

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19 & 20, 1991
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Bernard J. Smith at 0900 hours at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company. The President called upon Chaplain Damewood who, presented tribute in the passing of Marbury F. Gates, offered the opening prayer, and led those in attendance in the pledge to allegiance. The President called upon President Ron Winter of the Ocean City department who welcomed the Association and thanked everyone for their prayers during his illness. The President then went into the reports of the Officers.

PRESIDENT - President Smith discussed the many meetings and other activities that he has been involved with concerning the serious budget cuts and limitations effecting the Association, MFRI, MIEMSS, State Fire Marshal, and other agencies. He reported that he had been informed that the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund has been cut 25%, and that the Trustees Funding and the Association Grant are the same at the current time. He relayed that after the meeting he, along with the Vice Presidents, MFRI, and MIEMSS, will be putting together a presentation for the education of the University System Board of Regents to explain what the fire service is in the State. The President explained that after the presentation has been made all departments and personnel will be asked to provide support activities. The President reported that he is working with the Maryland Public Safety Training Equity Network (MPSTEN) which is a new organization to make the public safety community aware of the multi-cultural difference in the emergency services. He reported that the Association will be receiving 100 smoke detectors for distribution to the needy. The units will be coming from the Maryland Safe Kids Coalition. President Smith relayed that he has asked the EMS Committee to work with the MSFA/LAMSFA Buckle Up Program. He stated that the program will be another way for the member companies to reach into the communities with safety programs.

The President thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their contribution of \$5,000.00 towards the Centennial Celebration, and commented that the plans for the celebration are progressing well with a team effort. He asked that all officers, Past Presidents, committee chairpersons, and others to cooperate with the Five Year Planning Committee. President Smith encouraged all departments to utilize the existing regional training facilities, and reported that progress continues on the Western Maryland construction and the Lower Shore design stage.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Fleshman reported that since our last meetings he and other Officers of the Association have been extremely busy with the financial shortfalls of the State Grants, The University of Maryland, MFRI, and MIEMSS. He relayed that MFRI has been very much a point-of-focus in an attempt to achieve our goal of training fire and EMS personnel. He commented on the fine tribute to the fallen firefighters at the National Monument and thanked those who attended from the Maryland emergency services. The Vice President relayed that fourteen Marylanders attended the Delaware State Firemen's Convention and felt that it was important to perpetuate the good relations that we have shared with Delaware.

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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Hurlock relayed the same information as the President and First Vice President on the financial shortfalls of the State Budget. He complimented the Ladies Auxiliary on a fine program and Fall Conference held at Bryans Road. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication that they do on a daily basis. The Vice President reported that he and several of the Officers of the Association were in attendance at the State House when the Governor signed a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

SECRETARY - Secretary Burton reported that all communications has been properly recorded and executed, and the minutes of the Lansdowne meeting have been transcribed and distributed. He reported that the proceedings of the 1991 Convention have been transcribed, edited, and prepared for the printer. He relayed that additional prices will be obtained and a printer will be selected to complete the project. The Secretary reported that he had received communications from the Blue Ridge Mountain Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 of Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, requesting a membership application. He has not forwarded an application to them due to the Constitution requiring all member departments to be located in the State of Maryland. He also reported that his office has received an application for membership from the Talbot County Advanced Life Support Service, Inc., and this will be turned over to the Executive Committee and Standards Committee for action. The Secretary's Office urged all committee chairpersons to forward Association funds as soon as possible. Lately some checks have been received which are long outdated. He also reminded all individuals to be specific on the documentation of funds turned into the Secretary's Office.

TREASURER - Treasurer Saville presented the report of the Treasurer's Office and the 1991-92 Budget. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary's Office. The Treasurer urged all individuals and committees to be very conservative in their spending.

Chairman Purdy of the Audit Committee reminded all committee chairpersons and individuals that if they do not have funding in their budget and they need funding, that they must request such funding from the Executive Committee.

CHAPLAIN - Chaplain Damewood relayed that he is working with the Centennial Committee to include recognition for all Past Presidents of the Association and Ladies Auxiliary both living and deceased. The President and others recognized in the greatest respect the recent passing of Marbury F. Gates, a long time active individual and member of the Board of Trustees.

President Smith recognized the following Past President who were in attendance: J. W. Smith, 54-55; R. N. Small, 59-60; L. B. Thompson, 62-63 (L. Thompson thanked everyone for the cards and calls during his recent illness); D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. Atkins, 65-66; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; 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; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; and T. A. Mattingly, 90-91. He commented on the fine efforts and support from the Past

Presidents on behalf of the Association. The President recognized President Jean Slifka, Senior Vice President Janet Pfeiffer, Junior Vice President Gayle Jester, and Bessie Marshall Fund Chairperson Elaine Huttenloch of the

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Ladies Auxiliary, along with other guests who were in attendance. The President turned the meeting over to Executive Committee Chairman Donald Mooney. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by G. Worthington:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LANSDOWNE MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED. Passed.

The Chairman then went into reports of the committees and organizations.

LOSAP INFORMATION - Chairperson A. Hawkins commented on the fine cooperation that she had received over the years from Marbury Gates. She asked that all counties to forward updated copies of their LOSAP programs for the committee needs.

AUDIT - Chairman Purdy reported that the committee will do the annual audit on Tuesday, May 12, 1992, in the Frederick area.

BUDGET - Chairman Fleshman reminded all individuals that printing costs can be covered in the Administrative Costs line item of the budget. He reminded all committees that they will have to request any funding that is not approved in the budget from the Executive Committee.

WAYS & MEANS - Chairman Means relayed that the tickets are being printed at this time, and asked if any individuals are interested in assisting to contact them. He advised that tickets will be available at the Level meetings.

FIRE PREVENTION - Chairperson J. White reported that they have had one article published in the Volunteer Trumpet since our last meeting. She relayed that President Smith attended the Governor's signing ceremony for the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation. She reported that the Fire Prevention Queens have been very busy and requested that departments contact them for fire prevention activities. She relayed that several community based activities are being planned with community networking. She updated those in attendance on the placemat and poster program, the caramate program, and the Miss Fire Prevention Contest.

SCHOLARSHIP - Chairman Olsen relayed that he attended the Annual Scholarship Luncheon at the University of Maryland. He reported that they recently received the 1990-91 bill from the University of Maryland for \$4,539. He felt that \$2,269. will be reimbursed from Mrs. Heimer for Daniel Szepesi's tuition.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - R. Baker reported for the committee on several proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws as follows: 1) Article I Section 2, dealing with conduct of member companies; 2) Article D Section 1.c, dealing with members of member companies

completing training; 3) Article F Section c, dealing with minimum standards for rescue companies; 4) Article V and Article G Section 7, dealing with committees; and 5) Article V Section 1, dealing with the Parliamentarian's Office. He also reported that the committee is working with the Standards Committee on proposed

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Truck Standards, which will be presented at a later date.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - Chairman Woods distributed copies of their inventory of items on hand and available for sale.

PLANNING - Chairman Mattingly reported that the committee has had one meeting which was an organizational meeting in which the direction and charge of the committee was discussed. He relayed that all officers and committee chairpersons are requested to provide information to the committee.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION - Chairman Cumberland reported on the plans for the reception, mansion decorating, and train garden.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY LIAISON - Chairman Cumberland reported on the recent Lighting of Luminaries Program, and the Tenth Annual Memorial Service for Fallen Firefighters. He relayed that during 1990, 105 personnel were killed in the line of duty and an additional 41 personnel were recognized from past years who had not been previously recognized. He reported that a memorial pin was developed this year and presented to family members, escorts, and honor guards. The pin was funded by the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service, with the extra pins being sold to help defray for next years pins. The MSFA Presidents presented a lithograph of the National Memorial to each family. The committee thanked everyone who assisted with this years program and encouraged others to participate next year.

DIRECTORY - Chairman D. White relayed that he had delivered 600 copies of the new directory to be distributed. The committee felt that by them doing the layout and making it copy ready for the printer they saved the Association about \$1200.

SPRINKLER TECHNOLOGY - Bob Smith reported for the committee on their last meeting. He relayed that discussed the possible challenge by others, to state legislation requiring sprinkler protection in all new townhouses which is to be effective July 1, 1992. They also discussed the possibility of obtaining additional handout material, additional legislation, and articles for publishing.

CERTIFICATION BOARD - Representative C. Carpenter reported that the National Professional Qualifications Board has approved Maryland's application for accreditation. He relayed that the National Board is proposing to accept those presently certified under the Maryland Program for a \$3.00 fee with future certification requests to cost \$10.00 each. He relayed that this created considerable discussion at their last meeting expressing that they were not in favor of mandatory National Certification for those seeking Maryland Certification. He stressed that the Maryland

Program was intended and still is felt to be a voluntary system and should not be mandatory. This was echoed by the Maryland Certification Board Chairman M. Robinson. Chairman Robinson relayed that the Maryland Program is gearing up to certify officers and apparatus operators which will give the National Board as many as 20,000 applications per year. They felt that the National Board, and in particular, some of its individuals are looking at this from the financial point and not for a service to the emergency services personnel. He relayed that there are other National systems available but have

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some of the same problems. They reported that some jurisdictions within Maryland are having problems with some of the programs.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL - Fire Marshal Gabriele reported on the activities of his Office. He relayed that they have had to come up with \$117,260. out of their budget, which included four vacant positions and \$8,700. from data entry for the Fire Incident Reporting System. He felt that if the status stays the same with the budget process, the office will stay until the end of the budget year, but he has feelings that another cut may be coming in January of 1992. He relayed that depending upon any future cuts service may have to be effected from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Currently they are cutting overtime which will effect their response time to emergency incidents for investigation purposes. One consideration he has been hearing is to put the Fire Marshal's Office into the State Police Agency. He relayed that he has not had any information as to what will be the budgetary constraints for the FY-93 year. The Fire Marshal discussed the recent incidents around the State which have caused the deaths of several individuals. These fires occurred in Cumberland, Rosedale, and Millington and were all residential fires. He relayed that they have just received a grant to provide smoke detectors for free distribution around the State.

He relayed that an effort is underway to have the Governor repeal the recently enacted residential sprinkle legislation. This is being headed up by the Maryland Home Builders Association. He remarked that he will be doing everything possible to keep the legislation in tact. Fire Marshal Gabriele reported on recent events and meetings he has been involved with surrounding the State Budget problems. His office is involved in justifying its existence, even to the extent of showing any overlap, possible duplication of efforts, and legal requirements. With this issue taking place he asked for the three Presidents and three other individuals to meet with him to discuss the issue in detail. He felt that this Association, as a whole, or the Maryland Fire Chief's Association does not have the power to change the issue at hand with the Governor's Office and the State Legislature. R. Wood brought up discussions and felt that the Association has on many occasions assisted in gaining several items for the State Fire Marshal's Office, and feels that it still has that punch. The Fire Marshal explained that the politics of the State has changed over the years which has reflected on the strength of the Association. Lengthy discussion followed with points being brought out the need for everyone to work together to assure the best for the emergency services of Maryland.

911 BOARD - Representative Shimer reported that inspections are scheduled for the 911 Centers across the State, and a letter is now being drafted to the Public Service Commission to address the concerns of the Board over the telecommunications service priority service from the C & P

Telephone Company. He also discussed the recent problems in some areas with the Teletype for the Deaf issues and the possible funding for assistance to enhance the systems in this area. He relayed that if any area is in need of 911 Stickers to contact him for a supply of them for distribution.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL - Representative Shimer reported that the Maryland Department of the Environment has had a report of 557 incidents since June for some type of hazardous materials within Maryland. He relayed that the Attorney General's Office has been contacted and requested to render an opinion on the liability relative to training and or lack of training

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of emergency services personnel responding to haz mat incidents. He reported that the DOT is presently developing an applicant packet, which they hope will be simple to complete, and will assist in development of allocation formulas. It is estimated that some 13.8 million dollars will be generated per year for a six year period for states performing satisfactorily. It was brought out that only about 40 % of those individuals needing training have received the training. FY-92 requests for training funds should be submitted to support the States request for needed funds.

M.F.R.E.T.C. - Vice Chairman Shimer reported that a representative from the Federal DOT presented information on the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990. The purpose of the Act is to provide national direction and guidelines to enhance hazardous materials emergency preparedness activities at the State and local levels in the areas of planning, training, and technical assistance programs.

CENTENNIAL - Chairman Baker reported that the President has appointed Richard Yinger of the Frederick County Committee as Co-Chairman of the Centennial Committee. They reported that the Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$5,000. towards the Centennial Celebration.

Chairman Mooney reported to those in attendance that a phone pole of the Executive Committee had been made and approved the sending of the Centennial Celebration Letter requesting donations and funding toward the celebration. Co-Chairman Yinger reported that he has been maintaining contact with Frederick City Mayor Gordon and relayed that many "in-kind" services will be provided by the City. He also relayed that after a meeting with the Frederick County Commissioners it was felt that they would be supportive and also obtain assistance from private sources. He reported that the Weinberg Center for the Arts has been secured for the Friday afternoon re-enactment and the Memorial Service on Sunday morning. They are also contacting a local theatrical group for assistance with the re-enactment. R. Yinger relayed that the menu for the picnic includes barbecued chicken, ham, and trimmings. The Frederick County Association has released \$10,000. generated from the Winnie Crum Memorial Golf Tournament for the picnic. He reported that the price for the picnic has not been determined. The dances on Friday evening will have the Hubcaps and the Admirals providing the music. The parade plans are moving forward, along with plans for the antique fire apparatus muster, firematic flea market, and muster contests. They relayed that souvenir patches, pins, hats, coins, yearbooks and other items are still available for purchase. They distributed a listing of available lodging in Frederick County and stated that a mailing will be made to all departments. Assistance was requested to determine the dates of

membership of all departments in the State Association. The current list is missing forty to fifty departments dates. The Chaplain requested photos of all Ladies Auxiliary Past Presidents to be included in the Memorial Service. A question was raised as to those living Past Presidents of the Association and the Auxiliary for a Memorial Service. The Chaplain stated that he is working on a special program.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - Chairman Dowell reported that they have not had any items turned over to them recently and if any department has items to contact them.

SAFETY - R. Everhart reported for the committee on their last meeting. They are working on a **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
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handout for the next convention for vehicle safety, and they distributed a Safety Newsletter.

STATISTICAL - Chairman Worthington reported that 52 departments have yet to turn in their last reports. They currently have 85 % of the departments that have submitted the Statistical Report. The committee urged all Executive Committee members to work to obtain the missing departments reports.

They are working on a new data program for the collection of the needed statistical data and the 1991 forms will be mailed to all departments in the near future.

VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE - Chairman S. White reported that they are continuing to work with the Legislative Committee in providing information and statistics and to monitor the situation in Annapolis.

M.I.E.M.S.S. - Dr. Ramzy updated those in attendance on the current budget problems at MIEMSS. He reported that originally they had taken a 8 % reduction, recently they had to take an additional 14 %, and to plan for a 63 % cut in next years budget. He felt that if the 63 % cut would take place, this would effectively eliminate the EMS program as we know it today. They have not developed a detailed report as to what this would result in, but are trying to find a solution to the issue. He relayed that he feels that there has not been enough education, both within the emergency services and outside the emergency services, as to the importance of funding for all aspects of the emergency services. He feels that a clear and simple statement that would allow all citizens to express their support of funding for all of the emergency services in our State. He relayed that the University has suggested to him that the EMS program is the only program on campus which does not bring in funding, and that no fees are charged to the providers for certifications. He has also been told that he was using scare tactics to retain EMS funding, and he has learned that a document exists that states additional layoffs, funding cuts, and program cuts will occur. Discussions brought out the differences in the presentations by various State agencies on the State Budget problems. The amount of clout or power of any organization could be related to the unity within the organization and the amount of time and effort put forth by the organization and its individuals. President Smith reported that he and some others are putting together an awareness program for the legislators, general public, and others.

The Chairman turned the meeting back to the President who called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the blessing before the meeting was recessed for lunch. The meeting was reconvened after lunch by Chairman Mooney. The Chairman continued with reports.

M.I.E.M.S.S. - Continued - Dr. Ramzy reported that the budget cuts he has been relaying refer to the Field Operations Program of MIEMSS and these cuts of 14 % and 63 % cuts will be approximately 4.4 million dollars, a reduction of 52 positions, an elimination of EMT-A training and coordination services, support for education, most administrative services, and more. R. Shaefer relayed that the budget cuts will start hurting the field programs as early as April, and that the 22 % cuts are across the board in the field programs. He stated that some classes which have been scheduled will have to be canceled, continued education funding stopped, the printing and production of medical protocols will be discontinued, and the printing of the ambulance run sheets will be stopped. He relayed that some of these programs may be able to be

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picked up by the local jurisdictions, but this will place an additional burden on them. In response to a question as to what specific reductions the field could expect and in what order, R. Shaefer went into specifics as it related to classes, testing, certifications, class supplies, forms, protocols, and others.

J. Snyder asked if MIEMSS had given any thought to having dedicated funding for the emergency services? Dr. Ramzy stated that some thought has been given to this but at this time he feels that the immediate need is to get support for funding the emergency services and then work on a method to obtain the dedicated funding. Lengthy discussion followed surrounding the mandates of MIEMSS, MFRI, the State Fire Marshal, and the thought of local jurisdictions picking up these areas. He was felt that the local jurisdictions should not be expected to pick up on the State shortfalls, not only because of the legal mandate, but if local jurisdictions provide these services the continuity, and statewide standardization would be lost.

E.M.S. - Chairman Wills reported that they were closely monitoring the State Budget constraints as it relates to EMS. He updated those in attendance on their last meeting in which they updated on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, are reviewing the Training Committee's Ten Year Training Report, appointed a sub committee for awards, gave out committee member assignments, and established future meeting dates. Chairman Wills pointed out that this Association appears not to be providing direction for the field providers to take as it relates to the State Budget cuts. Chairman Mooney pointed out that he feels that the President is keeping abreast of the developments and that the Association is doing all that is possible at this time, but he feels that nobody knows what direction to take with the Governor and the Legislature making changes every hour. President Smith relayed that he has been meeting with the two Vice Presidents and the Executive Committee Chairman and that they decided that the approach of the Association on this issue will be a very direct positive course of action with a presentation to those vital individuals and agencies, as he reported earlier. Discussion followed with a consensus that something must be done soon and communicate the action to the field providers.

A.L.S. - Chairman Robinson updated those in attendance on the status of the certification recognition survey which the committee is reviewing at this time. They plan on developing and then distributing a data base that will encompass each jurisdiction's requisite training and certification maintenance requirements in terms of continuing education and skills proficiency. He reported that the Aviation Section of the MSP has started a pilot program which allows their personnel to pleural decompressions in the field. He relayed that the new ALS protocols for CRT's and EMT-P's are due to be implemented in July of 1992, but if funding will not be available then this may have to be postponed.

PROGRAM - Chairman Thomas relayed that the committee has been holding informal discussions regarding the 100th. Annual Convention Program. They are working on the Pre-Convention Seminars and are asking for suggestions for the program. He reported that they will be assisting the Centennial Committee with the re-enactment portion of the celebration.

N.V.F.C. - Delegate Tharp reported on the Fall Meeting of the NVFC held in Midland, Texas. He relayed that 32 states were in attendance. He also relayed that Maryland has 148 associate members of

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the Council. He announced a new award that will be presented annually by the Council for the individual who exemplifies the philosophy of fire prevention. T. Tharp reported that the Council voted to support the revised NFPA 1500 Standard with the comment that while it was better than the previous version it still could be improved for the volunteer fire service. He reported that lengthy discussions were held concerning a proposal to encourage NFPA to produce parallel or dual standards for paid and volunteer firefighters. A motion was passed to reject multiple standards. He relayed that he voted to reject multiple standards due to Maryland having one certification standard for personnel. It was felt that this concept originated with the Delaware State Fire Training Director. He reported that the Fourth Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner will be held at the Washington Hilton on April 29, 1992.

B. Cumberland reported that comments were sent on the drivers licenses of individuals for emergency apparatus.

TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Chairman Stathem announced that tickets are going fast for the April 7th. dinner show featuring Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. They will cost \$20.00 each and individuals should contact a member of the committee.

FALLEN FIREFIGHTER ADVISORY - Chairman Petre relayed that they are working on developing guidelines and a resource availability list to be used across the State in the event of a need. They are also working on contact persons for each county.

Vaughn Silar of the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services presented video tape copies of the last three National Telecasts covering Communicable Disease Infection and Control, Critical Incident Stress, and Volunteer Fire Emergency Organizations of the 1990's.

INSURANCE SERVICES - Chairman Gosnell reported that they are researching the emergency vehicle right of way laws of Maryland. They are also assisting with the inventory list to establish missing prices for several items. The committee would like to see any policies of the Association so that they can be reviewed.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Chairman Brooks reported that the committee will be concentrating on training and the monitoring of federal funding and haz mat unit specifications during the year. He relayed that the MDE communications system is now in place and should enhance response efforts as well as increase the resources from other agencies. He reported that MEMA will be sponsoring several training classes, three on chemistry and several EPA technician classes, around the State. They also held discussions on haz mat training funding and the turning in of training funding. He has also learned of a meeting to be held involving MEMA personnel in which training standards for personnel will be discussed. Our representative was not notified of the meeting, and it was felt that volunteer personnel are not being represented fairly. Chairman Brooks reported that haz. mat. decontamination is becoming more important and hospitals are becoming more involved and cooperative with this area of emergency services. He asked for all departments operating haz. mat. units or support units to provide the committee with descriptions and specifications on their units.

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BESSIE MARSHALL FUND - Chairperson Huttenloch reported that their annual lottery is progressing well, with tickets still being available. She reported that 12 cases have been paid since the convention totaling \$6,950. She also relayed that the old forms will still be accepted. E. Huttenloch reported that thru a grant from the National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders a training video tape will be provided to all areas for the State entitled "Air Bags - A Crash Course for Rescue Personnel." She presented two for each county and the City of Baltimore.

DATA SYSTEMS - Chairman Jackson reported that the committee has spent time working out their assignments and responsibilities. He distributed copies of the committee assignments and offered the assistance of the committee. He relayed that they are putting together a brochure showing the minimum requirements and specifications for computers and what types of software the committee is using and recommends. The Chairman expressed the concerns of the committee over the issue of using software that the Association has not purchased, on Association owned equipment. They have received an opinion from the Association's Attorney that states that copying and or using hardware that was not purchased, should not be permitted. The committee will develop a policy to provide to the Executive Committee for review. The Executive Committee Chairman asked the Committee to find out if this should be included in the Constitution and By Laws.

17 STATE CIRCLE - Chairman Ferguson reported that they will be meeting with the Historical Annapolis Foundation to go over a list of items that they want done to the building. They plan to find out what items are absolutely necessary and what items could wait until funding would be available. He relayed that the painting estimates range from \$3,500. to \$5,500.

STANDARDS - Chairman Gatton reported that the committee had reviewed the NFPA 1904 -

Standards for Aerial Apparatus, and are recommending that they be submitted for adoption again this year. They have placed additional explanations and clarifications to portions of the proposal and should be considered as minimum standards. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by M. Robinson:

MOTION: TO HAVE THE NFPA 1904 - STANDARDS FOR AERIAL APPARATUS AS PRESENTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AT THE 1992 CONVENTION FOR ADOPTION. Passed.

Chairman Gatton reminded the Officers and Executive Committee Members that this will take some selling on everyone's part, that this is not lowering any standards but creating one. M. Robinson asked if the committee is reviewing the proposed new NFPA - 1901 for its possible impact on the Maryland fire service? Chairman Gatton stated that they reviewed this standard last year but take another look at the new proposal.

The Secretary turned over to the Standards Committee Chairman an application for membership from the Talbot County Advanced Life Support Services, Inc. for the Committee to take action on.

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NFPA OVERVIEW - Chairman Huttenloch reported that the committee has reviewed 42 technical committee proposals that were submitted for consideration by the NFPA and have selected 12 proposals that they felt needed to be addressed by our Association. They included: NFPA 471 - Recommended Practice for Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents; NFPA 472 - Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents; NFPA 1001 - Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications; NFPA 1021 - Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications; NFPA 1500 - Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program; NFPA 1521 - Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer; NFPA 1582 - Standard on Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters; NFPA 1972 - Standard on Helmets for Structural Fire Fighting; NFPA 1974 - Standard on Protective Footwear for Structural Fire Fighting; NFPA 1976 - Standard on Protective Clothing for Proximity Fire Fighting; NFPA 1981 - Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Fighters; and, NFPA 1999 - Standard on Protective Clothing for Medical Emergency Operations. He went into each of these proposals as they may relate to the Maryland volunteer service. They felt that in some cases the new proposals do not surpass the MSFA standards. M. Robinson urged the committee to review the new proposed NFPA 1901. The Chairman relayed that they will be monitoring this proposal. Chairman Huttenloch relayed that the NFPA has sought and accepted the immediate resignation of the President and are in the process of searching for a new NFPA President. The committee is recommending to NFPA that a fiscal impact on a fire department should be undertaken when new standards are being proposed. They plan to closely monitor the new proposals, work with other committees of the Association, and keep our membership posted on their possible impact.

DNR FORESTRY - Donald Van Hassent of the DNR Forestry relayed information on the budget cuts as it relates to their duties. He stated that they will be losing 22 positions within the Forestry

Division out of a total of 140 positions. The latest, as he knows it, is that some services will be reduced such as fire prevention activities and response times to fire incidents. The surplus property and vehicle program and tool maintenance program will continue.

The Secretary presented a bad check to the Executive Committee for action. The following motion was made by T. Mattingly and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO FORWARD THE BAD CHECK RECEIVED BY THE ASSOCIATION TO ASSOCIATION ATTORNEY FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION. Passed.

The following motion was made by T. Mattingly and seconded by R. Winters:

MOTION: THAT THE APPLICATION FROM THE BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY BE RETURNED BY THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE DUE TO THEM NOT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR MEMBERSHIP. Passed.

The Executive Committee advised that the application for membership from the Talbot County Advanced Life Support Services, Inc. has been forwarded to the Standards Committee for action.

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The meeting was turned back to President Smith. He announced that a meeting will be held immediately following this meeting involving the Presidents, Executive Committee Chairman, and the Convention Committee Chairman, and the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department. Assistant Chaplain Knauer delivered the benediction. The meeting was recessed at 1615 hours. Assistant Chaplain Knauer presented a service for those in attendance on Sunday, October 20, 1991. President Smith reconvened the meeting at 0900 hours, and called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer who offered the prayer and led those in attendance in the pledge to allegiance. 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; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; 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; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; and T. A. Mattingly, 90-91.

The President recognized President Slifka, Senior Vice President Pfiefer, Junior Vice President Jester, and Bessie Marshall Chairperson Huttenloch, of the Ladies Auxiliary along with other guests who were in attendance. The meeting was turned over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee who asked for comments from around the State. M. Robinson relayed to those in attendance some of the issues facing the volunteer service in Anne Arundel County. These issues involve several areas in which the County Government and the career fire service administration are totally non cooperative. One example is that two volunteer departments have been told by the administration that they cannot purchase new aerial ladder trucks with volunteer funding. Other issues involve, the chain of command which now is an integrated one involving both career and volunteer officers, and the certification of volunteer personnel. The volunteer

association has started a legal defense fund for the survival of the volunteer fire and rescue service of Anne Arundel County. R. Poole reported that the Washington County Children's Village is having very good success and if anyone is interested in going through the village to contact the City of Hagerstown Fire Department to make arrangements. D. Mooney relayed that the Baltimore County career department has been somewhat restructured with some different positions and responsibilities, and the cooperation is working out well. Past President J. Smith relayed that the situation in Anne Arundel County will exist for at least four years. He asked all areas of the State to closely monitor the situation in Anne Arundel County and look at the key players, some of whom may be running for State elected positions in the future. J. Smith urged the members of the Executive Committee to closely look at the contract we have with the State of Maryland for the rental of 17 State Circle. We have to work with those individuals closely because they could terminate the rental contract for non compliance with the up keep of the building. He also urged the Association to look very strongly at trying to obtain the funding for the Association as well as other agencies. President Smith stated that he and some others will be meeting with the Historic Annapolis personnel in the very near future to work out the issues.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Chairman R. Powell reported that since our last meeting they have paid out a total of \$25,375. in pensions and \$1,311. for disabilities. He relayed that the total paid from the Trustees since convention is \$52,381. They are assisting 23 widows, 8 orphans, and 2 firefighters.

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BOARD OF REVIEW - Chairman Cross made the following report from their last meeting:
Application 92-01 – Taylor's Island Volunteer Fire Company for a loan of \$45,000. and a grant of \$44,700. for building repairs. The following motion was made by J. Snyder and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE APPROVAL OF A GRANT OF \$44,700. AND A LOAN OF \$45,000. FOR THE TAYLORS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR BUILDING REPAIRS. Passed.

Application 92-02 - Boonsboro Volunteer Fire Department for a loan of \$50,000. and a grant of \$90,000. for a replacement ladder truck. The Boonsboro department will be providing \$60,000. of their own funding. The following motion was made by R. Poole and seconded by J. Snyder:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE APPROVAL OF A GRANT OF \$90,000. AND A LOAN OF \$50,000. FOR THE BOONESBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A REPLACEMENT LADDER TRUCK. Passed.

Application 92-03 - Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Company for a rescue vehicle of \$112,000. This Board rejected this application due to the current vehicle being in service and the proposed new vehicle specifications did not meet State standards. The following motion was made by G. Curfman and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION FROM THE BOWLING GREEN VOL. FIRE COMPANY FOR A RESCUE VEHICLE. Passed.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley reported that the following cuts have been made to the State funding for the emergency services:

	<u>ORIGINAL</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>		<u>25 %</u> <u>FUNDING</u>	<u>REVISED</u> <u>REDUCTION</u> <u>FUNDING</u>
508 Program	\$4,950,000.		\$1,237,500.	\$3,712,500.
Board of Trustees	125,000.	--	125,000.	
MSFA Grant	92,000.	--	92,000.	
	This Grant had already received an 8 % reduction.			
Trust Fund	500,000.		179,250.	320,750.

With loan payments due back of \$175,000. will leave a total of \$495,750. in the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund.

He recommended that all departments and individuals send letters to the Governor with copies to the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and Secretary Benton thanking them for only cutting the 508 funding 25 % and to please continue funding this program because many volunteer companies are financially dependant on this program. Chairman Riley relayed that they worked hard to save some of the funding such as the Trustees funding, and felt that with the financial constraints which now exist across the State we fared good. He reported that they are moving forward at this time to

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have the Volunteer Tax Incentive Bill introduced in the up coming session. The committee has investigated the issue of sales tax on sodas sold in cups by volunteer departments. He explained that soft drinks sold in cups are no longer treated as food and are therefore taxable. The tax must be collected on these sales by nonprofit organizations whose sales of food are exempt because no eating facilities are provided.

The legislative reception has been scheduled for January 20, 1992 in the fourth floor conference room of the Senate Office Building. The General Assembly will convene at 12 noon on January 8th. and adjourn on April 6, 1992. The committee asked that if any jurisdiction is seeking statewide legislation concerning the emergency services to please contact the Legislation Committee for coordination. The leaders of the Association were requested to meet with one of the largest lobbyist in Annapolis concerning the new Federal requirements for all coastal states to have a oil spill program. He was asking for support from the emergency services on this issue during the upcoming Legislative Session. It was generally agreed to cooperate with this issue due to the liabilities which may occur in the event of an oil spill that the emergency services could be involved with.

Chairman Riley read from a letter from the State which urged all State agencies and organizations which receive State funding to make internal cuts within their budgets and to cut back

on spending. The Officers and Executive Committee urged all committees to cut back on their spending in light of the current fiscal problems. It was noted that there may possibly be additional cuts before the fiscal year is up and that the next fiscal year does not look any better for funding assistance. The committee also urged everyone to work together to try and obtain some of the cut funding to be replaced. It was felt that the mandated State programs should be provided by the State and not have the local jurisdictions pick up the required funding. It was noted that the Governor can only cut any State funding by 25 % without getting approval of the Legislature, but this does not apply to the University funding. The University can make cuts without the Governor or the Legislature approving them.

B. Cumberland reported that the Federal Halon Tax issue is tied to the overall Federal Legislation proposal to do away with halon as an extinguishing agent. Another bill which is being monitored is one which has a provision to require certain Federal buildings to be provided with automatic sprinkler systems. He commented on the Federal highway regulation which currently exempts fire apparatus from weight limits on highways. This is currently be reviewed by the various agencies.

TRAINING - Vice Chairman Watkins reported that they had been briefed by MFRI on the budget cuts that have been imposed on them. They held lengthy discussions and felt that changes in the way the Institute must operate will take place. He reported that MFRI will be developing a priority list for the presentation of courses in the future, with more teaching being done by the full time staff. The committee urged that everyone work together to preserve what funding is available and to obtain any additional funding. He reported that some interest has been displayed to have the Western Maryland Regional Training Center named after the late Harry Devlin. These individuals have been advised to work with the University of Maryland Board of Regents to have this done. The following motion was made by T. Mattingly and seconded by G. Blanco:

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MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION SEND A LETTERS, TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, IN SUPPORT FOR THE NAMING OF THE WESTERN MARYLAND AND THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS. Passed.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ROOM - Vice Chairman Watkins reported that a new and updated plaque for the Association Past Presidents will be installed in the room in the near future.

M.F.R.I. - Director Hogle reported that the financial shortfalls at the University have not been this severe since school years 1971-73. He felt that this may be even more critical during fiscal year 93. The Director relayed that MFRI has been treated fairly in the decisions reached to address the campus budget shortfalls. The Director updated those in attendance on personnel actions, and the progress of the various capitol projects which are underway. Director Hogle and Associate Director Marlett presented a detailed briefing on the current MFRI budget status and the effects the proposed budget cuts will have. They brought out that the University will have to make an additional \$11.43 million cut and that the College Park Campus portion of this is \$4.3 million. MFRI intend to continue to provide the maximum possible response to the emergency services requests for education and training, utilizing all available resources.

To accomplish this a priority class offerings list has been developed. The priorities are: EMT-A Basic, EMT-Skills, Essentials of Firefighting I through IV, First Responder, First Responder Refresher, and Instructor Training Level II. They advised that MFRI has shifted funds from other areas to Field Operations for class offerings. These funds are coming from such areas as equipment, support and clerical staffing, and others. They have redirected full-time faculty activities to permit increased teaching assignments, which will result in significant reductions in course development, program and instruction quality control efforts, and other ancillary duties. They have been forced to eliminate part-time clerical and support personnel in regional offices and at the Training Academy, including student employees.

They reported that, to date, no MFRI classes have been canceled. Some classes have failed to start due to low enrollment, and others have been delayed due to insufficient funding. The only persons who have had their employment with MFRI ended were part-time clerical and support personnel and student employees. They intend to continue to employ part-time field instructors to the extent funds will permit.

The MFRI FY-92 Operating Budget has been assessed the following at this time:

Full-time salaries	\$173,411.	
Part-time salaries	205,526.	
Operating funds	108,372.	
Total reductions		\$487,309.

In addition, four full-time positions which were vacant have been cut at this time. The total cuts amounted to about 18 %. Potential students are not showing up for class starts because they have

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heard that classes have been canceled. This is resulting in classes not starting due to low enrollment. They stress the importance of students showing up for the start of classes, unless a student hears otherwise from MFRI or officials from the local training organization, should show up for class starts. Director Hoglund and Associate Director Marlett presented detailed information on the specific classes, funding, personnel, class materials, maintenance, and other items. They presented information on the specifics of the transfer of funding to allow the continuing of the priority class presentations. They advised that salary reductions and furloughs are planned. Lengthy discussions were held. The Director relayed that a mailing will be made to all departments in the State giving them the main points that have been brought out, as it will effect the emergency services training.

The meeting was turned back to President Smith, who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer for the blessing before the meeting was recessed for lunch. After lunch the meeting was called back to order by Chairman Mooney of the Executive Committee. He continued with the MFRI report.

Director Hoglund highlighted the financial constraints which have been placed on MFRI,

and urged the entire emergency services of Maryland to work together to take us through this time of real fiscal problems. Members of the Executive Committee complimented MFRI on their measures they have taken to keep providing the vital training for the emergency services of our State.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & BULLETIN - Chairman Gatton reported that a 12 page issue of the Volunteer Trumpet has been published. He relayed that the next deadline for the Trumpet will be November 1st., and requested committees and individuals to submit items. The Chairman advised that to use his FAX machine you call his home number and advise him to turn on the machine. The committee is continuing to work with the Convention and Centennial Committees for each of the events. He relayed that they participated in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Program.

The Executive Committee urged all committees to conserve on their expenses in light of the current fiscal constraints.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - John Galatta updated those in attendance on installation of their new communications system for haz. mat. incident responses. This system will be utilizing most of the local jurisdictions system tied in with their own, and also ties in other State agencies. He relayed that they are working with the State Attorney General's Office to fulfill the requirements of HB-931, which requires his department to make available Department of the Environment funds for the hiring of outside contractual agents. They are working out liability issues, and budget constraints at this time. He reported that some of the career emergency services have expressed an interest but they have not received any requests from the volunteer organizations.

Mr. Galatta reported that the departments general fund account of State Funding will be cut by about 42 % for FY-93. They do receive some funding from Federal Grants which have not been effected at this time. They have had to transfer funding to meet the current budget crises and have experienced employee terminations. He relayed that preparing for another set of reductions for December and February. These cuts will probably effect services from the department.

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CONVENTION - Chairman King and Vice Chairman Gibbons reported that at the last committee meeting a critique was held on the 1991 Convention and planning discussions were held for the 1992 Convention. Some points of particular interest concerning the 1991 Convention were: 1) Exhibit space took in a record \$48,295.; 2) The Program Book took a complete turn around and made a profit for the first time of \$2,201.02; 3) The Dance was down in both attendance and dollars with 807 in attendance; 4) The Family Picnic is growing each year with 593 attending this year. The expanded menu, entertainment, music, and games were felt to contribute to this. They announced future Convention Dates of: 1992 - June 14-17; 1993 - June 13-16; 1994 - June 19-22; & 1995 - June 18-21. Chairman King read a letter from Ocean City in which they are offering to provide a Centennial Fireworks Display for the Convention in 1992, and thanked the Association for the cooperation and terrific relationship which has been developed.

Vice Chairman Gibbons relayed information on the proposed expansion of the Convention

Center. He stated that the plans are progressing for remodeling and expansion of the Center. At this time the Mayor and Council have contracted with an architect with plans for tripling the size of the Center by adding 132,000 square feet of space. The plans call for expanded exhibit space, ballroom space, meeting rooms, a bayside boardwalk, etc. He relayed that this is not going to take place over night.

They are planning on a special registration for individuals, (not the official company registration), at the 1992 Convention which will enable us to know more correctly the total number of people the fire service brings to Ocean City. Individuals registering will be given a special 100th. Anniversary Convention item. They are working on better traffic control for entering and exiting the Convention Center, and also additional bus service specifically for the Convention Center.

Comments from the Executive Committee stressed the need for all of the volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance service of our State to sell ourselves to the citizens we serve, and to the Legislators. It was also stressed to work as a team with our efforts to obtain the necessary funding in these times of severe budget constraints. The meeting was turned back to President Smith.

The President presented a token of our thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company and thanked them for their fine hospitality.

The President reported on the meeting with the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department, the Ocean City Police Department, and members of our Association. He relayed that the Kentland department assured him that there will not be future actions like the ones which occurred this year. He asked for an apology to be given to the Ocean City Police Department, but they would not do this. The image of the fire service was stressed by President Smith. Chairman Mooney advised that all individuals should press for the passage of the By-Laws amendment for the up coming Convention so that the next Executive Committee will have the power and authority to act on issues such as this. Others who attended the meeting stated that they were also not totally satisfied with the outcome or the attitude of the leadership of the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department.

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The President thanked everyone for their input and attendance at the meetings and called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer for the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1350 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
Charles B. Burton
William A. Hawkins
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Ralph E. Dull

