

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24 & 25, 1992
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President William J. Fleshman at 0900 hours at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company. The President called upon Assistant Chaplain Taugher who, presented the opening prayer and led the pledge to allegiance. President Fleshman recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. Adkins, 65-66; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; C. B. Burton, 79-80; T. L. Tharp, 81-82; S. N. Stathem, 82-83, R. J. Smith, 84-85; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; and B. J. Smith, 91-92. He introduced those guests who were in attendance and welcomed President Pfeiffer, Senior Vice President Jester, and Junior Vice President Busl of the Ladies Auxiliary. The President then went into the reports of the officers.

PRESIDENT - President Fleshman reported that he had attended the state conventions of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, as well as meeting with the Five State Presidents at the Cumberland Valley Convention. He relayed that most states have similar problems and concerns as we, particular the funding concerns, and Virginia is struggling to get their companies to join the state association. He reported that the dues for the Delaware Association are now \$1200. per year. The President reported that the concerns and problems at MIEMSS are definitely improving and that the Governor's EMS Study Commission has been meeting in sub-committees in an effort to avoid the public meeting law. He relayed that Dr. Maull has appointed Dr. Richard Alcorta as the Acting State EMS Director, and thus far he has shown a real interest in working with us to meet the needs of the state program. The President has been appointed to the Governor's EMS Study Commission and he expressed his concerns over being the only fire service representative on the Commission. Battalion Chief Howell from Howard County has been added to Commission upon recommendation by the Chairman, Dr. D'Orta. The President reported that a special interest group called, "The Golden Hour Coalition" has begun a campaign to enlist public support to get the legislators to become involved in trying to get the Shock Trauma Center back on track. The leader of the coalition is Mr. Dick Johnson, who will address us later.

President Fleshman reported that the MFRI Board of Advisors has reorganized with Les Helfrich of Baltimore City as the Acting Chairman after Chairman Leizear moved out of state. He relayed that Dr. Kirwan presented a University Proclamation and hardwood armchair to retiring MFRI Director John Hoglund. The President reported on a meeting with the Gaithersburg City Planner, Past President Les Thompson, and Mr. B. D. Gladhill, about the city turning over the former Gaithersburg-Washington Grove fire station to the State Association for the purpose of setting up a museum. He relayed that the city is willing to try and obtain federal funding to renovate the exterior of the building, but that interior renovations could not be done with any federal funding.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Hurlock spoke on the role and responsibility of an elected officer of the Association, and encouraged the members of the Executive Committee to attend the

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various county association meetings in order to have complete coverage across the state and to assist in keeping everyone advised on the current issues and concerns. He also relayed information on the Governor's EMS Study Commission, MFRI meetings, the Governor's Fire Safety Conference, and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. The Vice President congratulated all departments on their fire prevention efforts during fire prevention week and encouraged them to keep these programs going throughout the year. He reported that two cuts have been taken in the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund and our appropriations, and strongly urged all departments to keep a watchful eye on the State Legislature.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Yinger reported information on, and attending various functions and meetings with the President and First Vice President. He urged everyone to relay information from one jurisdiction to another, particular information on deaths, and vital issues and concerns of the emergency services.

SECRETARY - Secretary Burton requested all officers and committee chairpersons receiving association funds to forward them as soon as possible to the Secretary in order that they might be deposited within the limitation of the validity of the check. The transcribing of the 100th Annual Convention have been completed and prepared for the printer. The book is expected to be ready for distribution at our January meeting.

TREASURER - Treasurer Saville presented the report of the Treasurer's Office which is on file.

President Fleshman turned the meeting over to Executive Committee Chairman Roy Wood. Chairman Wood then moved to reports from the committees and organizations.

LOSAP - Chairperson A. Hawkins reported that a new book has been printed and is available. She asked that any jurisdictions having any up-dated information to forward is to the committee.

BUDGET AND REVENUE - Chairman Hurlock reported on the cuts that have been made by the State Board of Public Works to the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund and Association appropriations. He reminded all committees to stay within their approved budget. The Chairman suggested that the Centennial Committee advertise on a national basis to sell the Centennial Books that are on hand. The funding received from the sale of these items would greatly help the Association funds.

WAYS AND MEANS - Chairman Means reported that the raffle tickets for the coming year will be available at the January meeting. He asked that if any individuals want to assist in any jurisdiction to contact him.

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS - Chairman Owens reported that the committee is waiting for

further input from the Standards Committee dealing with truck company standards.

HISTORICAL & ARCHIVES - Chairman Carpenter reminded all committee chairpersons to have current photos taken as soon as possible. Vice Chairman Bosanko presented a document outlining an

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inventory system that will be used by the committee for all items, and an inventory of historical items which are currently stored at Berwyn Heights. Executive Committee Wood thanked the committee on their efforts on behalf of the Association.

MIEMSS - Dr. Haller spoke on his role as a part of the medical team at MIEMSS, and brought encouraging words and a new dedicated direction from Dr. Maull. He commented that it is now taking four doctors to take Dr. R Adams Cowley's place. Dr. Haller commented that his role will be concentrated in the pre hospital area of pediatric and children trauma, which has been his primary background while at Johns Hopkins. He read a letter from Dr. Alcorta, Acting State EMS Director, stating that there will be no certification of EMT-A EOA, removing the EOA's from BLS units by July 1, 1994, and the phasing out of its use by CRT's and EMT-P's.

D. Mooney expressed the concerns of several over the recent article in the Baltimore Sun which did not portray the fire service very favorably and implied that we are against change. He noted the many meetings covering voluminous EMS issues which were worked out with Dr. Cowley over the years. Dr. Haller spoke very strongly on the fact that the new team is committed to work with all aspects of the EMS community to continually improve the EMS system. EMS Chairman Wills expressed in thoughts that the report that was responsible for the newspaper article was not released by anyone to make the emergency services look bad but instead was to make the State look bad. Lengthy discussion was held on mutual concerns and issues involving the EMS community.

President Fleshman provided the members of the Governor's Commission on Emergency Medical Services. They include: Dr. James A. D'Orta, Chairman, Physician With Experience & Interest; Nelson J. Sabitini, Vice Chairman, Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene or designee; Charles L. Benton, Secretary of Budget & Fiscal Planning or Designee; Colonel Larry W. Tolliver, Superintendent of Maryland State Police or Designee; Benjamin L. Brown, University of Maryland Board of Regents; Dr. Kimball Maull, Director, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems; Carol Anne Mays, R.N., Nurse with Experience & Interest in EMS; A. Samuel Cook, Esquire, Citizen with Interest & Knowledge in EMS; William J. Fleshman, President MSFA, State Fire & Rescue Operations; Dr. J. Andrew Sumner, American College of Emergency Physicians; Allen L. Sckwait, Esquire, Citizen at Large; Senator Francis X. Kelly, Jr., Citizen at Large; Bat. Chief Donald Howell, Career Fire & Rescue Services; and Tricia L. Slawinski, Staff.

FIRE PREVENTION - Chairperson J. White reported that the Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland is moving forward on an awareness project on kitchen fires which will be presented in the Baltimore metro area first. She relayed that the Ladies Auxiliary is focusing their fire prevention project on kitchen fire safety. She reported that the Committee for the Governor's Fire Safety

Symposium is considering a two day seminar for next year with workshops repeated for those attending only one day and for additional selections. The committee will be publishing the protocols for use of Smokey Bear in the fire prevention book updates. Information on the various fire prevention awards will be mailed to all departments after the January meeting. As a part of the community involvement projects being implemented is the donation of books to the local libraries about fire fighting, fire safety, emergencies, on a variety of reading levels from pre-school through grade 8. The

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committee has purchased four sets of 25 books and are showing them at various association meetings at this time. Over 100 newspapers across the state have been supplied with a list of fall fire safety tips. She reported that the fire prevention book which was produced by the Maryland Fire Chief's Association in 1987 will be updated as a joint effort between the chiefs and this association, with a target date for distribution being the state convention.

SCHOLARSHIP - Chairman Olsen reported that the committee has received two requests for scholarship information which has been provided to them. He also reported on the passing of committee member Melvin Schwearing and requested that he be replaced.

17 STATE CIRCLE - Chairman Ferguson reported that the work on the outside of the building has been completed. This includes the foundation pointing up, painting of the roof, and scraping, priming, and painting of the siding. He is planning on doing some painting on the interior before the first of the year. D. Mooney asked the Treasurer if the requested laying aside each year of \$1,000. per year shows on the budget? The Treasurer advised that he is in the process of setting aside this amount each year in a separate interest bearing account which will show on the Treasurer's report.

BOARD OF REVIEW - Chairman Cross and Secretary D' Camera presented the following applications for assistance: 93-01 from the Accident Volunteer Fire Company requesting a \$55,000. loan and a \$55,000. grant for the replacement of a tanker. The Board of Review rejected this request because the old tanker is still in service, their financial documentation stated that the department was able to repay some \$20,000. per year which the Board felt that they could purchase a unit with this amount, and the department has an older unit which is also in service. The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by G. Curfman:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCUR WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW ON APPLICATION 93-01 FROM THE ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. Passed.

Application 93-02 from the Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company requesting a \$179,403.43 grant for the replacement of their station. The Board of Review rejected this request because the Board can only approve the request for housing of one piece of apparatus and their facility meets the standards. The department stated that they had planned to sell the old station and use the funds to build a activities hall. The following motion was made by G. Curfman and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCUR WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW ON APPLICATION 93-02 FROM THE FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. Passed.

Application 93-03 from the Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department requesting a \$116,500. grant for the replacement of an engine. The Board of Review recommends that due to the number of incidents that the department responds to, the area it serves, and that the old engine is still in service but will not pass a pumping test, that a used engine be obtained. The Board approved a \$38,000. grant for

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the replacement of an engine with a used engine. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCUR WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW ON APPLICATION 93-03 FROM THE RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. Passed.

Application 93-04 from the Graceham Volunteer Fire Company requesting a \$162,712.52 grant to pay debts and make repairs to the building. The Board of Review after investigation and meeting with the department rejected the request due to the information learned. The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by D. Mooney:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCUR WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW ON APPLICATION 93-04 FROM THE GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. Passed.

Chairman Cross commented that the East New Market department was at their last meeting to thank the Board and the Association for their assistance, that they are getting back on their feet, and returned \$1076.79 to the State which was not used.

STATISTICAL - C. Jewell requested of the Executive Committee access to the Statistical Committee's data base on apparatus inventories, which the Association would be paid for the information. This information would be used for the compiling of a report for the insurance industry on water supply. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY ACCESS TO THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION AS REQUESTED.
Passed.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - Chairperson L. Woods presented an inventory of items on hand, and relayed that the jacket order must have the total amount of funds before the order will be

accepted. T. Mattingly relayed that the jacket company is not going to charge the computer set up fees of some \$200., but would like to have the Executive Committee approve the use of the Association logo by this company, but for the Association's use only and not to the public. He offered to handle the coordination with the company for the Convention Committee on behalf of the Association. D. Mooney felt that the Executive Committee did not have to approve the use of the logo by Association committees.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Chairman Brooks reported that the State MDE has outlined certain program terminations and layoffs within their department which will have an affect on the emergency services. The committee acknowledged the cooperation and support from that agency. He relayed that only 2 volunteer departments have entered into the agreement with the State for reimbursement of contractor costs for hazard materials (HB-931), and urged all departments to take advantage of this program. The committee expressed its concerns over the amount of discussion at the SERC Training

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Committee regarding the volunteer fire companies. This discussion centered around the lack of interest in haz. mat. training and what the SERC could do to assist. The chairman commented that the SERC does not belong intervening in our motivation and that the MFRETC had the opportunity to correct this and failed to act. The committee discussed the draft presented by the commission and why it was abandoned. They recommend that the Association to prompt the MFRETC to reopen this issue and adopt the haz. mat. training standard. The following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE DRAFT FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING. Passed.

TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Chairman Stathem reported that this years night will be held on April 13, 1992, and the show is entitled "Shenandoah" with the ticket price staying at \$20.00. Please make the checks out to the MSFA.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY LIAISON - Representative Cumberland offered highlights of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service and thanked everyone who assisted with this years program. It was suggested that the volunteers who participate in the program be equally represented during the presentation.

MARYLAND FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION - President Cumberland reported that a joint officers training seminar is being offered this weekend in Cambridge, and reminded all departments of the January Chief Officers Seminar.

Assistant Chaplain Knauer offered a prayer before the meeting was recessed for lunch served by the Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary. President Fleshman called the meeting back to order and introduced Mr. Ed Mason from the Governor's Office who spoke on the Community Energy Conservation Program. The meeting was then turned back to Executive Committee Chairman Wood who continued with reports.

FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS - Chairman Petre reported on the pins which are available that commemorate the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. He relayed that the book that they are preparing for their committee should be in draft form by our January meeting.

The following motion was made by C. Stack and seconded by F. Jester:

**MOTION: THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8 & 9 AND SEPTEMBER 11, 1992
BE APPROVED. Passed.**

President Fleshman introduced Fire Marshal Gabriele and Michael Seipp, Director of Community Assistance from the Governor's Office. They spoke on the Task Force on Uniform Maryland Building Performance Standards. This task force is charged with finding a way to simplify the regulatory building standards maze without infringing on local prerogatives. They are working to

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address the many differing interests concerning uniformity in building standards and to reach a consensus on a legislative proposal that balances these interests. Lengthy discussion was held.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION - Chairman Denver reported on a meeting with the Governor's Office on Volunteerism, in which they discussed the possibility of assistance from the Governor's Office in a statewide recruitment drive. They felt that funding for such a program could be obtained from some of the major corporations in the State. The Executive Committee felt that this would be a very positive program and encouraged the committee to proceed.

MFRETC - Vice Chairman Shimer asked for a clarification on the motion offered for the haz. mat. training program draft. The clarification offered was for the mandated haz. mat. training program. He reported that the Commission is trying to develop the program which is mandated by the federal government and that the draft document has been revised to drop the references to the OSHA and NFPA standard. Chairman Brooks of the Haz. Mat. Committee stressed the need for the program to not conflict with local jurisdictional programs. He reported that lengthy discussion was held around the MFRI budget and funding levels.

911 BOARD - Representative Shimer reported on recent inspections of the 911 centers and went over some of the local jurisdiction updates.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - Representative Shimer reported on the effects of HB-931, which states that local governments and fire services have a right to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the MDE to give the local fire service the ability to contract direct for emergency response service with an environmental contractor and the State would reimburse them for certain costs occurred by them.

DIRECTORY - A written report from the Chairman was distributed. It relayed that the 1992-93 Directory is being distributed and that only 800 copies are able to be printed.

MICRB - Representative King reported that currently there are 525 level II certified instructors and 9 instructor trainers, with 124 instructor evaluators. He also relayed that the Board is starting to go thru the recodification process for their regulations as required every three years.

EMS - Chairman Wills highlighted his lengthy report and urged the Executive Committee to distribute the attached letters from MIEMSS personnel. He discussed meetings held with Dr. Kimball Maull, Dr. Richard Alcorta, and Dr. D'Orta. He strongly stressed the importance of the current EMS issues and urged every jurisdiction and individual to keep abreast of the ever changing issues which greatly affect the emergency services. Both Chairman Wills and President Fleshman along with several others expressed their feelings that Dr. Maull and his immediate staff are willing to work with us for the betterment of the emergency services. He also relayed that he has been appointed to the search committee for filling the State EMS Director's position. Questions were asked about the First Responder Course, the dedicated funds from the recent legislation, and the Statewide Hepatitis Program. Chairman Wills advised that he will look into these issues and report back.

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CERTIFICATION BOARD - Representative C. Carpenter reported that currently there are approximately 15,000 State certified firefighters and 1200 with national certification. He noted that December 31, 1992 is the deadline to receive a national certificate of compliance for the \$5. fee, and that after this date it will cost \$15. for national certification. He noted that the funding for the Board is being depleted and that all non permanent members will be assessed a \$250. annual fee. He pointed out that the Association is a permanent member and is not required to pay an assessment but reminded

the Executive Committee that the Association did contribute on the original assessment. The following motion was made by F. Jester and seconded by D. Mooney:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTE \$250. TO THE CERTIFICATION BOARD. Passed.

MARYLAND FIRE CHIEF'S - President Cumberland discussed the efforts of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association in the area of improving the training for officer level personnel across the State, and the importance of this issue as the Certification Board is considering certification in this area.

NVFC - Delegate Tharp and Alternate Cumberland reported on attending the fall meeting in Juneau, Alaska. They discussed the proposed commemorative medal which if works out could make from between 2 and 4 million dollars for the Foundation. The Foundation will be one of eight national organizations to benefit from the sale of the commemorative medal under the Benjamin Franklin Fire Service Bill of Rights. This is a separate Foundation from the Fallen Firefighters Foundation. They reported that an announcement was made that all current members of the 1500 Committee have been required to resubmit applications to remain on the committee. Our representative reported that a technical interim amendment was submitted requiring a four person minimum staffing. They reported that an initiative is underway which could do away with FEMA due

to thoughts that they are in-effective. The fire service must monitor this issue to find out what will happen to the US Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy. This effort is spear headed by Senator Mikulski and it was noted that we need to keep her informed. They relayed that a formal motion was passed recognizing the NVFC's commitment to supporting EMS in the volunteer fire service and to insure the inclusion of EMS topics in Council products. A business plan for the development of a fulltime office for the Council including an Executive Director and part-time clerical staff was proposed. T. Tharp pointed out to the Executive Committee that funding was not provided in the budget for sending both the delegate and the alternate to the spring meeting. The budget short fall is \$1180. for the Nebraska meeting. He relayed that the sooner a decision is made on the funding the better price break can be taken advantage of. He also discussed the proposal to develop an agreement with the MFCA for representatives and funding assistance. MFCA President Cumberland reinforced the offer from the Chief's Association. After discussion it was recommended that the Budget Committee review the budget by the January meeting and bring back a recommendation.

INSURANCE - Chairman Gosnell brought out that individual members of departments that may be required to have testing made for HIV, after an incident, that in those areas in which the county government does not pay for this testing to submit the claim to their department insurance companies. He asked that in these cases to keep the Insurance Committee advised and they will have additional

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information at our January meeting. He advised that a current inventory list will be provided to the VFIS by the November due date and the Data Systems Committee will submit supplemental reports to them as needed.

The meeting was turned back to President Fleshman who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer for the benediction. The meeting was recessed at 1600 hours. The meeting was called back to order by President Fleshman at 0900 hours. Assistant Chaplain Knauer opened the meeting with a brief service, the invocation, and led the pledge to allegiance. President Fleshman recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; T. L. Reynolds, 71-72; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; 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; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; and B. J. Smith, 91-92. He introduced those guests who were in attendance including the officers of the Ladies Auxiliary. The President relayed information on the possibility of obtaining an old fire station to be used as a museum. The Gaithersburg Mayor and Council has made an offer to the Association to turn over the old Gaithersburg-Washington Grove fire station for this purpose. They also are willing to try and obtain federal funding to renovate the exterior of the building. The building is located in the Gaithersburg Historical Area and he is asking for the concurrence of the Executive Committee so that he can move forward. He plans to appoint Past President Thompson and Mr. B. D. Gladhill and others to study the proposal.

President Fleshman presented a letter from the Bradley On The Bay Association expressing

their feelings over the negative actions and behavior of firefighters occupying their units during the 1992 convention. The specific departments which were mentioned included, Morningside, Cottage City, Denton, and Parsonsburg.

The President read a letter from the Governor thanking the volunteers of the emergency services for their service to the citizens of Maryland, and pledging the efforts of the Office on Volunteerism in establishing a recruitment program. The meeting was then turned over to Executive Committee Chairman Wood who continued with reports.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley reported that the committee has been keeping abreast of the budget crises as the Federal, State, and local levels. He relayed that the current status of funding of interest is:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
508 Program	\$4,950,000.	00	\$4,950,000.
Board of Trustees	125,000.	00	125,000.
MSFA Grant	92,000.	00	92,000.
Emergency Assistance Trust Fund	500,000.	\$127,756.	372,244.
Plus Loan Repayments	175,000.	--	

547,244.

He relayed that the 508 funds have been held up at the State level and have not been forwarded to the county governments. They have met with the Lieutenant Governor to discuss the feasibility of introducing the income tax incentive bill this session. At first they both felt that it might be bad timing to introduce this legislation, but after explaining what we have held off for four years and that we need

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some type of incentive to retain volunteers, they decided that this might be the year to try. In order to show the value of volunteers the committee will need to show the amount of money that the volunteer departments save each county. The opening of the 1993 session will be on Wednesday, January 13, 1993. The committee asked that if any individuals or jurisdictions are seeking statewide legislation concerning the emergency services to contact the Legislative Committee.

President Fleshman introduced Mr. Dick Johnson who is the Acting Chairman of the Golden Hour Coalition, Inc. This is a group of interested individuals and doctors who are concerned over the multiple problems of the emergency medical system and the shock trauma center. He spoke to those in attendance of their concerns.

DATA SYSTEMS - Chairman Jackson reported that the inventory of Association own equipment is progressing and should be complete by our January meeting. He relayed that at least five of our old computers are in such a condition that it would cost more to have them updated than they are worth, and that the equipment would still be hold. The committee requested permission to dispose of this equipment and asked how to dispose of the equipment. After discussion the following motion was made by D. Mooney and seconded by G. Worthington:

MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE DATA SYSTEMS COMMITTEE TO DISPOSE OF

THE OUTDATED AND OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE FOR OUR RECORDS. Passed.

TRANSPORTATION - Chairman Hetz and Vice Chairman D. Carpenter distributed a copy of the Procedures Manual and highlighted various points of the manual. The 1993 re-certification procedures will include: 1) Cut of certificates on January 1, 1993. Coordinators must turn in all green copies and associated fees to the Chairman by January 10, 1993; 2) The committee will stabilize the database on February 1, 1993; 3) The committee will stuff coordinator's packages on February 6, 1993; 4) Recertification forms and fees will be turned in on April 17, 1993. Coordinators will be scheduled to turn in certification forms and fees. NOTE: No certifications will be issued between January 1 and April 17, 1993. The chairman estimated that currently there are 11000 tags in service which should realize about \$55,000. from the recertification process.

STATISTICAL - Chairman Worthington reported that the final 1991 statistical information is nearing completion with an estimated printing of November 15th. He relayed that only 45 departments did not provide the requested statistical information.

SAFETY - J. Mattingly reported that the committee is working on preparing a slide presentation to be used at the convention and to draw up a set of parade safety rules and regulations which will be presented at the January Executive Committee meeting. The committee will be exploring funding possibilities for their projects. D. Mooney felt that the projects which the committee are working on are needed and that funding can be obtained for them. They distributed a brochure entitled "Using Belts, Bags, and Brains" which was obtained from the GEICO Insurance Company. The committee

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will be meeting on a monthly basis and not quarterly in order to meet their objectives. Chairman J. White of the Fire Prevention Committee brought out that her committee had been the representative on the Maryland Safety Council but questioned whether the Safety Committee should be better for this representation. She also pointed out that information which is learned from this organization is more applicable to the Safety Committee, and that the dues have doubled, (now \$200.), to this organization. It was suggested that the two committees look into both the membership and the dues for the Maryland Safety Council.

PRESIDENT'S AUTO - Chairman J. Mattingly reported that the committee will be meeting with the officers and possibly looking at a vehicle which would be a more sellable vehicle.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Chairman Powell reported that they have paid out \$24,735. in pensions and \$855. to disabled firefighters, with a total of \$54,304. paid out since convention. They have 23 widows, 7 orphans, and 2 firefighters on the pension list. At their meeting they approved the death benefits for the late James Stavely, III, of Braddock Heights. They still have an outstanding death benefit to pay when the forms are returned for the late Herbert Campbell of Middle River.

ALS - Chairman Robinson reported that they are very closely involved with MIEMSS during the transition period. They do concur with the removal of the EOA program at all levels, as long as an

adequate means for ventilation is provided. They feel that with the movement towards EMT-P as the only ALS standard of care that this should be done with modular training and that if a CRT elects to not advance that the individual be allowed to continue to practice. This evolvement should be done with attrition over a period of time, with at a certain time no longer offered as a certification level. They recommended that ET intubation training permitted on manikins.

J. Snyder brought out that Maryland law states that the CRT will be the level of ALS care, with EMT-P being a voluntary program, and that this Association and others must make a decision as to the direction of the EMS levels of care must be determined. Chairman Robinson concurred with this and felt that at some point the EMS and ALS committees along with the Executive Committee must make a decision, as it has been somewhat addressed in the Ten Year Plan. EMS Chairman Wills pointed out that the EMS Committees are keeping abreast of this issue, that MIEMSS would not even propose such a law change until all aspects of a new program are in place, and that MIEMSS has assured him that no appreciable loss in ALS service will occur anywhere in the State.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ROOM - Vice Chairman Watkins relayed that they have a new board for the Past Presidents and will be taken care of, as well as putting back to other board which is at MFRI. Past President Mattingly reported that he had found the cabinets unlocked and asked that this be looked into, along with the possibility of any lost items.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL - Fire Marshal Gabriele spoke on the Governor's Fire Safety Symposium recently held with 350 in attendance with individuals from Canada in attendance. Feedback has been very good with the committee already planning for next year. He relayed that 508 funding is still in the budget, but the checks have been held up. He reported that his office will not be inspecting foster care

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homes and they have forwarded a report for a pilot privatization program for inspections. He does not know what will be the outcome for this report. That the Governor has re-appointed Ted Lansgoner, and appointed Chief Ed Sherlock and Ms. Lidia Butterworth, to the State Fire Prevention Commission. The Fire Marshal relayed that a fee schedule has been developed for certain inspections and plans review, and will be presented to the Commission in November. The Fire Marshal reported that his budget has took a \$308,000. reduction in the recent budget cuts which related to a 12 percent cut, and still has 12 vacancies and will only be allowed to fill two of those positions. As a result of this individuals have been detailed to other areas along with other actions. He relayed that the FY-94 budget does not look any better for his office.

MFRI BOARD OF ADVISORS - Representative R. Graf reported that Les Helfrich is now the Acting Chairman since Chairman Leizear has moved out of State.

MFRI - Acting Director Strickland reported that the recent meeting with the officers of our Association was a very positive one and that they hope to set this up on a quarterly basis for the exchange of information. He relayed that shortly a second sprinkler demonstration will be on line and available for use. Director Strickland and Associate Director Marlett went over the MFRI

budget covering the new budget process, operating, and capitol items. The institute receives \$3,036,719. from the recent vehicle registration law and just happens to be exactly the same amount as was the University's general fund allocation. Many questions concerning the intent of the new law and its interputation were raised, along with the earned income of the institute. No new or replacement vehicles have been purchased for along time, but some have to be replaced at this time due to the old units are totally worn-out. They reported that the local areas must assist with the care, maintenance, and usage of the regional training centers. They reported that the institute development section has been cut and individuals reassigned.

The meeting was turned back to President Fleshman who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer for the blessing before recessing for lunch. President Fleshman called the meeting back to order and presented the Ocean City ladies auxiliary with a check for their assistance during the weekend and thanked them for their efforts. The meeting was then turned back to Executive Committee Chairman Woods who continued with reports.

Past President Mattingly relayed that the MFRI Director Search Committee has concluded their search and present Dr. Kirwan with their recommendations for the position.

TRAINING - Chairman Watkins reported that the schedule developed for the 92-93 year exceeds the available funding level by 60 percent, and that this was done base on past experience with come classes having insufficient enrollment to be offered. He relayed that should this prove to be incorrect, that MFRI is prepared to shift funds from other areas to support the enhanced level of field deliveries. He relayed that MFRI is working with the Voluntary Qualifications Board regarding the changes in the firefighter standard and certification. They hope to have a smooth transition from the current three levels of firefighter certification to the new two levels. He also reported that MFRI has reduced the class size from 30 to 25 due to support instructors not being used when they were called for based on

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the material being taught.

NFPA OVERVIEW - Chairman Huttenloch reported that the committee has reviewed the 31 Technical Committee Reports Proposals for the May 1993 Annual Meeting of the NFPA. They agree in the basic plans of the proposals and two new standards are being considered. They are: 1420 A Recommended Practice For Pre-Incident Planning For Warehouse Occupancies, and 1977 Standards On Protective Clothing And Equipment For Wildland Fire Fighting. Lengthy discussions were held dealing with the NFPA process, "The Only Game In Town", and the politics of the organization. The State Fire Marshal pointed out that the fire service is not being represented on the actual voting and working committees of the organization because they cannot afford to travel and actively participate. The committee will continue to monitor the NFPA issues and keep the Maryland fire service aware.

STANDARDS - Chairman Huttenloch reported that they have sent a letter to all departments with aerial ladder trucks soliciting input in an effort to update this standard.

PROGRAM - Chairman Piringer reporting that the committee has critiqued last years convention program and is currently working on ideas for the 1993 convention program.

FORESTRY - Alan Zentz reported that Maryland had personnel assisting with the wildland fires in Idaho. He discussed the recent Class A Foam workshop which they conducted and they are still awaiting word on their request for federal funding in the dry hydrant program. 31 departments across the state received \$34,200. in funding from the Rural Community Assistance Program, and the excess property program is still available. He reported that they responded to 468 fires with 2918 acres being burned.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & BULLETIN - Chairman Gatton reported that the latest issue of the Trumpet has been mailed, and the next deadline is November 1. He is still awaiting information on the meeting locations and dates across the state so that they may be included.

CONVENTION - Chairman King reported that final details of the 1992 convention should be completed soon and they have critiqued the last convention. He relayed that information on the Program Book and Exhibitors will be going out sooner this year, and other work has already started for the 1993 convention. The committee is asking that individuals across the State obtain flags from their jurisdiction to be used for the convention.

BESSIE MARSHALL FUND - Chairman E. Huttenloch relayed that they are still collecting lottery funds for the Fund. They have paid 15 cases for a total of \$10,650. She reminded all departments that when an application is made the money is not issued until all verification and paperwork has been completed.

FIRE LAWS BOOK - Chairman Chisholm reported that they are working in a catch up mode at this time. They will have to collect two years worth of legislation and updates. They plan to be back on schedule after this year, which would mean having the publication available by each October. This year

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the publication should be available by the end of December. They plan on a distribution during the first of the Legislative Session. G. Worthington asked if instead of printing the book could the fire laws be put on the computer bulletin board and meet the goal and save money? The Chairman will check into this and report back. The President pointed out that the State Fire Marshal had relayed his displeasure for not having a book published this past year.

Chairman Wood after discussions relayed that a decision on the request from the NVFC representatives will be handled at the January meeting.

D. Mooney reported that the committee appointed to review the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund Board of Review has been meeting with many issues being discussed. He relayed that they are reluctant to approach the legislation for any changes due to the current budget problems, but they have met with a representative of the State Budget Office. Some good dialogue was conducted and some clarifications were received. They learned that deferred payments can be made

and an extension can be issued. They are also are concerned over the requirement in our By-Laws that the Board of Review must report to the Executive Committee for concurrence. The committee will have a more detailed report for the January meeting.

Under executive session the Executive Committee discussed the appointment of a committee to explore the feasibility of obtaining the old fire station in Gaithersburg. The President appointed a feasibility committee consisting of Chairman Robert Wilson, B. D. Gladhill, L. B. Thompson, E. Bosanko, and Attorney R. Powell. The committee will be instructed to study the financial impact involved with such a venture.

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

MOTION: THAT THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE IN NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS, THE CENTENNIAL ITEMS THEY HAVE. Passed.

The meeting was turned back to President Fleshman who called upon Assistant Chaplain Knauer for the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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