

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20 & 21, 1991
LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Thomas Mattingly at 0900 hours at the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. The President called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the invocation and led those in attendance in the pledge to allegiance. The President called upon President Kalnasy of the Leonardtown department who welcomed the Association to Leonardtown. President Mattingly then recognized St. Mary's County Commissioner Robert Jarboe who welcomed everyone to St. Mary's County. The President then went into the officers reports.

PRESIDENT - President Mattingly reported that he had attended his first MEHAC meeting in which the ongoing problem of 24 hour coverage in the Centreville and Southern Maryland sections was addressed. He relayed that the Governor had met with representatives of the Eastern Shore and the Lieutenant Governor is scheduled to meet with representatives of Southern Maryland. The President discussed the difficult year in Annapolis during the Legislative Session, but felt that we have survived well in light of the hard economic times. He felt that the Legislative Reception was very successful and the new approach and material provided helped in Annapolis be providing better insight into the volunteer fire and rescue service. President Mattingly congratulated Bob Cumberland on his appointment to the MFRETC and thanked retiring Chairman Charles Riley for his fine leadership over the years. He reported meeting with representatives of the MVA reference Centennial Tags. While they were receptive, the cost of a tag reissue would be around \$250,000. There is a possibility that a Centennial Tag could be done if the individuals paid cost which would probably be in the twenty dollar range. The President reported writing a letter expressing the concerns over the responsibilities and duties of the ALS Sub Committee to the Physicians Quality Assurance Board. He requested that the Association be given input into this. President Mattingly felt that the recent Five State Presidents Meeting was again successful, that information obtained from neighboring states would be beneficial to us, and that many of the same problems exist. The President was looking forward to the upcoming NVFC Meetings in Laurel, and the Annual Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner. He relayed that we have a good representation planning to attend and that several meetings are arranged with various Congressional Representatives. President Mattingly felt that the Ladies Auxiliary Spring Conference was a great success. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for staffing the Annapolis office during the Legislative Session, and the agreeing to purchase a fax machine. The President congratulated the Tylerton Volunteer Fire Company on their newly enlarged and renovated station, and also congratulated all those involved in the dedication of the Northeast Regional Training Center.

President Mattingly 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; C. O. Baker, 78-79; 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. P. Cumberland, 87-88; and R. H. Shimer, 88-89. He also recognized Senior Vice President Slifka, and Bessie Marshall

Chairperson Huttenloch of the Ladies Auxiliary.
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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Bernard Smith reported that thanks to the efforts of the Association personnel and other fire service organizations the total funding of the 508 Program is in tact. He thanked everyone for a total team effort. He reminded all committees to be prepared to justify their budget needs for the upcoming year, keeping in mind that we will be operating with less funding. Vice President Smith reported that MFRI has indicated that they will no longer participate in any acquired facilities training and that any live fire training will have to be done at the centers currently in use. He relayed that with the outlying areas still not being serviced by a training site means that the students will have to be transported to the training sites. He understands that this new policy is due to insurance coverage. He commented on the recent OSHA public hearing in which our Association testified, dealing with certification of haz. mat. training. Vice President Smith urged all committees to provide information for inclusion in the Volunteer Trumpet, and to support the efforts of the Centennial Committee. He asked the Executive Committee to again review the decision as to whether we should be in the business of selling the Fire Laws Books.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President William Fleshman reported that our Association is one of a group of organizations supporting the Kids in Safety Seats Program (KISS). The Presidents were in attendance to help kick off the program and urged all departments to take advantage of this worthwhile program for their community events. He reported attending the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Cincinnati along with some 50 other Marylanders. Vice President Fleshman reported attending the Maryland Women's Highway Safety League Seminar and felt that this organization is doing an excellent job of promoting highway safety.

SECRETARY - Secretary Burton reported that all communications received by his office have been properly executed and recorded, and that the minutes of the meetings held at Arundel and Eastport have been transcribed, duplicated, and distributed. He reported that dues have been received from 352 Active Companies, 2 Associate, and 1 Sustaining Members. The Providence Volunteer Fire Department and the Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department have been suspended for non-payment of dues. The required notice of suspension was forwarded to each company on April 7, 1991. The Secretary also reported that some committee of the Association has used the Bulk Mailing Permit without notification being made to the Secretary's Office or paying for the mailing. The Secretary relayed that no funds have been received from the Fire Laws Books Committee for the past five years.

TREASURER - Treasurer Saville presented the report of the Treasurer's Office. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary's Office. He also urged all committees to conserve the funds of the Association. The Treasurer relayed that he is still waiting for the State Appropriation check.

CHAPLAIN - Chaplain Damewood thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent illness. He thanked his assistants and others for carrying on his duties. The Chaplain reminded all departments that the cut off date for the Memorial Service materials is May 1, 1991.

President Mattingly recognized Senior Vice President Slifka of the Ladies Auxiliary who thanked

everyone for their cooperation and offered the assistance of the Auxiliary. He then turned the meeting over to Chairman Davis of the Executive Committee. Chairman Davis then asked for comments from

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around the State. G. Blanco relayed that the ground breaking for the Western Maryland Regional Training Center will be on April 25th., and the Allegany-Garrett Convention will be on June 2nd. P. Sterling congratulated the Rockville department on their recent 70th. Anniversary, and Mr. Marbury Gates' 70th. Anniversary of service to the fire service. He also commented that Mrs. Mary Ann Gibbons will be receiving an award in honor of A. Marvin Gibbons from the Montgomery County Police-Fire Valor Awards. P. Sterling relayed that some Montgomery County LOSAP recipients will be receiving back payments that were due them. He also discussed the on-going problems with career personnel participating as volunteers, in which they may have to stop participating as volunteers. G. Worthington thanked everyone for participating in the dedication of the Northeast Regional Training Center. D. Mooney introduced Rosemary Chapman, the new President of Baltimore County. He also announced that James Doran will be hired as a full time assistant to the President of the Baltimore County Association, and they are moving into new offices. P. Hurlock reported that his area is still monitoring the situation with the MSP Helicopters. Chairman Davis reported that the Southern Maryland area is monitoring the MSP Helicopter situation, and has concerns over the lack of funding for training programs. The Chairman then went into Committee Reports.

LOSAP - Chairperson Hawkins thanked those who assisted the committee by providing the information needed during the Legislative Session, and relayed that they had a copy of the City of Salisbury program.

AUDIT - Chairman Purdy relayed that the Annual Audit will take place on May 11th. at Clarysville.

WAYS AND MEANS - Chairman Hay relayed that the money from the sale of raffle tickets is coming in slowly and they still have tickets for distribution.

FIRE PREVENTION - Chairman B. Collins reported on their last meeting in which discussions were held on the Fox Television Network program that shows a "Fire Marshal Bill" character who displays all of the negatives of good fire safety practices. The Committee is sending a letter to the network strongly expressing their feelings. The Committee will be making available to all departments a booklet which enables the member departments to obtain several items on fire safety free of charge. The Chairman discussed a letter which has been received from the Miss Fire Prevention Queen Runner-Up. This letter was complaining about the Miss Fire Prevention Queen. The Committee has dealt with the concerns and feels that the Queen is fulfilling her duties. The Committee will be contacting the Runner-Up to resolve the conflict. The Committee has received 40,000 place mats for distribution, and will be targeting the elderly and pre-school age groups. Chairman Collins reminded all departments that May 1st. is the deadline for submission of the Annual Fire Prevention Books Contest. The Committee also reminded all entrants in the Governor's Fire Prevention Float Contest for the Convention Parade to have the floats in the rear of Convention

Hall by 1000 hours for part one of the judging.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - Mr. Van Hassant of the Forestry Division discussed the Federal Forestry Assistance Program and relayed that the requests should be submitted right away. He also stated that they can obtain certain vehicles and equipment which can be loaned to departments

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for forestry fire protection. He announced that any firefighters are interested in participating in the interagency forest fire fighting crews to contact their regional representatives.

FIRE CODE TASK FORCE - G. Kalnasy reported that the Task Force has been given the responsibility to review and update the State Fire Code for the purpose of revising and updating the code in accordance with the review of the state Fire Prevention Code, National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, and Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland for reference changes. He went over the specific objectives and asked that any concerns or interests that individuals have to contact him.

STATISTICAL - Chairman Shuhart thanked the 197 companies who have completed the 1990 statistical report, but urged those companies who have not provided the report to do so as soon as possible. A copy of the report as of this date was distributed.

SCHOLARSHIP - Chairman Olsen reported that continuance of current students and any other necessary business will be handled at their upcoming meeting on May 5th.

17 STATE CIRCLE - Chairman J. Smith reported that the building is badly in need of a paint job, and Historical Annapolis has stated that some of the bricks need to be pointed up. He also relayed that he felt that Historical Annapolis will be requiring the roof to be replaced. He felt that a new roof will cost about \$5000. and the paint job will be around \$3600. At this time only about \$1500. is in the budget for necessary repairs.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS BOARD - Representative Shimer reported that Mr. Tom Oliver was introduced as a new member on the Board at the Boards last meeting. He stated that generally the audits indicate that the various counties are in compliance with the law, and are doing a better job than in the past. He discussed HB 997 which deals with notifications of places where explosives are used, and went over updates from each county.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL - Representative Shimer went over recent legislation concerning the Council, updated those in attendance on the local LEPC activities, and the various sub committees activities.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Chairman Brooks went over the recent testimony presented by representatives of the MSFA, at the OSHA Board Hearing. He relayed that the Committee is closely monitoring information from SERC, and is concerned about outside individuals teaching classes. The Committee feels that the volunteer fire service should be represented on some of the

committees of SERC. He reported that with the passage of the HMTUSA, which is to yield some 13 million dollars for haz.-mat. training, funding will be distributed by state emergency management agencies. It was felt that the Emergency Management Council should be contacted for representation by the volunteer fire service.

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SPRINKLER TECHNOLOGY - Chairman Bender relayed that the Committee continues to respond to requests for information and programs, and appreciates all the efforts statewide to promote automatic sprinklers, especially residential sprinklers. All Committee members have received the latest in training for sprinkler technology offered by the IAFC. He reported that Maryland now has the first statewide residential sprinkler requirements for new multi family construction.

SAFETY AND HEALTH - S. White reported for the Committee that they are still working to have the sound quality improved on the 1990 Workshop Tape. He distributed copies of the distribution list for the Committee's Plan For Compliance With NFPA 1500.

INCOME TAX INCENTIVE - Chairman White reported that they are preparing to work with the Legislative Committee for introduction of the proposed legislation. The Committee is still receiving Survey Responses with 91.8 percent response. He distributed an updated statistical data report.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ROOM - Vice Chairman Watkins reported that the room is in almost constant use, and is one of the most requested rooms at the facility. He reported that they now have the new plaque for the President's Pictures and that they will be installing it soon.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION - Chairman Cumberland relayed that he has written a letter to the Governor's Mansion asking a few questions and expressing the Association's concerns. He has not received a reply from the Mansion.

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS - Chairman Cumberland reported that the Southern Maryland Center is having some major building renovations being completed in the classroom building, and EPA is monitoring the run off water and storm water. He also reported that the Northeast Center has been dedicated, and was used the next day by an industrial class. The Western Maryland Center ground breaking will be on April 25th.

D. Mooney relayed that the MFRI Coordinator had told the Baltimore County Association at it regular meeting that the Northeast Center was not ready to be used by the fire service. His question was, if it was not ready to be used by the fire service, how could it be ready for an industrial program? He additionally asked that the Committee find out from the University how much the industrial program is using the regional facilities verses the amount of use by the fire service? He relayed that the reason for the question is that he feels that the fire service should have total priority.

Vice President Fleshman added that this was also brought up at the MFRI Board of Advisors. Past President Stathem suggested that when an outside agency or the industrial program uses one of the

regional facilities that 10% of the revenues be earmarked for maintenance and repairs to the facility. Chairman Cumberland pointed out that none of the regional facilities have operational and maintenance budget funds. Lengthy discussion was held on the lack of funding for regional centers, instructors teaching classes without pay when the industrial program is collecting funds, the lack of the regional boards being given any direction from the University, and the continued lack of cooperation from the University administration. President Mattingly relayed that the President's have met with Dr. Kirwin and he had stated that the University was working with some deadlines to address the concerns with MFRI. The President feels that we are

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back to last June when we were not getting any response or cooperation from the University. He pointed out that at the MFRETC Meeting and today's meeting, no representation was present from MFRI. He stated that if a satisfactory report is not received from MFRI during tomorrows meetings that he will contact Dr. Kirwin to let him know that the March 15th. deadline which was given to the President's has not been fulfilled. G. Curfman stated that we constantly here of so many individuals being concerned that MFRI could not provide any better service under any other agency than the University, but we discuss the lack of service from the University. It appears that no other agency could provide any worse service than the University. President Mattingly relayed that he felt that the University must look at the Administrative Review, take action, and have leadership provided before we will see any improvement out of MFRI.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY LIAISON - Chairman Cumberland reported that he is in contact with other individuals who work on the Fallen Firefighter Program, and that 1990 saw 95 fallen firefighters. He also relayed that he has been contacted by John Becks about the pictures, and he feels that we should be getting \$100. for each print.

TRANSPORTATION - Chairman Zembower reported that the Committee has met to work on the recertification lists, and during that meeting discussion was held on the fact that the current fees expire in two years. They also discussed a letter which was sent to County Associations explaining the duties of the coordinators. The Chairman relayed that they spent \$478.15 on a new supply of certification forms, and have turned in \$850. to the Convention Fund.

TOBY'S - Chairman Stathem thanked everyone who assisted in the program, and relayed that 30 tickets were returned at the last minute. He thanked Fox Fire Extinguisher Company for donating the cost of the tickets, and recommended that a deadline for funds to be turned in be established. The Chairman relayed a problem that occurred and that he is working on clarifying the situation.

INSURANCE - Chairman Cooke relayed information on the workings of the Committee on the Workman's Compensation Law revisions which took place during the recent Legislative Session. He reported that the Committee will be supplying articles for the Volunteer trumpet on insurance matters, and that the Committee is reviewing the insurance coverage of the Association. He stressed that the list of equipment and other articles owned by the Association be revised and updated so that an accurate accounting of the Association Property can be submitted to the insurance carrier. A copy of the property inventory list was distributed to the Executive Committee and Officers for them to review and comment.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly who in turn called upon Chaplain Damewood for the blessing before lunch. The meeting was called back to order after lunch. Chairman Davis continued with Committee Reports.

PRESIDENT'S CAR - Chairman Cooke reported that two bids were received that met the bid and one other which did not meet the specifications. The new auto will cost around \$20,000.00 and will be a Chevrolet Caprice Wagon from Bell Motor Company. The old auto will be sold by closed bid and will

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be available June 23, 1991. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by D. Mooney:

**MOTION: TO HAVE A CHECK AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT'S CAR BY
JUNE 15, 1991. Passed.**

M.I.E.M.S.S. - Ron Shaefer relayed that they are working with the Association's Committee on Haz. Mat. related areas, and that they have received a small grant for EMS Haz. Mat. training. He discussed upcoming EMS training programs around the State, updated those in attendance on the status of the communications tower in Western Maryland. Dr. Ramzy relayed that the CRT level of training and capabilities has been expanded primarily due to the desires of the CRT's. He discussed the situation at Southern Maryland Hospital concerning the Regional Trauma Center and explained that they will stay a trauma center at this time. Dr. Ramzy discussed the proper use of collars in stabilizing patients. Dr. Ramzy relayed that due to budgetary constraints textbooks for ALS students would not be provided, however, the Physicians at Shock Trauma will be providing the ALS Textbooks during the next budget year.

P. Sterling asked for the budget constraints to be discussed as it relates to training. R. Shaefer reported that about \$511,000. will be eliminated from the budget and about \$92,000. of that amount will come from pre hospital training and certification operating budget. The cuts were in the areas of ALS textbooks, some practical examinations test sites and dates, and computer and other hardware equipment for testing and certification.

G. Curfman asked a question as to the failure rate of a class with a new test? R. Shaefer explained that MFRI and MIEMSS are working out differences between the quality and credibility of the quizzes, mid term exams, and the final examinations. He further explained that he will look into the particular class situation. C. Wills explained that a good predictor as to the students ability to pass the class is a grade of 70 to 80 on the mid term. He further asked as to what and when something will be available to replace the Maryland Way? Dr. Ramzy felt that it is taking something for the students to get used to in having EMT-A Protocols. He felt that it was a good idea to have a written document as to standardization on certain EMT-A areas. R. Brooks also agreed that the mid term grade is a good indicator as to the students abilities to pas the class.

G. Worthington asked if it was rumor or fact that instructors walked out of an instructor's

orientation meeting on EMS Haz. Mat. R. Shaefer explained that some of the fire service instructors, after viewing some of the incomplete slides for the class, did not return after the lunch break. He felt that if they had finished the orientation they would have had a different attitude. He further explained that this program was put together with a very low budget and is not designed to be a fire service responder class but for EMS personnel responding to a Haz. Mat. incident for treating personnel after they have been released from decontamination.

G. Curfman asked why an individual after reaching EMT-P status and decides to give that up for other advancement reasons, must drop back to EMT-A and not be able to keep CRT status. R.

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Schaefer explained that they are working on this particular problem and it should be cleared up by July of 1991. P. Hurlock asked as the status of budget funding for communications equipment within Statewide EMS. Dr. Ramzy explained that some of the budget cuts were in this area and that some of equipment will not be replaced or upgraded.

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

MOTION: THAT A RESOLUTION BE PREPARED THANKING THE DOCTORS AT SHOCK TRAUMA FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ALS TEXTBOOKS. Passed.

HALL OF FAME - Chairman Baker relayed that they will be accepting nominations for both the Hall of Fame and the Marbury F. Gates Award until May 1, 1991. They will be meeting in May to make the final determinations for the presentations at the Convention.

CENTENNIAL - Chairman Baker reported that they proof read the Centennial Book at their last meeting and felt that the book will be a very good publication, with about 85% of the member departments responding. He relayed that a \$20,000. payment was made at that time which leaves a final payment of \$10,000. plus payment. The Chairman stated that the centennial patches and hats are in and are available for sale, along with lapel pins. He reported that discussions were held as to who was going to be selling what items. They decided that Frederick County will be selling mugs and T-Shirts only with the State selling all other items. C. Baker reported that a meeting will be held with the County Commissioners and the Mayor after the State Convention, to go over all issues dealing with the Centennial Celebration. He reported that the Chesapeake Antique Fire Apparatus Association will be moving their muster to coincide with the celebration and will be assisting. A question was raised as to using the State Association logo on the muster awards plaques. The Executive Committee authorized the use of the logo for this purpose. The Chairman reported that the picnic will probably be a charge item now due to the recent budget cuts, and then went over the tentative schedule of events for the celebration.

Chairman Baker discussed the funding needs for the Centennial Celebration and pointed out that the Association is to be putting aside funds each year. He relayed that they could not put down any definitive funding because they do not know how much will be recapped from selling of items,

and they do not know what funding will be available from other areas. He stated that originally the City and the County had promised \$40,000. each, but they may not be providing any funding. He mentioned that some areas may have to be scaled back if funding is not available or other areas may have to be charged for. The Chairman stated that Frederick County personnel want to help do things for the Celebration because Frederick was the location of the original celebration. A question was asked as to why nobody from Frederick County shows up at any of our meetings? The question could not be answered. The Treasurer was asked to bring everyone up to date on the financial situation dealing with the celebration. The Treasurer reported that \$49,000. has been expended with only \$17,000. being repaid. He also reported that bills for an additional \$10,360. for the books, and \$5,078. for the patches, hats, and pins has been received by his office. Chairman Baker could not advise as to

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any funding being available from the City or the County to assist with the celebration. Vice President Smith relayed that he felt that some funding will be available from Frederick and that Frederick County President Jack Fleischman is working on this. S. White pointed out that this issue cannot wait until after the Convention due to budget approvals being completed prior to this time.

M.F.R.E.T.C. - Chairman Riley reported that he will be retiring as of June 30th., after fifteen years, and that Robert Cumberland has been appointed to the Board. He reported that they have quite a concern over the Haz. Mat. training for the emergency services personnel of our State. This is being referred to the minimum standards sub committee of the Board for further investigation. Another concern of the Board pointed out by the Chairman, is the amount of training that is being provided by instructors having to volunteer their time due to no funding being available for the classes. This is being reviewed by the finance and planning sub committee of the Board. This is related to being able to provide uniform training across the State.

AWARDS - Chairman Graf reported that they have put together a new booklet to be published, but will not be available by the Convention. He relayed that he has received a proposal for an EMT-A Member of the Year Award. Vice President Smith informed everyone that the first award will be presented to the honoree this year and that the EMS Committee will be reporting in detail on this proposal under their report.

M.I.C.R.B. - Representative King reported that the Board will be holding a hearing on the certification on an instructor next week.

BESSIE MARSHALL FUND - Chairperson Huttenloch reported on the donations they have received and that they have paid 26 cases for a total of \$12,100.

E.M.S. - Chairman Sterling reported that at their last meeting they held lengthy discussions concerning the cut back in helicopter service. He relayed that Major Hutchins attended the meeting, and that since the meeting he had learned that an effort was undertaken by State Association personnel to try and change some of the ships locations without the Committee's knowledge or input. He reported that the Committee has made a thorough review of the Training Committee's Ten Year Plan, and have turned over to the Training Committee their comments. He reported that

the Committee is opposed to the consolidation of testing and certification sites, and recommends that all funding be restored to their budget. The Chairman reported that they have not received any reply from Dr. Ramzy dealing with the pilot EMT-D program in Montgomery County. The Committee relayed that the ALS Committee will be discussing a proposal for a Clinical Field Experience and Preceptor Program. A copy of the program proposal was distributed to the Executive Committee.

C. Wills went over the details of the proposed EMT-A OF The Year Award Program, and distributed copies of the proposal. The first award should be awarded to Josiah A. Hunt, M.D. The Executive Committee Chairman pointed out that approval for the award has already been approved.

C. Wills pointed out that the funding for the first award will be provided by the Delta Cardiff department, but future funding is not automatically provided. The details called for the award to be

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funded in the future by the Convention Committee or other source. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: THAT THE DETAILS FOR THE EMT-A OF THE YEAR AWARD BE ACCEPTED. Passed.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION - S. White reported for the Committee that they are working on handouts for the Convention Packets, and they will be conducting a Seminar at the Convention.

N.V.F.C. - Representative Tharp reported that the next Council Meeting will be held in Laurel on April 27 to 29, and went over specific details of the three day meetings. He relayed that a recent report released showed only efforts being done on Fire Safety and Education by career departments, and that he has expressed concerns over not including volunteer departments. He also relayed that a new study will be done and will include volunteer departments. He relayed that Maryland has 140 Associate Members of the Council, which is the largest in the country. He encouraged all members to renew their memberships. T. Tharp reported on the ongoing exchange of correspondence over volunteer involvement in the new NFPA Fire Department Evaluation Program. He felt that the volunteer are not being represented on this committee.

P. Sterling asked if the NVFC has been investigating or can they provide any assistance with the problem dealing with a career person not being allowed to participate as a volunteer, which will affect over 200 personnel within Montgomery County. T. Tharp relayed that other similar case studies have been presented to the Council's Attorney and that he has advised that it is probably a no win situation, and would be an extremely costly issue in the area of \$100,000. a year for about ten years. P. Sterling advised that as of this time it will probably only effect Montgomery County and that the issue is volunteering in the same jurisdiction as they are employed. President Mattingly reported that this will be an issue he will be taking to Washington when he has his meetings with Federal Legislators.

Senior Vice President Slifka of the Ladies Auxiliary announced that the Ladies Auxiliary had voted to donate \$5,000. towards the Convention, to purchase a FAX machine, and to donate

\$1,000. to the Governor's Fire Prevention Conference. A rousing vote of thanks was conveyed to the Ladies Auxiliary for their cooperation and support.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who offered the benediction before the meeting was recessed. President Mattingly called the meeting back to order on Sunday, April 21st. at 0900 hours, and called upon Chaplain Damewood. Chaplain Damewood and Assistant Chaplain Knauer presented a short worship service, opening prayer, and led the pledge to allegiance. President Mattingly 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; T. L. Reynolds, 71-72, R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; T. L. Tharp, 81-82; C. W. Riley, 83-84; 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. President Mattingly introduced President Mary Fran Crisman of the Ladies Auxiliary who presented him with a \$5000.00 donation for

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the Convention from the Ladies Auxiliary. They will also be purchasing a FAX machine for 17 State Circle. President Crisman also presented a \$1000.00 donation to Fire Marshal Gabriele for the Governor's Fire Safety Symposium. President Mattingly thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their donations, assistance, and cooperation. The President introduced other guests in attendance and then turned the meeting over the Executive Committee Chairman Davis. Chairman Davis continued with Committee Reports.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - Chairman Woods presented information on the items the Committee will have for sale during the Convention. He also reported that an inventory of products on hand will be provided to the Audit Committee.

A.L.S. - Chairman Robinson reported that the Committee has received 16 replies to their ALS Survey, are in the process of reviewing the replies, and would like to involve MIEMSS to produce a relevant document from which they can proceed in addressing the issue of certification recognition. The Executive Committee authorized the involvement of MIEMSS. He reported that MIEMSS has taken a new proactive position on the EMT-D Program, and it appears that additional pilot programs will be offered. The Chairman relayed that the last two meetings of the EMS Committee of the Physicians Board of Quality Assurance have been canceled. This has become an agenda item with REMSAC and many jurisdictions feel that the group should be restructured, and that the MSFA is not representative of the ALS community. He feels that the Association should write to the BPQA expressing our position. Lengthy discussion was held on this topic with the consensus being to have the Committee monitor the issue to present our position. Discussion was also held surrounding the letter from the Regional Planning Council Fire Chiefs Committee which stated that "they represent the majority of the EMS service within the State." Chairman Robinson reported that the State ALS Protocols are undergoing revision, with the Committees input. He feels that some feel that the CRT level of certification may be in danger due to changes in national standards. The Chairman went over the proposed Clinical Field Experience and Preceptor Program. After lengthy discussions it was felt that we could support the concept of such a program but should learn more about the program.

SAFETY - Chairman Winters reported that the Safety In House brochure will be presented at the Convention. The Committee distributed a copy of their most recent Safety Bulletin.

DATA SYSTEMS - Chairman Snader relayed that they have been working with the NVFC representative and Baltimore County on programs.

M.F.R.I. - Director Hogleund updated those in attendance on the dedication of the Northeast Regional Training Center, ground breaking ceremonies for the Western Maryland Regional Training Center, parking facilities at Berwyn Heights, and other capitol projects which MFRI is involved. He enlightened everyone on recent classes, course textbooks, and short courses which have been presented. He commented on the amount of no shows from students which continues to be a very large problem.

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R. Shimer asked a question of Director Hogleund as to why the University gave less than one weeks notice, and why the ground breaking ceremonies were scaled down for the Western Maryland Regional Training Center? Director Hogleund explained that these type events must be scaled down due to construction equipment being on the site and the budget constraints. He did acknowledge that the date was short notice, but that at this time of the year everyone's calendar is tight. He further relayed that the date was set by the Regional Advisory Board. R. Shimer asked why Allegany County has to provide the funding for a Haz. Mat. Tech. Class, and it was announced at a recent GEMAC Meeting that MFRI has some \$41,000. to fund these programs. Director Hogleund explained that they have no paperwork on the approval of funds, but does understand that the MFRI proposal has been accepted. Lengthy discussions surrounding the development, use, overall developments of the Regional Training Centers Program. J. Robison commented that the MFRI Board of Advisors and the Regional Boards were also involved with the setting of the date. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by G. Worthington:

MOTION: THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO DR. KIRWIN STATING THE ASSOCIATIONS DISSATISFACTION AND DISPLEASURE IN THE MATTER OF NOTIFICATION OF THE GROUND BREAKING FOR THE WESTERN MARYLAND REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER. Motion Withdrawn

Director Hogleund announced the filling of some vacant positions within MFRI, and discussed each of the individuals and the positions they will be undertaking.

D. Mooney asked that MFRI provide statistics showing the number of classes that are requested, offered, canceled, and the number of no show students, so that a look can be made at the overall training effort. The Director gave a brief overview of the class scheduling process and indicated that the requested statistics can be provided. He also indicated that the coming year will probably be a tough year in providing all classes requested due to the budget constraints.

Vice President Smith asked why an appeal was not made to try and obtain some of the funding cuts made in the MFRI Budget thru the Legislative Session? Director Hoglund stated that he had made such an appeal thru the University process and this was unsuccessful. Additional lengthy discussions were held dealing with, budgetary problems, the regional training centers program (particularly the Upper Eastern Shore Site), and the overall cooperation and assistance from the University. President Mattingly commented that he had received a letter from Dr. Kirwin which stated that the University would be taking corrective action as recommended by the Internal Administrative Audit Report, but it appears that little or nothing has been done to show any improvement.

TRAINING - Chairman Fairfax reported that the Committee has review the final draft of the Ten Year Training Plan, with additions from the EMS Committee, and the text of the entire document is being prepared for printing. He distributed draft copies for the Executive Committee. and went over the draft. He relayed that a proposed By-Law change has been reviewed by the Committee and turned over to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee dealing with changes covering the Essentials Training Program. The Committee stated that several entries for the Zembower Training Award have

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been received and are being reviewed.

The Chairman reported that they have been advised that a MFRI policy change effective in July will not allow "ad hoc" training sessions conducted outside of a "controlled environment" to be counted toward satisfying skill check-off requirements for MFRI classes. He also reported that it appears that more and more classes are being picked up by the local jurisdictions or individual departments for funding purposes. They reported that with the increased need for classes that the budget and the faculty and staff of MFRI must be increased. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION APPROVE THE TEN YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM REPORT. Passed.

After lengthy discussions involving the operations of MFRI and the cooperation and assistance of the University, the following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Winter:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION INVITE DR. KIRWIN TO PERSONALLY ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OFFICERS, AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SO THAT THE CONCERNS OF THE ASSOCIATION CAN BE EXPRESSED DEALING WITH THE OVERALL TRAINING PROGRAM. Passed.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL - Fire Marshal Gabriele updated those in attendance on his FY-92 and FY-93 budget process, positions which have been cut, and capitol items. He feels that he will probably have to cutback something in the service area. He relayed that he has nothing new to report on the proposed consolidation of all law enforcement agencies within the State. The Fire Marshal related that an 800 number has been established to deal with all blasting and explosives

issues within the State. Fire Marshal Gabriele reported that one of the budget cuts was in the area of training. This includes funds for the Governor's Fire Safety Symposium. He reported that some funds have been donated and they are working on other funds. The Fire Marshal asked the Association for \$1000. to be donated to the Symposium.

The Fire Marshal relayed that his office had nominated Mrs. Peggy Webb of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award for her outstanding efforts in fire prevention and fire safety education. He announced that she had been the recipient of the award, and everyone congratulated her for her efforts. He also congratulated the entire Ladies Auxiliary, and the fire service community of Maryland for their efforts in fire safety and fire prevention.

He reported that the Fire Prevention Commission has had more hearings than normal, mainly dealing in the areas of Child Day Care Centers. He relayed that his office will be implementing some fee plans for the future which will effect certain services of his office. The Fire Marshal discussed the Fox Network television show which portrays a "Fire Marshal Bill" character. This character depicts all negative aspects of fire safety, and expressed his total displeasure over the show and urged everyone to write Fox Television.

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

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTE \$1000. TOWARDS THE GOVERNOR'S FIRE SAFETY SYMPOSIUM. Passed.

The Executive Committee Chairman turned the meeting back to Vice President Smith, who called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the blessing before the meeting was recessed for lunch. The meeting was called back to order after lunch, and Executive Committee Chairman Davis continued with Committee Reports.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman Gatton reported that the Committee will be producing one more edition of the Volunteer Trumpet for the Convention. He relayed that one company has agreed to a \$700. advertising for one year. The Committee will be issuing press releases for the Convention and will be working with the Convention Committee during the Convention. The Chairman requested meeting dates and locations for inclusion in the calendar of events.

President Mattingly thanked the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Leonardtown department for their fine hospitality during the weekend, and presented them with an appreciation check.

CERTIFICATION BOARD - Representative Carpenter reported that the Board sent a representative to the Fire Service Accreditation Congress in Kansas City, Missouri. He relayed that the Board passed a motion that on a one time basis, the accreditation of the ATRA's with the member representing the ATRA being approved be removed from the Board while that ATRA is being accredited.

PROGRAM - Chairman Thomas summarized the proposed pre convention seminars and program for the upcoming Convention in Ocean City, and that confirmation has been received from Congressman Weldon to be the Keynote Speaker. He pointed out that seven major program presentations will be presented, which will be the most that have ever been presented.

BOARD OF REVIEW - Chairman Cross reported that the Tylerton Volunteer Fire Company held its dedication of the recently renovated facility. This was a very good example of the worth of the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund at work. The Chairman went into the following action taken on applications to the Board:

Application 91-07 from the Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company. The Board recommended a \$38,060. loan and a \$42,240. grant for the purchase of an tanker.

Application 91-08 from the Barton Hose Company. The Board recommended that the application not be approved for building renovations, due to the amount of funds the company has on hand.

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Application 91-09 from the Crisfield Volunteer Fire Department. The Board recommended a \$45,000. loan and a \$45,000. grant for the purchase of a used replacement aerial ladder truck.

Application 91-10 from the Taylor's Island Volunteer Fire Company. The Board recommended that the application not be approved for building renovations, due to the company purchasing an engine that will not fit in the building.

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

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCUR WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR APPLICATIONS 91-07, 91-08, 91-09, AND 91-10. Passed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Chairman Small reported that as of this date the Board of Trustees has 24 widows, 9 orphans, and 2 firefighters on the Pension List. They have paid out \$83,678.60 in pensions, \$8,050. in death benefits, and \$361.80 to disabled firemen for a total pay out of \$92,090.40.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley updated everyone on all action that affected the fire and rescue service during the recent Legislative Session and distributed copies of some of the legislation. He reported that one of the most important items during this session was trying to keep our funding programs intact. The final outcome was that the FY-92 funding will be as follows:

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| 508 Fund | \$4,950,000. |
| Emergency Assistance Trust Fund | 675,000. |

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| Grant to MSFA Trustees | 125,000. |
| Grant to MSFA | 92,000. |

He also reported that \$120,000. in planning money for the Lower Eastern Shore Regional Training Center was approved.

CONVENTION - Chairman King updated those in attendance on all aspects of the upcoming Convention. He relayed that the exhibits space is almost sold out at this time. He reported that the Program Book is progressing well. The Chairman thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for the donation of funds to assist the Convention. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary, the Secretary's Office, and the Treasurer's Office for the assistance and cooperation. The Chairman and Vice Chairman Gibbons also expressed thanks for the cooperation and assistance they have received from Mayor Powell of Ocean City, the City Government, and the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company. Vice Chairman Gibbons asked that all requests for assistance requests from all committees and individuals be forwarded to the committee as soon as possible.

Vice President Smith spoke on the amount of merchandise that the Centennial Committee has to offer, and encouraged everyone to purchase the items so that the money loaned to the Centennial Celebration can be put back into the treasury. He recommended that \$5000. be borrowed from the Convention Committee funds and loaned to the Centennial Committee, to cover the cost of the patches and hats.

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The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: THAT \$5000. BE LOANED TO THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE ACCOUNT, IF THE TREASURER FINDS IF NECESSARY, AND RETURN THIS AMOUNT TO THE CONVENTION ACCOUNT. Passed.

Chairman King presented a proposal for an award to be presented in honor of A. Marvin Gibbons for the Best Appearing Company in the Convention Parade, and will be sponsored by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department. A copy of the proposal was presented to the Executive Committee. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by D. Mooney:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION ACCEPT THE PROPOSED AWARD TO HONOR A. MARVIN GIBBONS FOR THE BEST APPEARING COMPANY IN THE CONVENTION PARADE. Passed.

FIRE LAWS BOOKS - Chairman Chisholm reported that the distribution process has been completed, but they have not received all of the receipt forms. The public solicitation process was discussed at length, with different points of view being made as to whether or not this should be done, and the method for solicitation. Discussion was also held as to whether or not this program is mandated by the Legislature or not, due to it being funded by State funds. The use of the Mitchie Company for the research and printing of the book was also discussed, along with the costs

involved.

The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by P. Sterling:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12 & 13, 1991 MEETINGS, AND THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 1991 MEETING. Passed.

R. Cumberland relayed information on him being invited to attend a conference at NFPA headquarters dealing with the volunteer fire service, and a need for funds. The following motion was made by J. Robison and seconded by P. Hurlock:

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE INCOMING BUDGET COMMITTEE THAT FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SEND R. CUMBERLAND TO THE NFPA CONFERENCE REPRESENTING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE FROM NEXT YEARS FUNDING. Passed.

The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by J. Robison:

MOTION: THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTING THE FIREFIGHTING PREPARATIONS AND MOBILIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Passed.

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The following motion was made by J. Robison and seconded by D. Mooney:

MOTION: THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO FOX TELEVISION, CABLE NETWORKS, AND THE SPONSORS OF THE PROGRAM, EXPRESSING OUR TOTAL DISPLEASURE WITH THE PROGRAM WHICH FEATURES THE CHARACTER "FIRE MARSHAL BILL." Passed.

The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE U.S. ARMY EXPRESSING OUR THANKS FOR THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE AS IT RELATES TO THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER. Passed.

The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by R. Winter:

MOTION: THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO GEMAC SUPPORTING A VOLUNTEER MEMBER BEING APPOINTED TO THEIR TRAINING COMMITTEE. Passed.

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

MOTION: THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE GOVERNOR SUPPORTING THE

**APPOINTMENT OF TOM BAGINSKY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MFRETC TO
REPLACE THE RETIRING CHARLES RILEY. Passed.**

The Executive Committee then went into executive session to work on recommendations for the incoming Officers and Executive Committee.

The meeting was turned back to President Mattingly who thanked everyone for their participation and efforts on behalf of the Association. Assistant Chaplain Knauer offered the benediction while closing the meetings. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1620 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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