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The **Executive Committee** meeting was held at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Company in historic southern Maryland on the weekend of August 16 and 17, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by President C. Daniel Davis, Jr. Father Newman was asked for the invocation and spoke of the members who needed our prayers, Chaplain Damewood followed by leading the group in the pledge to the flag. Welcome was given by the host company President John Gatton, Jr. President Davis gave his welcome, went over the logistics of the day's activities. The President recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of Jerry Glaubitz, 70-71, Elmer Dunn, 76-77, Charles Burton, 79-80, Charles Riley, 83-84, Leonard King, 85-86, Clarence Carpenter, 86-87, Robert Cumberland, 87-88, Robert Shimer, 88-89, Joe Robison, 89-90, Tom Mattingly, 90-91, Bernie Smith, 91-92, William Fleshman, 92-93, and Steve Cox, 96-97. The President then recognized other guests including: Joan Cumberland, Senior Vice President LAMSFA, who spoke to the group briefly bringing greetings from the ladies. The President then went into reports.

President Davis presented his written report and proceeded to summarize by commenting that it has been with great pride and honor to represent the Association as the President. Danny has traveled 7,060 miles and spent 295 man hours performing his duties. He further spoke on the funding task force membership, with completion by September 15. Danny attended the five state president meeting in Waynesboro, PA., he made comments from the meeting to include the proposed health care financing administration rural change for ambulance billing for Medicare. Bob Waters has requested to be removed from the fire prevention life safety sub-committee, so done. Plans have been made to hold a retreat on December 6-7 at the Fire Academy, lodging and meals will be provided for approximately 35 people, will require an additional budget item increase of \$700. Danny then offered condolences to the families of deceased, wished John Hogle a speedy recovery.

First Vice President Robert Knippenburg presented his written report and proceeded to comment on the contents. Bob spoke that it is an honor to serve the association, spent 108 man hours and traveled 1,522 miles performing his duties. Bob proceeded with discussion on his recent hospitalization, prognosis is great. He thanked all for their calls, cards, flowers, well wishes and prayers.

Second Vice President Carl Edelin presented his written itinerary traveling 4,719 miles and spending 207 man hours in performance of his office. Carl extends his thanks to all those host companies for their hospitality and friendship and looks forward to the future.

Secretary Leonard King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. The office continues the team effort working for the best interest. The assignments are same as in past. Minutes of the last executive committees from Ocean City have been transcribed, copied and distributed. The mailing lists have been revised to reflect new officers, all correspondence handled properly, notices of meeting mailed. The president's vehicle properly titled and tagged with MVA, sales tax was waived. The updated information has been entered into the directory and sent to the printer, however due to many corrections, is not available to date. The secretary requests information from the county and regional associations. The secretary's office is still working on updating the inventory of equipment and other items owned by MSFA. Convention proceedings book has begun, recording tapes have some problems,

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reminder of reports to be given the assistants before start of the meeting. The secretary's office continues to work on a document showing dates the member companies joined the association. Leonard then read communications, letter from Ocean City VFC endorsing Roger Steger for the office of 2nd VP at next convention, computer software program on length of service, letter from cellular communications.

Financial Secretary Bob Jacobs presented his written statements and explained the reporting system of direct and indirect receipts. Bob complimented Chairman Means for his promptness of money received during the raffle.

Treasurer Bob Saville brought greetings, he then presented a computer print out on the financial accounts. Bob expressed his appreciation for his assistants and asked for questions, also thanks to the auditing committee. Question was asked about the differences from the financial secretary's report, explanation was given as to timing of deposits. Question was asked about the Trustee money received from state, response auditors requested to record. Question was asked on the savings account interest from the accounts, response over 5% on all the accounts.

Chaplain Pierce Damewood stated that is great to be back, thanked all for their cards and calls during his illness. He gave overview of the assistants regional concept. Pierce reminded all of the dates for the deceased memorials, urged to send names as soon as possible. PP Cox made a presentation to Pierce for his work of last year.

President Davis spoke of the organizational structure of the association, copies distributed.

Executive Committee Chairman Dan Carpenter opened the meeting by going around the table for concerns: Lee Sachs - Baltimore county discussion of FLSA action continues investigation, Richard Brooks -reported that Steve Cox is new President of HCVFAA, Lou D'Camera - Anne Arundel convention dates September 4-6, Roger Steger - thanks all during the passing of his father, talked about his upcoming nomination for 2nd VP, Herman Rhue - spoke of the accident on Rt 50, Jonathan Ranson - convention at Laurel Sept 14-20, PG executive assistant introduced Jeffrey Donohue, asked the body to recognize the 80th birthday of Charlie Burton, Mark Bilger - Elkridge will be placing a new squad in service, audits will be completed in Carroll county from an outside auditor, Chip Jewell - congratulate Bob Cumberland for his employment with Washington County as administrative planner, Frederick county will be hosting an open house at the national memorial, Paul Sterling - Montgomery convention October 25-26, reported on task force from Question E defeat on reorganization, George Blanco - things are fine in the mountains, Danny Carpenter - thanked all for their attendance.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Powell stated that we have received the quarterly report from MBNA and should receive \$942 for the second quarter. He also discussed the MBNA insurance program, will report in October.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jerry Glaubitz reported here to serve.

President Davis introduced representatives from California Casualty for a presentation, questions followed, to be discussed under old business.

MFRI: Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and started his oral remarks by updating
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John Høglund's condition. Steve also announced the passing of Bob Byers. Thanks were sent from Dr. Kirwin for the hospitality shown him at the convention. Steve gave an update on the status of the MFRI Training and Education Plan with all of the 82 goals achieved within four years. He then spoke on ALS training, conclusion that it's not the proper time for institute to pursue. A pay increase is proposed this year for the field instructors, additional money proposed for ALS continuing education, spoke on other budget increases. Steve spoke on the renovation project at Southern MD regional training facility, Senator Middleton has expressed interest to make this a legislative priority this year. Upper Eastern project status of bringing on the AE, construction money next year. A terrorism seminar is being developed, regional sites to be used. MFRI has been working with ATF to develop a fire investigations research facility. Question was asked on the status of Berwyn Heights, the policy is we are happy where we are at, we don't want to move, we didn't ask to move, if someone wants us to move then they need to purchase us a new building at a location MFRI determines. MFRI would be agreeable to constructing a 20,000 square feet addition to the academy at College Park. Question was asked on rumor of getting money from the state EMS fund, not a capital fund.

TRAINING: Chairman Keith Fairfax presented an oral report stating that the committee has been on the road, visited all the regional training centers. Findings will be discussed at the next meeting and presented to the Board in October.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL: Rocco presented an oral report, proceeded to congratulate all the new officers. He then proceeded to report on the transition to the state police, going well. Rocco talked about the hiring process, will use the state police system requiring a physical fitness test and polygraph. Legislation has been submitted to the superintendent for his review. Governor has appointed a special committee on smoke detectors for hearing impairments, purpose to design and fund these for those needing, will be chaired by PP Yinger.

MIEMSS: John Murphy represented Dr. Bass, presented a written report. He then proceeded to report currently developing a legislative agenda, spoke on the helicopter replacement report which was delivered May 6 to the general assembly, the report says that under the current conditions the ships should last about 20 years. The committee recommends the purchase of a twelfth ship. John then discussed the Health Care Financing Administration proposed changes, draft of concerns prepared by MIEMSS to be sent out Monday. MIEMSS believes that HCFA's reimbursement scheme undermines statewide protocols and that Medicare reimbursement for ambulance services must account for and support statewide protocols. Applications have been received for designation of trauma center from Shock Trauma and Johns Hopkins. MIEMSS has met with the American Heart Association in regard to AED being used by the public. John then talked on the budget proposals for FY99, gave explanation on items presented. He then gave an update on the activity of the EMS Board. Question was asked about the AED funding for state police, no knowledge. President Davis raised concern about the HCFA standard lack of knowledge, disappointed about the communication from MIEMSS. Craig Coleman spoke on the legislative agenda, no bills in place, looking at hep C, 911 bill, AED bill, CDC guidelines, Medicaid repayment. Question was asked about the good samaritan law pertaining to ambulance billing, John spoke on the DNR bill passed last year. Lee Sachs gave a further explanation on billing affecting Good Sam law. Question was asked about the new DNR forms, no answer. Concern was raised about commercial ambulance response to nursing homes. Further explanation was given on the AED proposed legislation via the American Heart

Association. Concern was addressed about new protocol on helicopter transports, discussion followed.

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President Davis introduced Mr. William Howard who addressed the group about "Operation Safe Home", a smoke detector program in Talbot county. He spoke on the partnership created with Lowe's who has provided \$20,000 toward the program.

Chaplain Harry Hetz gave the blessing before lunch.

FIRE PREVENTION: Chairman Bobby Collins presented a written report. Bobby discussed several new projects from the past years, to include billboards on the highways, large posters with new designs, supported the Governor's Fire and Burn Safety Conference with \$1,000, approved \$500 for MFRI conference next May. Pocket badges have been requested for all new committee members. He requested to notify the fire queens of your activities for their participation. The committee requested a page in the convention book to cover the activities of the fire prevention queen. Thanks to all those who assisted at the convention, 911 simulator is being used, available throughout the year. Question was asked where funding comes from for projects, reply state grant.

MFRI BOARD OF ADVISORS: Charlie Wills presented a written report, spoke on minutes from previous meeting. He spoke on the regional training center design process. Tom Mattingly spoke on the draft revision of the re-structure of the advisory board, would allow more participation of the regions. Concern was raised about the accountability between the regional boards, the advisory board and MFRI, reply unclear on objectives locally. Concern was raised about the lack of activity regionally, voting problems at the advisory board level.

EMS: Charles Wills presented a handout packet and proceeded to state that he attended the regional training meetings with Keith. Charlie proceeded to report the goals of the committee, elaborated on them. He then spoke on the billing issue, continued with objectives of the ALS sub-committee. Charlie then spoke on the proposed standards for Maryland accredited educational programs for advanced life support training institutions and training sites, committee recommends to adopt and forward to executive committee for approval. Lee Sachs gave further information on this topic. Question was asked about the training locations that are not college based, it will accommodate fire station locations under certain criteria. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by P. Sterling:

MOTION that the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee indicate to MIEMSS its acceptance of the accreditation of training facility program that's been circulated today. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

Charlie continued to report on meeting with Dr. Bass reference more appointments to the ALS sub-committee of SEMSAC, request President Davis write letter to fulfill this statement. The EMS committee has been asked by MFRI to endorse their pursuit of conducting CRT and EMTP continuing education classes, asked Director Edwards to attend next EMS meeting. Issues of blood born pathogens and hazardous material respiratory protection need attention. A survey form is forthcoming to investigate. Charlie is requesting President Davis to appoint a special committee composed of members of the EMS committee and persons knowledgeable in insurance to investigate into insurance coverage for regional medical doctors. Charlie then reviewed the MIEMSS legislation previously reported by MIEMSS. Question was asked about the summer study legislation, follow up question of the survey form.

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FIVE YEAR PLANNING: Chairman Don Mooney presented an oral report stating that the committee had not met to date. Don commented that they would be looking at different types of membership for the association, funding, exploring the structure. The financial tracking sheet was distributed, asked members to comment on future.

MEMORIAL: Chairman Don Mooney presented copies of minutes from meetings. The committee intends to form a non-profit organization to comply with 501C3. Sub committees will be formed and action to follow. Don recommends the naming of this group be the Maryland Fire Service Memorial Committee, Inc., asks for endorsement of the name. Don will meet with the budget committee and recommend funding level for approval. Questions and discussion ensued. The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION That the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee support the recommendation of the Memorial committee with name acceptable to our legal counsel. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

INSURANCE ADVISORY: Attorney Powell provided comments that maybe this group should look at the insurance proposals presented to MSFA.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Chairman Bill Fleshman stated the committee has not met, realizes the challenge laid before them from question of intent passed at convention. Data Systems will provide some ADP equipment, dates given for by-law submittals. Bill asked that all changes be given to the committee early.

PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE: Chairman Rusty Leftwich provided a written report, PP Cox presented, self explanatory. A police radio has been installed in the vehicle giving statewide communication.

STANDARDS: Chairman Bill Huttenloch stated no report.

NFPA OVERVIEW: Chairman Bill Huttenloch stated that 1200 has been officially sent back for reevaluation.

PAST PRESIDENTS: PP Smith stated they stand ready to assist anyone for advice or assistance needed.

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS: Chairperson Joan Robison presented a written report and highlighted the report. The committee has finalized the information required to be sent to the comptroller's office on disk. Copy has been furnished to the secretary, statistical info provided, a total of 7,850 are being submitted against a projection of 7,100. Baltimore county submitted a form for consideration, this would standardize the activity of an individual from one county to another. The committee continues to monitor the LOSAP, Ocean City is the process of establishing a program. Question was asked about the proposed form, explanation given.

911 NUMBER BOARD: Phil Hurlock presented a written report, synopsis given. Phil spoke on the membership appointments, a presentation was given on family violence, commented from the
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coordinator's report. Phil reported on the training classes being held, reviewed the ten cent fee requests, all approved. A task force was established by Lt. Governor Townsend to explore the concept of local jurisdictions that express an interest in a 3-1-1 system for non-emergencies, Baltimore City received federal grant for same.

LEGISLATIVE: Co-Chairman Smith presented a written report and reported on its contents. Bernie further reported on HB786, defeated last year due to high fiscal note. The committee is working on changing the wording on Firefighter Death Benefits. Both Co-chairs are serving on the task force for additional funding. Bernie then reported on the stat forms provided to the executive committee. Please market yourselves to your local political folks.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: Bob Cumberland presented a written report, reported on the meeting with the Dept of Labor reference FLSA. Bob also spoke on the proposed revisions to the paramedic and EMT curriculum. Senator Biden submitted an amendment to the Tax Fairness Act of 1997, that would exempt from federal taxes the annuities paid to the survivors of public safety officers. Bob spoke more on the Medicare program and problems that arrive from proposed rules in the Federal register. Question asked about the minimum manning on ambulances, much discussion. President Davis recommended to the executive committee that they go on record opposing the regulation and instruct the secretary to send a letter tomorrow morning stating the MSFA position. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by S. Cox:

MOTION that the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee send a letter opposing the regulations. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Bob Cumberland updated the activities, however the council has not met. He further stated the council participated at the hearing reference NFPA 1200 in New York stating their position, read comments from their document. More discussion on the FLSA issue.

OUT OF STATE COORDINATOR: Bob Cumberland reported on attending the Virginia convention, gave dates on other state conventions.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY LIAISON: Bob Cumberland presented a written report, provided dates to President Davis to meet with Dr. O'Neil. Bob further spoke on the national memorial program, went over some recommendations provided from survey of last year's attendees.

ENTERTAINMENT: Chairman Bill Cooke asked all to give thought for an activity, will give formal report tomorrow.

AUDIT: Elmer Dunn gave the report for Mr. Purdy who has fallen, all books have been examined and found to be in agreement. Also all bank accounts were confirmed in writing by bank confirmations. Discussion pursued on the assets of the MSFA, feeling it is not being updated.

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Treasurer Saville spoke on the travel and overnight expenses reimbursement requirements. Form is being provided. Question about the mileage and overnight lodging. Bob read the following policy: **committee members be granted a travel allotment for committee meetings, when they are the driver of their private vehicle. The allotment will be based on mileage traveled one way according to the following schedule 0-50 miles=0, 50-100 miles=\$15, 100-200 miles=\$20 and over 200 miles=\$25. Executive committee members and committee chairpersons be allowed an overnight expense of \$25 per night for two nights, when a receipt for lodging is presented.**

President Davis made some announcements and asked Mr. Taugher to give the benediction. President Davis called the Sunday morning to session, assistant chaplain Taugher read from scripture, gave prayer and lead the pledge. Danny introduced the past presidents in attendance consisting of Dave Kirk, 63-64, Jerry Glaubitz, 70-71, Oscar Baker, 78-79, Charles Burton, 79-80, Charles Riley, 83-84, Leonard King, 85-86, Clarence Carpenter, 86-87, Robert Cumberland, 87-88, Robert Shimer, 88-89, Joe Robison, 89-90, Tom Mattingly, 90-91, Bernie Smith, 91-92, William Fleshman, 92-93, Fred Cross, 95-96 and Steve Cox, 96-97. Guests included Robin Browning, Ladies Auxiliary President. LA Past President Joyce Thorne presented a check for \$2,000 to the MSFA from the ladies, PP Cox thanked the auxiliary for the gift, turned over to the Financial Secretary. Chairman Carpenter asked for concerns from around the table. Ten alarm brush fire in Anne Arundel County Saturday, sent firefighter to the trauma center.

BESSIE MARSHALL BENEFIT FUND: Chairperson Betty Radisch presented the written report, gave financial update and listing of cases paid since convention. Thank you to all for continued support, remember to support the lottery.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Chair Doc Moltrup presented plaque to past chair Lou D' Camera in recognition of his work with the Board for nine years. He continued with the report stating at the last meeting only one application was received from Potomac Valley for a building project for \$600,000, rejected by the Board. Question was asked about the minimum standards of fire stations to allow bunk room. Additional discussion about the facility pursued to lower the cost, appears to be considerable civil work. The following motion was made by L. D' Camera and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION that the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee concur with the decision by the Board of Review on the application from Potomac Valley. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

LAMSFA President Robin Browning addressed the group, stated the ladies have a recommendation that they look into raising funds to cover the cost of their part of convention. A committee has been formed to start the process that they need, three past presidents appointed with chair Aneta Lochary. Request input from the association as to whether want to continue giving money each year on the basis as they have the money or want to raise more funds to cover the cost. Discussion followed, Leonard spoke on behalf of the convention committee.

CONVENTION: Chairman Leonard King continued to discuss the ladies proposal, anticipate changes with the new convention center of additional space from 40,000 square feet. Example, may not use the

new east hall next year, isolated from the convention. Reassured that the committee would work with the ladies and give input and always accept money. The committee is working to finalize all aspects of the convention, critique was held. Preliminary plans are already underway. A suite will be named for the

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MSFA and room named for the past presidents, this should happen during the dedication in November. Over \$80,000 was received from exhibitors, 1998 budget will not be ready till the January meeting. Leonard further spoke on the new exhibit hall, not large enough to display all the apparatus, costs per square foot will vary. He spoke on the cooperation of the Ocean city personnel, the career fire services, the committee members and everyone who assisted. Tom spoke on the program book, looks like about \$2K profit, need more solicitation in Ocean city, the golf tournament successful. The committee is asking for your concerns to better the convention. Ticket sale deposits were at \$11,000, prayer breakfast down in attendance, provided costs of other functions, about a \$125,000 event. Lee Sachs requested financial statements from the last five years. President Davis asked question reference the plaques for the honor guard winners, response have been ordered, each participating team will receive. Question was asked about the past presidents ring, not received to date, supposedly sent June 1. Concern was addressed about the ladies financial support, the committee does not bill the ladies, however glad to accept any donations. Question was asked about profit from the last two conventions, even last year, \$5K previous, this year will be deficit due to construction. Question was asked about the actions after the parade, no return address to reply. Chairman Carpenter asked Robin if she was clear on the message, stated you can go ahead and do whatever you want and give them whatever donation you feel you would like to present. Leonard further clarified that asking the exhibitors for any donations is not quite fair. Leonard will work with Robin, need to look at manner in which they expect to raise funding, may have negative impact.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Chairman Bryan Ebling presented a written report. Bryan started his report by thanking Don Flinn for his leadership over the past years. He further spoke on the goals of the committee, need everyones support to accomplish. Bernie Smith provided a video to the committee he had received from a seminar. Requested MFRI to be a central telephonic point for the 1-800-FIRELINE. Question was asked about the committee going into schools to fulfill the volunteer requirement for graduation. Discussion followed on this subject from several. Question asked about the partnership with Allstate Insurance, response provided materials not money. President Davis strongly encourages the executive committee to look favorably reference the request to be a standing committee.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ROOM: Chairman Ron Watkins presented a written report, short and sweet. Currently working on getting the plaques updated. The room is in it's 25th anniversary, an article has been written that describes the history and background.

STATISTICAL: Chairman Worthington presented a written report that included the goals for the coming year, format will remain the same, mailing to the area reps in December. A listing of companies not submitting the required stats was provided.

TRANSPORTATION: Vice Chairman Steve Cox presented a written report. He highlighted some activities of the committee. Richard has met on numerous occasions with the MVA. FD tag sales are on the increase, the new past presidents tags are due in shortly, issuance within the next week. Toll passes have been given to the presidents. A packet was provided pertaining to the CDL laws for operating emergency apparatus. Questions were asked about the tag book, renewal of old tags, pulling of tags by MVA. Each company must submit a letter to MVA stating the individual tag holder is no longer a

member before they will flag for removal, submit thru transportation. Question was asked about letters to the area coordinators which were not received.

IRS REVIEW: Chairman Lee Sachs spoke from report previously submitted. 57% of the companies
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surveyed have exposure to the IRS. Need to inform the companies, develop information package defining the areas of exposure. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION that we receive the report of the committee and concur with their recommendations.
Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM: Chairman Edgar Freeman presented a proposal to upgrade the sound system for consideration. Harry Hetz gave an overview of the system components. Question was asked about the funding for the submittal, needs to go to budget. The public address committee recommends the adoption of the proposal and the associated expenditures. Motions and amendments were made and all withdrawn. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION that we purchase the equipment as recommended by the public address committee with the funds determined to be available by the budget committee. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Chairman Skip Massey presented a written report, committee discussed mailing out blank forms to member companies. They further discussed the warehouse in Hagerstown. Chip spoke on the lack of awareness of federal excess property program via the forest service. The federal program will not allow fire departments to obtain computers, office furniture, and military clothing, must be suppression type equipment.

HALL OF FAME: Chairman John Gatton presented one of the plaques that will be placed in the regional offices. It appears to be a problem on the 1980 inductees to the Hall of Fame. Need information on those who were inducted that year.

SAFETY: Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented a written report, proceeded to review his report. He reviewed the activities supporting the convention, highlighted the convention operations and spoke on the social gathering hosted by the chairman. Jenks identified three members who are not participating John Williams, William Luberman and Roger Reed. The following motion was made by S. Cox and seconded by R. Steger:

MOTION with the concurrence of President Davis that we honor the request of the safety committee to delete the three members from the committee. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

ENTERTAINMENT: Chairman Bill Cooke presented his written report, recommends the dinner theater for an activity, date of choice March 20. The following motion was made by M. Bilger and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION that we allow the committee to continue working on this and set up for the third Friday in March. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

President Davis reminded of the Governor's Fire and Safety Conference on September 24 at the APL in Laurel. Father Newman asked for all to keep PP Lochary in your prayers for upcoming surgery, gave the blessing for the meal. President Davis presented the Hollywood Ladies Auxiliary \$953 and thanked them for their hospitality over the weekend.

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SCHOLARSHIP: Chairman William Olsen presented a written report that included the goals for this year. Bill thanked several individuals for their assistance, gave the financial status.

BULLETIN: Chairman John Gatton, Jr. presented a written report, 28 page issue was mailed highlighting the upcoming convention activities. Problem in getting the program schedule, significant media coverage during convention. John received several letters regarding the attorney's article. Post convention issue is out, chair will review the addresses to correct some of the delays. Thanks to the members of the committee. All three of the advertisers have returned for another year, paid full in advance. Deadline for the next issue is September 1, 1997. Question was asked about the letters mentioned, copies were given to the President to deal with.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Chairman Riley presented the report, gave the financial statement, 29 widows, 2 disabled firemen, 7 children. One case is still pending, should finalize within next month. Work has started on changing the law Article 38A which will broaden the language of active duty. Delegate Conway has contacted committee and would like to draft legislation, will proceed. Question was asked about the Delaware death benefit, \$150,000. Bill to increase Maryland to \$100,000 failed last year, will reintroduce this year.

DATA SYSTEMS: Chairman Richard Snader gave an oral report, rash of things breaking, took care of many as possible. Secretary King's house has been upgraded for fax receipts, recommend not to use the 800 service for faxing. All the officers have e-mail accounts, will put in the directory. Richard talked to MFRI again about the web space. Reminder to all that at the October meeting, pictures will be taken for the web, dress appropriately. Question was asked about the inventory, Richard has under the data systems control. Question was asked about the inventory of the volunteer fire fighters room, needs updating. Paul Sterling requested a list of the data systems inventory for the October meeting.

Chairman Carpenter asked for any other committee reports. Danny requested that the minutes from the June meetings be approved. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by R. Steger:

MOTION that we approve the minutes of both previous meetings. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

Action items need to be addressed. Operation Safe Home, encourage the committee to develop for everybody, suggest to provide info to Fire Prevention Committee, Maryland Fire Chiefs may also participate. Request to concur with the removal of Bob Waters from committee, discussion, secretary will notify. No action needed on the fire prevention money donations for the symposiums. Cellular phone letter received, will ask the gentleman to make presentation at next meeting. The budget committee will evaluate the additional money needed for the retreat request, will reply in October. Ask the by-laws committee to review the request for volunteer and recruitment to become standing committee. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by R. Steger:

MOTION that the issues of California Casualty and MBNA and any others that come along be referred to the insurance advisory committee for evaluation and report, not for final action. motion amended to add Ways and Means Committee with advice of counsel for the evaluation. Voice vote taken, Motion Passed.

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The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by J. Ransom:

MOTION to refer the minimum standards reference sleeping quarters within fire stations to the Standards and By-Laws Committees. Voice vote taken, Motion Failed.

PP Cox addressed an issue from his administration, reference an article published in the Garrett county news letter by Mr. Anderson. Steve recommended that he be removed from all committees, motion was made, seconded, much discussion and later withdrawn.

PP Carpenter spoke on the action given to the Ways and Means Committee reference the insurance study, feels its assigned to the wrong committee, Chairman Carpenter stated the motion passed assigning to the Insurance Advisory and Ways and Means Committee.

PP Cross spoke on the wording of the by-laws reference removal of a member not performing, has nothing to do with non performance. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by P. Sterling::

MOTION that this executive committee reprimand Mr. Anderson for what we perceive to be his inappropriate public comments. Further discussion.

The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION that we table the motion and have a special meeting with Attorney Powell and make sure we are doing everything right and everyone can have their sections ready and everything else. Voice vote taken, Motion Tabled.

President Davis stated that he would talk to the attorney about this issue before calling a special executive meeting. Danny will be appointing members to serve on a Mid Chesapeake Marine Emergency Response Group. Danny again reminded all of the March 20 dinner theater, start promoting now. The president commented on the action that just happened, quote "I don't think that the executive committee is supporting your officers, the action that was made today is a slap in the face to not only me as President this year, but to immediate past president Steve Cox. One thought in mind, remember who appointed you."

Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz gave the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meetings were adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MOTION SUMMARY

MOTION that the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee indicate to MIEMSS its acceptance of the accreditation of training facility program that's been circulated today. Motion Passed.

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MOTION that the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee send a letter opposing the regulations. Motion Passed.

MOTION that the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee concur with the decision by the Board of Review for the application from Potomac Valley. Motion Passed.

MOTION that we receive the report of the committee and concur with their recommendations. Motion Passed.

MOTION that we purchase the equipment as recommended by the public address committee with the funds determined to be available by the budget committee. Motion Passed.

MOTION with the concurrence of President Davis that we honor the request of the safety committee to delete the three members from the committee. Motion Passed.

MOTION that we allow the committee to continue working on this and set up for the third Friday in March. Motion Passed.

MOTION that we approve the minutes of both previous meetings. Motion Passed.

MOTION that the issues of California Casualty and MBNA and any others that come along be referred to the insurance advisory committee for evaluation and report, not for final action. Motion amended to add ways and means committee with advice of counsel for the evaluation, voice vote taken. Motion Passed.

MOTION to refer the minimum standards reference sleeping quarters within fire stations to the standards and by-laws committees. Motion Failed.

MOTION that this executive committee reprimand Mr. Anderson for what we perceive to be his inappropriate public comments. MOTION that we table the motion and have a special meeting with Attorney Powell and make sure we are doing everything right and everyone can have their

sections ready and everything else. Motion Tabled.