

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 7, 1998**  
**Berwyn Heights, Maryland**

The Special Executive Committee Meeting was held at the MFRI Headquarters in Berwyn Heights. The meeting was called to order by Second Vice President Carl Edelin, Jr. Charles Wills gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. Vice President Edelin welcomed everyone, made some general remarks and turned the meeting over to Executive Committee Chair Dan Carpenter. Chair Carpenter stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the "Ten Year Education and Training Plan," and then asked for concerns from around the table.

Discussion of proposed changes were as follows: Page 8 under short range policy, item 4, the wording should be changed to read "encourage." Item 6, instead of "establish," should be "encourage." In the mid range objectives, item 4 on policy, the wording should be changed to "encourage." The following motion was made by Lee Sachs and seconded by Chip Jewell:

**MOTION: To approve the Ten Year Education and Training Plan as proposed by the Training Committee with the indicated changes in wording. Hand vote taken, unanimous. Motion Passed.**

Discussion on the above motion followed. Steve Cox expressed concern about the lack of consensus building on the plan. Chair Fairfax gave a history of the previous plans, and explained that this was an update, time and effort to complete is a monumental task. Chip Jewell stated that a seminar should be conducted at the convention. Chair Fairfax responded that the process needs to be updated in the by-laws as they pertain to the Training Committee.

MFRI Director Edwards spoke on the plan, praised the committee for their efforts, feels the plan provides guidance for training. He provided a suggestion under the mid range policy, to change the wording from minimum to desired level.

Charles Wills spoke on the EMS items, two of the four are already implemented. Chair Fairfax relayed that the \$1,200. Budget item will cover the printing and have available at the convention.

Vice President Edelin then introduced those Past Presidents in attendance: Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Shimer, and Thomas Mattingly. President Davis thanked all for their time in such short notice and then addressed another issue which was taken care of by telephone poll of the Executive Committee. The executive session motion was made by Steve Cox and seconded by Lee Sachs. The motion was unanimously passed.

President Davis spoke on the issue with California Casualty Company, and will ask for action later. Robert Shimer offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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