

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 11-12, 1997

Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company

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The Executive Committee meeting was held at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company on January 11-12, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Stephan D. Cox. Assistant Chaplain was asked for the invocation and spoke of the members who needed our prayers, followed by leading the group in the pledge to the flag. President Cox gave his welcome, spoke on the challenge of communications to make notifications. The President recognized the following Past Presidents in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. W. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; W. J. Fleshman, 92-93; G. A. Cross, 95-96. He then recognized the guests today to include: Joyce Thorne, President LAMSFA who spoke to the group reference the complexity of the Association.

President - President Cox presented his written report and proceeded to summarize by commenting that he has traveled 27,493 miles and spent 1,638 man hours performing his duties. He further spoke on Director Edwards continuous support of his efforts. He reminded all of his change of address 2138 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD 21132, new phone number 410-452-8515, fax 410-452-8544. He spoke about the memorials, funerals and illnesses, we have had three line of duty deaths this year, Donald Trice, Jr., William Chambers and Tiffani Candrea Carrington. He then spoke of the deaths of close friends to the association John Smith, Sarah Bryan, Rich Adams, Iris Powell's mother, William Webb, Chester Reamy, Margaret King's mother, Louis Grahamer, Joyce Thorne's mother, Jim Terrell's mother, John Stuart's father, Ken Butts, Ron Sarnaicki's brother-in-law. The President continues to participate in professional development training classes, helicopter replacement committee continues to meet, progress moving along. He then spoke of the meeting with Governor Glendening consisting of six initiatives to include an increase of the 508 funding. The Governor informed that it may be possible to increase by 3%, UESTC for construction to moved up, the Governor indicated that it would be feasible to complete during his term of office, discussed the move of the FMO to State Police, Governor promised to veto any legislation that does not satisfy our requests, increase the MSFA allotment to \$150,000, Governor indicated this request could not be satisfied this year, EMS Officer and driver training programs, reassured that money is in budget, 508 maintenance of effort, Governor asked for additional info. On October 23 officers met with Senator Amoss reference making changes to the 508 funding. The following appointments were made Transportation Committee Sandi Jackson and Nancy Colburn, Training Committee Cindy Thorne will serve as liaison from the National Flight Paramedics Association. Other committee changes were announced; Lee Sachs to chair sub-committee on fund raisers and IRS issues, Don Mooney to chair a special committee for a possible State Firefighters' Memorial. The President has asked the Five Year Planning Committee to focus on two issues that being to prepare for the retreat next year and the consolidation of committees, another initiative would be the possibility of a museum. He received a call from Maryland State Highway Administration with interest in statewide sign to identify water sources, referred to the Standards Committee. He received correspondence from Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use, Inc. asking support for word changes, referred to legislation, second issue is the development of a training video reference children safety seats, referred to the EMS Committee. NFPA changes to 1900 made, reference emergency vehicle lighting, referred to the NFPA Oversight Committee. Correspondence received from the 1997 Vacation Book series, referred to the Ways and Means Committee. He then gave an update on the Volunteer Firefighters' Room; MSFA was invited to attend a meeting regarding the closing of rooms at Shock Trauma. He then spoke on the goals of committees, meeting with federal legislators reference the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial; Montgomery County question E was

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defeated. On November 9 the officers presented Francis Fatkin with a certificate for his service and proclaiming him Trustee Secretary Emeritus. He had the occasion to speak to PP Fisher's family, made some presentations to them. We have been asked to participate in the Cumberland Valley Association retreat. The officers met the Colonel Mitchell of the State Police to discuss the FMO move. Director Amabelli of the Delaware Training School has retired. Meetings have been held the MVA regarding vehicle tags and drivers license, also held meeting with Indian Head VFC regarding tags. He spoke on the meeting with Director Edwards regarding the future of the training academy, residents would like the return of the school. The President attended the Christmas reception hosted by Norrisville VFC, attended the holiday party of the LAMSFA. He had the opportunity to sit on the selection committee to select the recipient of the Hero Award at next years Shock Trauma Gala. On December 19, he attended the kick off of the Maryland Drunk and Drugged Driver Week. The President received correspondence from Pat Orlove advising that the ladies will be sending letters to all fire companies statewide reference ads and patrons for their proceedings book. Steve sent a letter to the Board of Public Works requesting the \$5,000 local matching funds be waived for companies requesting trust fund monies from the floods of Western Maryland. He sent letter to Harford County, attended the opening day session at Annapolis. He requested the minutes be distributed in a more timely manner. He then introduced Past President of Earleigh Heights, Edgar Freeman to give the welcome of the host company.

First Vice President - Vice President Danny Davis presented his written report and commented on selected topics. He has traveled 19,610 miles and spent 838 hours representing MSFA, highlighted the activities of the EMS, Budget, and Training Committees. He further commented on the tag issue, added names to the sick list and deceased.

Second Vice President - Vice President Bob Knippenburg presented his written report and commented on the topics. He now has a pager 301-784-1944 and can be reached statewide, has traveled 16,269 and spent 737 hours performing his duties. He thanked all for the invitations received, stated most of his report has already been covered.

Secretary - Secretary Leonard King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. He added to the sick list asking to remember Charlie Burton and Chaplain Damewood. The office continues the team effort working for the best interest. Difficulties still continue with the equipment, thanks to the Data Committee for their assistance, all computer equipment has been moved within Leonard's house. Mass mailings have been made covering annual dues, credential forms, memorial forms, please return ASAP. The Secretary's Office in cooperation with the Awards Committee will be publishing the Awards Information Manual for 1997, working with LOSAP to publish an updated LOSAP Information Manual, work continues on the Proceedings Book, insurance policy has been renewed with premium remaining same. Assistant Secretary Bob Jacobs gave the financial report.

Treasurer - Treasurer Bob Saville stated that he had visited Mr. Fatkin, he then presented a computer print out on the financial accounts. He stated that we have received 34% of projected budget and expenses of 29% of projections. He expressed his appreciation for his assistants and asked for questions. Bob Cumberland questioned the NVFC dues have not been paid. President Cox asked that these dues be taken care of immediately since we are supporting a candidate and will be sending endorsement letters across the country.

Chaplain - Chaplain Pierce Damewood was not present, Assistant Chaplain Newman gave the report asking for memorial pictures.

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Executive Committee Chairman Brooks opened the meeting by asking for comments from the various executive committee members. Gene Curfman-Carroll County EOC was moved to county office building, Chip Jewell-IRS active in Frederick County, Danny Carpenter-Charles County has started a Fire Cadet Program.

Bessie Marshall Benefit - President Thorne presented a written report and stated that 14 cases totaling \$10,500 have been paid. She relayed that lottery sales and fire department donations are down, and that the fund was originally started in 1936.

MFRI - Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and stated that he will only highlight some issues. He gave an update on the status of the MFRI Training and Education Plan, then spoke on the budget with \$168,500 increase that will allow for delivery of EMS Officer and EVO programs, two additional clerical positions and training equipment replacement, thanks to the leadership of MSFA for assistance. Capital projects, Upper Eastern shore planning money for FY98, continue to work on moving the construction funding in FY99, again thanks to MSFA for moving forward. He updated those in attendance on a move by the residents of Berwyn Heights wanting to re-open the facility as an elementary school, need to keep close track on this issue. The Institute is continuing to look at the concept of extending training programs into the advanced life support area. Other program updates given as listed, MFRI will be conducting a National Fire Service Staff and Command Course in conjunction with IAFC. MFRI is on the world wide web with much interest of over 5,000 hits. Maryland Fire Chiefs seminary will be held next weekend, excellent program speakers. Question was asked about personal clothing requirements at training classes. Question was asked about Southern Maryland budget requests for upgrades. The following motion was made by Chip Jewell and seconded by Mike Robinson:

MOTION: That whereas the possibility of closing the MFRI Headquarters at Berwyn Heights would have a negative effect on the educational opportunities of the fire service throughout the State, that M.S.F.A. support MFRI remaining at its present location, and that the appropriate correspondence be sent involving the issue. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

Training Committee - Chairman Keith Fairfax presented a written report, and stated that he supports efforts to keep MFRI Headquarters at present location. He further discussed the classes offered through MFRI and VFIS partnership; reminder of Maryland Fire Chiefs Seminar and Maryland Weekend at National Fire Academy; Training committee voted unanimously to support CPR training as part of the EMT-B Program. He spoke on the Monigold Report which concluded the MFRI field instructors are paid better than other instructors in the US, however items are still being considered to retain this valuable resource. Compliments to DNR on implementation of the incident command system. Discussion pursued on the clothing requirements of training classes. Update to Zembower Award was given. Question was asked reference MFRI and VFI partnership training.

MFRETC - Bob Shimer presented a written report and proceeded to express his appreciation to those with regard to the passing of his mother. He announced new appointments had been made, continuous support by higher education; reported on MICRB, stated that Chief Banister, Chief Roberts and Elizabeth Scanlon will be recognized for their tenure.

MFRI Board of Advisors - Richard Brooks gave an oral update to include the SMRTC, work continues on the

recommendations set forth by the training and education plan, assignments have been made, goals stated.

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State Forestry - Alan Zentz presented a written report, and reported that the authority to back-fill two of the positions from early retirement has been granted; new organizational chart was presented within the report; updated the Training Officer position, however no money to hire. DNR will receive \$14,136 in RCFP funds during 1997, downward trend. The remainder of the report was not recorded due to equipment failure.

National Fire Academy Liaison - Bob Cumberland was reporting when equipment restarted recording reference the National Memorial program. He discussed the communication problems with the foundation.

State Fire Marshal's Office - A written report was presented by Bob Shimer. He stated that the Fire Marshal was in California. He further stated the Fire Marshal's thanks for the efforts of MSFA in meeting with Colonel Mitchell; MACO, Maryland Municipal League and the legislators will be contacted reference to moving the agency. The administration of the 508 funding would transfer and would remain under safeguard of the Fire Marshal. An agency wide meeting was held in Pikesville to address the move; interview process of new hires will start on February 15. The bomb squad has been placed on full alert, commended by the Governor, five new bomb technicians in Maryland, additional trainees assigned to bomb squad. During the past two months, the agency has been involved in several major fires resulting in high property loss, since Christmas three church fires reported. FY98 budget remains same, supplemental request for \$125,000 will be submitted. The Lieutenant Governor has been contacted regarding her initiative to develop a juvenile firesetters program. The Fire Marshal requests that all fire companies place their business numbers in the phone book. Deputy Chief David Herring retired, retired Chief John Earp is seriously ill. Effective January 10, the legislative committee meeting will commence at Annapolis. He reminded all that the 911 Board is not part of the legislative bill which will transfer the FMO to State Police. Training completed under the arson prevention grant. Reminder to all companies that incident reports are due for 1996, request utilization of software reporting. Fire deaths dropped 35% in 1996, the lowest on record. Approval has been granted for an 8 and 80 hour work period. He announced promotions within the agency.

Assistant Chaplain Grimm gave blessing for the meal and meeting was recessed for lunch. The meeting was called back to order, Father Newman offered comments followed by prayer. Meeting returned back to chair.

Legislative - Chairman Riley presented a written report, and stated that the session would begin on January 8. He reported on the meeting with Senator Amoss pertaining to the maintenance of effort of the 508 funds. if a jurisdiction meets 90% of maintenance of effort, they will receive 90% of 508 funding. He then reviewed the meeting reference the FMO move. He then discussed the legislative issues during the meeting with the Governor. Bills introduced already SB11, SB12, SB25, SB77 and SB108 were highlighted. Other issues included parking problems at Annapolis. The office will again be staffed by the ladies who will be mailing the bulletins every Thursday. Computer problem arose due to the state changing from a dial-up system to the WWW internet system, Richard Snader is addressing the problem. Thanks to Jim Ferguson for repairs made. The legislative reception will be held on January 20 in room 400. He discussed in entirety the bill introduced for studded tires on emergency vehicles. He reminded all that the committee be aware of any local legislative bills. Concern was offered about the \$250,000 for Owings Mills earmarked back in 1986 due to the 795 interchange. Question was asked about gambling issues in the state, Governor opposed as stated. President Cox will make available the press conference reference gambling by the Governor.

Federal Legislation - Bob Cumberland updated the happenings of congress to support changes in FLSA regulations, discussion of PSOB changes to include heart attacks.

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Chairman Riley requested the EMS bill legislation be discussed further on Sunday after chance to review sprint copy.

Fire Prevention Committee - Ed Thurston gave the report, presented written copy. All projects working in the past are proceeding well. The poster from Frederick County elementary school will be used for the placemat this year. Chairman Wright has been attending meetings of FABSCOM and the Governor's Burn Conference. The fire prevention queens have been busy across the state. Susan Flynn has resigned from the committee due to personal reasons. Goals for the year were given.

The Executive Committee Meeting was interrupted due to a lack of Executive Committee members in attendance at the front table. After a short delay and the return of members the meeting continued.

17 State Circle Committee - Chairman Jim Ferguson presented a written report, highlighted it by stating that all repairs have been completed, inspection of building and found all satisfactory for the session.

Incentive Programs Committee - Chair Joan Robison presented a written report and highlighted the report. Joan stated that the committee continues to provide information and clarification on SB144. The county coordinators report no major problems and feel confident that everything is in order. The most asked questions asked were discussed.

Recruitment and Retention Committee - Chairman Don Flynn presented a written report. Committee is putting together a Family Appreciation Program, idea is to have the opportunity to offer time together for the family. Mailings will be out in February with return May 1 and winners announced at convention. A second initiative this year is the collection of the best recruitment and retention ideas, the best 50 ideas will be incorporated into a cook book style format. The mentor project is entering the final stages, the exit interview program is nearing completion. A recruitment class will be conducted in Hollywood in the spring. The committee wishes to explore the possibility of creating a web page that would link to the governor's office on volunteerism. Corrections of committee members were distributed.

Standards Committee - Chairman Bill Huttenloch presented a written report, stated that the committee had inspected PG County Underwater Rescue Association at Brandywine facility. They found them to meet all of the required standards with the exception of few items, recommend approval of their membership. The following motion was made by Craig Coleman and seconded by Fran Jester:

MOTION: That the M.S.F.A. approve the application for membership from the Prince George County Underwater Rescue Association as an active member. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

NFPA Overview Committee - Chairman Bill Huttenloch spoke on the 1901 standard reference the light changes, will require amendment to change. Charlie Black, fire apparatus sales, spoke on the 1901 lighting standard, no longer minimum but restrictive standard, this standard is in direct violation of Maryland motor vehicle statues. This issue is amperage draw cap does not allow adequate lighting at scene of incident. Questions and discussion followed.

Data Systems Committee - Chairman Richard Snader presented a written report, spoke on fixing the Secretary's computer, need to replace the computer at 17 State Circle, goals of the committee stated.

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Ways and Means Committee - Chairman John Means has raffle tickets today for distribution.

Entertainment Committee - Chairman Bill Cooke presented a written report, had received only eight responses from the survey, looking at different types of outings, appears that the dinner theater still the favorite. Direction given to Bill to talk to Budget Committee for \$200 reservation cost.

Past Presidents - Bernie Smith gave an oral report, continues to function and stand ready to serve as advisors.

Meeting returned to the President who made some closing remarks and called upon Assistant Chaplain who gave the benediction, and meeting stands adjourned until Sunday. The Sunday morning meeting called to order at 0900 by President Cox. Father Newman offered the invocation, followed by the pledge. President Cox recognized Edgar Freeman for some remarks. The President recognized the Past Presidents in attendance: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; T. L. Reynolds, 71-72; E. E. Dunn, 76-77; 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; W. J. Fleshman, 92-93; P. M. Hurlock, 93-94; and R. L. Yinger, 94-95. The President then recognized the guests including Robin Browning, Sr. VP LAMSFA. Clarence Carpenter and Bob Shimer attended the Middletown banquet, at which a collection was taken for the Bessie Marshall Fund. The presented a check to Robin Browning for \$220.18. The President again announced his address and phone changes. VP Davis gave new fax numbers for him (W) 301-342-6982 (H) 301-373-2386. The spring meeting will be in Clear Spring, with accommodations at Days Inn in Williamsport. The meeting was turned back to Executive Committee Chairman Brooks who asked for comments around the table: Gene Curfman gave phone number of Carroll County EOC 410-848-1699; Paul Sterling expressed his appreciation for support to defeat referendum question E; George Blanco stated that the Allegany Garrett banquet will be on April 5; Father Newman asked for moments of prayer for those mentioned; Mike Robinson stated that the Anne Arundel County VFFA recently purchased a Fire Safety House Trailer on display outside.

Attorney - Attorney Powell requested the new registration update for MBNA bank, check received from them nearly \$1,000.

MIEMSS - John Murphy speaking for Dr. Bass presented a written report. He then proceeded to report that Dr. Bass was at a national meeting where topic is the curriculum. A sprint copy of the EMS bill was presented, few changes which were explained. He proceeded to give his report, the infection control committee has been working on disease Hep. C, presently a broad definition of the exposure. The joint EMS Board/SEMSAC ALS Funding Committee has received its charge to identify the current cost of ALS training in the state. A comprehensive update on the status of the EMS Plan will be given at the joint EMS Board/SEMSAC meeting in January. He reviewed participation in the 3D program. Five employees have retired under the early retirement incentive program, can replace three. He then gave an EMS Board update consisting of personnel changes, recommendations to the budget, goal of presenting a preliminary report on helicopter replacement to the legislature. MIEMSS Neonatal Transportation Program ended on December 31 as requested, will be handled by private carriers. He gave an update on MIEMSS quality management goals and objectives. Question was asked about the EMD report, courses taken under the national standard will require no additional training. Question was asked about the Hep. C bill not being introduced, discussion.

EMS Committee - Charles Wills presented a written report and proceeded to state from the report. He opened his remarks with thanks for all the cards received during recent illness, happy to report that back on full duty, special thanks to Lee Sachs. He requested that the Executive Committee endorse legislative proposal on Do

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Not Resuscitate Law Change. 57 issues were raised during EMT basic program. The committee feels that we should ask MFRI to place a six hour block of time for CPR training in all 125 hours classes beginning in FY98. Forthcoming meeting on Feb 15 will be held for discussion of ALS training by MFRI, attendance encouraged. The medical director's agreement and the document on affiliation should be complete by April. Question asked about certification time on CPR training, one year cert. Question asked about the AED standard, discussion. Additional question asked about annual CPR training. Further discussion on the DNR legislative packet. The following motion was made by Paul Sterling and seconded by Chip Jewell:

MOTION: That the M.S.F.A. support the EMS Committee recommendation reference the proposed DNR legislation. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

Lee Sachs reported further on charging for testing, SEMSAC sub-committee work on ALS training requirements. Mr. Murphy stated that he heard the concerns, and that first thing tomorrow morning he will speak to Dr. Bass and tell him how important it is that this document not be considered in the afternoon of Tuesday coming. The longer term problem is that you people are out voted and out gunned on these committees. Third thing is we just shooting ourselves in the foot, now what brings this train to a crashing halt is that while it's only Lee or Charlie Wills it's not lost on us that there's 30,000 members of this organization, so I will see Dr. Bass tomorrow. It's my firm hope this document will be withdrawn and continuing working on it. I can't believe we want to put any good programs out of business. The following motion was made by Michael Robinson and seconded by Herman Rhue:

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MOTION: To support the EMS Committee recommendation reference CPR training, that MFRI add a six hour block of time in all 125 hour EMT classes which will make it 131 hours. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.

The following motion was made by Chip Jewell and seconded by Michael Robinson:

MOTION: To support the EMS Committee recommendation reference endorsement of the sprint copy with the proposed amendments of the EMS Provider bill. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.

Charles Riley then addressed two side issues; contacted by VP Davis reference recent problem in Dorchester County, the other item a letter being circulated by the Golden Hour Coalition. Question asked about EMTB reciprocity will not be recognized, needs further look. PP Yinger asked question about charging fees.

Emergency Management Advisory Council - Bob Shimer presented a written report, and stated that a recent meeting was hosted by the American Red Cross. Report was given by Mr. Gordan reference CSX railroad accidents decrease. Director McMillion reported on MEMA, MDOE updated recent large spills in waterways. Communication update all towers used for radio transmission must be registered by Dec 31, 1997, effective 1

Jan 97 the EBS will be replaced with the EAS system. A total of 53 programs were offered under SARA funding.

Safety Committee - Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented a written report, proceeded to review his report. He discussed the NVFC video grant money, still not resolved due to Dennis Smith not returning call. Attorney

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Powell would like to correspond directly with Mr. Smith. Ron Siarnicki stated he would like to make one more attempt to communicate with Mr. Smith. As a result of two firefighter deaths the following actions should be considered: 1) wear proper clothing, 2) use flares and other warning signs. An article referencing the use of proper wheel chocks for emergency vehicles will be sent to the Trumpet.

President's Vehicle Committee Chairman Mattingly stated that in 1995 we adopted rules and regulations reference the car. President Cox is interested in purchasing the car. It has been suggested that President Cox or any President have first say on purchasing the vehicle provided he pays the resale value, other words the value of the car setting on the lot to be resold, not the trade in, not the retail. The Committee discussed the issue and will not make a recommendation. The following motion was made by Danny Carpenter and seconded by Chip Jewell:

MOTION: To allow the M.S.F.A. President to have first option to purchase the President's Vehicle at the fair market value, and if the President's Vehicle Committee feels that this is a fair price then the vehicle would be awarded to him. Motion to table motion was made by Craig Coleman and seconded by Chip Jewell. Hand vote taken, 5 yea and 6 nea. Motion to table failed. Hand vote taken on original motion, 1 yea and 10 nea. Motion Failed.

National Flight Paramedics Association - Trooper David Dilisio, pilot with Trooper 3, addressed the group. He spoke on the topic of problems responding to emergency call locations, demonstrated piece of equipment that would assist with this problem, GPS receiver would receive signal from satellite to within 30 feet, cost is up to \$450, request member companies consider.

Hall of Fame Committee - Chairman Gatton presented the decals to be used by the Committee for distribution. His report was mailed to members previously. The Hall of Fame rules were revised without changing the integrity of the selection. He highlighted the changes. The following motion was made by George Blanco and seconded by Roger Steger:

MOTION: That the recommendations for changes to the rules and regulations for the selection process from the Hall of Fame Committee be accepted. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

The meeting was returned to the President, Assistant Chaplain gave the meal blessing, recessed for lunch. The President reconvened the meeting after lunch, acknowledged additional Past Presidents in attendance: E. F. Preston, 74-75; C. O. Baker, 78-79. The President thanked the Earleigh Heights personnel for all the hospitality given over the weekend and presented them a check.

Public Relations and Bulletin Committee - Chairman John Gatton, Jr. presented a written report and stated that the last issue of the Trumpet had been released. Maryland Fire Chiefs had inquired about the possible use of our publication for their news items, after discussion with them, this is a non-issue. Chesapeake Insurance Group is a new advertiser. 56 letters had been sent from Anheuser-Busch reference the free clock, a letter of

explanation was sent to each requester. Next deadline is Feb 1.

Statistical Committee - Chairman Gene Worthington presented a written report and stated that the packets have been distributed to the area reps. Thanks to the coordinators and members of the Committee for their efforts. Forms are due back by April 15.

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Convention Committee - Chairman Leonard King provided a written report and remarked from its contents. Tom Mattingly spoke on the Program Book, need copy ready ads, rates remain same. All committee chairs need to have their year end report on computer disc by April meeting. The 1996 Convention Proceedings Book will be distributed via Executive Committee members when it is received from the printer.. No increase in exhibit space rental costs. Bids going out for printing. Pre-convention seminars again be coordinated by MFRI, hope to hold in convention hall. The Officers Banquet will be at the Sheraton Sunday night. Other activities will include the picnic, beach party, golf tournament. Opening ceremonies and morning session will be different. Other events: parade, queen contest, pajama contest, PP luncheon, etc remain same. Several people are working on the dedication of a portion of the complex for the volunteer emergency services. Total convention costs were \$94,000. Update was given on construction of the convention hall, ahead of schedule. Question was asked reference the financial report, copies forthcoming from Treasurer's Office.

Transportation Committee - Chairman Richard Yinger presented a written report and stated that the certs are out; spoke of the meeting with MVA; 6,962 tags have been issued. You must turn in the old plates. Send all money for new tags to Assistant Secretary Jacobs, not to the Transportation Committee. CDL license holders must take a physical, special emergency vehicle license holders do not require a physical. Question was asked about companies having less than 100 vanity tags, legislation passed lowered minimum to 25. Bill Cooke spoke on a COMAR change to allow tiller drivers to operate without a class A license.

Marketing Committee - Chairman Richard Yinger presented an oral report, no committee meeting, received documents from FEMA on how to market fire departments and associations. Richard requested a 8X10 picture of executive committee and any committee doing MSFA work.

Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee - Chairman Ron Watkins presented a written report. John Hoglund joined Ron at the table. Ronnie spoke on the controversy within the room. He visited the room on January 3 and found everything intact with the exception of the one plaque at Glenn Dale. Ron discussed the possibility of moving some of the plaques from the room. John spoke reference some concerns of the committee, have lost the identity of being a volunteer fire fighters room. He further gave an oversight on the condition of the room. New carpet and draperies have been installed. A meeting to address all concerns will be forthcoming with the director of the room. Secretary King asked about a contract with the university and M.S.F.A.? Chairman Watkins stated yes. Second question about the inventory, Buck has. Third where is the original President's Badge, cabinet with proceedings book.

Public Address Group - Edgar Freeman spoke on the condition of the sound system, direction given to see the Budget Committee.

Fire Laws Book Committee - Chairman Mark Bilger stated books are on order, arrival by end of January, he will distribute across the state as he politics. Chairman Brooks reminded the Chair that the method of distribution was through the members of the Executive Committee.

Board of Trustees - Chairman Charles Riley presented a written report, gave the financial update, and talked about the trip to Western Maryland and presentation to Mr. Francis Fatkin. Also visited Dave Kirk in the hospital. Trustees presently have four claims for death benefits, discussed problems with the cases.

911 Board - Phil Hurlock presented an oral report stating that no meetings have been held. The state 911 coordinator has retired, concerned about the legislation proposed, no bill written to date.

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Firefighter Memorial Committee - Chairman Don Mooney spoke on comments given to the President. Unclear whether to introduce legislation to create commission to study.

Budget and Revenue Committee - Chairman Paul Fabiszak presented a written report and stated that the committee had met. The Budget Committee recommends that the Hall of Fame Committee be provided with \$1,000 additional funding; The Data Systems Committee be given approval for a new computer at 17 State Circle for \$3,000; Recommends the old computer be given to LAMSFA. The third request of \$1,983.23 be added to the gasoline account; and the fourth request came from the Treasurer, to purchase a copier for \$1,500. He then went over the new line item balances. The following motion was made by Fran Jester and seconded by Chip Jewell:

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee of \$1,000. for the Hall of Fame Committee. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

The following motion was made by Paul Sterling and seconded by Michael Robinson:

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee of \$3,000. For the replacement of the computer at 17 State Circle. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

The following motion was made by George Blanco and seconded by Fran Jester:

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee to place an additional \$1,983.20 into the Gasoline Account. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

The following motion was made by George Blanco and seconded by Chip Jewell:

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee to provide up to \$1,500. For a back-up copier for the Treasurer's Office. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

Chairman Fabiszak continued his report; all requests for next years budget are out; due back by February 15. He then referenced the Past President's Account (Eugene J. C. Raney Account), which is not part of MSFA funds. Money has been deposited into MLGIP, more as certificates become due. All monies received from Secretary's Office are being deposited into MLGIP. Question was asked about the insured of \$100,000, guaranteed up to any amount of money. He presented a proposal letter for an outside audit to discuss at next meeting. Much discussion has come to the committee reference mileage for next years budget,

\$2,825 was the average over several years when these expenses were covered. The committee makes the following recommendation, first that Article 5, Section 6 be removed, second that the Executive Committee confirm the following policy of travel and over night at the winter meeting each year. The policy recommended is - A) that a committee member be granted travel allotment for committee meetings when they drive their private vehicle, the allotment based on mileage one way according to the following schedule 0-50 miles, nothing, 50-100 miles \$15, 100-200 miles \$20, over 200 miles \$25. B) the Executive Committee members, committee chair persons be allowed an over night expense of \$25 per night for two nights when

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receipt for lodging is presented. Discussion, given to the By-laws Committee for drafting and to be acted upon later. Further discussion on the Past President's Account. Treasurer stated he could take out of the financial reports; Mr. Purdy spoke for the Auditing Committee, who asked that the money be taken from the account and given to the Past President's Treasurer, it's their money, let them spend it. The following motion was made by Herman Rhue and seconded by Michael Robinson:

MOTION; That the funds from the Past President's Account be withdrawn and given to them. Hand vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee - Chairman Don Flynn again spoke on the web page request. Eileen Cacowski asked specific questions reference a MSFA web page which could not be answered, she then discussed her plans to network across the state.

NFPA Overview Committee - Bill Huttenloch will meet jointly with the Safety Committee to discuss concerns with 1901 standard.

Entertainment Committee - Bill Cooke stated that his request for \$200 was not a budget item, accounts receivable, therefore asking for the advance to cover the reservation for the dinner theater. The following motion was made by Paul Sterling and seconded by Danny Carpenter:

MOTION: To grant \$200. up front money for the reservation deposit for the dinner theatre. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

VP Knippenburg reported that the web page issue meeting did not materialize. Roger Steger asked question about the red light bill, state police stated they would not support fire police usage of the lights in travel. Roger then asked about setting up a low interest loan program, needs to happen when politically correct. Meeting turned back to President Cox who relayed that several legislative issues may require a special meeting. He commented that he fully supports the preparation for next years administration. There being no further business the Assistant Chaplain gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
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Robert Jacobs

MOTION SUMMARY

MOTION: That whereas the possibility of closing the MFRI Headquarters at Berwyn Heights would have a negative effect on the educational opportunities of the fire service throughout the State, that M.S.F.A. support MFRI remaining at its present location, and that the appropriate correspondence be sent involving the issue. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the M.S.F.A. approve the application for membership from the Prince George County Underwater Rescue Association as an active member. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the M.S.F.A. support the EMS Committee recommendation reference the proposed DNR legislation. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

MOTION: To support the EMS Committee recommendation reference CPR training, that MFRI add a six hour block of time in all 125 hour EMT classes which will make 131 hours. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.

MOTION: To support the EMS Committee recommendation reference endorsement of the sprint copy with the proposed amendments of the EMS Provider bill. Voice vote taken. Motion Passed.

MOTION: To allow the M.S.F.A. President to have first option to purchase the President's Vehicle at the fair market value, and if the President's Vehicle Committee feels that this is a fair price then the vehicle would be awarded to him. Motion to table motion was made by C. Coleman and seconded by C. Jewell. Hand vote taken, 5 yea and 6 nea. Motion to table failed. Hand vote taken on original motion, 1 yea and 10 nea. Motion failed.

MOTION: That the recommendations for changes to the rules and regulations for the selection process from the Hall of Fame Committee be accepted. Voice vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee of \$1,000. For the Hall of Fame Committee. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee of \$3,000. For the replacement of the computer at 17 State Circle. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee to place an additional \$1,983.20 into the Gasoline Account. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee to provide up to \$1,500. For a back-up copier for the Treasurer's Office. Verbal vote taken. Motion Passed.

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