

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 19-20, 1996
Princess Anne, Maryland**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 19-20, 1996

Princess Anne, Maryland

The Executive Committee meetings were held at the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company on October 19-20, 1996. The meeting was called to order by President Stephan D. Cox. Assistant Chaplain Newman offered the invocation and spoke of the members who needed our prayers, followed by leading the pledge to allegiance to the flag. The Princess Anne department welcomed the Association to Princess Anne. President Cox introduced the guests and recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; T. L. Reynolds, 71-72; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; B. J. Smith, 91-92; P. M. Hurlock, 93-94; and F. R. Cross, 95-96. The President then went into reports from the officers.

President - President Cox presented his written report proceeded to summarize by commenting that the first paragraph contained an editorial. He relayed that he has traveled 18,200 miles and spent 1,015 man hours performing the duties of the President. He spoke on funerals and memorial services he has attended and those who are ill. He spoke on the Firefighter Awareness Day at Laurel Park, which the First Vice President is representing the Association. He reported that the Helicopter Replacement Committee has held two recent meetings and that the progress is moving along. He relayed that he has appointed an Alternative Funding Sources Committee with Jim Raley of the Eastern Garrett department as the chair. He has received a letter of resignation due to health reasons from Francis Fatkin of the Board of Trustees. The President will be appointing an individual to fill this term until the next convention later in the meetings. He then reported that we should seek reimbursement for or adjustment for the pages in the Directory being out of place, which has already been taken care of by the Secretary. The President commented on actions by the Board of Review and the participation at meetings. He discussed the NVFC \$3,000. Grant to the Safety Committee and asked that the Executive Committee resolve this issue this weekend. He covered other issues including EMS concerns, Transportation Checking Account to be closed, the NVFC which the delegates have endorsed Robert Cumberland for Vice Chairman. He reported that a delegation from our Association had attended the Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania conventions. He reported on a day on the Governor's yacht, the Five Stated Presidents' Meeting, and meetings held with Carrye Brown, Dr. O'Neil, Director Edwards, Fire Marshal Gabriele, and B. Roogow. He reported that the MSFA budget request had been submitted to state government on August 22. He also reported that he had met with the flight paramedics reference safety and manning standards, the pager cost information, and a packet he had received from the Montgomery County association.

Second Vice President - Vice President Knippenburg presented his written report and commented on the topics. He traveled to Kansas City to the NVFC and IAFC meetings. He gave an overview of the storm damages and flooding problems in Western Maryland.

Secretary - Secretary King presented his written report and commented on the activities of the office. He reported that the new copy machine has been received, the minutes of the last meeting have been distributed, and that everyone should have a copy of the 1996-97 Directory. He relayed that work has started on the 1996 Convention Proceedings Book. Everyone was reminded of the access code of "13", which is necessary for his 800 phone. National Monument Prints and a Maryland State Firemen's Association Resolution were made available to all families at the National Memorial Service. He reported that his office is experiencing some problems with printing of the stationary and envelopes which will be corrected soon. The Secretary's Office will be researching old records to produce a document showing the membership dates of all member departments. Assistant Secretary Jacobs presented the financial report of the Secretary's Office.

President Cox recognized Ladies Auxiliary President Joyce Thorne who brought remarks to the group and presented the report from the Bessie Marshall Fund.

Treasurer - Treasurer Saville stated that he and Dave Kirk had visited Francis Fatkin, and then presented a computer printout on the financial accounts of the Association. A copy is on file with the Secretary's Office. Bob expressed his appreciation for his assistants and thanked the Budget and Revenue Committee Chair for his assistance. He then read a memo reference the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool.

Chaplain - Chaplain Damewood is on travel, but had contacted Secretary King who reported on his recent activities. Assistant Chaplain Newman announced that Ed Russell from Princess Anne had passed away last night, and asked for silent prayer.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Richard Brooks of the Executive Committee who opened by speaking on the losses of the deceased from across the state, and then spoke on his activities and asked for concerns from the other members of the Executive Committee. Jonathan Ranson reported that he had recently been installed as the President of the Prince George's County association; Mike Robinson reported that details will be following on the arrangements for P.P. John W. Smith, and that Secretary King is the new President of the Anne Arundel County Association; Paul Sterling remembered the passing of Bob Everhart who had served for a long while on the Safety Committee, and updated everyone on the condition of Rich Adams. Paul thanked the officers for attending the county convention, and relayed that the upcoming ballot question E in Montgomery County will be discussed latter in the meetings.

Attorney - Attorney Powell gave an oral report stating that the charter amendment had been made and filed with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation. He updated the status of the NVFC Grant for the Safety Video, reporting that the licensing agreement was completed and he is waiting to send the video tape to them. Chairman J. Mattingly of the Safety Committee reported that Ron Siarnicki feels that a problem may exist with the cast of characters and financial gain if the tape is placed for sale by the NVFC. The attorney advised that the license

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agreement would only allow the NVFC to distribute the tape, not to sell it. He then asked for the release forms signed by the actors. Chairman Brooks asked for the concerned parties to discuss the matter further and come to a resolution today.

MFRI - Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and updated those in attendance on the various capital projects. He reported that the institute is looking at the concept of extending training programs into the advanced life support area and offered a status report on the Fire Officers III Program. Director Edwards stated that CFSI and MFRI hosted a fire department orientation day for congressional staff personnel with over 50 in attendance along with news media personnel. MFRI is on the worldwide web with much interest being displayed. He discussed a chart in his report on the changes to the registration system which will result in great improvements. He discussed the National Staff and Command Courses and the Executive Development Seminar Program.

M.F.R.E.T.C. - R. Shimer announced that he will be a candidate for the vacant Trustee position. He presented a written report and proceeded to state new appointments had been made to the Commission. He stated that tuition reimbursements should have been received, discussed the Clark/May presentation given on terrorism, MICRB to change its address to MFRI, and he attended the qualifications board 10th Anniversary.

Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council - R. Shimer presented a written report and relayed that Chairman McMillion reported on all of the activities, federal money that was distributed from the flooding, the new EOC, computer distribution, CSEPP warning sirens, and SERC training.

DNR Forestry - Alan Zentz presented a written report and introduced Gerald Vickers from the Eastern Shore. Alan reported that 28 fire departments received funding of \$19,800., updated personnel actions within DNR, gave some statistics on wildland fires, and relayed that the paperwork is in for equipment upgrades.

Voluntary Certification Board - J. Snyder presented an oral report stating that the National Board will be here for reaccreditation, and attended the 10th Anniversary Dinner.

Entertainment Committee - Chairman B. Coke presented a written report and related that he had only received two responses from the survey. They are looking at different types of outings, but it appears that the dinner theatre is still the favorite.

NFPA Overview Committee - Chairman B. Huttenloch reported on some new changes that are upcoming.

Standards Committee - Chairman B. Huttenloch reported that he has received from the Secretary an application for membership from the Prince George's County Underwater Rescue Squad.

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Past Presidents - Bernie Smith reported on the upcoming Christmas Party and the recent crab feast at the King residence.

Five Year Planning Committee - P. Hurlock presented a written report for the chairman. He emphasized the needed funding for the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund and the 508 Fund, and presented a report done by the State of Delaware.

911 Board - Representative P. Hurlock presented a written report, stated that Marilyn Farndon will be retiring, gave an update on personnel replacements, highlighted the ten cent fee requests, reported that the training instructor's guide and student manual have completed, and relayed that the 911 Board will be placed under the Maryland State Police under the proposed reorganization.

Legislative Committee - Chairman Riley presented a written report and stated that the session would begin on January 8th. He stated that the state officers met with Buddy Roogow and discussed legislative issues to included: 508 funding increases of \$1MM; changing dates for the upper shore regional training center planning and construction; the proposed move of the State Fire Marshal to the State Police; increasing the MSFA grant to \$150,000.; and legalized gambling percentage to 508. He then reviewed administrative changes within state government. He spoke on the meeting with Senator Amoss, MIEMSS legislation, and parking problems in Annapolis. He reported that the office will again be staffed by the ladies who will be mailing the bulletins every Thursday. The Legislative Reception will be held on January 20 in Room 400. Questions were asked about the maintenance of effort of the 508 funding, and the Board of Review. C. Riley asked everyone to keep the Committee aware of any local legislative bills.

Executive Committee Action Issues - Chairman Brooks asked to address the matter of the resignation from the Board of Trustees by motion. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by H. Rhue:

MOTION: THAT THE ASSOCIATION ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FRANCIS FATKIN FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH DEEP REGRETS. Motion Passed.

President Cox addressed the group reference Mr. Fatkins' service to the Association and requested that the honor of Secretary Emeritus to the Board of Trustees be bestowed upon Mr. Francis Fatkin. The following motion was made by F. Cross and seconded by P. Sterling:

MOTION: THAT THE M.S.F.A. BESTOW THE TITLE OF SECRETARY EMERITUS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPON FRANCIS FATKIN TO HONOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. Motion Passed.

President Cox after concurrence with the Vice Presidents appointed Past President Robert Shimer to the vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by D. Carpenter:

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MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT SHIMER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Motion Passed.

Past President Fred Cross assisted by Past President Dave Kirk gave the oath of office to Robert Shimer. Assistant Chaplain Dixon offered the blessing before the meeting was recessed for lunch. Chairman Brooks called the meeting back to order and continued with reports.

Fire Laws Book Committee - Chairman Bilger presented a written report and advised that the printer has advised that the proposals as requested are priced accordingly: loose leave binder would be \$34,000. and fixed binders would be \$29,000. for the 850 copies. The Committee recommends to accept the bid for the fixed binder. A question was asked about supplements. Chairman Bilger advised that the book would be printed in its entirety every three years with no supplements. The Budget Committee was asked for approved account figures in this years budget. Chairman Bilger also reported that the Committee had reviewed the possibility of purchasing the floppy disk, but after discussions with the attorney felt that this was not a feasible alternative. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION: THAT THE BID FOR \$29,000. BE APPROVED FOR 850 COPIES OF FIXED BINDERS FOR THE PRINTING OF THE FIRE LAWS BOOK. Motion Passed.

Safety Committee - Chairman J. Mattingly presented a written report and proceeded to review the report. He discussed this years video theme of the "Role of the Safety Officer", and a project to publish an educational coloring book is well under way. He expressed sympathies to the family of George Ludwig on his passing. Chairman Mattingly stated that the matter with the NVFC grant for the video could not be resolved today. The actors have to be contacted due to no releases being signed. Chairman Brooks directed that this issue have a resolution by the January meeting.

Recruitment and Retention Committee - Vice Chair B. Ebling presented a written report with the established goals. The committee plans to develop a booklet on 50 of the best retention ideas in the State of Maryland, input will be sought from all.

Statistical Committee -Chairman G. Worthington presented a written report and stated the past year was his worst of the last 5 years in the number of departments complying with the needed information. Annual report book for 96 will not be published. He thanked the coordinators and members of the committee for their efforts, and relayed that next years packets will go out in December. Discussion was held on how to fix the problem of non submittals.

Don Mooney addressed the Executive Committee and asked that the Association look into the establishment of a memorial for fallen firefighters be established in the State of Maryland separate from the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Mrs. K. Ferguson addressed the Executive Committee with thoughts on a patent process for the emergency services. Many patents come from the personnel who use such equipment on a daily basis. She suggested that possibly the Association would on a voluntary basis ask their membership to present any ideas to the Association. Discussion on the idea was held.

Convention Committee - Chairman L. King provided a written report and remarked from its contents. The critique was held from the last convention; Verbal commitment on the USAF Band returning has been received; This coming year will be different and difficult in planning and logistics due to the ongoing construction and renovations of the convention center. He gave an update on the status of the construction and renovations and relayed that the project is slightly ahead of schedule. The convention center has been named in honor of Mayor Roland E. "Fish" Powell, and work is still going on to have a room or portion of the facility named for the volunteer fire service. He offered congratulations to new Mayor Mathias and relayed that contacts have already been established to assure a continued good relationship with the Mayor and Council of Ocean City. The 1997 Convention Budget was presented to the Executive Committee for their information.

Paul Sterling reviewed the Montgomery County proposal for Question E on their election ballot. This was proposed by the career officers and the firefighter's union which would establish one fire chief and one single department with total operational and administrative authority over all entities and providers in the county. The Montgomery County Association has requested President Cox of our Association to direct a letter to County Executive Duncan requesting he support the volunteer companies in opposition to the ballot question. The reason being that the County Executive has stated he supports the compromise proposed by the volunteers. Attorney Powell talked about the individual township charters which state that the police and fire protection would be provided by them, however this is not reality. Additional comments were made. Paul again stated that the request is for support from the State Association in opposition to the referendum. The following motion was made by M. Robinson and seconded by C. Coleman:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAVE A LETTER SENT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE INDICATING THAT THE EXEC. COMM. IS ON RECORD OF IMMINENTLY IN OPPOSITION TO QUESTION E IN MONTGOMERY CO., AND APPROPRIATE REASONS GIVEN SHOWING THAT WE FEEL THAT IT SERVES NO PURPOSE AND WOULD POTENTIALLY UNDERMINE THE QUALITY OF VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICES, AND THAT WE SUPPORT THE MONTGOMERY CO. VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION'S POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO QUESTION E.

Discussion was held on the motion. Attorney Powell state opposition to the motion on what interest Maryland State Firemen's Association has on local issues. D. Mooney talked in support, referenced the mission statement of the Association; C. Coleman commented that we need to be involved in local issues; P. Sterling again addressed the concerns by the attorney; F.

Cross spoke in support of the motion; P. Sterling stated that the IAFF is heavily supporting the local union; . Brooks commented on the local issues presently underway which challenge the integrity of our member departments; P. Sterling was asked if he was representing Montgomery County, he relayed that this is correct. He had been asked as the member of the Executive Committee to bring the request; Chairman Brooks asked the Past Presidents of Montgomery County that were in attendance to stand and asked them if there was any dissension on this matter, there was none. Those in attendance were: P. Sterling, L. King, A. Harris, C. Edelin, J. Marrow, and J. Snyder. President Cox commented on the background and how it came to the table today. Attorney Powell again voiced his concerns over what interests we have in local issues and that it is a dangerous precedent. Chairman Brooks responded to the attorneys comments. M. Robinson spoke on an Anne Arundel County at a previous convention in which the State Association took a stand. B. Smith commented on the wide spreading issue of FLSA across the state, which was previously brought to this Association and no action was taken. President Cox was concerned about the request coming from a county association who is not a member of the association and recommended that a member department make the request. L. King spoke that the Damascus VFD would make the request, C. Edelin stated that the Kensington VFD would also, P. Sterling stated same from Wheaton VRS, A. Harris the same from Glen Echo VFD and others.

A hand vote was taken. The Motion Was Passed Unanimously.

President Cox addressed the Executive Committee in reference to the NVFC elections to support Robert P. Cumberland for the position of vice chair at the last conference. The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by D. Carpenter:

MOTION: THAT THE STATE ASSOCIATION SUPPORT ROBERT P. CUMBERLAND FOR THE POSITION OF SECOND VICE CHAIR OF THE N.V.F.C. Motion Passed.

Chairman Brooks brought off the table the issue of the proposal from the California Casualty Insurance Company and asked for direction. Attorney Powell has sent correspondence to President Cox explaining in detail the nature of their proposal and why it should be rejected. Examples were stated. The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by F. Cross:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DENY THE PROPOSAL AND REQUEST FROM THE CALIFORNIA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY. Voice Vote Taken. Motion Passed.

Secretary King requested further clarification and direction reference requests for mailing listings. He explained that his office receives 25 to 30 requests for various listings during the year and that the Executive Committee had directed him some years ago to charge \$25.00 per set of listings. After discussion the following motion was made by J. Ransom and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION: THAT THE MAILING LIST FEE BE INCREASED TO \$50.00. Hand Vote Taken, 9 Yea and 2 Nea. Motion Passed.

Chairman Brooks brought up information on pagers to the Executive Committee. He relayed that the price would be \$8.95 monthly, software would be supplied to the Secretary's Office, and those with existing alpha pagers could be added to the system. In answer to questions he explained that additional keyboards would be required for the Presidents, and if there was a state contract. This program would cost about \$1,500. Per year. H. Rhue expressed concerns over the monetary requirements in that the money could be used in other ways. No action was taken. The meeting was turned back to President Cox. He relayed that the charter amendment had been completed and sent forward. F. Cross remarked about some families having problems collecting the federal death benefit when it involved an individual who has died from a heart attack. President Cox provided some additional information reference the issue, and relayed that the claim for the firefighter from Princess Anne was denied. J. Snyder informed those in attendance of the recently enacted federal legislation allowing credit for LOSAP up to a \$3,000. cap. Assistant Chaplain Taugher offered the closing prayer ending the days meetings.

President Cox called the meeting to order on Sunday morning. Assistant Chaplain Newman opened the meeting by reading from scriptures, followed by prayer and the pledge to the flag. President Cox recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; T. L. Reynolds, 71-72; E. F. Preston, 74-75; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; J. R. Robison, 89-90; B. J. Smith 91-92; and G. A. Cross, 95-96. He recognized President Joyce Thorne of the Ladies Auxiliary and other guests in attendance. With the First Vice President representing the Association at another event yesterday, the President called for the report of the First Vice President.

First Vice President - Vice President Davis had presented his written report. He highlighted by stating that he has traveled over 12, 000 miles and spent over 526 hours performing his duties. He then reported on his activities and some committees.

MIEMSS- John Murphy speaking for Dr. Bass presented a written report. He then reported that SEMSAC has added Dr. Walker and Dr. Foley as additional members, and that the membership committee will be studying the future membership and representation to ensure an adequate balance. He relayed that ground breaking ceremonies were held for the new MIEMSS building which is to be completed by spring. He relayed that five employees have retired under the early retirement incentive program, can only replace one. He reported that work continues on the objectives of the EMS Plan, and that SEMSAC is formally opposed to the new legislation passed in 1995 regarding epinephrine regulations. Mr. Murphy went over the finance committee recommendations regarding the \$8. Tag money, updated the helicopter replacement committee work; four bills from the EMS Board are still at the Governor's Office; MIEMSS in final phase of looking at an industrial AED Program; and reported on the paramedic curriculum. He relayed

that Dr. Bass has been vocal in strong opposition. He reported that MIEMSS is working on revisions to the DNR Program. Discussion held reference charging fees for support of testing requirements for EMT-P.

EMS Committee - Chairman Wills presented a written report and provided the numbers from the recent survey stating that there was a problem that the first responders were added to the non certified personnel allowing them to be double counted, but felt that no significant changes on the totals occurred. He reported that a proposed amendment to the Good Sam Law with wording emergency medical services provider which includes all. L. Sachs reported on a proposal for DNR protocols. C. Wills talked about the fee charges for EMT-P via a letter sent from MPEC. MFRI is looking into ALS training. There is a problem with CPR pre-requisite for EMT-B. A draft copy of the medical directors agreement is out for review. He emphasized the lack of knowledge by NVFC medical personnel on EMT-P training hours.

Budget and Revenue Committee - Chairman P. Fabiszak presented a written report and stated that the committee is looking at the recommendations made by the Five Year Planning Committee and Audit Committee. The inventory issue was addressed with resolution of computer program by Treasurer. Financial accounting was next addressed with a double entry accounting program and reporting of balance sheet and profit and loss statements. Interest bearing accounts were addressed, recommend investment into the LGIP. He met with the CEO of Merchantile who was very receptive to the Maryland State Firemen's Association concerns, one account number could be established for all funds. A written quote from an independent auditor was discussed and will be presented later. The Budget and Revenue Committee will hold five regional meetings to address the current budget process. Treasurer Saville requested that the MSFA invest money into the MLGIP and establishing an account with Mercantile Bank. The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by M. Robinson:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LGIP PROGRAM. Motion Passed.

State Fire Marshal's Office - Fire Marshal Gabriele gave an oral report stating that he had the presented two thirty year service awards to his personnel, met with the Governor during a presentation from an incident in Annapolis, met with Chief Bell, the Church Fire Arson and Prevention Program has now gone nationwide. He proceeded to highlight this program. FY97 budget for funding of an additional four spaces with 500 applicants. FY98 budget being submitted. He then discussed the transition of the Fire Marshal's Office into the Department of Maryland State Police.

Board of Review - Chairman D'Camera presented the following report:

97-02 from the Lakes and Straits VFC for a grant of \$23,208. Which will complete their building process resulting from the fire. The following motion was made by C. Coleman and seconded by H. Rhue:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR A GRANT OF \$23,208. TO THE LAKES AND STRAITS VFC FOR BUILDING COMPLETIONS. Motion Passed.

97-03 from the Clarysville VFC for a loan of \$23,000. and a grant of \$88,941. for apparatus replacement. The following motion was made by C. Coleman and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR A GRANT OF \$88,941. AND A LOAN OF \$23,000. TO THE CLARYSVILLE VFC FOR APPARATUS REPLACEMENT. Motion Passed.

Chairman D' Camera stated that the next three applications were a result of the recent flooding in Western Maryland. He requested that the Governor be contacted to waive the \$5,000. Matching dollar requirement, and asked direction on whom should make the contact?

97-04 from the Tritown Ambulance Company for a grant of \$73,250. With matching funds of \$35,000. from insurance payoffs to replace their building which was destroyed. A question was asked about the disaster flood money from FEMA. A reply was given that until last week only applications from private residences were being accepted. The following motion was made by M. Robinson and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR A GRANT OF \$73,250. TO THE TRITOWN AMBULANCE COMPANY FOR BUILDING REPLACEMENT. Motion Passed.

97-05 from the Goodwill VFC (Lonaconing) for a grant of \$1,911. to replace equipment lost and damaged. A question was asked as to why the apparatus was not covered by insurance? Reply was that this is a department decision. A question was asked as to why we would grant money with the department having over \$30,000. Available to cover the cost? Discussion on federal money becoming available to cover these types of costs. The following motion was made by G. Curfman and seconded by C. Coleman:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REJECT THE REQUEST FROM THE GOODWILL VFC FOR APPLICATION 97-05. Hand Vote Taken, 10 Yea and 1 Nea. Motion Passed.

97-06 from the Potomac VFC (Westernport) for a grant of \$33,971. To make repairs to the building roof as a result of the floods and apparatus repairs. Questions were raised as to how flooding could cause roof damages, if the department had insurance coverage, or other recovery sources? Chairman D'Camera advised that the department advised that if they had sufficient insurance coverage then the amount received could be placed back into the Trust Fund. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by M. Robinson:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR A GRANT OF \$33,971. TO THE POTOMAC VFC (WESTERNPORT) FOR BUILDING REPAIRS. Hand Vote Taken, 6 Yea and 5 Nea. Motion Passed.

The meeting was turned back to President Cox who called upon Assistant Chaplain Newman for the blessing before recessing the meeting for lunch. After noticing that several individuals in coat and tie did not have a black eyed susan lapel pin, a collection was made from them for the Bessie Marshall Fund and turned over the LA President Thorne. President Cox thanked the Princess Anne VFC for their hospitality, presented them with a National Fallen Firefighter Memorial print, and money contributed from the attendees along with the Maryland State Firemen's Association check.

Secretary King introduced Carl Edelin from the Kensington VFD and announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Second Vice President. P. Sterling then spoke on Carls' behalf, followed by Carl speaking to those in attendance.

Public Relations and Bulletin Committee - Chairman J. Gatton, Jr. presented a written report and stated that the last issue of the Trumpet had been released, gave an explanation of an erroneous offer from the Anheuser Busch Company reference a free clock offer, and an inquiry from the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association about purchasing space for some of their information. He advised that the next deadline is November 1.

Board of Trustees - Chairman C. Riley reported the financial report of the Trustees. He relayed that some changes may be forthcoming to the Colburn Cup Award, and also some law changes. He spoke of the service given by Francis Fatkin during his many terms as a Trustee.

Marketing Committee - Chairman R. Yinger presented a written report and stated that a new display board has been purchased.

Transportation Committee - Chairman R. Yinger presented a written report and stated that the checking account has been closed and all records forwarded to the Audit Committee. He relayed that meetings with the MVA have been canceled three times. After questions he reported that the new tags are being issued to Somerset County and that additional tags will be available around January 1.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Representative B. Cumberland updated the activities of the Council by written report which was presented by Joe Robison. He relayed information on the NVFC legislative effort on the FLSA issue. He reported on the nominating committee nominees, and the \$10,000. grant program. Bob continued the report by providing a date outline for legislative matters, the NVFC top priority will be the FLSA issue. Other legislation addressed included: LOSAP program exemption, forms for the 21st. century grant program, the FF of the Year was selected from Kentucky, and award nominations are due by June 1. He relayed that the Council now has 48 states represented. Bob thanked all for their support of his candidacy for the Second Vice Chairman position.

Federal Legislation - B. Cumberland updated information including funding for the USFA; LOSAP; Fire Safety Education Act sponsored by Congressman Hoyer; church arson fires, HB173 fire safety stamp; Public Safety Officers Health Benefit Act; federal firefighters pay equity; and FLSA.

Incentive Programs Committee - Chair Joan Robison presented a written report and stated that the committee members are willing to travel to answer any questions or concerns.

Hall of Fame Committee - Chairman J. Gatton, Sr. spoke on a decal for Hall of Fame members to use which would be distributed by the committee.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was turned back to President Cox. After making some closing remarks the President called upon Assistant Chaplain Newman who offered the closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
Leonard T. King
J. Edward Cross
Robert Jacobs
Gene Worthington

MOTION SUMMARY

MOTION: That the Association accept the resignation of Francis Fatkin from the Board of Trustees with deep regrets. Motion Passed

MOTION: That the M.S.F.A. bestow the title of Secretary Emeritus of the Board of Trustees upon Francis Fatkin.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the appointment of Robert Shimer to the Board of Trustees. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the bid for \$29,000. Be approved for 850 copies of fixed binders for the printing of the Fire Laws Book Committee. Motion Passed

MOTION: That the M.S.F.A. Executive Committee have a letter sent through the Office of the President to the Montgomery County Executive indicating that the Executive Committee is on record of imminently in opposition to Question E in Montgomery County, and appropriate reasons given showing that we feel that it serves no purpose and would potentially undermine the quality of volunteer fire services, and that we support the Montgomery County Volunteer Association's position to Question E. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MOTION: That the State Association support Robert P. Cumberland for the position of Second Vice Chair of the N.V.F.C. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee deny the proposal and request from the California Casualty Insurance Company. Voice Vote Taken. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the mailing list fee be increased to \$50.00. Hand Vote Taken, 9 Yea and 2 Nea. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee support the recommendation of the Treasurer's Office to participate in the LGIP Program. Motion Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the recommendation of the Board of Review for a grant of \$23,208. to the Lakes and Straits VFC for building completions. Motion Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the recommendation of the Board of Review for a grant of \$88,941. and a loan of \$23,000. to the Clarysville VFC for apparatus replacement. Motion Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the recommendation of the Board of Review for a grant of \$73,250. To the Tritown Ambulance Company for building replacement. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee reject the request from the Goodwill VFC for Application 97-05. Hand Vote Taken, 10 Yea and 1 Nea. Motion Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the recommendation of the Board of Review for a grant of \$33,971. To the Potomac VFC (Westernport) for building repairs. Hand Vote Taken, 6 Yea and 5 Nea. Motion Passed.