

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Junior #2 Fire Company
Frederick, Maryland

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The Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Junior #2 Fire Company in Frederick, Maryland on January 10-11, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President C. Daniel Davis, Jr. Assistant Chaplain Father Newman was asked for the invocation, President Davis congratulated him for recent award from Charles County. Father read scripture, asked for prayers for Chaplain Pierce Damewood, who is in the hospital. He then spoke of other members who needed our prayers, offered prayer, followed by leading the group in the pledge to the flag. Welcome was given by the host company President.

President Davis recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; R. L. Wood, 73-74; C. B. Burton, 79-80; R. N. Dempsey, 80-81; C. H. Riley, 83-84; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; P. M. Hurlock, 93-94; R. N. Yinger, 94-95; G. A. Cross, 95-96; and S. D. Cox, 96-97. President Davis then introduced the Trustees, and the guests in attendance including Robin Browning, President LAMSFA who brought greetings on behalf of the state ladies. The President the introduced Frederick County Commissioner Bruce Reader who spoke to the group and presented President Davis a Frederick County pin. He then introduced the President of Frederick county who brought greetings.

President Davis presented his written report and proceeded to summarize by commenting that he has traveled 27,842 miles and spent 1,147 man hours performing his duties. He attended the annual kickoff of the National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month press conference, attended the Del-Mar-Va Fire Management Group meeting and the dedication of the Ocean City convention center. The President further spoke on their meeting with the Governor where they presented the report on the Alternate Funding Task Force. MSFA will receive an increase of 25% in state grant support to the association to \$125,000. Also discussed was the MFRI budget for ALS continuing education training and equipment replacement, Governor stated he would restore the \$96,000 and also provide \$95,000 for training. Next item for discussion was the task force report which recommended an increase of \$5MM to the 508 funding. Governor will request an increase of \$2.3MM this year and look into an increase of \$2.5MM next year. The alternate funding task force planning sub-committee did an outstanding job. The President reported on a meeting with Mr. John Ashworth from Shock Trauma, discussed budget and funding. Next topic was concern from last meeting reference the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, minutes are now being received by Mrs. Gibbons, price of bricks for memorial walkway, dedication of the chapel in Marvin Gibbons honor is planned for Feb 21, dates for national memorial service is Oct 3 and 4, 1998. He then spoke on a meeting to discuss an upgrade to the Southern MD Training Center, \$400K planning for FY00 and construction \$4MM FY01. He reported on the weekend retreat, thanks to all the participants. Dr. Kirwan has resigned as President of the U of Md., he will be greatly missed. Congratulations to Ron Siarnicki for his appointment as Fire Chief of PGFD. The

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President offered condolences to those who lost love ones. Two new members have been appointed to the safety committee, changes in the fire prevention committee, other appointment made.

First Vice President Robert Knippenburg presented his written report. He spoke on his recent illness and treatments, everything looks good. Thanks to each for your thoughts and prayers during the past six months. He then spoke on activities attended, the meeting with shock trauma, MSFA retreat, attended the dedication of the Convention center, and the meeting with the Governor. The three Presidents met with the Convention steering committee to discuss plans for the next two years. He has a new e-mail address "msfalstpres@mindspring.com. Bob also expressed his condolences to all who have lost loved ones.

Second Vice President Carl Edelin presented his written report, and spoke on the HCFA bill, meeting with the shock trauma personnel. He then spoke on the Senator Amoss memorial. He spoke on the Washington county fire training academy, task force on funding, meeting with the Governor, Anne Arundel County recruitment video, the MSFA retreat. He challenged all to go back to your companies and recruit new members for the association. He then spoke on the safety seminar, scheduled for April 4. Shock Trauma Board will be presenting a gift to our scholarship fund.

Secretary Leonard King presented his written report, commented on the activities of the office. We are presently having problems with the copy machines. Minutes of the last executive committee have been transcribed, copied and distributed. All official correspondence received has been properly acted upon. Letter was received from the union, nice letter. A mass mailing to all member companies covering dues notice, credential forms and memorial forms. Another mass mailing is planned to include the various awards and convention information. Work continues on the proceedings book, will be distributed later. The office continues the team effort for the betterment of the association.

Financial Secretary Bob Jacobs presented his written statements and explained the reporting system. Funds received totaled \$149,761.96 to date.

Treasurer Bob Saville gave the report. He then presented a computer print out on the financial accounts with balances. He reminded all to initial for reimbursement if you desire travel money. He gave his new e-mail address "msfatreas@mindspring.com. Lee Sachs asked if the names of accounts could be the same, response established by the budget committee. Steve Cox questioned time frame for updating the computer programs.

Chaplain Pierce Damewood is in the hospital, Harry Hetz stated that Pierce is progressing well. The chaplains have been busy across the state, he then updated on some illnesses across the state, asked for prayers.

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Executive Committee Chairman Carpenter opened the meeting by going around the table for concerns: Steve Cox - thanks to everyone for the prayers during passing of his mother, spoke on the Amoss memorial, Lou D'Camera - all four deputy chiefs have been changed around, video tape on recruitment, annual testing of ladder trucks resulted in four out of service, Mark Bilger - Ellicott City opened a new station, Clarksville in construction phase, Taneytown celebrating 100th anniversary, Carroll county performing financial audits on all companies completion next month, Chip Jewell - spoke of recent deaths, illnesses, gave some history on Jr Fire Company, George Blanco - announced open house in Midland at spring meeting, Allegany Garrett banquet that Saturday night, June 13 VP Knippenburg open house at the legion. Chairman Carpenter proceeded by requesting action on last meeting minutes. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by Lee Sachs:

MOTION That we accept the minutes as printed. No discussion, voice vote, Motion passed.

BESSIE MARSHALL BENEFIT FUND: President Robin Browning presented a written report, paid 17 cases to date for \$12,750. Robin reported on the lottery ticket sales.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Powell stated that he has met with the constitution and by-laws committee, been in contact with Mitchie Company reference Fire Laws book. Mitchie feels the book can be reduced and has agreed same at next printing.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Alan Zentz proceeded to highlight his written report. Alan reported on personnel actions by filling 3 vacancies, Steve Wells, Tim Stanley and Chris Smith. He then spoke on the federal excess personal property and some problems recently encountered. The USFS will be conducting a fire program review of our agency. Alan spoke on the state web site. He gave the statistical report, an update of heavy equipment purchased, and the automated remote weather stations, ten to be delivered next week and operational by March 15. Concern was raised about vehicles purchased under the surplus program as having some mechanical problems, explanation was given as to the procedure, DOT requirement also needed. Bob Cumberland reported on trying to obtain possession after five years.

MIEMSS: John Murphy presented a written report, Dr. Bass out of town. Mr. Murphy spoke on a resolution of the CRT program to remain within Maryland. MIEMSS continues to work toward the accomplishment of the 99 objectives established in the EMS plan. MIEMSS is continuing work on the trauma center designation process. R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center has been formally designated, all others still under review. MIEMSS Infection Control Committee has drafted a document outlining the training program for jurisdictional infection control officers. Mr. Murphy then spoke on the budget for FY99. MIEMSS will be offering an informational forum in March on issues related to billing collecting for provision of emergency medical services. Mr. Murphy spoke on the bus accident in Easton and protocol revisions and EMS initiatives on the federal level. He then spoke on new stroke care specialty centers. The American Heart Association wishes to expand CPR and AED training to all individuals who may encounter the need. To update the EMS Board activities, appointments have been made, chairman DeVries remains same. Also appointments

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have been made at the SEMSAC level. Question was asked about restocking of equipment, some discussion. Craig Coleman gave the MIEMSS legislative package, discussed the emergency medical services providers bill and infectious disease notification. Question was asked about the infectious disease wording, limited to certain illnesses. Question was asked about private ambulance pre hospital care, no legislation this year.

SHOCK TRAUMA: Mr. John Ashworth presented a written report and a packet of graphs on admissions. Mr. Ashworth spoke on the profile of the shock trauma center consisting of a state mandate mission. He stated the shock trauma is inextricably tied to the EMS trauma center. Mr. Ashworth gave brief explanations of the graphic slides provided. He then spoke on strategic imperatives they continue to do, main subject continuing financing from EMS fund due to bad debts. Question was asked about the funding mechanism at shock trauma compare with the satellite centers across the state, cost basis is not spread the same.

EMS: Charles Wills presented a written report, proceeded to comment on the opinion of the IG from the Dept. of Health and Human Services reference restocking of medical supplies. Charlie had copy published into the Trumpet, more to follow on this issue. Charlie then commented on the new EMTB recert that was submitted to the EMS Board. Attention is again raised to the bridge program ending June 1999. He then spoke on the first responder program that will now include oxygen. Charlie announced that we now have a way to successfully secure patients to back boards without the nine foot straps.

MFRI: Director Steve Edwards presented his written report and started his oral remarks by commenting on the rescue technician publication to be used nationally. Steve presented copy for review. He then spoke on the fire at Annapolis as he had the opportunity to be with the Governor at the scene. Steve then spoke on the resignation of Dr. Kirwan, MSFA wishes him well at Ohio State, the process is underway to select new President. No additional action on the Berwyn Heights facility, talked about the southern Maryland regional training center. The regional visits have been completed, good dialogue. The MFRI budget has been restored and will be presented to the General Assembly. The Maryland Chief Officers Seminar will be conducted January 17-18, over 200 pre-registered. National staff and command course was offered in Baltimore county, another scheduled in North Carolina in the spring. MFRI will present a seminar on "Leading Combination Fire Depts" in Hagerstown on May 2-3. He then spoke on training needs for airports to meet certification requirements. Thanks again for the very strong support of MSFA leadership. Question was asked about the regional training center for the upper shore, moving ahead very well, selecting architect. Concern was raised about the federal fire research facility at College Park.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Chair Doc Moltrup presented a written report. Two applications presented at last meeting. 98-3 from Madison for new pumper and tanker chassis. 98-4 from Marion for new pumper. Madison application for new pumper was rejected by the board, asked them to re-submit application for tanker. Marion application was rejected. Next meeting March 21 at Pleasant Valley. The following motion was made by L. D'Camera and seconded by S. Cox:

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MOTION - That the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee concur with the decision by the Board of Review. Discussion, voice vote taken, Motion passed.

CONVENTION: Chairman Leonard King presented his written report, spoke on the activities of the committee. The program book ad requests will be going out to all companies by the end of January, all committee chairs please submit your year end report by next meeting. The book will be re-bid this year. The packets for exhibitor rental will be sent out in February, price has risen. The seminars will be expanded to all of the convention, MFRI will be assisting in the coordination of these. Officers banquet at the Sheraton on Sunday night, weekly meetings on-going to discuss all input. Quote "**Your convention steering committee and many other individuals put in many, many hundreds of hours in planning, researching, developing and producing a quality conference and convention for all of the emergency services personnel of Maryland. this event is a year round process and during convention week is usually almost a twenty four a day effort for many of these individuals.**" He further spoke on the new food service contract in Ocean City, some problems with our activities where food is served, prices may have to be increased. Tom talked on the golf tournament, contract signed last year. New events are being considered to include a chaplain's seminar, firefighter challenge and other sporting events. Work continues on the naming of select areas in honor of MSFA. Question was asked about the days the convention center is rented, Sunday to Wednesday 8PM. Question was asked about the pre convention seminars, still under discussion. Bus passes will again be available, parking lot smaller. Officers and committee members have reviewed recommendations from retreat, suggest input by surveys before major changes happen. He gave reasons for parade staying on Wednesday. Paul Sterling commented that many want to see change, would like to move the parade to Thursday. Chairman King spoke that the ideas from the retreat are being incorporated into this years convention where feasible.

Assistant Chaplain Hetz gave blessing before the meal. LUNCH. Chairman Carpenter called meeting back to order.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Chairman Bryan Ebling presented a written report. Bryan started his report by stating focus will be on the 800-FIRE-LINE being promoted through the NVFC. The committee recommends the use and adoption of this program. Bryan reviewed the implementation plan, program coordination dissemination of expressions of interest, evaluation and feedback, advertising and publicity, and funding. Time frame will take 60 to 90 days to implement fully. A draft copy of the referral form was presented. Question was asked about the current budget funding, budget committee recommends using existing funding first. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION - That we approve the plan and the recommendation of the budget committee. Discussion, voice vote taken, Motion passed.

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Steve Cox was concerned about the awards given at Ocean City, all have been awarded. Herman Rhue expressed concern about the timeliness of the notifications. President Davis commented that the previous chairman should have completed this project.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS SYSTEMS BOARD: Representative Phil Hurlock presented a written report. He spoke on PSAP application from the National Institute of Health in Montgomery county, approved. He then gave an update on the activities of the training committee, funding issues and ten cent fee requests. A letter was received from James Nixon the 911 coordinator that he was resigning from his current position, a selection committee has been working on a replacement.

SCHOLARSHIP: Vice Chairman John Bender presented an oral report, stated he was in receipt of a letter from U of MD advising the recommendation to eliminate the masters fire protection engineering has been rescinded. Thanks for sponsorship of an ad in the 40th anniversary yearbook fire engineering program. Over 600 graduates are profiled in the yearbook. John presented yearbook to MSFA for display at volunteer firefighters room. John announced that Shock Trauma Board of Visitors will be presenting a check to the association on behalf of the scholarship committee to be used for the fund in the amount of \$5,000, an annual donation.

SPRINKLER TECHNOLOGY: Chairman John Bender presented oral comments to include continuing to monitor the Omega sprinkler heads, action should be forthcoming. One failure to date in Maryland, following closely. Final draft of regulations regarding license for sprinkler contractors out in March. Question was asked about the homeowner who has installed the Omega heads who would be notifying them, contractors requirement.

President Davis introduced Senator John Dear who brought greetings from Frederick county.

TRAINING: Chairman Keith Fairfax was not present, Ron Watkins commented that progress is on-going with the ten year plan, firefighter skills, regional training centers.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ROOM: Chairman Ron Watkins stated the group has not been very active, no report of missing items. Need to evaluate the usage of the room, maybe a marketing tool and not displaying archives.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL: Rocco Gabriele presented an oral report, transition is going extremely well. The office will be relocating to Pikesville in the future. Thirteen vacancies, have adopted the state police hiring process, seven to be filled. Present positions are under classification, union has been formed. Former BWI fire chief has been assigned to the office for the next two years. He reported a decrease in bomb squad requests, however overall statistics regarding inspections, investigations, etc is increasing. Major fires on the eastern shore have resulted in several arrests. He further spoke on law enforcement powers in relation to workers comp. Reminder that the incident reports must be submitted. He reported on the 508 funding increase. It appears that fire

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death rates remain low, presently 65, thanks to all. Three pieces of legislation have been approved and forwarded to the governor's staff. The fire marshal office is now on the web site. Rocco spoke on the new Christmas tree standard, no problems over the holidays.

SAFETY: Chairman Jenks Mattingly presented a written report, proceeded to comment from it. The safety committee seminar will be on April 4 at Berwyn Heights. The committee requests an additional \$750 to cover cost of lunch at the seminar, state ladies will be serving. New members have been appointed. A non MSFA affiliated organization requested to procure the potholders with the MSFA logo, motion at committee level to deny request. Convention handouts were discussed, would like to consider pocket safety masks, however need an additional \$500. The safety video of 1997 is not complete due to camera repairs required. A story board for the 98 video is being done. He reported on recent burns in PG County.

MFRETC: Chairman Bob Shimer provided written report from meetings held. He stated that the board still has two vacancies, waiting on letter from Chief Bell on his status. Concern raised about the members not making the 50% attendance requirement. He reported on the 20th annual conference mid-Atlantic association of state fire commissions, recruitment and retention reference the 800-FIRELINE. He had the opportunity to tour the Atlantic City International airport and the FAA William Hughes technical center. He commented on the presentation by the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors member Cynthia Wilk. The commission continues to work on the mission statement and goals recommendations. He reported that appointments have been made to the MICRB.

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL: Representative Shimer presented a written report, stated that the agency has conducted exercises on the radiological plan. He spoke on a presentation on El Nino. A train the trainer program on counter terrorism is being held at MFRI. The new state command and control center has been approved with work already started.

ENTERTAINMENT: Chairman Bill Cooke presented a written report and flyers on the event for March 20 at Timonium Dinner theater, the show "Don't Dress For Dinner". Tickets will be \$23.50 each, 200 advanced seats reserved. Show date March 20, 1998, the state ladies are assisting with the advanced sales.

LEGISLATIVE: Co-Chairman Bernie Smith presented a written report and reported on its contents. reported that the Trustees continue to meet with Delegate Conway reference death benefits. He then spoke on meetings held with Delegate Rudolph reference Medicaid transport reimbursement, now with the administration. Once again the ladies will staff the Annapolis office, reception date Feb 2 at 5-7PM. Bernie commented on other bills that reference the fire service. Bernie again asked all to notify them of any legislation being drafted at local levels. Charlie Riley further commented on new appointments, friends of the fire service.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION: Bob Cumberland presented an oral report, stated session in recess til Jan 22. He reported on the RCFP and RFPC title changes and increase funding level to \$10MM. He also discussed the scanner legislation, public safety officer memorial scholarship, authorization for the USFA. Next year is the 350th anniversary of the volunteer fire service, a bill introduced commemorating via a stamp.

FIVE YEAR PLANNING: Chairman Don Mooney presented a written report, stated that the committee had met and discussed two topics, restructure/consolidation of committees and types of membership. He presented a draft copy of the proposed structure of committee under five main headings and eighteen standing. He then discussed the types of memberships, individual types could promote health insurance, life insurance, credit union, registration at convention. Consensus that incentives must be positive to promote an individual type membership.

MEMORIAL: Chairman Don Mooney presented a written report. The committee continues to move along very well, received notification that IRS has received application for tax exemption. The request has changed from 501C3 to 509A1. Thanks to Steve Austin for his assistance, cooperation continues to be great. The committee traveled to the proposed sites in Annapolis, like to have the site selected within three months. Thanks to Chief Sherlock for his hospitality. The union has responded and will be participating.

Chairman Carpenter returned the meeting back to the President, Reverend Taugher gave the benediction. **RECESSED** President Davis called the Sunday morning to session, Assistant Chaplain Taugher read from scripture, gave prayer and lead the pledge. President Davis introduced the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: G. A. Glaubitz, 70-71; E. F. Preston, 74-75; C. O. Baker, 78-79; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; R. P. Cumberland, 87-88; R. H. Shimer, 88-89; J. R. Robison, 89-90; T. A. Mattingly, 90-91; B. J. Smith, 91-92; R. L. Yinger, 94-95; and S. D. Cox, 96-97. The President then introduced the Trustees, and recognized the guests today to include Robin Browning, President LAMSFA. Chairman Carpenter called for the first report.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE AVIATION: Mr. Dan Cornwell, quality coordinator addressed the group via an information gathering process regards the quality movement. He facilitated the discussion on What are we doing right, What are we doing wrong, Are there any opportunities or threats that we can't see from within the aviation division. Discussion.

FIRE PREVENTION: Chairman Bobby Collins presented a written report. At the last committee meeting, issued discussed included a decision was made to go with two more billboards, posters from fire prevention contest were selected as model for placemats, putting a package for free literature, and a new program called "Risk Watch". He spoke on problem with the Silver Spring award, confusion about role responsibilities. Paul Sterling will contact the Silver Spring department for resolution.

PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE: Bill Cooke presented the report, stated that final specs for the new car, would like to place the order quickly, car to be identical except bucket seats. Approximate cost

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will be \$20,500, request approval to place order. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION that we approve to move forward toward the purchase of the president's car. No further discussion, voice vote taken, Motion passed.

Question was asked about leasing a vehicle, response over 15,000 annual miles makes it difficult. The present vehicle is for sale.

CERTIFICATION: Jim Snyder reported on the lack of business to come before the board. Jim was concerned about statements within a letter he presented reference the ATRA task force. Discussion ensued, unclear as to what direction was to be taken, PP Cox addressed the concerns and cleared up the subjects. Steve then spoke on the national certification process to be changed, state and national to be done simultaneously.

WAYS & MEANS: Chairman John Means stated that the raffle tickets are out, get out and sell.

PAST PRESIDENTS: PP Smith stated they stand ready to assist the association, still a communication problem exists on notifications.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES: Bob Alexander gave oral comments, stated he is new to the committee, setting some foundation to get a working committee.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Patti Gordy gave the report, committee has met and addressed the concerns from the retreat, nine changes will be proposed. President Davis will probably call a special meeting to discuss the proposals.

STANDARDS: Chairman Bill Huttenloch stated the committee checked on standards for fire stations, no standard exists, referenced in the 1500 standard. He read from the 1500 standard, consensus discretionary to the Board of Review. No standards changes to the by-laws for this year.

NFPA OVERVIEW: Chairman Bill Huttenloch stated they are reviewing the 1200 standard. He then displayed NFPA approved gloves, several steam burns from sweating, need to be dried after usage. He showed SCBA masks that have failed. An article will be placed in the Trumpet for further explanation on the equipment. Further discussion, opinions, suggestion to send out mass mailing to member companies, President Davis instructed the standards and safety committees to come up with a notification system and send out to all member companies and the officers will draft letter of concern and send to the NFPA standards committee dealing with masks and gloves.

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS: Chairman Joan Robison gave an oral report stating that there has been little activity, everything going fine. Only few phone calls being received, would like to make some changes to the bill. She requested an article in the Trumpet.

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IRS SURVEY: Chip Jewell reported to have an article in the Trumpet for publication.

17 STATE CIRCLE: Chairman Jim Ferguson reported on the water problem, everything else fine.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Chairman Skip Massey presented a written report, stated that the federal installations will be combining their surplus to Fort Meade.

STATISTICAL: Chairman Worthington presented a written report that listed the area reps, reminder of the April 15 deadline, encouraged the executive committee to assist those to obtain the 100% submission.

ALTERNATE FUNDING: Steve Cox presented the report of the study, spoke on the recommendations to include increased funding for 508, increase to the MSFA appropriations. Lee Sachs asked question about the windfall money in the EMS fund, the document clearly identifies revenue. The EMS Board does not control any money designated for 508. Further discussion on funding of the appropriations account.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Vice Chairman Baker presented the report, gave the financial statement, paid out \$28,770 in pensions, death benefits and tuitions to include 28 widows, 1 disabled firemen, 7 children. The trustees request the annual subsistence increased to \$100, would like a concurrence. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by M. Bilger:

MOTION That we endorse the \$100 request from the Trustees and forward to By-Laws committee for action this. No further discussion, voice vote taken, Motion passed.

HALL OF FAME: Chairman John Gatton presented a written report, stated that the rules for nominations will be mailed Jan 15. He is still trying to get some of the names of the inductees in 1980.

BULLETIN: Written report on behalf of the chairman was presented, next issue deadline is Feb 1. The Trumpet will receive an award from the print industry for its quality of content and print, will take place at Martins East. Congratulations John.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY LIAISON: Bob Cumberland presented a written report, spoke on the lack of national memorial weekend critique. The Foundation will be dedicating the chapel on Feb 21 in memory of PP Gibbons, invitation list is uncertain at this time. The Vigilant Hose VFC will host a reception after the dedication, request MSFA funding to cover the cost. The following motion was made by M. Bilger and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION - That we concur with Bob Cumberland's request to set aside \$1,000 for the dedication of the chapel reception. Further discussion, voice vote taken, Motion passed.

Discussion pursued about the purchase of bricks for the "Walk of Honor", sample brick was shown and schematic drawings on display. PP Cox concerned about the funding requirements for the purchase of bricks, same as last meeting. Further discussion and opinions on way to proceed. MSFA to send letter with our concerns to the Foundation.

OUT OF STATE COORDINATOR: Bob Cumberland presented a written report, stated the fire states presidents meeting will be held on April 4 in Taneytown. The CFSI dinner will be on April 30, Bob will coordinate the Maryland registration.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Bob Cumberland presented his written report, commented they continue to work on the FLSA. He reported on upcoming meetings in Baltimore and Washington. He spoke on new OSHA standard on respiratory protection standard.

MARKETING: Chairman Richard Yinger gave an oral report, the display unit pictures will be taken by MFRI. New signs have been purchased for top of the display.

TRANSPORTATION: Chairman Richard Yinger commented that the committee will be meeting at Berwyn Heights with the coordinators.

Father Newman gave the blessing before the meal. LUNCH President Davis presented the host company \$1,000 for their hospitality over the weekend, the fire company will donate the money to the local little league who lost their belongings due to a recent fire.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: Edgar Freeman stated the sound system bugs are slowly being resolved, has an amp and speakers for disposition.

MDMERC: Bobby Balta presented a written report, commented on recent meeting. Training is a major objective of the group, will be needing help on information requested and attending meetings.

BUDGET & REVENUE: Financial Secretary Jacobs spoke on behalf of the committee. Bob commented on the request from recruitment and retention for \$1,230, made recommendation to make up additional \$280. The following motion was made by G. Blanco and seconded by C. Jewell:

MOTION - That we approve the recommended financial changes to the budget for an increase of \$280. No discussion, voice vote taken, Motion passed.

Bob Jacobs then commented on the request from safety committee to cover cost of face masks, made recommendation to use existing approved money and come back later for additional, much discussion. The following motion was made by S. Cox and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION - That we concur with the budget committee. Further discussion, hand vote taken, 5 yeas, 2 nays, Motion passed.

There was much more discussion reference the budget request procedures. Better communication to start with the President who made the appointments would be helpful. Bob Jacobs further reported on the safety committee request for the seminar luncheon, budget committee denied request. Questions and clarification of budget operational expenses submitted on the annual request, budget is approved on these specific items. President Davis requested the safety seminar after the budget requests were submitted, however the President recommends to not have a luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS: Paul Sterling spoke on report of convention committee from Saturday reference lack of changes, feels the change for parade to be on Thursday could be accomplished. He stated that some of the arguments were parade judges, he felt not many played golf, tee shirt sales and golf tournament. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by J. Ransom:

MOTION - That we direct the steering committee after consulting with Ocean City to make sure they can accommodate us that this years parade be held on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

Paul continued to state that he had spoken to the three Presidents. Chairman Carpenter clarified the motion by stating you want the steering committee to take a more active look at trying to accommodate. Paul stated no sir, I want this executive committee to direct them to conduct the parade on Thursday, if possible. President Davis questioned the time of the parade, Paul responded that would be left up to the steering committee and the Presidents. President Davis again questioned the time, further stated that the chairman of the steering committee is not here today, I don't know, he addressed some problems with having things changed around at the beginning and end of the convention. The President feels they are looking at changes, a lot of things from the retreat are being addressed, and probably 90% of recommendations are being changed. The memorial cannot be on Sunday due to set up time, problem with Thursday rental at convention center, need to look at where to present trophies. I think that instead of basically dictating to the steering committee, you may want to make this a strong recommendation. Paul responded to the concerns, he understands the convention hall is available on Thursday, talking about the back where the trophies are given out. Some comments were made from the group, Bob Cumberland expressed concern about the Westminster band. Paul again expressed his concerns, Bill Cooke expressed concern if it ain't broke, don't change it. Chairman Carpenter spoke on the busy schedule Wednesday morning, Paul stated it's difficult to get the MSFA leadership to parade lineup. PP Smith concerned about the apparatus on display at convention. PP Mattingly stated the consensus of the steering committee to move forward on the proposed changes already presented, need further evaluation on some of the other changes. Lee Sachs commented on the convention structure, has written correspondence to steering committee, forcing to make this change this year would be a mistake, much more to look into, suggests to amend the motion or defeat the motion, feels need to

hold off, slow down. Chip Jewell stated that change needs to be positive, could be received as negative, call for the question.

Hand vote taken, 5 yea, 3 nea, Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Chairman Carpenter thanked all for their attention, returned meeting to the President. President Davis introduced John Hoglund who extended appreciation to all during his recent illness, gave an update to the condition on Pierce, pain greatly reduced and spirits uplifted, upcoming surgery. John also spoke as spokesman from the Byrus family, the survivors would like to see a memorial service in Maryland for dad, like to have the MSFA as the key stone mover. President Davis thanked all for their attendance, legislative session starts Wednesday, a special meeting to be set up to discuss the by law changes. Assistant chaplain Harry Hetz offered the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary,
Leonard T. King, P.P.
J. Edward Cross
Gene Worthington
Charles B. Burton, P.P.

Motion Summary

MOTION that we accept the minutes as printed by George Blanco, second by Lee Sachs, no discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

MOTION that the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive committee concur with the decision by the Board of Review by Lou D'Camera, second by Steve Cox, further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

MOTION that we approve the plan and the recommendation of the budget committee, both in one motion, by Lee Sachs, second by Chip Jewell, further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

MOTION that we approve to move forward toward the purchase of the president's car by George Blanco, second by Chip Jewell, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

MOTION that we endorse the \$100 request from the Trustees and forward to By-Laws committee for action this year by George Blanco, second by Mark Bilger, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

MOTION that we concur with Bob Cumberland's request to set aside \$1,000 for the dedication of the chapel reception by Mark Bilger, second by Chip Jewell, further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

MOTION that we approve the recommended financial changes to the budget for an increase of \$280 by George Blanco, second by Chip Jewell, no discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

MOTION that we concur with the budget committee by Steve Cox, second by George Blanco, further discussion, hand vote taken, 5 yea, 2 nea, motion passed.

MOTION that we direct the steering committee after consulting of course with Ocean City to make sure they can accommodate us that this years parade be held on Thursday instead of Wednesday by Paul Sterling, second by Jonathan Ransom, hand vote taken, 5 yea, 3 nea, motion passed.