

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8 & 9, 1992
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

The meeting was called to order by President Fleshman at 0900 hours. Bruce Monroe President of Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department welcomed everyone. Prayer was said by Asst. Chaplain Don Knauer, followed by the pledge to the flag. The following past Presidents were acknowledged: Kirk, Reynolds, Wood, Burton, Riley, King, Carpenter, Cumberland, Shimer, Robison, Mattingly, Smith, and Stathem.

PRESIDENT - President Fleshman spoke about the MIEMSS Shock Trauma System, we need to save the system that we have worked so hard to preserve over the last 20 plus years. Now we are in new terrain, Dr. Kimball Maull was selected to fill the job. He is a very competent surgeon, but his tactics are not exactly in the best interest of this association. We prefer to work together, we had input before the policies change, but this man makes changes when he wants. We had a meeting with him on June 2nd. Dr. Maull kind of gave us the idea that he was willing to work with us, that he would like to attend our meetings and see how we function. We got wind of a program discontinuation, that of the Esophageal Airway. Dr. Frank Buranko was the representative at the meeting on this, the vote was 5 to 2, and the program will be discontinued. The business that is going on at Shock Trauma, the dismissal of the physicians was not acceptable. After a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor, he stated that they tried to save the jobs of three physicians, but stand together to save the system. The Governor's commission, created by executive order has not been appointed, the only person officially appointed was the Chairman, Dr. Jim Diorta, from Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore. On Thursday, past a press conference was held, I tried to convey the fact that we were considering nothing more than trying to save the EMS system as we know it. What was brought out was the Shock Trauma Unit is being used as a method of preserving and promoting the University of Md Medical System. The University should not have total say over Shock Trauma. The way I see this is that they are going to use state funds to fund the projects that they have going on at University Hospital. They want all emergencies to go through Shock Trauma, the Dr.'s at Shock Trauma are starting to bail out because they don't want to be part of this political business. The Governor's office has called and they want copies of the material presented on Thursday to the media. Having talked to Jim Diorta, the commission is going to get moving. In the make-up of the proposed commission, there are twelve slots. One slot for the fire and rescue service, two names other than my own were presented for that seat. I am going to ask the Executive Committee to have a letter prepared and sent to the Governor, asking that the Commission's make-up include more than one fire rescue person. The Governor also wanted the commission to check into the helicopter program, the possibility of privatizing that program so that the police in the State of MD can use the helicopters to do more police work. The helicopters are medivac, not useful to police. If it does go to a private industry this program will also deteriorate.

After the convention, I was called to Washington to receive a plaque and a certificate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They recognized us for the work we have done at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. The new car was not in at convention time, but on June 29th I did go

to Leonardtown to pick up the new car. Vaughn Silar, of the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services set

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up a visit in York, Pennsylvania Headquarters, to meet with their executives because we did not get the support that we have gotten in the years past. We were assured by Mr. Art Gladfelter that we would at least for the coming year receive our tote bags. It was a treat for me and my wife to go to Hudson New York and celebrate with the New York States Fireman's Association the 100th Anniversary of the Volunteer Fireman's Retirement Home.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Hurlock welcomed the Ladies Auxiliary, and commented on many of the issues covered by President Fleshman.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Yinger had only one comment to make about MIEMSS - "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The President recognized President Janet Pfeiffer, Senior Vice President Gayle Jester, Junior Vice President Eloise Busl, Past President Jean Slifka of the Ladies Auxiliary, along with other guest who were in attendance.

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

The President turned to meeting over to Chairman of the Executive Committee, Roy Wood. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by J. Snyder:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14 & 18 MEETINGS. Passed.

BUDGET & REVENUE - Chairman Hurlock reported that it took approximately 8 to 9 hours to put together this budget. There is a money crunch in the Association, the money that is being spent is far above what is taken in. You can not operate an association that way. Mention was made of item 22, concerning travel expenses.

The Training Committee put in a request to move meetings around to different areas of the State. The Historical and Archives Committee asked for a new battery pack to keep the camera sufficiently charged. Jim Ferguson was questioned about the \$7,000 in the account for 17 State Circle, he stated that Mr. Smith and Mr. Riley signed the contract, being the Officers of the Association back in May. The contract is at the office at 17 State Circle, a copy can be faxed or mailed to the Secretary. Money needs to be put in account to cover the contract. Item #49, the Regional Training Center could fall under the Training Committee itself, and the Vice Chairman was there and saw no problem with moving it. Under insurance for the State Association, \$3,100.00 was requested, we spent 3,130.00 so it was increased to \$3,200.00. Gasoline expenses 91-92 were \$2,300.00 we spent \$2,700.00, we requested \$3,000.00 this year. The proposed budget for the State Association is \$53,880.00. Questions were brought up about the raffle account which were then cleared up. Questions were also brought up about paying taxes on the vehicle, the Association is tax exempt, therefore there should be no taxes. The Treasurer will check into it and see what he can do about getting the proper papers to get a refund on excise tax and gasoline. The next discussion concerned the reimbursement for travel expenses for the Executive Committee. The Roll Call sheet

has a column to accept or deny the travel expense for this meeting. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by J. Snyder.

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MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOT EXCEPT TRAVEL EXPENSES THIS YEAR. Passed.

A suggestion was made that a letter be sent out to let everybody know that we are not going to accept any travel expenses this year. It will be put in the minutes instead.

The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by F. Jester.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS PRESENTED. A motion was made to table. Motion and motion to table were withdrawn.

The next discussion concerned the portion of the State appropriation that we receive. The anticipated revenue coming in from the State is \$92,000.00 which was the dollar amount projected during the last fiscal year that ended June 30. We have already received one check for 46,000.00 and the other comes in January. The funding projected on those accounts is, Fire Prevention Committee requested 12,000.00 and we approved 10,000.00. The Fire Laws books were not printed last year, we will probably have to do that this year. We have a projected cost of 27,000.00 for printing, if the cost proceeds that we will have to make additional cuts under the State appropriation. It is a matter of law that we print the book this year. Under the annual reports which covers a multitude of different items, the proceedings book, the cost of volunteer trumpet, printing of the small MSFA directory, statistical report for that committee, service contracts for the State Association, cost were projected for \$48,000.00, we cut out some of the items back to \$38,000.00. The last item on the data systems committee is for some new equipment, and software. They are requesting a lap-top computer for the secretary's office, that was totally supported by the Budget & Revenue Committee. Their total request for their budget was \$23,200.00, talking with Mr. Jackson we made quite a number of cuts to bring it back to 17,000.00 so we could balance the budget. The Fire Laws book will use the laws that were passed in 91 & 92. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by G. Worthington:

MOTION: TO AMEND LINE 47 TO READ \$7,200., AND TO GET THE FUNDING FROM THE GENERAL FUND. Passed.

The following motion was made by F. Jester and seconded by J. Snyder:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE FY-93 BUDGET AS AMENDED. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by D. Davis: MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. Passed.

AUDIT - Chairman Purdy stated that the Auditing Committee will meet on May 11, 1993 at Citizens Truck Company. It was noted that May 11th is too late to get the audit in the convention book, anytime after May 1st is too late.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - Updated copies were distributed by Chairman Tom Owens. The By Laws will also be put on a State owned computer.

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HISTORICAL & ARCHIVES - Chairman Carpenter stated that they attended the Centennial in Frederick and shot twelve rolls of film that are on display in the back. Also, in Ocean City we used 37 rolls of film also on display. The Convention Committee did pay for all of this.

SCHOLARSHIP - Chairman Olsen had a few inquiries at the convention and gave the information as requested. He made available copies of the new guidelines for reimbursement of courses.

Assistant Chaplain Don Knauer gave a blessing before lunch. After lunch the Chairman continued with reports.

FIRE PREVENTION - Chairperson Judy White turned the mike over to Jennifer Harman, Miss Fire Prevention. Jennifer stated she has spent a total of 93.5 hours, traveled 1,572 miles. Some of the highlights are Ocean City and several parades.

President Freshman relayed that the committee for the new MFRI director will meet Wednesday, there are about 67 applicants on list. On the MIEMSS issues, the day after the announcement of the three firings, I received a call from John Murphy who called up to Dr. Mauls office, since I was serving as a liaison for the President, we had met with him several times, the request from Dr. Maul requested that the Association stay out of the issue at hand that it was a matter of the Shock Trauma, I did respond to Dr. Maul by phone that we could not stay out of the issue, we are so involved in. I made a suggestion to the offices that we have done some things in the last couple of week, that the Executive Committee draft a letter to go to all member company's immediately apprising them of the various changes of MIEMSS, and take the advise of the Lt. Governor to take immediate action to save our system. The copies of those letters should go to the Governor, George McGowen, the Chairman of the Board of Regions, and to the local legislative delegation from the area that they represent.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL - Fire Marshal Gabriele relayed that the first quarter 508 monies should be sent out the middle of August. He reported that a hiring freeze has been put on for the Office of State Fire Marshal. The five current vacancies have been put on hold, interviews for 8/18/92, will still be held. The Fire Protection Engineer Position has been filled by Carl Oowler, he is assuming the responsibility of Southern Md that Harold Brady use to do, he is doing the Northeast Region. Inspection Fees - It was enacted in Laurel with the last session, that the Fire Marshal's office along with the Local Jurisdiction can begin charging for inspections, etc. The Fire Marshall has formed a committee to meet to establish fees, and various computer programs to track fees that are collected, and the ones that need to be retrieved. Privatization - Still work to be done by the Fire Marshal's office, a report needs to be submitted by October 1, 1992, in regards to the cost, duties and what methods would be used to privatize. Fireworks - July 4th had about 80 fireworks displays, most went well. A fireworks seminar is being scheduled to go over the new regulations and set up.

Fire Prevention Commission - Wayne Smith who was representing the Career Service on the commission, the new individual will be Chief Sherlock from Annapolis City. The Governors Fire Safety Symposium has been scheduled for October 1st at John Hopkins. The Smoke Detector

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Program - Continues to move. Detectors are given out to low income families. New fees have been established for the explosive industry, those fees more than double in some cases. National Institute on Emergency Safety - Is a group looking at various complaints received on apparatus including aerials, including ambulances. They are non-profit group, there is a registration form that you can receive a brochure on a regular basis that will let you know what kind of problems are going on with apparatus.

MIEMSS - (Comment - Ron Shaeffer tape recorded his report) Ron Shaeffer thanked the EMS Committee for the use of the Flack jacket today. Dr. Maull could not make the meeting, he was out of town. He did state that there would be no training for new EMT's on EOA and that no actions will be taken until first communicating with the leadership of the Association and EMS Jurisdictions, with exception of new training or training of new EMT's in the use of EOA. On August 5th with the Regional Medical Directors, the outcome of the meeting were: The use of EOA by EMT/As will be discontinued, Within one year CRTs and EMT/Ps will have their skills upgraded in the use of airways, which will be funded by MIEMSS, the new two level (with options) EMT/A program should be available about 12/93, the Medical Directors discussed the issue of reciprocity between jurisdictions but there was little action. Dr. Miltenberger from Region 1 made a motion that no more EOA should be used in the field today, because if an EOA is placed inappropriately, the patient is dead. In PG County and Anne Arundel do not allow the EOA for EMT basics, the restrict the use of EOA's to CRT's and EMT Paramedics. The motion was to remove the EOA's, the vote was 4 in favor, 3 opposed. The number of EMT's certified as EOA in the state 6,261, the number of EMT's not certified is 7,083. On July 15, there was a meeting with the Regional Instructors, they are lowering the class size from 30 students to 25. There will also be no Co-op classes. The EMS Committee questions the wisdom of this move at this time and request the assistance of the Executive Committee in quickly restoring these classes that have had a successful history.

STATISTICAL - Chip Jewell stated that back at the convention that he approached Gene Worthington and President Fleshman regarding statistical information, I have been approached by several insurance companies about water supplies for fire departments located in Maryland, the information is not available, they suggested that I set up a system to incorporate their program with statistical. It was discussed at length and decided that the Executive Committee needs to hear Mr. Jewell's proposal. We would prefer that their program be field tested for two years, evaluated by the committee and then maybe a merger could be accomplished. Chairman Worthington reported that there have been two meetings since the convention, the discussion at the first meeting the previous years goals were discussed and there are still 56 outstanding reports statewide. The second meeting this years goals were discussed and also that we are compiling a program to allow the local jurisdictions to input data at their level via floppy disk. We are adding three new report formats to the menu.

TRANSPORTATION - Chairman Hetz stated that the committee is getting ready to collect the \$5.00 re-certification fee this spring, those plans need to be finalized. The transition of the Chairmanship, that is going very well. A question was brought up about the \$120.00 service charge for opening a commercial account. Before opening the account at Annapolis Federal, I checked all the area banks and this is what the fee is. He also made a suggestion to change the stationary, and have every committee type their own committee name, it will save \$40.00 a copy, approximately \$900.00.

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TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Chairman Stathem announced that the Dinner Theatre Night has been approved by the President and will be on April 13th, Tuesday Night, the prices are the same \$20.00 a person, the show is call Shenandoah, a lyrical musical during the Civil War times. Let's make it a sell out, we have 300 tickets to sell. We came up with another suggestion, to put a trip together for a week in the Islands it will be the Royal Caribbean Steamship Line, it will be a seven day cruise including San Juan, St. Thomas and Lambidi. All expenses are included, the sailing date with be January 30th.

DATA SYSTEMS - The Committee will meet in about three weeks. They are trying to track down where every piece of computer equipment is. There will be a letter sent out to each Chairman stating what we have signed out to them. We also need to know what needs to be disposed of for inventory purposes. There is a lot of equipment that is insured that is no longer useful.

Asst. Chaplain Knauer closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours. The invocation, words of worship, and the pledge to the flag were offered by Chaplain Damewood, assisted by Hetz & Knauer.

President Fleshman recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. B. Burton, 79-80; T. L. Tharp, 81-82; S. N. Stathem, 82-83; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; and B. J. Smith, 91-92. Those guests in attendance were introduced.

The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: THAT THE BUDGET MOTION BE BROUGHT FROM THE TABLE. Passed.

The Budget is about \$200.15 less than last year, the Budget this year is \$60,080.00. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by G. Worthington:

MOTION: TO RESTORE THE TRAVEL FUNDS FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND TRAINING COMMITTEE TO THE BUDGET. Passed.

The \$1,580. on the Board of Review funds was questioned, it was \$360. for mailing costs, \$100.00 for stationary and labels, and \$1,020. was for mileage and motels. The Board of Review has scheduled four meetings around the State for upcoming meetings at various fire stations

throughout the state in an effort to visit each geographical area, this requires members to stay the night before the meeting in a motel and also includes mileage expenses. The rest of the expenses are postage, each Board of Review member receives copies of all the applications, which is quite an extensive mailing package. With the corrections that were made in Line Item 47, 17 State Circle, Board of Review and the Training Committee we have allotted an extra \$1,000.00 to the Training Committee, \$1,020.00 to the Board of Review, which gives you \$8,220.00 for 17 State Circle, that will be the total dollar amount taken from the General Fund to balance to Budget. The present budget proposal from the

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Budget & Revenue Committee as it stands today from the Association expenses and the projected income is \$62,100.00. Everyone is encouraged not to use those funds unless they have to. The Executive Committee will not receive any travel expenses for this year. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: TO AMEND THE PRIOR MOTION TO EXCLUDE ALL BUT THE TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBER. Passed.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FY-93 BUDGET AS AMENDED. Passed.

LOSAP - Chairperson Ann Hawkins couldn't attend. The LOSAP Committee has submitted there report, and complied with new booklets for the year 1992, and will send them upon request.

SAFETY - Chairman Winters distributed a brochure titled Using Belts, Bags and Brains.

NVFC - Representative Cumberland spoke on the publications to be distributed today, "The NVFC Firewatch Bulletin Board Instructions" and "Health and Fitness Programs in the Volunteer Fire Service. The next meeting will be Sept. 16-19 in Juneau, Alaska. The NVFC is supporting the Grief Seminar, designed to provide support and comfort to the survivors of fallen firefighters will be conducted on the NFA campus. The NVFC is in the process of obtaining a new grant from the USFA to conduct a conference on volunteer firefighter retention methods and programs. We will strive to have Maryland well represented at the conference, which will be by invitation only.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY - Representative Cumberland reported that 105 firefighters will be honored this year at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. On Saturday, October 10th there will be a grief seminar at the academy for the families. Saturday evening there will be a Luminary program with facility members taking part. On Sunday, the memorial service will take place with the chapel service starting at 10:00 am. A letter has gone out for volunteers to escort the families.

ALS - Chairman Robinson reported that as of July 1, 1992 the pre-hospital ALS (CRT/EMT-P) protocols went into effect and have been implemented without any problems. Dr. Maull will serve as statewide medical director and legally accountable physician until further notice. Chairman

Robinson spoke on the removal of EOA. A replacement airway such as the "PTL" (Pharyngeal-tracheal lumen) should be evaluated and considered as a replacement. Another concern is the possibility that the CRT program will be phased out. The subcommittee is opposed to compromise the CRT level until there is a transition available.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley attended a briefing of the Special Joint Committee on Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program, they are considering expanding the emission testing to include vehicles with diesel engines. We will try to exempt emergency apparatus. Chairman Riley met with Senator

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Amos to discuss the feasibility of introducing the income tax incentive bill this session and he feels that we should try it this season. The 1993 Legislative session will convene on Wednesday, January 13, 1993. He also asked that anyone or any County seeking statewide legislation concerning the emergency services, please contact the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the Officers of the Association. The reason is we don't like to be surprised and we might be able to give some good reasons why the bill should or should not be introduced at this time.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION - B. Cumberland has been talking to Seth Statler about the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation Bill, it is moving along good on the Senate side, House side not quite as well. Any legislation pertaining to the Fire Service we want to get enacted this year, they won't study fire related legislation for another three years. I also talked with Seth about having Senator Sarbanes co-sponsor the Benjamin Franklin Bill of Rights S-1451, the Senator has signed on as co-sponsor to the bill. I talked with Senator Mikulski's office about F.E.M.A.'s budget, Senator Mikulski will work on keeping the money in the budget and work with the house bill to keep it there to.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Chairman Powell stated that to date we have 23 widows; 7 orphans and 2 firemen on the pension list. The total paid out is \$28,714.00. There are 2 outstanding death benefits, we still do not have the paperwork for Mr. Campbell who passed in April from Baltimore. Under these two we will pick up one widower and one child.

TRAINING - Chairman Watkins expressed that he would like to begin work now on updating the MSFA Ten-Year Training Plan. He indicated an interest in the validation conference, since the MD Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Service was the consumer, they would be the ones to review and endorse the training materials being developed as well as identifying additional needs. We want to work with Hazmat to come up with a class that deals with the responders that do not have Hazmat unit. We also want to review MFRI and MSFA position on paying for training textbooks, and the fees for seminars and workshops etc. A revised NFPA 1001 standard will be available August 18. The third edition of the Essentials book, which is consistent with the new NFPA 1001 standard will be available in October for \$30.00. Something needs to be done with the No-Shows. Any classes not funded by MFRI or taught at no cost will be treated as contract classes. If Special Programs does take over, we will be losing 30 to 40 classes. Director John Hoglund reported that Univ. of Md. said there is no money available for MFRI. As of September 1st Russell Strickland will be Acting Director. In order to register for a MFRI the student must (1) be a bona fide member

of a fire, rescue, or Emergency Medical Services department operated by a municipality in the state, (2) be a bona fide member of a volunteer fire, rescue, or Emergency Medical Services department, (3) must be a bona fide member of an out-of-state fire, rescue, or emergency medical services department that is normally part of a Maryland response. The committee is looking a having a validation conference, training assessment conference.

NFPA OVERVIEW - Chairman Huttenloch reviewed the proposed tentative Interim Amendment to the recently revised NFPA 1500 Standard which were proposed by Alfred Whitehead. He has requested and received the 1992 Fall Meeting Technical Committee Reports. There are 10 new revisions, 15 partial revisions, 3 official adoptions on new documents, and 3 reconfirmations. There

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was concern about the department's response plan that needs to be clarified.

STANDARDS - The committee received many comments about the truck standards that were submitted for adoption at the convention. Some companies feel that we did not submit a standard that was strict enough. We would like the guidance form the Executive Board on what direction they would like us to go.

BESSIE MARSHALL FUND - Chairperson Elaine Huttenloch thanked everyone for their support, the fund has collected over \$3,000.00. The returns are due by September 6, 1992.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND BULLETIN - Chairman Gatton stated that the "Volunteer Trumpet" is behind schedule due to computer problems. The new address is 106 F.W.D. Drive, Hollywood MD 20636. Deadline for the next issue is September 1, 1992.

CONVENTION - Chairman King stated that the committee is still working, we still have a few bills outstanding, the date for convention critique had to be postponed.

FORESTRY - Mr. Zentz stated that they received 55 applications for Rural Community Fire Protection Fund Program, 31 companies will receive funding through this program this year. The fund grants range from \$750. to \$1500. The total amount distributed this year will be \$34,200.00. Several Associations have expressed concern about Federal funding for the installation of dry hydrants in the rural areas of Maryland. I have applied for a \$35,000.00 grant over two years. Forestry has responded and reported 450 natural cover fires in Maryland, acreage loss is 2900 acres.

PRESIDENT'S AUTO - Chairman J. Mattingly stated that the list price on the car was \$22,000.00, our cost was \$19,025. The highest bid was for \$12,000.00, which made the final cost for the new vehicle will be \$7,025.00. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION PAY THE \$147.93 FOR REPAIRS TO THE OLD CAR. Passed.

The following motion was made by D. Davis and seconded by J. Snyder:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE GUIDELINES FOR PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S AUTO AS PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE. Passed.

PROGRAM - Chairman Piringer reported that plans have already started for next year.

Assistant Chaplain Don Knauer said a prayer before lunch. President Fleshman thanked the ladies and gentlemen who prepared the meals, he presented a check to them for \$861.08.

Ron Schaefer had a few remarks concerning MIEMSS, He relayed that he had called Dr. Maull to clarify EOA Training, with regard to future training for EMT Basic and EOA the statement is as

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follows, there is no further EOA training for EMT's, yesterday I stated that EMT's who are currently certified would be able to take refresher training - that is not the case. Dr. Maull said he will not compromise patient care, EMT will still receive basic training. He did not offer a replacement for EOA. EMT's who have been certified can still use EOA until certification expires. There is a big concern that there won't be enough people trained as an IV Tech, CRT or EMPT, it seems that Maull is pushing for only paid firefighters. There won't be enough advanced life support out there. Ron stressed that Dr. Maull is not trying to phase out volunteers. A suggestion was made that a special meeting with Dr. Maull to straighten this out. A meeting was held June 2nd with Dr. Maull, he said he will not meet with a big group like that again, he just wants to meet with one or two people in the future. We need to invite him to a Executive Committee meeting and see if he shows up. The Executive Committee will have a special meeting.

MFRI - Director Hoglund stated that EMT Instructor Kits are being restocked and re-supplied and worked over during the summer. The equipment within the EMT-A kits are worn out and needs replacement. MFRI does not have a printed budget document yet. We have moved to a restricted budget category. With the stabilized budget we have had to change all accounts - all of the 358 personnel on payroll all have new numbers, we are now in the Labor and Assistance category. Harford County requested that all MFRI training be scheduled at the Northeast Training Center, Univ. of MD has agreed to this request. The discharge samples at Southern MD show a high presence of ammonia, we are now under a 60 day show cause and show improvement in relationship to toxicity. We sent back a plan this past week, and plan to stay on top of this. He spoke about the five lane highway that will come through the driving academy. The class size has been cut down from 30 to 25 to turn out quality students. There was no one from the MFRI invited to the meeting on the Special Fund. It was asked if he could a copy of the opinion related to training of Federal Firefighters, Hoglund said he would try. A question was brought up in reference to co-op classes going to industrial or special programs, they need to be arranged through industrial programs and the students have to pay. The co-op movement is gone, it shows as an A class, the cooperative class is gone, it is known as a contract course offering.

The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by M. Robinson:

MOTION: THAT AUTHORIZATION BE GIVEN TO THE DATA SYSTEMS COMMITTEE TO TAKE A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF ALL ASSOCIATION PROPERTY. Passed.

G. Curfman recommended that a copy of all invoices for Association equipment be sent the Data Systems Committee for inclusion in the inventory. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by D. Davis:

MOTION: THAT THE SECRETARY SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE REQUESTING THAT HE APPOINT MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE TO THE EMS TASKFORCE. Passed.

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The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: THAT THE PRESIDENT BE REIMBURSED FOR THE YEARBOOK HE PRESENTED TO THE NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. Passed.

The meeting was turned back to President Fleshman who called upon Chaplain Damewood who offered the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Association the meeting was adjourned at 1515 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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