

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 24 & 25, 1993**  
**MIDLAND, MARYLAND**

The Executive Committee was called to order by President William J. Fleshman at 0900 hours at the Midland Volunteer Fire Company. The President called upon Chaplain Damewood who, offered the opening prayer and led the pledge to allegiance. President Fleshman introduced Vice President Jim Dick of the Midland department who welcomed the Association to Midland. The President then recognized Secretary Kenneth May of the Allegany County Fire Board. Mr. May, representing the County Commissioners, presented an Allegany County flag to Convention Chairman Leonard King for use at the Convention, and also welcomed the Association to Allegany County. Chairman King thanked Allegany County for the flag and conveyed that it will be put to good use by the Association.

President Fleshman then recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: J. W. Smith, 54-55; L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; 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; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; and B. J. Smith, 91-92.

The President recognized Ladies Auxiliary President Janet Pfeiffer. Janet presented to President Fleshman on behalf of the M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary a donation of \$3,000, to be used towards a new copy machine at 17 State Circle. President Pfeiffer presented a check for \$5,000 to Convention Chairman King as a donation toward convention expenses. President Fleshman recognized the other officers of the Ladies Auxiliary and guests in attendance. He then went into reports of the officers.

PRESIDENT - President Fleshman reported that the EMS Commission and the subsequent legislation has consumed most of his year. He relayed that the legislation has been passed by the legislature, but not exactly as we had hoped. He felt that we can live with it and can work to amend it in the future. He reported that they were not successful in keeping the Shock Trauma Center as a part of MIEMSS, and that it will remain a part of UMMS. He felt that the new EMS Governance Board will have enough oversight of the Shock Trauma Center budget to reduce the perception that they can receive state funds and use them without any oversight. The President thanked the EMS Committee for their efforts and relayed that he felt that thus far Interim Director Ashworth has been willing to meet with us. He commented that the cooperation and relationship between the officers of our Association and Dr. Alcorta remains to be very good. The President reported that the 1993 Legislative Session had been very busy for fire service related legislation, and complemented the Legislative Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary committee who assisted in Annapolis on their efforts on behalf of the Association. President Fleshman commented that around 30 individuals representing the Association will be attending the Congressional Fire Services Dinner, partially as guests of Congressman Steny Hoyer. He communicated that meetings have been arranged with several representatives and their aides during the day of the dinner. President Fleshman thanked publicly each of the officers and the committees for their outstanding work since our last Convention. The Vice-Presidents had filled in for the President at the many county, regional and special interests meetings; the Secretary and his assistants had done paramount duty; and the Treasurer Bob Saville have done exceptional work with the

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storm damage done to the car, getting things processed so that the shop could be paid. The Executive Committee has worked extra hard, we had three (3)

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special meetings, one with a major snow storm to go with it. The President noted that Sunday April 18, 1993 was a very special day to honor and pay tribute to John Hoglund. Martin's West (in Baltimore) was the place where 300+ family and many friends turned out to honor John. We wish John and Nancy well on their future planned trip to Europe.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT - Vice President Hurlock said and without being redundant of the President's report that he continues to serve with pride, and that he has thoroughly enjoyed working with so many fine individuals and the friendship he has received. The EMS situation in the state association as well as for the betterment of our dedicated career and volunteer field providers has been a major concern for this association during the past several months. I know that our EMS chairman has been working on the many problems that we have been faced with. We had the opportunity to meet with Mr. John Ashworth, the Interim Director for MIEMSS and I appreciate the meeting with us at BWI airport and his openness at trying to work with us; address some of the concerns we have, and have a meeting with some of his staff people which we would like to set up in the near future. At MFRI, we continue to work with the new Director, Steve Edwards. I compliment him, his personnel, the understanding, and hours of training, they have put forth; trying to do what they can with the dollars that they have. They have been most supportive in trying to get the most training programs out there so we may continue our education and training concerns. The concept of going around the state was an excellent idea; I would like to recognize Director Edwards and Instructor Robert Schappert on the recent article that was published in the March issue of Firehouse Magazine. I felt this article outlining the Institute was quite a tribute to the Institute, and continues to give us the recognition that we are known for. Under legislative matters, I am sure that Charles Riley and Bernie Smith are glad to see this season come to an end, as it has been a very busy one for them and the many other dedicated people that were involved as well. I would like to call attention to the fire and EMS people of western and central Maryland during the recent snowstorm that struck the state of Maryland. A great deal of gratitude goes to the many men and women for the services provided, and the number of firehouses opened up to provide lodging for stranded motorists. I would like to thank Past President Smith Stathem and his hard working committee for the great night at Toby's Dinner Theater. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. I would like to extend our thanks again for the financial support from the Ladies Auxiliary; and they have been there 100% every single time. It shows that they want to support the Association, and we do greatly appreciate what they do. Vice President Hurlock stated that he would like to recognize the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and many companies in Montgomery County that supplied assistance during the Presidential inauguration. I would like to recognize and thank Secretary Burton and Treasurer Saville and their assistants on the tremendous amount of work that they do for the Association. Very few people realize the time and effort that they put forth, and I don't feel their many hours of service should go unnoticed. If it wasn't for Mary Burton helping the Secretary, I don't know where Secretary Burton would be; she does an excellent job. Another concern that I have is that we need to address is working very closely with the State Fire Marshal's Office. Some times we fail to recognize the amount of work they are doing with limited manpower. There was many times in Annapolis that the Fire Marshal was fighting for the positions, programs, and budget items. Some of our State Officers have had the opportunity to meet with Congressional Representatives, Hoyer and Bartlett to express our concerns on certain issues of the fire service. I think we sometimes fail to recognize that these

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people are working for us and we need to touch bases with them. One group of people that I have failed to mention in my past reports are the County Commissioners and County Administrator of Queen Anne's County, for their continued support of me and the understanding when I am away from my job. This has meant a lot to me and I appreciate their

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consideration. Unfortunately as you probably know that we have lost a member of our Executive Committee, Ron Winter, who recently passed away. Adequate notifications did not get out to all of our people. I still have to stress the need to communicate with one another. The Association cannot be successful unless we communicate.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Yinger relayed that most of his report had been covered by his predecessors. We can not say enough about the Legislative Committee chaired by Charlie Riley and Bernie Smith; they have really worked hard this year. Charlie Wills and the EMS Committee has been working very hard keeping on top of everything in the ever changing State EMS service. I have to stress something, that when you read of someone who has been associated with the Association for many years dying, we do have to communicate.

SECRETARY - Secretary Burton reported that all communications received by the Secretary's Office have been properly executed and recorded since our last meeting. Minutes of the regular meeting and the special meeting were transcribed, duplicated and forwarded to all on the mailing list. Dues notices, memorial forms, and credentials forms were mailed to all companies in December, and a special follow up in March. Final suspension notice was mailed to the following companies who failed to pay their dues: EWELL, RIDGE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, & WEST FRIENDSHIP. Three new companies have been approved for active membership: NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, and the NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD. The Seventh District Rescue Squad, of Shadyside, has disbanded and has been removed from the rolls. Records of the Association show that there are 357 active member companies of which 354 have paid their dues and 3 companies are delinquent and suspended at this time; 2 associate companies, and 1 sustaining member. Request is made that committee chairpersons having any material to be included in the convention packets have all copies in the hands of the Secretary no later than 0800 Sunday, June 13th. The financial report shows receipts of \$500.00 with, expenses of \$265.81 and a deficit for the last period of \$70.84, with a balance on hand of \$163.35. Assistant Secretary Hawkins reported that Receipts Received from 5/12/92 to 4/24/93 of \$ 224,382.88, of which all was turned over to the Treasurer, leaving a balance on hand of \$ 159.54.

President Fleshman offered thanks to Secretary Burton for not only the last year but for the last twenty nine years in the Secretary's Office. He stated that Secretary Burton stepping into the background and enjoy some rest and relaxation, but we will still count on you for your counsel.

TREASURER - Treasurer Saville thanked our Ladies Auxiliary for their funding of a new copier at 17 State Circle, it seems that I have been paying a lot of repair bills for that machine. He presented the report of the Treasurer's Office and reminded everyone to get all checks deposited so that the statements are up to date for the annual audit.

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President Fleshman thanked Gene Worthington of the Statistical Committee for the excellent work in compiling the much needed information. The Statistical Committee's Book was on the head table for distribution. I has heard a number of compliments from the people in Annapolis, they really value the information.

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CHAPLAIN - Chaplain Damewood reminded everyone of the May 1st deadline for deceased photos to be included in the convention memorial service. He stated that any information or photos received after the cut-off date will go into the folder for next year. If you can't find a photo, send the driver's license of the deceased member. The Chaplain spoke about the communications, or lack of communications, and stressed the need. He reminded all departments that the Chaplains stand ready to assist you in any way we can, but you must let us know.

President Fleshman acknowledged Leonard King who stated that our Association has made it a policy in the past of staying out of local volunteer issues and matters, but felt that it is time to turn around this policy when it comes to local issues threatening the very existence of volunteers. We cannot afford to stay out of local issues when we are thinking about the self-survival of the volunteer system. I think that everyone here knows that Anne Arundel County is undergoing a very stressful time, to say the least for the volunteer fire service. If we don't get involved in local issues, there won't be any volunteers left. If what is going on in Anne Arundel county continues, it will spread to other jurisdictions as they grow. It is time that we not sit back with our heads in the sand, we must stay abreast of everything and help our volunteer fire service. It is no longer necessary to help the little counties, but the larger counties need our help also.

The President turned the meeting over to the Executive Committee. Executive Committee Chairman Wood asked that everyone stand for a minute of silent prayer in the memory of Ron Winter. Executive Committee Chairman Wood asked if any of the members of the Executive Committee would like to speak about their respective counties. Mike Robinson thanked the surrounding jurisdictions to Anne Arundel County for their recent assistance. He relayed that effective March 15th the chain of command, which had been a long topic of discussion, was changed so that the volunteer fire company chief was no longer recognized by order the county fire administrator. I would ask that the State Association give us their support as they do with state issues for the survival of the volunteer system. Executive Committee Chairman Roy Wood asked that the minutes of the meeting in January and the special meeting be approved:

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING AND THE SPECIAL MEETING IN LANSDOWNE. PASSED.**

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Patti Gordy reported assisting 18 companies with their review and revisions of their By-Laws and has fielded numerous questions by telephone. She reported that a pre convention seminar will be conducted entitled "Tools of the Trade" (Parliamentary Law and By-Laws).

ATTORNEY - Attorney Powell reported that as directed by the Executive Committee he had checked into the purchases from the Commercial Emblem Company of 600 MSFA caps and 1000 MSFA 100th Anniversary pins. With this information, the Executive Committee may continue its investigation. Tom Tharp asked whether the Executive Committee was going to take any action as he stated that on the

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Secretary's tape it is inferred that he had misrepresented himself to acquire state Association property to sell for gain. Tom Tharp read the Mt. Airy minutes and listened to the tape, listened to comments that were made, the discussion that ensued, and the motion that was finally passed. On the first of November, I and my wife attended a flea market at the New Market fire department in Frederick County. I had rented two tables and was primarily there to sell National Volunteer Fire Council apparel and collectibles. We also had a table for my wife who has been

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making Florida Reindeer. In addition I was engaging in my favorite pastime of swapping patches and pins. I sold only 6 NVFC t-shirts and my wife sold one reindeer. I have 3 of these belt buckles left which I had obtained from Commercial Emblem at a time when I was President. It was my intention that day that I would have swapped one of these belt buckles if I were asked. At no time have I ever sold anything other than the NVFC material. He felt very much distressed to find out that it was brought out after he had left the January meeting. Nobody ever asked at the Flea Market whether he was selling anything or not.

Vice President Yinger stated that he had asked why the centennial items were out. Nobody accused anyone. The centennial is not over until June. I questioned what was going on, or who was purchasing anything for the Centennial, it hadn't happened under of him as chairman of that committee. Executive Committee Chairman Wood stated that there had been a misconception there that you had purchased pins and were selling them.

**MOTION: TO HAVE A STATEMENT MADE AND PUT IN THE MINUTES TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE OVER PINS AND PATCHES. PASSED.**

An apology was made to Tom Tharp from the Executive Committee Chairman. Tom Tharp stated that in the fall the National Volunteer Fire Council would be coming to Hollywood, and he would like to donate these 3 buckles to the NVFC Foundation for Auction.

**MOTION: TO ALLOW TOM THARP TO DONATE THE 3 BELT BUCKLES FOR AUCTION AT THE NVFC FOUNDATION AUCTION. PASSED.**

Richard Yinger stated that if he had offended you I am very sorry for that and that he was just questioning where the material was.

L.O.S.A.P. - The L.O.S.A.P. Committee has enclosed with this report an up-dated copy of Montgomery County and Carroll County LOSAP Laws, as they have made some changes. As chairperson of this committee it is with mixed emotions that I will no longer be able to continue this position. We plan to enjoy retirement and do some traveling. Executive Committee Mike Robinson and Roy Wood called upon the body to give Ann Hawkins a round of applause as being the first woman to chair a state committee.

AUDITING - Chairman Purdy announced that the Committee would meet at the Citizen's Truck Company in Frederick on May 11th to audit the books of the Association. Tom Mattingly asked whether a report from the Auditing Committee should be in the Program Book. Last year the report didn't show up in either the Program Book or the Proceedings Book. Leonard King reported that it will be in the Proceeding Report if it is given from the floor.

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BUDGET AND REVENUE - Chairman Hurlock stated he would like to recognize all of the committees for making the extra effort to keep their expenses at a minimum and helping us to keep our costs down. With the passage of the state budget for fiscal year 94, it appears that our state grant will be intact for the next year as well. The committee encourages all companies to make the effort to sell the \$10,000 Raffle tickets. The extra funds from the sales also help to supplement our programs within the association.

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WAYS & MEANS - Chairman Means relayed that the tickets are out, and that he will be accepting any receipts, or if you want more. Our booth at convention will be in the same place.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - Vice Chairman Richard Baker reported that there are 5 (five) proposed changes. Two of the changes concern EMS and are new standards for MICU units and chase vehicles. Again we are submitting truck standards as a minimum proposal, and if changes are needed we can upgrade these in the future. The other two proposals break down as follows; usage of sustaining membership fees submitted by a member company, and one concerning discipline for non-payment of dues.

The Board of Review Chairman G. Fred Cross stated that it would be nice to get these truck standards passed this time. A question was asked by Jay Grimes of how a member company who does not own any fire equipment can be made to adhere to our standards, and what disciplines would make them do so. Don Mooney stated that the standards are used when you become a member. A long discussion with many of the Association's officers on whether we have any truck standards at the present time, which has left us with no correct wording in our By-Laws.

MARYLAND FIRE AND RESCUE INSTITUTE - Director Edwards reported on the Institutes activities for the last several months. Through a joint effort with the President's Board of Advisors we have made revisions to the composition of the Board with the last revision being in 1975. Currently the individuals that serve on the Board serve as individuals, but will now serve as members of organizations. The new voting members of the Board of Advisors will be: the Maryland State Firemen's Association (3); the Maryland Fire Chief's Association (2); the Maryland/DC Professional Firefighters (1); the Maryland Council of Fire/Rescue Academies (1); Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (1); the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, Chesapeake Chapter (1); and from Maryland Industry (1). The language of the charter of the Board of Advisors has been updated to reflect the 1990's. Dr. Kirwan has accepted the document and has accepted the revisions. We have acknowledged 9 major goals that we will achieve this year. These being: Total Quality Management, MFRI Policy and Procedures Manual, Communications System Improvements, Program Development and Delivery Enhancement, Review of Equipment and Faculty Utilization, Marketing Strategy, Increase Research and Development Activities, Improve Professional/Personal Development, and Develop Multi-Year Fire/Rescue Education and Training Plan. Statewide regional visits were a great help and were well attended, averaging approximately 50 to 75 persons per meeting. Through these meetings the Director learned a tremendous amount about our state. The major overriding theme of these meetings was the need for more quality training. Effective July 1st there will be a change in training programs offered by the Institute; Firefighter I will be 117 Hours, Firefighter II will be 57 Hours, these will replace Essential 1 through 6 programs. We were able to improve each program with the most modern techniques. Effective January 1, 1994 we will have the Fire Officer I program, and shortly thereafter we will have the Fire Officer II program; all these programs will be in-line

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with the National Standards. The MFRI image to some may have lost, but I assure you that we have not lost national stature. We did have an article in Firehouse Magazine, and we will have a full two page article with photographs in the July issue which will be distributed at the Baltimore Firehouse Expo. Let me talk about the budget; a concerted effort was made this year to have MFRI funded through the Emergency Medical Systems Operations Fund; unfortunately we had a good argument but a bad year; therefore we received the same amount of funding as last year, and will only be able to offer the same amount of classes as last year. A question was asked Chairman Wood about the no-show problem. The

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Director stated there is still a problem in that we are scheduling about 170% personnel in classes we put on. We still have a problem with a small amount of personnel who doesn't show up after signing up; we will have to put these personnel in some other category as so not to keep training away from the people who desire it.

FIRE PREVENTION - Chairperson Judy White reported the committee met at Potomac Heights Vol. Fire Co. on April 18, and will meet on July 11, at the Denton Fire Co. She acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation from Ed Dishman. She reported on making quite a large number of related meetings, and working with the steering committee for the Governor's Fire and Safety Symposium. She said that the committee has made several purchases including replacement of the display board and an additional table top rack and fire prevention materials. She reported that we were seeking 8"x 10" photographs of fire safety education activities for the display board. The caramate and visual aids are to be moved to the MFRI regional offices soon. Documentation of these aids will be coming shortly.

HISTORICAL & ARCHIVES - Chairman Carpenter reported that the committee has produced an inventory of nearly all historical items owned by the Association including at the University of Maryland. Vice Chairman Bosanko has been assisted in the search for a state firemen's Association museum building, hopefully in Gaithersburg. The Chairman asked permission to make a photographic copy of the Association's logo for use at convention's backstage, we are currently borrowing the copy from 17 State Circle, and we are afraid of it getting damaged. The Convention Chairman advised him to obtain the needed item. D. Mooney advised that any committee doing the work of the Association does not need the approval of the Board.

17 STATE CIRCLE - Chairman Ferguson reported that all work had been done as expected.

BOARD OF REVIEW - Chairman Cross and Secretary D' Camera presented the following as result of a meeting at Taylor's Island on March 28th: Application 93-09 from the Flintstone Fire Company, their third application asked for a new building loan of \$82,161.35, and a grant of \$95,000. The Board approved a loan of \$80,000 for ten years and a grant of \$38,506 to build a new building. Barney Miller stated that Flintstone wanted to withdraw their application and in September re-bid their building and makes another application. No formal withdrawal has been received from Flintstone. Chairman Cross stated by Maryland law we must accept the lowest bid. A discussion ensued on the rules governing the Board of Review and its loans and grants.

**MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW'S APPROVAL OF LOAN OF \$80,000. AND A GRANT OF \$38,506 FOR FLINTSTONE FOR A NEW BUILDING.**

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**PASSED.**

Application 93-10 from Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company for the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck to request a loan of \$160,000 and a grant of \$256,000. The Board approved a grant of \$116,974.04 for \$100,000 going toward the purchase of a new truck, and \$16,974.04 going toward paying off an earlier application, and they have through their Mayor and County Commissioners secured the balance of funding for a ladder truck.

**MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW'S APPROVAL OF A GRANT OF \$116,974.04 FOR BRUNSWICK FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LADDER TRUCK. PASSED.**

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Application 93-11 from Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad requesting a loan of \$145,000 and a grant of \$25,000 to refinance a building already purchased. According to Maryland laws, the Board cannot accept applications to refinance. Newburg also asked for a \$15,000 grant to put in a state required driveway, curbing and repairs to their septic system.

**MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW'S APPROVAL OF A GRANT OF \$15,000. TO NEWBURG FOR NECESSARY DRIVEWAY, CURBING AND SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIRS. PASSED.**

Application 93-12 from Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company for a loan of \$30,000 and a grant of \$50,000 for the purchase of a used aerial ladder truck from the Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Company. The Board approved a loan of \$30,000 for ten years and a grant of \$50,000 for the purchase of a used ladder truck.

**MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW'S APPROVAL OF A LOAN OF \$30,000. AND A GRANT OF \$50,000. TO ROCK HALL FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN USED LADDER TRUCK. PASSED.**

Chairman Cross stated that he has been on the board for twelve years and he thanked everyone for all of the help and cooperation. Lee N. Sacks stated that there should be a printed clarification on what was said this morning concerning the Board of Review membership so that future Board of Review applicants would know of this.

SAFETY- Chairman Winter reported the committee met in January, February, and March. The committee has ordered seat belt stickers, pens, balloons, and safety brochures, to be given out at the convention. As of this date we have received \$2,800 in donations with more donations to come in. John Spiker made commitments to put on a presentation at the convention; letters were sent out requesting additional donations as we were not funded adequately from the Association. Budget & Revenue Chairman Hurlock stated that this would be better tabled till tomorrow's meeting.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - Chairperson Laura Woods stated that everything has been ordered for Ocean City.



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PUBLIC ADDRESS- Chairman Freeman is looking for a cabinet maker to keep from adding any patches to the existing speaker housings; Bill Huttenloch is looking into mike suppressor that will only come on when a person talks into one; this will cut down on much noise from the system, and this will be in the budget for next year.

AWARDS- Chairman Graf reported that there was no funding available for the printing of any books this year, hopefully next year we will find the funds.

DIRECTORY - Chairman White reported receiving many change of addresses, and on the eastern shore there are many areas going away from their route numbers, in favor of street addresses.

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HAZ MAT - Chairman Brooks reported that he was happy to report that the Minimum Standards for Hazardous Materials Training has been adopted by the MFRETC. The MFRETC should be congratulated for their persistence and leadership in this worth while endeavor. At our April meeting, Robert Dickover of MEMA reported that Maryland has received \$55,000 in federal funding for haz-mat training with a substantial percentage going to MFRI. The burden is upon us to use all of this money for haz mat training, so when these courses in Awareness and Operations are offered we should see that our people utilize this training.

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - Representative Shimer reported that the council has met on a quarterly basis. Dave McMillion continues to update us as he travels about the states on items that would be of interest to us. During the March meeting, Ms. Kay Hunley, who has represented the Red Cross is leaving and will be reassigned. Kay reported that the Red Cross had identified about 2,100 volunteers in Florida, however, only 200 responded to the call for assistance; finding their own needs more of prime causes. Florida is looking at ways to improve its mutual aid plans in getting assistance from nearby jurisdictions, as we have done in Maryland. Mr. Dave McMillion reported plans are underway to relocate MEMA from the Pikesville location to Camp Fretterd in 1995, which should have more than sufficient space to accommodate all agencies in the event of statewide emergencies. Baltimore Gas & Electric and Penn Electric have donated \$600,000 towards this upgrade. Decontamination training has been working well with Baltimore City and Baltimore County at the following hospitals, Sinai, St. Joseph and Franklin Square. Some other hospitals have already stated that if you have someone who is contaminated, don't bring them to them.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION - Representative Shimer reported that the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act has provided another avenue of funding which was not previously available to the emergency services. The purpose of the (HMTUSA) is to provide for developing, improving, and implementing emergency plans, and to determine needs for regional hazmat teams. Again you can see that we had to pare down the amount of monies requested in order to get in line with the funding of \$55,000 on hand.

911 EMERGENCY NUMBERS BOARD - Representative Shimer stated that this Board of thirteen members has met three (3) times since our last Executive Board meeting. The membership is being

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changed by appointing William J. Taylor, Anne Arundel County, to replace Jay Hancock, due to ill health. Bob reported that the inspection of (PSAPs) Public Safety Answering Points will begin on April 28 with Harford County and all inspections will be made prior to June 16th. Bob reported the many county updates with their 911 systems and the Board continues to divvy up a good amount of money to further improve systems, and getting thus enhanced by 1995. A course is being developed at the Dundalk Community College and funded for \$17,000 from the ten cent fee program to provide a program for the training of tele-communicators. Once the program is developed, it becomes the property of the Board. Cellular 911 phone calls have been increasing and have an impact on some areas; legislation will be put on line to get a ten cent fee from any of the cellular systems.

MARYLAND FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING COMMISSION - Representative Shimer reported that Chairman Baginski was unable to attend due to his recent surgery, and Chief Banister was unable to attend due to the recent passing of his mother. Several of the members have been reappointed and confirmed for four years. Lemuel Roberts, Jr., Prince George's County has been appointed to the Commission to replace Steve Edwards. The Commission continues to receive excellent reports from Michael Robinson, Chairman,  
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Maryland Voluntary Fire Service Certification System; and we want to commend him.

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS COMMITTEE - Chairman Shimer noted that this committee is now repetitious with the active reports from Director Edwards and the Training Committee which you will hear; and suggested that the next President might conclude this committee. The Training Committee has been very active in helping those areas that are seeking training sites.

President Fleshman spoke on the difficulty on getting to the Commission. On Friday prior to the Saturday & Sunday meetings it is difficult to arrive at 10:00 AM in the morning; if the Commission would change their starting to 1 or 2 PM it would help quite a bit. Bob Shimer stated that the Commission has tried to keep the meeting within the normal working hours, otherwise, the Commission personnel would have to travel late at night; but I will advise them of your concerns.

E.M.S. - Chairman Wills reported he was \$63 over budget this year. This has been a long year for mailing expenses. This has been a busy time since our January meeting. In addition to the many long and fruitful meetings I must pay tribute to the Legislative Committee. Their efforts in Annapolis to the EMS providers can not be understated. I attended a new automatic defibrillator class in Calvert County in early March, this is a basic tool that will be carried by probably first responders, by EMT's; I think you will see this riding on engine companies within a few years. Again Mike Robinson and Anne Arundel have pushed on this for many years. I attended an EMS managing officers meeting and received some terse comments from my attendance at this meeting. It was held in Columbia, Howard County; this Association was not, nor any of its committees, extended an invitation to that meeting. There is a lot of changes going on at MIEMSS, they are good changes. There were six major issues discussed at the meeting: 1. CRT/EMT-Paramedic Protocol Revisions; 2. CRT to EMT-Paramedic Transition Programs; 3. Optional Procedures Available to EMT-Paramedics by Local Jurisdictions; 4. Future MAIS (Md. Ambulance Information System) run sheets; 5. Distribution of EMT/A Guidelines; and 6. Future Improvements to the Md. EMS Systems. I believe we should develop a list of the EMS managers, for future mail distribution. I have a little apprehension with what Mr. Ashworth and the EMS Governance Board is going to do with the funds in regards to funds. At a

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special meeting of the EMS Committee where we heard from twelve (12) different organizations, the Committee voted unanimously to forward the following recommendations to the Executive Committee. They are: 1. All currently certified CRTs shall be allowed to remain certified at that level without challenge for an indefinite period. MIEMSS shall support continuing education for the same. 2. Availability of ALS training funds shall be made to local jurisdictions by MIEMSS. The disposition of such funding to specific programs shall be determined by the local jurisdiction. 3. Recommend a statewide study to be completed by 9/1/93 of all current CRTs and a random sampling of EMT's. This study should ascertain the desired direction in terms of ALS certification among this sample of providers. 4. Conceptualization and development of an intermediate statewide ALS level. The level should be a training level only and should be time limited in order to effect progression to the EMT-Paramedic level. 5. Maryland Certified EMT-Paramedics shall be reciprocal to all jurisdictions of the state. There shall be statewide program standards without jurisdictional limitations. I would ask you to vote on these recommendations as I would like to present these to Dr. Alcorta tomorrow when he reports. A long discussion carried on for several hours with many answers being provided, and many officers and personnel heard from on the various personal concerns of these recommendations. If any mandated training comes down, the state must send those funds for the specified training.

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**MOTION: THAT WE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EMS COMMITTEE.**  
**PASSED.**

President Fleshman stated that he and the Vice Presidents support the EMS Committee wholeheartedly, and when Chairman Wills asked whether he should invite himself to the meeting in Howard County, we concurred. The President stated that he believes that the Association and the EMS committee will be invited in the future, as he had talked with Dr. Alcorta. Chairman Wills commended his committee as they have committed 110% this year.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - Representative Tharp relayed that they will be attending the Fifth Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner. At the last meeting held in Sioux City, NE, there were 38 state directors and 14 alternates in attendance. Danny Davis and John Gatton, Jr. represented Hollywood for the next meeting site. The biannual elections were held with the following elected: Chairman Robert McKeon, CT; First Vice Chairman Jack Condon, OR; Second Vice Chairman Fred Allinson, WA; Treasurer Walter Drinkard, AL; and Secretary Paul Lukus, PA. The next meeting will be held in the New Orleans suburbs on April 13-17, 1994. The Council now has 1,830 Associate members, which is the most ever. Maryland continues to lead the Council with 146 members. The NVFC Firefighter of the Year Award is now eligible, as it has been over one year since Joe Robison won it. The NVFC representatives to the NFPA Protective Clothing Committee and to the Chemtrec Advisory Committee have submitted lengthy report. The Council has been struggling on what is a "volunteer?" We have been asked to provide this to several organizations, for Fair Labor Standards, and a number of federal organizations. The Council developed this definition: *"Volunteers provide fire protection and other emergency services. Volunteers either receive no compensation or are modestly compensated for expenses and/or time according to local custom. This compensation does not exceed the yearly compensation for an entry level fire person in the same department. In the event there are no paid fire persons in the department, then the closest fire department with an entry level career fire person is used to gauge the maximum allowable yearly compensation."*

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The Council has worked out a class with an arrangement of the AARP, and from looking around the room it should be of interest to a majority; there is a 3 hour class that is being put on entitled "55 ALIVE Mature Driving." The AARP will send out people to do the class, will charge a very minor fee, and for fire departments to act as a host for the class. The Council has passed a motion for the NVFC to approach the appropriate federal agencies to raise the volunteer fire service priority for access to excess and surplus federal property. The liaison from the IAFC announced the creation of a scholarship grant for volunteer chiefs to defray expenses to attend the NFA's Executive Fire Officer Program. The program requires resident attendance for three (3) weeks each year for four (4) consecutive years. The scholarship would be for \$500 per week for the whole 12 weeks. The idea is to subsidize a volunteer who is on vacation or time away from a business to attend the program.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - Chairman Dowell reported that nothing has been turned in to them, the first year that this has happened. If anybody has anything, we'd be happy to find it a home.

STATISTICAL - Chairman Worthington stated he is disappointed with the return of the statistics. Last year we finished with 46 companies not turning in data, this year it is over 200. I did receive about 40  
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copies today, and that leaves about 160 companies short. Enclosed is the report for last year, I hate to show statistics that are that much incomplete. Since we are mandated by law to get this information, I would like to see some way that we could put some teeth into the matter. Past President Bernie Smith reported that this book is used in Annapolis.

**MOTION: TO SUBMIT THE 1992 STATISTICAL BOOK FOR THE RECORD AND TO BE USED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. PASSED.**

Attorney Powell stated that each county needs to have 100% submission of their statistical reports in order to qualify for the State 508 Funds; I don't know how much more teeth that you have than you are not going to get your money.

TRANSPORTATION - Chairman Hetz reported that two meetings have been held since the January executive meeting. As of date, 11,609 members have been recertified, resulting in receipts totaling \$58,032. We did have some minor problems; most of them were caused by not reading and following instructions. Every coordinator is to be commended for their getting the recertification in. We also had a problem with the database in having a corrupted index, and it resulted in a second printout. The statistics are, as follows: 31,000 records in the database; 7,071 records were unassigned; 4,578 had been previously marked for deletion; leaving 19,351 estimated active records in the database. If you imagine that 5 minutes will be spent on each record, times the 19,351 records, this will equal 1612.6 Hours, (40.31 weeks @ 40 hours per week) to get the database current. I see this as a major logistical problem, and I don't have any ready answers or recommendations. I have talked to Data Systems Chairman Jackson about a second computer, allowing us to split the database for two persons to enter this data. This is not considering any new certs coming in. This time does not accept the preparation and mailing of the 7,854 deletion notices to non-certified members, much less the \$2282 for postage. One difficulty came when the Pikesville Vol. Fire Company which deleted our and their Past President Stathem, both Lee Sachs (President of Pikesville) and

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Roger Powell spoke about this error, and blamed it on the Postal Service. Former chairman, Bruce Zembower, in cleaning up his house, found an IBM Selectric typewriter, and I am asking the Board for direction on disposing of it. Another problem is that we have records from the Transportation Committee for day on, and I would like to know what is our policy of getting rid of these? The state government required information or data be kept for three years, and financial paper (on these papers) be kept for seven years. Gene Worthington suggested that we might look to our ladies auxiliary in getting assistance for the data entry problem.

NFPA REVIEW COMMITTEE - Chairman Huttenloch reported on a letter written by Chief Stittleburg of the La Farge Fire Department to the NFPA outlining subjects being considered by the NFPA 1500 Committee. It points out that the committee has voted to have a technical interim amendment (TIA) on the subject of staffing. The language to be added is, as follows: 1-5 Working Structural Fire. Any fire that requires the use of a 1-1/2 inch or larger fire attack hose line and that also requires the use of self contained breathing apparatus for members entering the hazardous area. The NFPA Review Committee would like direction from the Executive Committee in reference to the NFPA 1500-1992 Fire Dept. Occupational Safety and Health Program-Manning. Also for your information is that the International Assn of Fire Fighters has withdrawn their membership in the NFPA.

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NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY - Representative Cumberland reported that the IAFF and the ISFI are going together in all their actions. There has been many and long discussion on manning of fire apparatus; we are fighting a major battle against some people who have joined forces to accomplish what they want. Executive Committee Chairman Wood stated we would take a look at this and will give a ruling tomorrow.

DATA SYSTEMS - Chairman Jackson reported that the committee has been busy throughout the year reprogramming the Transportation Committee's Data Collection/Retrieval Program. This has been quite an involved process and had to take priority over most other projects due to this being a recertification year. We still have one main problem in trying to track down all of the MSFA equipment and to determine its condition. Unfortunately several other machines (computers) have broken down during the year and will have to be programmed for repair or replacement in next year's budget. Many of this equipment was first purchased about ten years ago, and may not be repairable. When you see the committee at the back of meetings busily working on the computers, they are making computer copies for individuals that only bring single hand written reports to them, or as in one case, fixing a bug in a problem for an existing program. Chairman Hetz acknowledged the long hours that the Data Systems Committee has done for the Transportation Committee.

NIGHT AT TOBY'S DINNER THEATER - Chairman Stathem hoped that all those persons that attended TOBY's that night enjoyed themselves. This started out as a social night for the Association and each year we have made a few dollars. Many thanks go to: Jack Gosnell & Gosnell Hviding Insurance Company for the printing of the tickets; Past President Charlie Burton sold 43 tickets and handled the money for us; Past President Harrison Shipley and the Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Dept sold 40 tickets; Glyndon Fire Dept. sold 20 tickets; First Vice-Pres. Hurlock sold 15 tickets; and Elaine Huttenloch for her sales of tickets and seeing that everyone was seated as best we could. We had 29 tickets turned back the night of the show. The profit has grown up to \$616.70 profit for the Association.

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HALL OF FAME - Vice Chairman Burton reported that as of this date they have received only three (3) nominations for the Hall of Fame and no nominations for the Marbury Gates Fifty Years Service Award.

SCHOLARSHIP - A written report was submitted by Chairman Bill Olson stating he had received four (4) applications for support for the 1993-94 academic years. Action on these applications will be taken on these at the May meeting. We are currently supporting two students in Fire Protection Engineering.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ROOM - Vice Chairman Watkins reported for Buck Gladhill, that one of the badges has been removed from the Fireman of the Year Plaque in the Room. It was not exactly known when this badge was pulled loose from the Plaque, other than sometime after early January. Last year the Volunteer Fire Fighter's Room was in use 300 times with about 28,000 participants. We would like to thank Dr. Sue Mitchell and Secretary Cora Lee Gilbert of the Adult Education Center at the University for working with the committee, letting us know when we could get into the Room, and keeping the records of its use.

Convention Chairman King spoke about a national organization that will make a donation for convention purposes, however he had been advised that our IRS classification is a #501-C-6, and a C-6 classification can not receive a financial donation. We should be having a #501-C-3 for this purpose. Auditing Committee Chairman Henry Purdy relayed that he felt that we were a #501-C-3 or 501-C-4. Mike Robinson

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added that the Certification Board has just gone through this, and 501-C-3 can not lobby, and 501-C-4 can lobby and receive donations. Tom Tharp stated that the NVFC had gone through the same thing and they are now 501-C-3. A long discussion with many active participants ensued. Chairman Purdy offered to research this matter overnight, and will report back.

The meeting was turned back to President Fleshman who asked Rev. Taugher for the parting prayer.

Sunday April 25, 1993, President Bill Fleshman opened the meeting calling upon Chaplain Damewood and Asst. Chaplain Knauer who gave us their prayers, followed by leading us with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fleshman acknowledged a guest to our meeting, Jerry McCann, President of the Allegany/Garrett County Firemen's Association. The President recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: J. W. Smith, 54-55; L. B. Thompson, 62-63; E. Kirk, 63-64; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; 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; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; and B. J. Smith, 91-92. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Wood who continued with reports.

CENTENNIAL - Vice President Yinger reported that we still have a lot of coins and books for sale and not getting much help. We would appreciate having all unsold materials returned to either Charles Riley or himself.

Tom Mattingly asked that all reports for the Program Book be turned in now so that they may be type set in time for the printing of the book.

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SPRINKLER TECHNOLOGY - Chairman Bender stated that his committee was pleased to report legislation which was seriously being considered by the Maryland Homebuilders Assn. which would have had the effect of eliminating the current state requirement for residential sprinkler systems in new townhouse construction did not materialize. This proposal would have allowed such sprinkler systems to be an option. This is the second year in a row the fire service successfully defended our nationally recognized sprinkler law for multi-family and townhouse residential units. Hopefully, one day in the near future residential sprinklers will be as common as indoor plumbing. One fact is the law is in effect and new multi-family and townhouse units are being sprinklered and we are saving lives. The State of Maryland is still the only state which has statewide mandatory residential sprinkler legislation for all new multi-family and townhouse construction, and we can all be proud to share in that accomplishment.

INSURANCE ADVISORY - Vice Chairman Cooke reported that we have an inactive committee with no meetings in two years. We are losing Vaughn Silar as he is moving into the Virginia area and two members that were appointed last year that I have not met.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL Fire Marshal Gabriele started by talking about the budget and cost containment; we had to write reports why we even needed paper and pencils. A new bomb trailer will be purchased and put up in Western Maryland. We have bought twenty new Motorola radios. We were able to hire two new people; two people who came out of Southern Maryland, and will work in Cecil and Garrett. We will hire two more people in July, giving us the most deputies that we have ever had.

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night you heard me talk about the Vigilant Fire Company in Emmitsburg, as they in the snow storm of '93 really went beyond what is expected of most volunteers in this state. They took people in off the street, and went out on the highways to help other motorists, losing much equipment, but they did a tremendous job. There has been some misunderstanding about the inspections of nursing homes, as we are obliged to make inspections in all jurisdictions of the State, even in Baltimore City and counties that have their own fire marshals. They are responsible for inspecting for their local laws. For those companies who are thinking about going to computers for fire incident reporting, the National Fire Information Council will be providing that computer program for reporting; and all they want is a \$25.00 registration fee. For some fire information, there are some of these persons around the state that are filling these super water guns with bleach, and they are shooting them into vending machines; the bleach attacks the electrical wiring causing a total dispensing of products and money; it shorts out the system and sometimes causes a fire. There is some concern with a letter received from the ATF about several warehouse fires whereby a small fire is located within a building, but after entry is gained, a product known as a high temperature accelerant is found. There is a study going on at the National Institute of Science & Technology with the idea that it may have been some materials from the fuels for rockets and jets. We have encouraged to look at our fire reports to see if it is being used in Maryland. We are adding another dog to our canine group, this will provide a fourth dog and will be located on the eastern shore. For the first time in the history of the Fire Marshal's Office, we have had a fire marshal assaulted, and it's ironic, that it happened in Southern Maryland. We now have pagers for everyone in the Fire Marshal's Office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Chairman Powell reported that we have paid out a total of \$738 on education,

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\$4,025 in death benefits, \$37,325 in pensions and \$733.20 to disabled firemen for a grand total of \$42,821.20.

BOARD OF ADVISORS- Ron Graf reported that this has been quite eventful year, both for the Institute and for the Board, in both positive and negative ways. We have been reorganized and looking forward to continued service.

PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS BOARD - Representative Carpenter reported that the MFSPQB continues to be very active in its endeavor to certify all fire service personnel who wish to receive Maryland certification. Those who wish National Certification may also apply through the Maryland Board, using the same certification application.

President Fleshman interrupted the meeting to introduce a guest, Ms. Eileen Cackowski, of the Governor's Office on Volunteerism. She spoke on having a program that would benefit the Association to try to get some corporate sponsorship for a multi-media program on recruiting new volunteers. The Allstate Insurance Company is willing to sponsor a one-hour program to help each of our companies to better man our companies; and 1-1/2 hour program available to help each company be a better Public Information Officer and work with the media. What I need from this Association is the use of the Assn's logo. One interesting factor that there is no limit on the amount of money that Allstate Insurance will spend.

**MOTION: TO ALLOW THE USE OF OUR LOGO FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM. PASSED.**

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LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Riley reported that they have provided a complete compilation of all the bills and activities that went on in Annapolis. The 1993 Legislative Session, I felt would be an easy one because we had dedicated funding passed in 1982 for many of our fire service programs. Therefore, we wouldn't have to spend a lot of time as we had done in previous two years. The Committee screened 1,627 House Bills, 35 House Joint Resolutions, 921 Senate Bills, and 15 Senate Joint Resolutions for a total of 2,598 Bills. This is an increase of 196 Bills over last year. There were over 50 Bills introduced this year concerning the fire service; possibly more than that. The MSFA testified on 24 Bills, of which we won 22 and lost 2. As you can see, we were able to maintain the same level of funding as we had in FY 1993 Budget. Many persons attained a record of over 80 hours, logged in at 17 State Circle: 1. Charles Riley, 387 Hours & 5060 miles; 2. Bernard Smith, 356 Hours & 3120 miles; 3. Louise Dell, 343 Hours & 2310 Miles; 4. Mike Dunham, 188 Hours & 2300 miles; 5. Alvera Miller, 152 Hours & 1080 Miles; 6. John Frazier, 129 Hours & 2856 Miles; 7. Bruce Conrad, 128 Hours & 2000 Miles; 8. Loretta Hall, 116 Hours & 1600 Miles; 9. William E. Barnard, 112 Hours & 1300 Miles; and 10. Joseph Ockershausen, 95 Hours & 1080 Miles. Chairman Riley stated that the 17 State Circle copier was several years old, and its service contract was due. After discussion about purchasing a new copier, a cost of \$8,545., the Secretary stated that his office had purchased a MITA copier for much less, and it is a work horse.

**MOTION: TO CANCEL THE SERVICE CONTRACT ON THE COPIER MAINTENANCE PLAN AT 17 STATE CIRCLE. PASSED.**



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**MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SECRETARY To PURCHASE A NEW COPIER FOR USE AT 17 STATE CIRCLE, NOT TO EXCEED \$4000. PASSED.**

Executive Committee Chairman Wood thanked Charlie Riley and the committee for an excellent job in Annapolis. Chairman Wood called Auditing Chairman Purdy to the head table to better explain the certification that we presently hold. He stated that he would like to go back home and look at the past filings and determine whether we were #501-C-3 or otherwise. He said that in looking at the IRS form, it states that if we desire to be 501-C-3 again, the IRS will determine whether we should be and will do it in their own time, not meaning to be automatically given.

President Fleshman announced that Dr. Rick Alcorta would be having a demonstration (The Actronics Machine- a \$50,000 intricate machine to train our EMS people.

President Fleshman asked that the Midland Kitchen help come out and thanked them for the two days breakfast; and acknowledges the good work that was done.

PRESIDENT'S AUTOMOBILE - Chairman Charles Mattingly reported that they are awaiting sealed bids on the 1992 Caprice Classic Station Wagon and will provide a full report at the Executive Meeting in Ocean City.

TRAINING - Chairman Watkins reported that changes have been made in achieving the new FIREFIGHTER I or II, it will no longer be necessary to enter at the beginning. New entry points have been made in FIRE OFFICER II, and changes made in the INSTRUCTOR II class. The National Fire Academy will be down-

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sizing the Maryland week-end with only 7 offerings. The MSFA Ten Year Plan is due to be revised next year as part of its normal cycle, we will need input from all committees equally, we will be starting on this a little earlier so it will be accomplished on time. We would like all persons in attendance to go back to their companies, and discuss this with them, and have them get back in touch with us. As of today we have 6 applications for the Zembower Training Award. We have had many complaints with tracking the training data from the many training areas, we are hoping to make changes in the forms to make it easier to win this trophy. I hate to make this report that we have some committee members that have not been very active this year; I have submitted to the President to have them changed with the new appointments. C. Kingsley Poole who has a change of job commitments this year has asked to be relieved from the committee. I attended a seminar in which we now know how to fight fires, but we have not learned how to safeguard our own personnel. Too much of this macho effect is causing personnel to go into buildings when the interiors are already gone. It is time to stop treating firefighters as expendable items. I would like to report on something we saw at Cincinnati, previously it was a computer game, but now the use of computer is virtually reality. This brings into use a helmet that a person wears, and a simulation causing a person see what is in front of them, when they turn their head it shows this area and so on. There are two different groups writing software for the fire service training, we can not simulate the heat presently. It is presently too expensive to purchase, but like other programs, give them time and they will be the wave of the future.

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MIEMSS - Interim Director John Ashworth spoke on a number of meetings with the leadership of the MSFA. He relayed that he is a resource manager, receives the support he needs for the people like Dr. Alcorta. I am very used to protocols. The position that I fill will disappear on the first of July, at that time I will become the Director of Shock Trauma. When I started there was a lot of controversy, I want you to understand that I am not dealing with 4300 trauma patients, but understanding that there are 400,000 calls that our EMS providers provide, 280,000 transports, 97,000 trauma patients, with 11,000 going to trauma centers, and 4,300 come to Shock Trauma. We got into this system through the collaborative relationship like the MSFA, obviously we have to get this system into health reform for the future. However, the environment that I came into at Shock Trauma was at critical proportions. We had doctors who were not going to be there in July, the environment I would categorize as vague, turbulent, jarring, disappointed people, and very fragile. With that I started of with a list of priorities, and my leadership is: Dr. Richard L. Alcorta, Acting State EMS Director; John W. Ashworth, Interim Director; Dr. Brad Cushing, Act. Director National Study Center; Dr. James Eastham, Director, Emerg. Health Services; Dr. Howard Eisenberg, Director, Shock Trauma Medical Services; Angela Janik, RN, Director of Nursing; Dr. Phillip Mititello, Deputy Director, Medical Staff Services; John Murphy, Special Assistant to the Director of MIEMSS; and James Ross, M.B.A., Act. Director of Finance & Operations. He is there to eliminate rule by rumor; using creativity to get everybody back to work. Quality of care at Shock Trauma is my priority. Second, the role of Shock Trauma in the State is most severe heads, most severe spines, most severe trauma. We are trying to eliminate all fly-bys, but our fly-bys are almost eliminated, but we will never eliminate them totally. My next attention was the retention of our professional staff; physicians first, it is still a very fragile situation. Dr. Rick Alcorta spoke about the support from Chairman Wills and the EMS Committee, and the Legislative Committee, in unifying the fire and emergency services throughout the state. The Actronics system is a quality piece of equipment that we have researched very carefully and found it to be a very substantial piece of training equipment. It will be in each of our jurisdictions through our administrators. The EMT-A airway adjunct training program is up and running. Dr. Alcorta listed several new protocols that will help our providers save more lives. We are making several bridge concepts to

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have registered nurses learn trauma theory, and be able to perform. Also we are looking to the first-aiders, and a system to upgrade these people up to first responders. Commercial ambulances are still under the MIEMSS director, and many of our EMT-A's work at volunteer and career jobs, as a second job. Many times an IV is hung, and they are powerless to do anything with it. The legislation is necessary, and I am challenging myself to look at it and I am challenging you, the providers, to help us get it passed. Gene Worthington asked whether Charles Wills had presented a list of recommendations to Dr. Alcorta. I had seen these recommendations and I believe they are quite achievable, and I expect to put most of them in effect quite soon. A question was brought by Tom Tharp about licensure and jurisdictional standards of our EMS personnel as they go from one county to another. A statewide standard of training a paramedic, each county has its own requirements requiring a 2nd and 3rd testing of these individuals. Executive Committee Chairman Roy Wood thanked John Ashworth and stated that this has turned about 360 degrees from what it was a year ago.

STANDARDS - Chairman Huttenloch reported that the Committee had a meeting to discuss the By-Law changes in reference to Truck Standards. We also went to Newburg Rescue Association and they had some building problems which will be corrected shortly. We also visited and inspected Community Rescue

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Service in Hagerstown and they also passed the inspection. Chairman Wood asked whether the Standards Committee had read the TIA that was submitted earlier. They reported that they had and were in agreement.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE TIA AS SUBMITTED TO THE NFPA. PASSED.**

CONVENTION - Chairman King stated that the Committee has been hard at work on the 101st Convention with the 100th President. The Program Book ads are coming in very slowly this year, this means it will probably cost us about \$2,000. this year. Most of the F.D. ads are much smaller than in previous years. We have 88 exhibitors to date this year, with most exhibitors requiring or using less space as a sign of the economic times. Secretary Burton will need help on Sunday morning to stuff the delegate's packets, it must be 8-1/2" by 11" in order to get into bag. Monday will feature the Hubcaps and Gary U S Bonds. Tuesday night we will have the fire works display on the bay in the rear of the convention center after the Joint Installation of Officers. Wednesday will include the gigantic parade and a Country Music Show in the evening. Please make sure that your Company is registered, and don't wait till the last moment to do so; and it is your privilege, so please vote. There will be a registration for the delegates about a half hour after the packets are stuffed; and will end about noon. A question was raised by Jim Snyder as to whether additional Program Books would be available; Leonard stated that they are purchasing 500 additional books (*Each book costs about \$5. to print*).

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman Gatton, Jr. reported that the most recent edition of The Volunteer Trumpet was distributed in late February and was sixteen pages in length. I trust that the materials contained within it was beneficial to our member companies.

BESSIE MARSHALL FUND - Chairperson Elaine Huttenloch reported that the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund is working for the benefit of the volunteer firefighters. Our annual lottery is still receiving funds for this year, to date we have received \$7,545. Since Convention we have paid out 24 cases for a total of \$17,400. To date we have received donations of \$250 from the fire departments.

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FIRE LAWS BOOK - Chairman Chisholm reported that the stragglers are the only persons that have not gotten their books.

Executive Committee Chairman Wood stated that Chairman Charles Mattingly has asked for permission to buy the "new" President's Automobile.

**MOTION: TO ALLOW THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE THIS YEAR'S CAR. PASSED.**

Chairman Wood stated that the Safety Committee doesn't understand the amount of monies remaining in their budget. Treasurer Saville explained the monies and their distribution for the Safety Committee. Secretary Burton explained that each year we go through a Budget process, but some committees do not think of monies until later during the year. The Safety Committee did not request

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funding from the Budget Committee nor submitted a budget request.

Vice President Hurlock made a suggestion that we find out what they have committed for, and then pay for only that. Chairman Wood states he believed that they need an additional \$3,000. Don Mooney stated that we are not going to stand for this kind of securing funds, they need to submit a budget request like everyone else.

Vice President Yinger stated that Chairman Chisholm of the Fire Laws Book Committee needs to have approval of funding of the Fire Laws Books for this past Legislative Session. Chairman Wood reminded everyone that we can not spend next year's money until the next budget has been approved.

Chairman Wood brought up about the Transportation Committee's need for an additional computer. A discussion brought out the need for additional creative financing. A need for corporate financing should be done by the Association and not by the Committee themselves.

Secretary Burton stated that as a member of the Budget & Revenue Committee all persons needing funds should be required to appear at the budget planning meeting to make their request and to show justifications.

Chairman Wood stated that the Transportation Committee also needs help with this 20,000+ listing. The Statistical Committee offered to loan their computer to the Transportation Committee.

Chairman Wood asked to Executive Committee for guidance on sending a letter to the President of the United States stating the National Fire Academy will be put in the background unless proper persons are appointed and appropriate funding is approved.

**MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SEND A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CLINTON REQUESTING ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN. PASSED.**

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Charles Riley stated that the Governor should be urged to sign House Bill 1222 which will help our emergency medical system.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR URGING HIM TO SIGN HOUSE BILL #1222. PASSED.**

Chairman Wood thanked Vice Chairman Jester, the members of the Executive Committee, and everyone for the cooperation and good working relationship which has been maintained during the year.

President Fleshman stated that this has been quite an involved year, mostly with the E.M.S. issues, and thanked everyone for their attendance. The President thanked Midland for their hosting our meetings, and to the Allegany/Garrett Association for their fine banquet at Shaft.

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There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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