteer Trumpet since our last meeting. The Committee is still investigating commercial advertising for the publication. The Chairman relayed that the Committee is working with the Convention and Centennial Committees to assist in their efforts.

TRAINING - Chairman Fairfax reported that at their last meeting lengthy discussion was held on the MFRI Task Force workings. After a presentation by President Mattingly followed by discussion the Committee felt that the President should have the flexibility to act in the best interest of the fire service of the State of Maryland. The Chairman relayed discussions the Committee held on the OSHA proposal for accreditation for hazardous materials training. The Committee is still reviewing the draft of the Ten Year Training Plan, and plan on having the final draft at the February Legislative Meeting.

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Chairman Fairfax relayed that the issue with the EMS Committee has been resolved and felt that the proposed By-Law Amendment should be passed so that the EMS Committee would be guaranteed to have input into future revisions of the Ten Year Training Plan. Lengthy discussions were held on the amount of training and certification being done across the State, and the lack of "back to basics" type of training which is included in the lengthy programs which are being offered. Discussions also included the amount of training being given by individuals donating their time due to the lack of funding in the program.

CERTIFICATION BOARD - Delegate C. Carpenter and Alternate J. Snyder reported that the Board had received copies of two different national systems and are reviewing them. They went over the appeal process for individual certification appeals. J. Snyder relayed that the Data Committee is developing an application form for the 1003 for airport personnel, and the Program Committee is working the 1021 for officers which is to be ready by April of 1991. He also reminded all personnel that some type of EMS training must have been taken for Firefighter II certification.

J. Robison questioned the intentions and value of being associated with two different national certification boards, especially one that does not have volunteer representation on its board. Discussion followed with history of the National Pro Board, the Maryland Program, the number of organizations and individuals now trying to gain recognition, money, and power, and the Joint Council. The Maryland Program Chairman relayed that they are currently associating with two organizations at this time to enable Maryland to evaluate which of the programs will best serve Maryland.

SAFETY - Chairman Winters distributed copies of their latest safety news bulletin, and relayed that "The Safety In House" brochure will be available for distribution in Ocean City.

N.V.F.C. - Delegate Tharp relayed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be in Laurel during April of 1991. He reported that the number of Maryland memberships is now 138, and that President Mattingly has sent a letter supporting Tom Tharp for the office of Second Vice Chairman. T. Tharp relayed that J. Robison has been selected as the primary NVFC representative for the new

NFPA 1201 Committee which will draft a standard for evaluating a fire department. He reminded all departments to make reservations to attend the Congressional Fire Services Institute's Third Annual Dinner in Washington and to forward their checks to Robert Cumberland so that the Maryland delegation can be seated together.

M.F.R.I. - Director Hogle pointed out to those in attendance that the Institute has completed 60 years of fire service training and education and that twenty years ago the first Ten Year Training Plan was started and has been used, with its revisions, to set goals and standards for the fire service training of our State. The Director updated everyone on the current budget status in which MFRI has had to take additional cuts, possibly as much as 15 %. The Director relayed that Dr. Kirwan has abolished the MFRI Management Council and placed the authority and responsibility of the operations of the Institute in the hands of the Director. He noted that the Institute has made application to the State Emergency Response Commission for SARA Hazardous Materials Training Funds. They have been able to collect some funds for the Hazardous Materials Training. Director Hogle updated those in

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attendance on the status of the faculty search, the Emergency Vehicle Course, course delivery schedules, and the capital construction projects. The Director relayed that the dedication for the North East Regional Training Center will be April 14, 1991.

BUDGET - Chairman B. Smith went over the budget cutbacks directed by the State and relayed that the Fire Prevention Committee will be taking the bulk of the cutback.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - Representative Chlada reported that they have a new Department Secretary and Deputy Secretary, and feels that the cooperation will continue. He relayed that they had responded to 391 hazardous materials oil spill incidents in 1990, and that the use of equipment they have around the State is showing an increase in use.

BOARD OF REVIEW - The Secretary relayed that the Board has not met since our last meeting.

Vice President Fleshman distributed copies of a letter from Chief Edwards of Prince George's County in response to a memo which was Executive Committee Minutes circulated to members of the NFPA 1500 Committee. The memo implied certain negatives toward the volunteer fire service of Maryland and Prince George's County. The letter from Chief Edwards should serve very well to clear up any negatives and pointed out the progressiveness of the emergency services.

The meeting was turned back to Vice President Smith. Vice President Smith presented a Certificate of Membership to Deputy Chief Dicus of the Armiger Volunteer Fire Department. Assistant Chaplain Knauer offered the blessing before the meeting was recessed for lunch. Vice President Smith convened the meeting after lunch and presented the Ladies Auxiliary of the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department with a token of the Associations appreciation. The meeting was turned back to Chairman Davis of the Executive Committee.

Ralph Small announced that he will be a candidate for re-election to the Board of Trustees at

the 1991 Annual Convention. Philip Hurlock announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Second Vice President at the 1991 Annual Convention. The following motion was made by C. Stack and 2nd. by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 20 AND 21, 1990, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 1990, AS DISTRIBUTED. Passed.

The following motion was made by G. Blanco and 2nd. by J. Robison:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSE BY-LAWS CHANGES TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE 1991 ANNUAL CONVENTION AS PRESENTED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE. Passed.

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The Chairman brought the concerns over the recent cutback in service by the MSP Helicopters. After discussion it was the consensus of the Executive Committee to allow the President to proceed with the concerns of the Association.

The meeting was turned back to Vice President Smith who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who offered the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Association the meeting was adjourned at 1315 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
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