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The Executive Committee Meeting held at the Bowley's Quarters Volunteer Fire Company on January 20 and 21, 1996 was called to order at 9:00 AM by President George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr. Trustee Donald Knauer gave the opening prayer followed by leading the group in the pledge to the flag. Welcome was given by the host company Past President. President Cross introduced the Fire Chief of Baltimore County who gave welcoming remarks. George Blanco gave an update on the flooding conditions in Western Maryland. President Cross gave his welcome, recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: J. W. Smith, 54-55; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. B. Burton, 79-80; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; J. W. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; P. M. Hurlock, 93-94; and R. L. Yinger, 94-95. The President recognized Senior Vice President Joyce Thorne and Junior Vice President Robin Browning of the Ladies Auxiliary and other guests in attendance. He then went into reports of the officers.

President - President Cross presented his written report and proceeded to comment hoping everyone had a happy holiday and prosperous new year. He extended sympathy to those families of deceased members to include Calvin Growden, Chief Richard Rice and Kathleen Bosley. On November 13, the President had a meeting with DNR personnel reference their budget. He attended many of the work shops held across the state reference the income tax incentive, complimented the team effort of the presenters. He attended the dedication of the regional training center for the lower eastern shore at Princess Anne. The President spoke briefly on the EMS legislation and stated that Dr. Bass would cover further. He acknowledged all the volunteers for their efforts during the "Blizzard of 96." The appointment to the 911 Board expires, Bob Shimer our rep prefers not be re-nominated, Phil Hurlock will be the new nominee. The legislative session has begun, spoken daily with Chairman Riley. The President extended thanks to the companies for the invitations to the banquets and awards nights, unfortunately cannot attend all, however MSFA was represented at all. The President has been performing the duties of the office, itinerary attached covering time and mileage.

First Vice President - Vice President Steve Cox presented his written report and proceeded to comment on the contents. Steve wished everyone a happy new year. He reported that he had traveled over 20,000 miles and spent 1,200 hours representing the Association at different functions. He reported on attending various funerals and memorial services across the state. SB 144 meetings have come to closure, last one being held at Bel Air VFC with over one hundred in attendance. Members of the Association toured Shock Trauma on November 14, excellent opportunity and educational experience. Steve has been participating a lot of professional development. The letter for the MSFA raffle has been prepared and sent to John Means. Steve further commented on the realignment of responsibilities of Officers, no comments received, again encouraged input. He has been actively attending county and MSFA meetings, had the opportunity to work with Chairman Wills on EMT bridge program. Steve also congratulated all for their

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personal sacrifices during the recent blizzard. The AED program is live and well. Special thanks to Baltimore County for the rescue when he ran out of gas on the beltway.

Second Vice President - Vice President Danny Davis presented his written report and commented on the topics not previously covered. Danny has traveled 6,671 miles and 264 hours of business since last executive meeting. The officers met with State Fire Marshall to discuss issues. He spoke briefly on other committee actions which will be reported later in more detail. CDL drivers license has become an issue again, various individuals have been told that the volunteers have lost their exemption as of January 1. Danny wished a healthy recovery to Rocco and Pierce.

President Cross called MVA and will be setting up meeting with Colonel Mitchell to address same.

Secretary - Leonard King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. The office has experienced some difficulty with computers and copy machines. Minutes of the last executive committee and two special meetings have been transcribed, copied and mailed. Mass mailing is planned to all member companies containing the vehicle red light form. Work has been progressing with various committees on mass mailings. Leonard asked anyone having any updates on awards or contests please advise to keep the awards manual up to date, copies are available. Presently working with the LOSAP committee to publish a statewide handbook. Leonard asked the Executive Committee members to provide a good black and white copy of the various county seals. Dues notices, credential forms and memorial forms have been mailed, need back soon as possible, please fill out legibly. Convention books distribution will start in about two weeks, working through committee and county associations. The Secretary again stressed his office works as a team. Leonard proceeded with reporting on finances received, all have been forwarded to the Treasurer. Question asked how many memorial pictures are in inventory, response thousands.

Treasurer - Bob Saville brought greetings from the land of high waters. He stated that Dave Kirk has made arrangements for rooms at the Braddock for the April meeting, copies of reservation forms are on the table. He then presented a computer print out on the financial accounts with balances. Bob expressed his appreciation for his assistants and asked for questions.

Chaplain - Pierce Damewood was not present due to recent illness, President Cross stated that Pierce is home from the hospital.

President Cross turned over the meeting to the Executive Committee Chair. Chairman Mooney opened the meeting by asking the roar be kept to a minimum, apologized to MFRI for the conflict with their seminar. He then thanked Bowley's Quarters for hosting the meeting. He asked for concerns from the various executive committee members. Mike Robinson - as of January 1, all first response units went on line with automatic defibrilators, direct purchase through county, many companies purchased second units, made some comments about his personal life; Richard Brooks

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Harford-Cecil meeting last night, two alarm dwelling fire caused seven fire fighters to be treated from electric shock; Roger Steger - minimal snow in Ocean City, work has begun on new convention center; George Blanco - Allegany-Garrett will be having their banquet on Friday night during the April meeting.

Office of the Attorney - Roger Powell reported on continuing to work on the credit card program, recently asked for some contributions from MBNA, consulted with legislative committee on some bills, filed lawsuit against the Fire Fighters Association of America.

Department of Natural Resources - Mr. Alan Zentz introduced the new director of forestry, Mr. Jim Mallow, who presented an oral report. Some comments from his report. He stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be with us today, thanks for the invitation. He is looking forward as the new Director and State Forester of the Fire Service to continue the long time relationship that exists between the forestry service and the many companies throughout the state and in this association. He feels the two programs that we have that provide some small level of funding to the companies are important to us and certainly important to you, the rural community fire protection. We never have enough money to go to meet the requests but we do the best that we can and we appreciate your support and time that you all spend and that your companies spend submitting the applications and hope it is worth while. Certainly the federal excess property program that we're able to put a tap on federal excess property is a win situation for all of us and Alan shared with me the fact that since the programs existence, the value of the federal excess property in Maryland is over three and a half million dollars and that has got to be beneficial to each and every company. Hopefully through our efforts we can continue to work on win mutual benefit situations. There are two things that I want to talk to you about very specifically and you know that everything is changing, and that we are and your association is and we are constantly trying to recognize those changes and work to make sure that we keep up to date. We have undertaken a fire program review and I know that some of you have participated in our reviews across the state. We finalized those reviews and are now going to appoint a task force, some of the folks on the task force are going to be from various fire community associations and with a final report in June to some recommendations that we certainly will share with this association and move forward in trying to implement those and making those changes. Finally, our heavy equipment as you know we are responsible by law to take care of the natural fuel fires in the state, we last year had over six thousand of them, about eight thousand acres of forest marsh and grasslands were burned. We need and have some heavy equipment, quite frankly it is so old that we are holding it together with barbed wire and chewing gum. The secretary of natural resources has made a commitment based on the study that we've made, with, again some of your help to replace this heavy equipment over a five year period to the tune of about a million and a half dollars. We shared with you there in the packet, a briefing paper on the background of the equipment, the condition of the equipment, and what our situation is. We would certainly ask your consideration in your legislative debates and discussions to help us keep that three hundred thousand dollars that was put in to next years budget, help us keep that in the budget during the legislative session that is now going on down in

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Annapolis. Our budget hearings are the end of February, we talked with Mr. Riley about it and Delegate Norman Conway whose subcommittee chaired from the eastern shore. He is very supportive. Over on the Senate side we are working with Senator Milton down in Southern Maryland. We are very hopeful and hope that you all will give consideration to this. Again it is a win situation. This equipment that we use to help you guys and us to take care of the natural fuel fires. With that I'll any questions that you might have, or Alan will answer them if I don't have any answers.

Chairman Mooney spoke reference the Maryland Magazine article on wildland fires support that Maryland gives to the country, very positive. Southern Maryland President Mattingly submitted a letter to MSFA asking for endorsement of the budget funding for DNR.

LOSAP - Joan Robison presented a written report of the activities of her committee consisting of working with the work shops on the incentive bill. All counties now have a points system that meets the requirements of SB144. The committee continues to provide information requested. She proceeded to give an update of the LOSAP program from Prince George's county. Questions were asked concerning reporting procedures to comply with the incentive bill. Another question asked reference 6 years or 72 months, discussion.

Budget & Revenue - Chairman Steve Cox presented written report, commented on speeding up the process by preparing next years budgetary requests. Requests need to be returned by Feb. 15. He gave an overview of the budget process since convention and asked for questions.

Board of Review - Chairman Louis D' Camera presented applications for approval:

96-05 Rawlings VFC Grant of \$125,000 with matching funding of \$6,953 for pumper. Board approved a loan of \$50,000 for ten years and a grant of \$75,000.

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARDS APPROVAL OF A \$50,000. LOAN AND GRANT OF \$75,000. FOR THE RAWLINGS VFC FOR A PUMPER. Passed.

96-06 Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit Grant of \$150,000 for construction of building. Review Board approved the application.

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARDS APPROVAL OF A \$150,000. GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING FOR THE CHARLES COUNTY MICU. Passed.

Discussion pursued on the amount of money the Board had remaining, approximately \$400,000. Question asked about the Linkwood Salem application, response yes approved by the Board of Public Works. Question asked about Newburg, confusion about letter from Charles County reference new organization. Question asked about status of Flintstone, application on hold.

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MIEMSS - Dr. Bass presented a written report, further commented by stating I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to meet with you. Let me give you a first report on SEMSAC, Roger Simonds has been reelected as chair and Bernie Koman as vice chair. The Regional Affairs Committee of SEMSAC is planning an Emergency Medical Services legislative reception in room 400 of the James Senate office building, I believe that is where it was last year, on January 29 from six to eight p.m. and invitations are extended to all of you here if you would like to attend. Let me give you a little update on our three legislative issues. First of all we have one going very well, which is adding the pediatrics representative to SEMSAC and the second issue is, I want to give you an update on the hepatitis C proposed legislation. Originally our intent was to add C to our list of diseases that have to be reported back to providers to by hospitals when it is discovered that the patient they transported has the diseases, A,B, or C. What we found is an issue that the Health Department wanted to expand that list to include other diseases recommended by CDC such as hemorrhagic dengue fever and rabies and things like that which is fine with us. But during the process the Health Department switched their stand a little bit, in essence, expressed their unhappiness with the existing bill. It came up with a proposed change which got into details of defining contacts, etc. We initially thought that we had consensus, but then it appeared clear that there were some issues, particularly from some other jurisdictions that had the opportunity to view the bill. We tried to meet this past week with all parties concerned and it was clear that the thing was starting to escalate out of control, so what we have decided to do is not to submit that bill this year but to continue this committee that is working on it and work through the spring and hopefully by July we will have some consensus on what it is we want to do with this bill. Clearly we want the Hepatitis C added, that is the bottom line for us. I think that is an issue that we are just going to keep pushing. The legislation transferring ALS certification responsibilities to the EMS board, most of you know that the original bill that was not supposed to be submitted somehow got submitted. That was withdrawn, we have resubmitted the correct bill that will be a bill that will be introduced from the House side rather than the Senate side and I have given you a copy of the script of the bill that is being introduced now to the House. We have a few air medical issues that continue to require looking at. The two main issues now are how are we going to begin to replace the Medivac fleet and secondly we want to look at possibly a pilot program with perhaps one or two helicopters to study the feasibility of a second medic on the ships. We will be convening another ad hoc Air Medical Committee consisting of Board members, SEMSAC members and interested parties to look at those two issues. We continue to see movement trying to change the regs with the respect to the size of elevators. They had planned a hearing on it in Ellicott City but that was snowed out. FYI they have rescheduled that meeting to January 25 at one p.m. at 501 St. Paul Place assuming that is in Baltimore City. We plan to have an on-site demonstration. We plan to show them exactly the difficulty of getting a patient on a conventional stretcher into a conventional size elevator. We as you know extended period for submitting your recommendations regarding to prioritizing EMS objectives to February 1st. Ron Kropp asked me to tell you that we only had a few hundred returns. It was in your Trumpet, it was in your EMS newsletter, so please, we are asking you and spread it around as much as you can to your colleagues, we would like your input. The EMD program continues to march along, on November the 16th we had a meeting in

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Columbia, made some minor revisions on the program guidelines we had already developed. We are moving ahead with the concept of minimum certification standards for EMD. It is in the program clearly that jurisdictions will not be required to implement EMD however if EMD is used, they will have to meet our or exceed minimum standards. We are going to be developing these standards utilizing a steering committee that will be appointed by the Board that will include people from existing proprietary programs as well as any home grown programs that we have here in the state. We anticipate appointing that committee this month. The committee is going to use ASTM, DOT, etc. to try to put this program together. We are still waiting for DOT, I think the snows and the furlough has once again slowed them up a little bit. I have run this by at the Emergency Members board and at another meeting in November and we have also discussed it with MFRETC and in general I can tell you that we are getting very strong support and I have letters from a number of individuals from around the state both in communications and fire service in support of this program. EMD continues to move along very well, on December 12, we had a meeting down at MFRI. About one hundred people were there, Julie Consani chaired it, and it was a very good meeting with constructive dialogue back and forth. We continue to plan to implement the EMT-B program fully in July of 96. We are still in the pilot phase, we have completed two bridges, we have one new course in progress, we plan seven more. We get this kicked off in July 96 like we anticipate we will, the program for the transition will go through December 31, 1999, which gives us three and half years. Again the philosophy of the program is that everyone should be able to transition from A to B. ALS committee continues to meet with Dr. Andy Sumner chairing that, they are working on ALS program accreditation standards, they plan to have a report to SEMSAC by March. They are also working on an internship issue recently completing a survey to establish a baseline. ALS funding have significantly increased the amount of money for training. We are still continuing to put a lot of emphasis on quality management to get the staff at par. Next step is to develop a statewide quality leadership council.

Comment made by Charlie Riley reference needing some help down the road. Dr. Bass mentioned purchasing new helicopters, the Transportation Trust Fund established by the \$8 tag fee was dedicated for operation budgets. It was never intended to be a capital fund, the last two med-evacs were purchased from there with a promise to pay the \$4M back. Requested Dr. Bass to take back to the EMS Board the MSFA concerns. Dr. Bass asked MSFA to appoint a representative to the ad hoc committee for this discussion. Tom Mattingly spoke on a difference of opinion that the southern Maryland delegation was told. He further commented on the subsidy to Shock Trauma, suggested that the fund could support \$250,000 for MSFA administrative costs annually. Bill Cook made comments on a study made by Charles county to add a \$10 cost to traffic tickets. Don Flinn commented on a piggy back toll at various bridges that could be applied toward EMS operations.

EMS - Charles Wills presented a written report, very thorough, commented on the activities of the three subcommittees. Charlie attended the dedication at Princess Anne. He attended the final evaluation of the first 24 hour bridge program, attended the monthly meeting of SEMSAC. He

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commented on the minutes of his committee meeting, Life Pak offering to replace monitors at no cost, pilot bridges are being used to evaluate test questions on the new 125 hour B program, Dr. Alcorta is the state EMS medical director and the MFRI educational medical director. The implementation date of the new EMT-B program is July 1, 1996, MFRI reported about the pilot programs, EMS Officer I program. Lee Sachs spoke on two issues, one being the internship preceptor program and the ALS accreditation program. He voiced his opinion and concerns on these topics. Charlie proceeded by talking about the Physicians Board of Quality Assurance wants to divest itself of responsibility for EMS. The EMS committee will devote the month of February to travel the state putting on seminars reference the legislative proposal. Lee gave an overview of the bill, presented a written graph of comparisons of already existing law.

Attorney Powell disagrees with the new proposed legislation, made commentary explaining his view. He gave examples on sections of the bill that need a language change. He stated that the bill introduced was not the same as presented at the special meeting at Level. Mr. Sachs stated the bill was the same with two exceptions those being the word licensing instead of certification which was approved by the executive committee by vote and minor stylistic changes thru out. The section reference the hearing examiner needs to be better defined. Dr. Bass gave some clarification on the review process. More discussion by various personnel on their concerns. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by R. Steger:

MOTION: TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO ADD THE WORDING LICENSE INSTEAD OF CERTIFICATION AT THE LEVEL MEETING. Hand vote revealed 6 yea, 6 nea, with chair voting nea. Motion Failed.

Legislative Chairman Riley questioned the legislative process reference to hearing schedule for the bill. Dr. Bass responded by not interested in having a hearing until after March 1 when statewide input has been received.

President Cross presented a check for \$500 to representative of the Baltimore Regional Burn Center. Fred introduced guest Delegate Frank who spoke to the group. Also introduced was Craig Coleman, President of Baltimore County Firemen's Association, who spoke and Senior Vice President. Charlie Wills asked blessing for the lunchtime break. After the lunch break, Chairman Mooney called the meeting back to order, Mr. Wills proceeded. He asked Paul Fabizak to report on the EMD sub-committee activities, written report was provided. Eight questions were considered during the meeting. Charlie continued his report by giving an itinerary of his activities. On December 7, he met with the Prudential Insurance reference the AED program. Forty one applications had been received, they wanted to distribute the money prior to the end of the calendar year. Reminder that the deadline for applications is January 31. A follow up meeting was held for discussion on the EMT bridge program. Question was asked about the AED application process.

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Recruitment and Retention - Chairman Don Flinn reported on the activities to include an excellent training workshop at Elkton. He gave an overview on their new VESO approach to recruitment and retention. Nominations forms from the State for volunteerism are available, nominations due February 16.

Transportation - Chairman Harry Hetz presented a written report proceeded with synopsis orally. Harry presented a sample copy of the new tag. A meeting was held in December and approved the tag design and letter sent to MVA on same. Current schedule looks like the March/April time frame for distribution, 15,000 tags will be stamped out. Sequence of events for distribution needs some more work, letter will be sent to area coordinators. Question was asked about the block numbering system, response have all members wanting FD tags to apply for ASAP before March 1. Harry gave his opinion on how the process would be handled, all records back to the transportation committee by March 1, new certs will be entered into the MSFA database, new certifications would go out with new forms with a printout and only names on printouts would be issued new tags on the initial certification. Then after initial certification happens, those certifications would be delivered to the area coordinators, they will pass on to the companies, those certifications would be filled out by the company and carried to MVA, MVA would try to keep bulk together, however would not guarantee due to mass numbers. Discussion. Harry stated he would take all the concerns back to the committee for resolution. More discussion. President Cross stated MSFA had a meeting in Beltsville related to the tags, further stated that the officers will contact MVA and set meeting, will advise by letter of outcome.

Safety - Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented a written report, commented that the committee has contacted McLain Stevenson to narrate the new video. Committee has received another letter from Attorney Powell requesting clarification on letter sent by NVFC, money has been received and held in escrow. Clarification that MSFA has not received any money from NVFC. Jenks gave an overview on activities at convention. He then introduced Mr. C. J. Benz of Provident Insurance for a presentation, who presented a check to the association for fire safety training video. Sincere thanks to Provident for their on-going endeavor to promote fire safety within Maryland.

President's Car - Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented oral comments to the group reference to the car. Three dealers have been contacted, Criswell Chevrolet has agreed to purchase vehicle under state contract, Lumina will be purchased.

MFRI - Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and started his oral remarks by stating that he would not discuss licenses, legislation or tags. Steve continued to highlight the report, held the mid year evaluation of the training and education plan, plan is on schedule and making progress. Regarding the budget, MFRI has done many things within the institute to control costs, both with regard to personnel expenditures, training supplies, equipment and programs. Budget talks with Fiscal Services have enabled to make some adjustments to allow for two smoke maze forcible entry props be constructed.

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MFRI Board of Advisors - Richard Brooks reported that the Board met in November at Berwyn Heights. He highlighted various activities that are taking place throughout the State and provided a brief update on the new EMT pilot course. He also stated that the MFRI goals and objectives for 1996-97 were distributed.

Ways and Means - Chairman Means reported that he is currently distributing the raffle tickets and requested the assistance of the Executive Committee representatives to assist by taking the lead in promoting the fundraiser for the Association.

Five Year Planning - Chairman Joseph Robison reported that because of weather conditions the two meetings scheduled for January had to be canceled. However, he did explain his position on the make-up of future conventions and has invited a group of individuals to review his concerns. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4 at Laurel VFC.

Statistical - Chairman Worthington reported that the report forms have been distributed throughout the State and requested that the forms be returned by April 15th. He noted that the only change to the report is in the fire suppression category. Within this category the report has been modified by adding Firefighter I and II to the report.

Fire Laws Books - Chairman Bilger reported that he has been in contact with the company who prints the fire laws book as it pertains to the copyright restrictions. He requested the Association's Attorney to review the matter and it has been determined that a diskette can be purchased. He also stated that the cost would be approximately \$400.00. On receipt of the material, it will be reviewed by the attorney and if authorized, it would be reproduced. This would allow for distribution and updates accordingly. The following motion was made by R. Yinger and seconded by D. Carpenter:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE DISKETTE ON APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, FOR THE REVIEW BY THE ASSOCIATION ATTORNEY. Passed.

The following motion was made by R. Yinger and seconded by H. Cornell:

MOTION: TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY THE AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FIRE LAWS BOOK REPRODUCTIONS ARRANGEMENTS. Passed.

The meeting was turned back to President Cross for closing comments and a closing prayer by the Chaplain. Sunday, January 21, 1996 - President Cross called the meeting to order at 0900 hours, and called upon Assistant Chaplain Rabbi Seymour Essrog for the opening prayer and pledge to allegiance. President Cross called Past President B. J. Smith to officially install Rabbi Essrog as an Assistant Chaplain. The President recognized the following Past Presidents who were in

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attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; T. L. Reynolds, 71-72; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. B. Burton, 79-80; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; and R. L. Yinger, 94-95. He also recognized other guests in attendance, and turned the meeting over to Chairman Mooney of the Executive Committee who continued with reports.

Chaplain's Report - Chaplain Damewood expressed his appreciation for the cards, calls, and prayers he received during his recent hospitalization. He also requested that for the Convention Memorial Service, to please acquire pictures of those deceased members for the program. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by H. Cornell:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS IN BERLIN, EARLEIGH HEIGHTS, AND LEVEL AS DISTRIBUTED. Passed.

Fire Marshal's Office - Acting Fire Marshal Shimer reported for Fire Marshal Gabriele. He updated everyone on the condition and progress of Fire Marshal Gabriele after recently having bypass surgery. He continued by informing the Association on the loss of DFM Lawrence who unexpectedly passed away. He followed with recent changes, promotions, and resignations within the office. He highlighted his report by informing the Association on a recent issuance of cease and desist order, legislative matters, assisting the Baltimore City Fire Department, bomb squad concerns, budget matters and the Departments role in the recent blizzard.

MFRETC - Bob Shimer provided a overview of the meeting held in December and indicated that most of the material in his written report had already been covered.

911 Board - Representative Shimer has notified President Cross that his appointment will end soon. As a result, he has requested because of work demands that another individual be appointed to represent the Association on the Board. He highlighted his report covering cellular issues, emergency medical dispatch (EMD) program, county equipment requests, TTY training package, Bell Atlantic updates, and inspections.

Emergency Management Advisory Council - Representative Shimer highlighted his written report.

Fire Prevention - Chairman Wright reported that the last meeting was canceled due to the weather. He highlighted several projects including the smoke detectors for the hearing impaired.

Public Relations and Bulletin - Chairman J. Gatton, Jr. gave a brief report and informed everyone that the deadline for the next issue of the Trumpet is February 1.

Hall of Fame - Chairman J. Gatton, Sr. reported that this year a lapel pin and pocket cards will be issued. Previously inducted members of the Hall of Fame will be presented these items also.

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Legislative - Chairman Riley read his written report in detail to the Executive Committee. He recommended changes to the bill entitled Emergency Equipment of Private Vehicles, there being no objections, he will proceed accordingly. He also recommended that no action be taken on opening the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund loan program. He reminded everyone that the office will be covered by staff personnel, from the Ladies Auxiliary, Monday thru Friday.

Board of Trustees - Chairman Riley reported that there has been no additional claims and that all current payments have been made.

Insurance Advisory - Chairman Gosnell reported on a recent in Frederick County which resulted in necessary legislative action being taken to correct the matter. He indicated that the Legislative Committee is aware of the matter and is working in conjunction with his committee to correct the law.

Past Presidents - Vice Chairman Mattingly reported that an officers guide is being developed by Past President Bernie Smith to assist current officers.

Constitution and By-Laws - Patti Gordy reported that the committee has received two proposed amendments to be presented at the convention. She also reported that several discussions were held on various issues and that Chairman Fleshman will update the Executive Committee. At this point lengthy discussions were held on what constitutes a pumper-tanker as it should relate to the proposed standard. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by F. Jester:

MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDED WATER TANK SIZE FROM 1,000 USABLE GALLONS TO A MINIMUM OF 1,500 USABLE GALLONS FOR THE PROPOSED PUMPER-TANKER STANDARDS. Passed.

The following motion was made by M. Robison and seconded by R. Yinger:

MOTION: TO RETURN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR PUMPER- TANKER STANDARDS RETURNED TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE NEW EDITION OF NFPA 1901 AND 1903 WITH AN EXPLANATION. Passed.

The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO SEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ARTICLE D,(EQUIPMENT) PUMPER STANDARDS, BACK TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR REVISIONS. Passed.

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The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by R. Yinger:

MOTION: TO SEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ARTICLE D, (PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE) TANKER STANDARDS, BACK TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR EXPLANATION. Passed.

The following motion was made by D. Carpenter and seconded by H. Cornell:

MOTION: TO SEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ARTICLE D, LADDER TRUCK/AMBULANCE/RESCUE STANDARDS, BACK TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR EXPLANATION. Passed.

Convention - Chairman King provided a detailed written report and an oral overview of the forthcoming convention. He stated that there will not be an increase for exhibitors this year. He reminded everyone that it is very important to purchase advance tickets for the various events to assure the availability and to allow the committee to provide the caterer with firm figures. The Program Committee is working to provide another great program on the main stage. He also stated that the next two years will be difficult ones, but when the expansion and renovations are completed, we will have a fine facility to hold an even more expanded convention and conference. He expressed the committees gratitude to the Ocean City officials for their assistance and cooperation in working with the MSFA. He also recognized the Prince George's County Fire Department, the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, and the Baltimore County Fire Department for their assistance. A complete detailed financial review of the 1995 convention was presented and a proposed budget for the 1996 convention was presented. Vice Chairman Mattingly reported on the status of the Program Book, the time line, and the need for timely returns of the ads and the various reports. The following motion was made by R. Wood and seconded by R. Brooks:

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE. Passed.

Budget - Chairman Cox presented the committee's objection to the Executive Committee's action in authorizing an appropriation without consulting the Budget Committee. He felt that this was not the direction that was to be followed pertaining to matters of this nature. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by R. Yinger:

MOTION: TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS MOTION AND REFER THE MATTER TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Passed.

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The Budget Committee reviewed the Convention Committee's recommended budget for the 1996 convention and recommended their concurrence. The following motion was made by R. Yinger and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCUR WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE 1996 CONVENTION BUDGET. Passed.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was turned back to President Cross. After making some closing remarks the Chaplain closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MOTION SUMMARY

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARDS APPROVAL OF A \$50,000. LOAN AND A GRANT OF \$75,000. FOR THE RAWLINGS VFC FOR A PUMPER. Passed.

MOTION: TO CONCUR WITH THE BOARDS APPROVAL OF A \$150,000. GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING FOR THE CHARLES COUNTY MICU. Passed.

MOTION: TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO ADD THE WORDING LICENSE INSTEAD OF CERTIFICATION AT THE LEVEL MEETING. Hand vote revealed 6 yea, 6 nea, with chair voting nea. Motion failed.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE DISKETTE ON APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, FOR THE REVIEW BY THE ASSOCIATION ATTORNEY. Passed.

MOTION: TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY THE AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FIRE LAWS BOOK REPRODUCTIONS ARRANGEMENTS. Passed.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS IN BERLIN, EARLEIGH HEIGHTS, AND LEVEL AS DISTRIBUTED. Passed.

MOTION: TO CHANGE THE RECOMMENDED WATER TANK SIZE FROM 1,000 USABLE GALLONS TO A MINIMUM OF 1,500 USABLE GALLONS FOR THE PROPOSED PUMPER-TANKER STANDARDS. Passed.

MOTION: TO RETURN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR PUMPER-TANKER STANDARDS RETURNED TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE NEW EDITION OF NFPA 1901 AND 1903 WITH AN EXPLANATION. Passed.

MOTION: TO SEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ARTICLE D, (EQUIPMENT PUMPER STANDARDS), BACK TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR REVISIONS. Passed.

MOTION: TO SEND THE PROPOSED AMANDMENT FOR ARTICLE D, (PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE) TANKER STANDARDS, BACK TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR EXPLANATIONS. Passed.

MOTION: TO SEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ARTICLE D, LADDER TRUCK/AMBULANCE, RESCUE STANDARDS, BACK TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR EXPLANATION. Passed.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE. Passed.

MOTION: TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS MOTION AND REFER THE MATTER TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMENDATIONS. Passed.

MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCUR WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMENDATION ON THE 1996 CONVENTION BUDGET. Passed.