

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
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The **Executive Committee** meeting held at the Second District Volunteer Fire Company at Valley Lee was called to order at 0900 by President George A "Fred" Cross. Assistant Chaplain offered the opening prayer followed by leading the group in the pledge to the flag. President Cross introduced State Senator Roy Dyson who spoke to the group. Welcome was given by the host company Chief. President Cross gave an update on Past President Phil Hurlock and stated that it was nice to see Past President Yinger back with us. He asked Past President Fleshman to administer the oath of office to Past President Yinger for the Executive Committee. Convention Chair Leonard King presented the Past President's badge to Richard L. Yinger 1994-95. Past President Yinger thanked everyone for their support, cards, phone calls and everything, they were greatly appreciated.

President Cross gave his welcome, recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. B. Burton, 79-80; C. H. Riley 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; W. J. Fleshman, 92-93; and R. L. Yinger, 94-95. The President then recognized the guests in attendance including: Sharon Worthington, President LAMSFA, who spoke to the group bringing a message from the Ladies; Senior Vice President Joyce Thorne, and others.

**PRESIDENT** - President Cross presented his written report and proceeded to comment about attending many funerals and extend sympathy to those families. The President attended the Board of Review meeting in Tylerton, Transportation Committee meeting working on the new tags, and the Budget Meeting. On July 26, a press conference was held at Earleigh Heights in conjunction with the Governor's Office and Prudential Insurance to announce the program of \$200,000. in matching funds for the purchase of AED equipment by volunteer departments in Maryland. Work is continuing on the income tax incentive in preparation of the statewide work shops. The President stressed the Baltimore Stallion Football Game tickets are on sale, need to push their sales. The Presidents attended the Virginia State Convention, met with Carey Brown Administrator of the National Fire Administration, and Dr. O'Neill the new Superintendent of the National Fire Academy. The Officers met with Carey Brown for discussion of training needs and the National Fallen Firefighters Monument expansion. The President also attended the critique of the Convention Committee.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** - Vice President Steve Cox presented his written report and proceeded to comment on the contents. He reported that he had traveled over 6,000 miles and spent 380 hours representing the Association at 70 different functions. He reported on attending the various instructor meetings around the state, had the opportunity to work on the IMS, continued to work on incentive program, enjoyed the breakfast meeting with the Governor, attended the Firehouse Expo, one of the first participants in the new EMTB bridge program, attended the Virginia State

Convention, Cumberland Valley and Five States Presidents' Meeting. He reported that Harford  
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County EMS stated that MIEMSS is planning to discontinue repairs to defibrators in approximately 2-3 years. He had the opportunity to work with DNR personnel in preparing plans and goals for their organization. Vice President Cox was very pleased to have participated in the presentation of smoke detectors for the hearing impaired. He also attended the MFRETC meeting.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Vice President Danny Davis presented his written report and commented on the topics not previously covered. He commented on the privilege of installing officers at Bryans Road VFC, and working with the Fire Coalition. He reported that the Surplus Property Committee will be sending forms to member companies dealing with any surplus property needs and availability of equipment. He reported that plans for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service are well under way with 100 deaths in the line of duty for 1994. He proceeded to comment on updates from safety and fire prevention committees. The Vice President has traveled 7,100 miles and 340 hours of business. Thanks to the departments for their invitations and hospitality shown to him.

SECRETARY - Secretary King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. Minutes of the last Executive Committee Meetings from Convention have been transcribed, copied and mailed. He reported that several address problems on the Eastern Shore are continuing, and that all notices have been sent out. He reported that the President's automobile has been properly titled and tagged with MVA. The Directory has been printed with distribution this weekend. Thanks to Vice President Cox for his work on the inventory in getting underway, working with the Data Committee for input. He stressed the importance of attending one of the statewide meetings on SB 144 Income Tax Incentive for compliance and obtaining the necessary information. Copies of the important dates for the Association are on the front table. He talked about the new DNR ruling that allows fire departments to take water during fire training exercises, and strongly suggested that the copy of the permit that was sent to all departments be put in all apparatus. Several bulk mailings have already been made to member companies, cost of \$400 every time. Proceedings Book work has been started, letters have been forwarded to the Officers. The Association is in receipt of a packet from the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool with summary being passed out. Some problems with the 800 phone number, to correct this an access code has been added, the code number is 13 when you are asked for an access code. The Secretary's Office is a team working for the goals of the Association. The Financial Report was given with all monies transferred to the Treasurer.

TREASURER - Treasurer Bob Saville presented a computer printout on the financial accounts with balances (a copy is on file). He expressed his appreciation for his assistants and asked for questions. Concern from audience reference amounts in checking accounts, monies are transferred at regular intervals.

CHAPLAIN - Chaplain Pierce Damewood stated that the Assistant Chaplains have been extremely busy conducting memorial services. The Chaplain gave updates of medical conditions on many. Nice to have Dave White here this weekend, services for Thomas Baldwin, and Francis Philpot forthcoming. Thanks to all for prayers, wife doing fine, please remember the Assistant Chaplains

are available for your service.

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President Cross turned the meeting over to the Executive Committee Chair J. Donald Mooney. Chairman Mooney opened the meeting by asking for concerns and issues from the various Executive Committee members. Fran Jester gave an update on Phil Hurlock; George Blanco read letter announcing Bob Knippenburg as candidate for Second Vice President; Danny Carpenter discussed the Charles County study on the fire service; Richard Brooks reported on a large multi alarm tire fire this week; and Chairman Mooney reported on the new fire chief in Baltimore County.

Office of the Attorney: Mr. Powell has taken care of a few matters for the President, reported on his new 800 number 310-8951.

Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund: Chair June Black was not present, however a written report was filed.

MFRI: Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and presented highlights of the report. The first year is complete of the MFRI Training Plan with excellent results, thirty-four objectives for FY96, working on the completion of the rescue tech program, working with MIEMSS on the EMTB program, revision of truck company programs, development of EMS Management Officer program, evaluation of class instructor half way thru class. The fiscal budget request for 97 has been presented to the EMS Board with enhancements in three major areas, allow MFRI to bring on the EMTB program, technician and clerical positions at the lower eastern shore, and additional money for equipment replacement. Currently MFRI provides students with text books for the respective training classes and allows the students to keep them. This is a cost of over \$200,000 each year. MFRI will continue to issue text books for every student for the duration of the class, change will be that the text book be returned at the end of the class, reissue at next class, the student may purchase text at reduced cost. Some concerns were addressed by the Executive Committee with Director Edwards responding. Final statement on how to control the return of the textbook is, no book no final exam. The following motion was made by H. Cornell and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: TO SUPPORT THE MFRI POLICY ON TEXTBOOKS AND THE PURCHASE OF SAME. A hand vote was taken with 8 yea and 1 nea, motion passed.

The Director continued by reporting that the student registration management computer system is working well with minimal problems, two EMTB instructor orientation programs held in Montgomery county, goal to be on line by July 1996. Capital projects update with lower eastern shore training complex outstanding on time and under budget, grand opening date Sunday, October 29, 1995. Centreville site is undergoing survey work, then transfer of property from DOT to the University, budget for planning money. New pumps program out September 1, rescue tech January 1, hazmat operations January 1. A quality council has been created within MFRI where faculty and full time instructors can make recommendations, one of the first to be implemented will be a plaque in each regional training center to recognize field instructors with twenty years continuous service.

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State Fire Marshal: Fire Marshal Rocco Gabriele presented a written report of highlights of the Office. He started his remarks by thanking the MSFA for allowing his office to make annual presentations at the convention. Effective September 1 the Fire Marshal's Office will be at a new location, 300 East Joppa Road, Towson, MD. Telephone number 410-339-4200, arson number same, toll free line 1-800-525-3124 remains same, fax 339-4215. Some changes in personnel, Deputy Chief John Earp retired as of July 1, awaiting an applicant listing from personnel, Deputy Chief David Harring on sick leave since May, 1994, placed on LWOP pending retirement or separation. Recently filled vacancy in Southern Maryland with Alan Gosnell, also secretary resigned, filled vacancy with Patricia Ward from Prince Frederick. Presently reviewing list to hire bomb tech and secretary in headquarters office. He commented on the FY97 budget request to remain same, cuts in equipment replacement, will make up entitlement. He further gave an overview of salary changes from FM 1 thru 6. The office was able to invoice \$550,000 in fee programs and collect \$500,000, this would allow to hire twenty nine additional personnel for inspections, interesting to see how Secretary Robinson will accept. Five contractual employees have been hired through monies from Human Resources to do day care center inspections. Regional headquarters will be moving from Ellicott City to Westminster sometime in September. New furniture has been purchased for the satellite offices. Working closely with the staff at MFRI to provide training for Deputy Fire Marshals which will qualify them to be certified fire investigators or fire inspectors, also thru the Pro Qual Board. A record high 268 fire works displays permits issued this year with minimal injuries. A change in the protocol of the bomb squad will require them to be on site longer which means our support will be longer. Since Oklahoma City bomb calls have increased significantly. State Fire Prevention Commission is still going through the adoption phase of the State Fire Prevention Code, cleared the AELR committee, will be advertising for public hearing, anticipate the adoption sometime in December. Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14 with theme of "Watch What You Heat, Prevent Home Fires". The Fire Marshal's Office has no literature to provide to the fire companies. The Federal Arson Prevention Act, this agency has applied for a grant to USFA for \$200,000 for use to enhance the reporting system across the state by standardizing the reporting system. The Governor's Fire and Burn Seminar will be held on September 20, all are invited. He spoke on rumors about the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund being transferred to Public Safety. The Fire Marshal gave a comprehensive overview of the smoke detector for the hearing impaired program, congratulated Peggy Webb for her diligent efforts.

Department of Natural Resources: Mr. Alan Zentz presented a written report, however was not able to be present. Herman Rhue made a comment reference the foam being used on forest fires as being very successful. Vice President Cox further commented that he had attended a planning session with DNR personnel.

Haz Mat Committee: Vice President Cox stated that the chairman would not be present due to illness of his mother, however a written report was presented.

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MIEMSS: Dr. Bass presented an oral report by updating selected activities of the EMS Board. Final report was given to the legislature regarding MSP Aviation Division. Some selected statistics were given reference helicopter transports. Recommendation to secure funding to have two paramedics on board during flight. Thanks to the MSFA for their input into the plan. The Board approved to submit pre-bills to the Executive reference infection control notification, addition of pediatric physician to SEMSAC and certification of EMS providers. Dr. Bass then presented Charles W. Riley with a plaque for his contributions. He then recognized Phil Hurlock and would present his plaque after his surgery at the hospital.

Doc Wilson spoke reference the Attorney General's opinion on charging for ambulance services. Suggested that Attorney Powell place an article in the Trumpet in layman terminology.

EMS Committee: Chairman Wills presented a thorough written report, and asked Vice Chairman Sachs to comment on the proposed ALS legislation. House Bill 615 was passed by the legislature, vetoed by Governor which referenced HMO's to reimburse health care providers for services provided to a subscriber in a hospital emergency facility. He further talked about the DNR law immunity. Chairman Wills proceeded by talking about the EMTB proposed program. One of the major challenges is setting up the preceptorship. Vice Chairman Fabizak elaborated on the changes within the new program consisting of internship. Suggested that each company provide two preceptors to provide help to the trainees. Chairman Wills stated that it was gratifying to see that their comments had been accepted during the review of the state EMS plan. Another topic of discussion is budgetary in nature by not having the money to carry out the EMTB program. Chairman Wills attended the first EMTB bridge program for administrative personnel in Montgomery County. Another topic that continues to bother the committee is our representation on the ALS subcommittee of SEMSAC. Vice Chairman Sachs addressed the issue. Chairman Wills discussed the problems with the AED program with Prudential. Applications will be received until January 31, 1996. He cautioned everyone on the application first that it is not an open application for every department, must be a 501C3 and volunteer. Thanks to Mike Robinson and the Earleigh Heights VFC for their hospitality in hosting the press conference. Each Executive Committee member was given enough AED applications for every company within their respective areas. President Cross questioned mailings that have already gone out with submittal dates of September 30? Chairman Wills understanding is that the application process runs through January 31, 1996.

Attorney Powell commented on immunity statutes for emergency medical service providers so that if you provide emergency medical service, you are immune unless guilty of gross negligence. Question from Doc Wilson reference companies being tax exempt organizations as 501C3 category, many departments within Montgomery County carry 501C4, will this be a problem. Chairman Wills responded that the companies need to convert to the 501C3 which takes about 2-3 weeks.

President Cross introduced Congressman Steny Hoyer who made some remarks to the group. The President then made some announcements and called upon Assistant Chaplain Taugher

who offered the blessing before recessing for lunch. The meeting was called back to order by  
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Chairman Mooney, who asked the EMS Committee to continue with their reporting.

Vice Chairman Sachs continued with the ALS update. He will be drafting sample legislation on the immunity issue in conjunction with MIEMSS. A draft program on preceptorship for ALS providers is before the SEMSAC. A process is being developed by which the program that provides CRT or EMTP training for certification and qualifications.

Dr. Bass readdressed the group to clarify some issues with respect to the preceptor program for ALS providers. The intent is to create jurisdictional programs to accomplish, issue is that personnel coming out of class have little or no field experience. Additional questions were asked about the AED applications.

Fire Prevention: Chairman Wright gave an oral report on the activities to date. The committee held its first organizational meeting with main topic on budget. Committee does not have literature for distribution at this time. Received letter from participant in queen contest, response was given. The 1995 Fire Prevention Week theme will be "Watch What You Heat, Prevent Home Fires". Governor's Fire Safety Symposium will be September 20 at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

Five Year Plan: Chairman Joe Robison presented a written report, gave an oral report on the meeting held. Consensus that the President should ask for representation on the planning committee for the new convention center renovations and expansion in Ocean City. The committee discussed extensively the budget procedure and suggested that the committee discussed extensively the budget procedure and suggested that the Association maintain a minimum level of \$100,000 in operation accounts, with any excess taking up to twenty per cent of that figure to balance the budget as revenue in any given year. Another recommendation was to publish the Fire Laws Book every four years which corresponds to the legislators term of office. Also suggested that our Convention Committee do some additional long range planning to take full utilization of the new convention center.

Budget & Revenue: Vice President Cox presented written copies of the proposed 95-96 budget. He gave an overview of the process since convention and asked for questions. Questions were asked about the various line items that make up the request. Data Systems Chairman Snader discussed the items within his request for state funds. Question reference non printing of the Fire Laws Book. Discussion was held. President Cross addressed the group by stating he will be meeting the Governor to discuss some changes to mandate, that being an increase of \$8,000 to the appropriation account back where it was originally, printing of the fire laws every four years, additional money to be used for a firefighter safety program. Legislative Chairman Riley spoke on these topics after consultation with some key legislators. Attorney Powell gave testimony in support of printing the Fire Laws Book. Chairman Mooney again displayed his displeasure with the budgetary process. Additional comments from others were made. Vice President Cox then addressed the group with comments reference the budget process. The Budget Committee recommends and offers to compile a second budget during the year by the April meeting. The Executive Committee Chairman by

consensus of the Executive Committee instructed the Budget  
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Committee to proceed. The Budget Committee is planning this year to propose by-law amendments be formulated for voting. The following motion was made by Roger Steger and seconded by Hartwood Cornell:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE FY95-96 BUDGET AS SUBMITTED.

The following motion was made by Richard Yinger and seconded by Roy Wood:

MOTION: TO TABLE THE BUDGET MOTION UNTIL SUNDAY'S MEETING. A hand vote taken with 4 yea and 5 nea, with the motion to table failing. A question was called for on the original motion. A hand vote was taken on the original motion with 8 yea and 1 nea, with the motion passed.

Chairman Mooney thanked all those participating in the discussion reference the budget process for their concern.

LOSAP: Chairperson Joann Robison presented a written report of the activities of her committee consisting of updating all the changes in local programs. The Secretary's Office will be printing the final document in a loose leaf form. Chairperson Robison requested a county logo from each member of the Executive Committee from the counties they represent, and advised all that they need to participate in the tax incentive workshops.

Transportation: Chairman Hetz presented a written report and proceeded with synopsis orally. He reported that his new telephone number for work is 301-989-5964. Committee has been working with graphics designer on logo approved at convention, taken to MVA, was not satisfactory to their liking and needed to have in different format. State Use Industries will make the change for \$60, authorization has been given. New tags are at least six months away. Copy of the tag database has been given to the credit card company. Chairman Mooney discussed a problem he is personally having getting new fire tags. Past President Yinger is also having a problem with tags. New tags will start at the 30,000 series, discussion on the numbering system.

Chairman asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes from the two Executive Committee Meetings in Ocean City, hearing non they stand approved as printed. Chairman addressed the question of the external audit, stated that Gene Curfman would be present Sunday, discussion at that time.

Secretary King advised the Executive Committee that the Citizens VFC of Fawn Grove had not paid their dues for 1995 after three different notices. Notification has been made by mail of their suspension. By-Laws chairman Fleshman read from the constitution which stated that if the member company had not paid their dues by close of convention, their membership is terminated.

The meeting was turned back to the President for closing comments. Chaplain Damewood

gave the benediction. President Cross opened the Sunday meeting with welcome and called  
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Chaplain Damewood for opening services. Message was given, announcements of sick, Father Newman gave prayer followed by pledge of allegiance.

President then proceeded to introduce Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: L. B. Thompson, 62-63; D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. O. Baker, 78-79; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; W. J. Fleshman, 92-93; and R. L. Yinger, 94-95. Additional guests include Sharon Worthington, President LAMSFA, and others. Chaplain Damewood then updated the medical condition of PP John Smith. Meeting turned over to Chairman Mooney of the Executive Committee who continued with reports of committees and organizations.

Emergency Management Board: Bob Shimer added to the Fire Marshal's report reference to the new personnel on board and asked for support to the agency. GEMAC and SERC meetings are disturbing by setting in those training meetings and finding that funds have been committed and not being used at the various county levels. Examples given on the reimbursements. Currently looking into a regional response team concept for haz-mat incidents. 911 Board: Bob Shimer discussed collecting fees from cellular phones and distribution of same. He presented the monies approved for the various counties, reviewing the EMD program, Maryland is going to four area codes by 1998. Poison Control came to the 911 Board regarding their funding problems, according to the law could not assist. Effective July 1 monies received can be used for salaries, studies and equipment replacement. Looking for additional people to attend the hazmat conference to spend allocated money.

MFRETC: Bob Shimer reported that the Board went on record to accept the programs from Catonsville Community College. Chairman has been reappointed to the MICRB. New appointments made to the Board. In receipt of letter from Alliance reference position not to support that group. FEMA has new book reference protocol fire line deaths. Received application for new training school from May Ambulance, submitted to MIEMSS for their review and recommendation. Fort Meade has contacted the Commission for approval of fire training facility, advised they did not have to go through state for approval. Montgomery County Collapse Rescue Team was asked to give overview of their efforts in Oklahoma City, several members could not attend. MFRI will be hosting a program later date. Presently have 552 total instructors, 323 fire, 167 EMS, 63 rescue and 12 instructor trainers.

Legislative: Chairman Riley presented a written report with attachments in back of room for everyone. Highlights of his report were verbally stated. MSFA personnel have been working on procedure to implement the incentive law. Committee asked for attorney general ruling on qualifications and submittals. Reference to third category you must have served 25 years under LOSAP program and have been active for at least six years during the last ten calendar years. He also stated that individual must be a member of a bona fide Maryland fire, rescue or EMS organization. Points must be earned in calendar year not fiscal. This is a change to what we had

previously understood. Several examples were given to better explain. Much discussion. It is very  
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imperative that all attend the regional workshops explaining the bill requirements starting on September 12 in Salisbury, conclude November 13 in Bel Air. Met with officials from DOT reference the snow tire legislation, recommend we do not introduce any legislation unless we can produce data to warrant. He has talked to Sandy Reynolds about reinstating the appropriation back to \$100,000. HB1343 Emergency Light Bill, change reading to assistant fire chiefs or deputy chiefs or captain if highest ranking officer. Emergency Assistance Trust Fund will be discussed with the Governor. Questions arose about the administration of the program. Comments from Fire Marshal Gabriele reference EATF would require legislation to make changes being discussed. The committee would like to make changes to Article 38A concerning the appropriation account. Much discussion on printing of the Fire Laws Book, Senator Amoss suggested possibly a multi year printing, comments on printing ourselves, Fire Marshal Gabriele made a recommendation not to print the Fire Laws Book at all, cost is too high and only agency that uses it is the Fire Marshal's Office. Next item for discussion was casino gambling, recommended getting in early to dedicate percentage of income to go into 508 Fund. Legislative Session will start on January 10, 1996 and adjourn on April 8 with reception on Monday January 22.

Federal Legislation: Bob Cumberland gave report on RFPC funding program, finally got sponsor for LOSAP program bill HR 1893 from New York assigned to W&M. Ben Cardin serves on this committee and will be asked to co-sponsor. FLSA looking at changing the regulations in lieu of law change. Fuel tax reciprocity is being addressed by Delaware, Penn and Maryland.

Trustees: Chairman Charles Riley presented an oral report which included the approval of two death claims: that being Robert Ladd and Le Roy Cropper, pension payment to 26 widows and 8 dependent children for \$8,765 per month.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Bob Cumberland presented a written report. Bob will be representing the Association at the fall meeting in Louisville. The Firefighter of the Year will be announced at that time, person from Maryland. The Council has a new legislative assistant. Spring meeting date in Austin, Texas on April 11-14.

National Fire Academy Liaison: Bob Cumberland presented a written report, spoke on meeting with Dr. O'Neil. Looking at updating the arson programs, distance learning. Memorial service with 104 deaths to be honored. Senator Sarbanes has been asked to be keynote speaker. Out of State Coordinator: Bob Cumberland reported that he has been elected President of the Cumberland Valley Association. Good comments reference safety videos from MSFA. Next year's meeting in Westminster on March 23, 1996.

President Cross introduced Melissa Turner, MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Queen who spoke to the group and expressed her willingness to assist at various fire prevention and public education functions.

Vice President Cox spoke in reference to a fax received from Tom Seymour concerning permit for confined space required, hearing on subject matter will be September 27 at 9AM. Steve

gave example on effect to fire service.

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Board of Review: Chairman Louis D' Camera presented the following applications for review:

Bowman's Addition VFC 96-01 Grant of \$45,950 and loan for \$45,950 for addition to building with company to provide matching funding of \$15,000, ten year repayment on loan. The following motion was made by George Blanco and seconded by Roy Wood:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION OF A \$45,950 GRANT AND A LOAN OF \$45,950. A hand vote was taken with 7 yea and 2 nea, motion passed.

Betterton VFC 96-03 Grant of \$750,000 and loan for \$750,000, matching funding of \$750,000 for a new building. Review Board rejected the application. The following motion was made by George Blanco and seconded by Fran Jester:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT THE APPLICATION. A hand vote was taken with 9 yea and 3 not voting, motion passed.

Frostburg VFC 96-04 Grant of \$31,845 with matching funding of \$5,000 from City of Frostburg for repairs to ladder truck. The following motion was made by Richard Yinger and seconded by George Blanco:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION OF A \$31,845 GRANT. A hand vote was taken with 7 yea, 2 nea, and 2 not voting, motion passed.

Rawlings VFC 96-02 Grant of \$75,000 and loan for \$49,699 with deferred payments until 1998, ten year repayment schedule for new engine. The Board has rejected the application. Discussion about time table for submission and controversy over best and final bid. The following motion was made by Richard Brooks and seconded by Richard Yinger:

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT THE APPLICATION. A hand vote was taken with 10 yea and 1 nea, motion passed.

Discussion pursued on copying of applications for distribution. Consensus of group to continue copying of applications. Discussion continued on perception of procedures followed. Chief Mike McKenzie from Rawlings VFC addressed the group and asked Chairman D' Camera to poll the members of the Review Board allowing Rawlings to re-submit the three bids by September 9. Chairman D' Camera discussed the bid that was sent, seemed to be a difference in packages. Chairman Mooney asked Chairman D' Camera to poll the members again and work with Rawlings on this application, response that Ms. Bowser to work with them.

The meeting was turned back to President Cross who called upon Assistant Chaplain Newman who asked the blessing for the meal. After the meal President Cross called the meeting back to order. He asked a representative from the host company to accept monies received from the meals during the weekend, he also expressed his appreciation for their hospitality. He then

reminded everyone that football tickets are for sale. Important dates flyers are on the front desk and  
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reservation sheets for Ocean City. Meeting turned back to Executive Committee Chairman Mooney who continued with reports.

Safety: Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented a written report, commented that the committee had been busy since convention. New members were welcomed to the committee and overview given. Safety videos were major topic of comments. Budget requests for 96 was developed, projects discussed, video topics, sub-committees established. The Chairman attended the Five State Presidents' Meeting to show the safety videos. He asked for guidance on pricing and distribution of the videos. Much discussion was held. The following motion was made by Paul Sterling and seconded:

MOTION: TO SET THE PRICE FOR SAFETY VIDEO TAPES AT \$10 EACH AND  
TURN THE SALES OVER TO THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

The motion was withdrawn after discussion.

The following motion was made by Roger Steger and seconded by Fran Jester:

MOTION: TO SET THE SAFETY VIDEO PRICE AT \$25. PLUS SHIPPING AND  
HANDLING, AND THAT THE VIDEOS ARE TO BE MARKETED BY THE  
SAFETY COMMITTEE WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES GOING INTO  
THE GENERAL FUND. A hand vote was taken with 11 yea and 1 nea, motion passed.

Chairman Mattingly continued reference the reply from the NVFC grant to produce this year's video. Letter was read to the group. Discussion, turn over letter to attorney for review. More discussion.

President's Car: Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented oral comments to the group reference to the car. President Cross added a bug screen to the front of the van under advisement of the car dealer before approval by the committee. Matter is resolved to the best of everyone.

Ways & Means: Chairman John Means presented a written report. He announced that we had a profit of over \$22,000 an increase, county sales amounted to \$23,317, officers sales \$1,144, ladies auxiliary sales \$1,174, counter sales \$4,332 with total expenses of \$13,504.37 for profit of \$22,462.63. Carroll County was biggest seller of tickets. Chances for next year's raffle are in, will be sold at ladies fall conference.

Surplus Property: Chairman Eddie Wood provided an oral report on highlights from the written report. Committee has contacted federal legislators about DNR being moved higher on the priority listing for surplus from feds. Question arose reference procedure for turning in of surplus, computer database to be established.

Public Relations & Bulletin: Chairman John Gatton presented a written report, pre-convention

Trumpet contained twenty pages and post-convention issue. Committee assisted at the convention  
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with media. The most recent issue contained twenty eight pages with new graphics. He requested county meeting dates from the Board. Mailing list has been updated, with total distribution of 2,100. Next deadline is September 1. Comments about the last issue were presented to the chairman. Question was asked about the revenue from sales of ads last year. Ad prices are \$140 per issue or \$700 for the year.

Board of Advisors: Representative Charlie Wills stated all the topics had been discussed by others. He advised the group that his appointment ends this year, seeks reappointment.

Recruitment: Chairman Don Flinn was not present, however sent a written report.

Certification Board: Clarence Carpenter presented an oral report, last meeting was canceled. Question was asked about the annual report distribution.

Constitution & By-Laws: Chairman Bill Fleshman stated that the committee stands ready to serve. Chairman Mooney may call a special meeting to discuss budget by-law changes.

Convention: Chairman Leonard King presented a written report. He stated that there are still some outstanding bills, final financial report in October. Exhibits revenue was over \$86,000, excellent job by all.

Richard Snader addressed the group reference upgrading to Windows 95, recommendation is not to upgrade at this time.

Past Presidents: Jerry Glaubitz spoke they were here to observe and help in any they can.

Special Activities: Chairman Danny Carpenter gave an update on inventory of approximately \$2,309. He talked about the possibility of MSFA flag for sale.

Standards: Chairman Bill Huttenloch presented a paper from Kent Queen Anne's reference a recognized emblem of inspection. Vice President Cox provided input that brought about the letter. Committee will make evaluation of the project.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Mooney asked Gene Curfman reference the external audit, response nothing done to date. Gene will be drafting a proposal for audit and hopefully draft to auditing committee for review. Comments were made reference the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool. Suggested that a representative attend the next meeting to make his pitch.

Chairman Mooney asked for any other business, thanked all for their attention, turned over to President Cross.

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Chaplain Damewood reminded all to work on pictures for the Memorial Service, gave benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**MOTION SUMMARY OF AUGUST 26 & 27, 1995**

MOTION: To support the MFRI policy on textbooks and the purchase of same. Passed.

MOTION: To accept the FY95-96 budget as submitted. Passed.

MOTION: To table the budget motion until Sunday's meeting. Failed..

MOTION: To concur with the Board recommendation of a \$45,950 grant and a loan of \$45,950. Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the Board recommendation to reject the application. Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the Board recommendation of a \$31,845 grant. Passed.

MOTION: To concur with the Board recommendation to reject the application. Passed.

MOTION: To set the price for safety video tapes at \$10 each and turn the sales over to the Special Activities Committee. Withdrawn.

MOTION: To set the safety video price at \$25 plus shipping and handling, and that the videos are to be marketed by the Safety Committee with the proceeds from the sales going to the general fund.

Passed.