

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMENS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**June 17, 2001  
Ocean City, Maryland**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 0930 hours by President Roger A. Steger, Sr., at the Ocean City Convention Center. Chaplain Dixon gave an opening Fathers Day prayer and a prayer for the success of the upcoming convention. President Steger led us in the pledge to the flag. President Steger welcomed everyone to Ocean City. He introduced the Past Presidents in attendance as: R. Adkins (65-66), J. Glaubitz (70-71), E. Preston (74-75), E. Dunn (76-77), O. Baker (78-79), C. Riley (83-84), L. King (85-86), C. Carpenter (86-87), R. Cumberland (87-88), R. Shimer (88-89), J. Robison (89-90), T. Mattingly (90-91), B. Smith (91-92), P. Hurlock (93-94), R. Yinger (94-95), S. Cox (96-97), D. Davis (97-98), C. Edelin (99-00). The President introduced those guests in attendance including: President LA-MSFA P. Webb.

**PRESIDENT R. Steger** presented and discussed his written report, thanked his wife, son, Ocean City VFC, Mayor Mathias, the town of Ocean City, and his secretary Maria Cerrato, for the support and understanding given to him this past year. He mentioned the many functions throughout the State that he has attended representing the MSFA. He said that he, the Vice Presidents, and R. Yinger met with MSP Colonel Mitchell and Chief Executive S. Blake in reference to the Fire, Rescue and EMS Providers safety on the highways, emergency vehicle lighting, CDL license requirements, and DOT Inspections. He discussed the use of green lights on fire apparatus and the conflict with its use, with the MSP. He said it is illegal for use by fire and EMS apparatus, and they plan to crack down on its use. He said that legislation has to be done to enable fire apparatus to use the green light to designate the command post. He thanked Ms. Louise Dell and her staff for their work in mailing out the legislative information this year. He congratulated P.P. C. O. Baker and the Mt. Airy VFD on their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He, the Vice Presidents, and L. King met with Ms. Deb Thomas and Arthur Gladfelter (CEO VFIS) in York Pa., thanking them for their continued support this past year with training, insurance information, and funding to the MSFA. He said the Presidents and members of MSFA attended the Fallen Heros Memorial Service at Dulaney Valley for Police, Fire, and EMS personnel. He again thanked L. King and his wife for their hospitality and lodging this past year for some of his long, late trips away from Ocean City. He said the President and J. McCrea attended the Maryland Board of Public Works meeting on May 30, when they approved the first low interest loan applications for Eldorado-Brookview VFD and Neck District VFD. He thanked P. Webb and the Ladies Auxiliary (MSFA) for their teamwork in having HB-1095 signed into law. He also thanked Peggy's husband Cecil for his friendship. He thanked his officers, Chairmen, Past Presidents, Committee members, and the members of the MSFA for their help and assistance this past year. He said it was his privilege to serve as President of MSFA and looks forward to this next year as Past President.

**1<sup>ST</sup> V.P. J. Mattingly** said his written report is in the Convention Program Book. He thanked everyone for their help and support this past year, and he looks forward to the coming year. He invited everyone to his reception party this Wednesday after the parade.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.** G. Worthington thanked everyone for their help and support this past year and is also looking forward to the coming year. He thanked the Convention Committee and looks forward to another good convention. He invited everyone to the Harford County Open House on Monday evening.

**SECRETARY** L. King thanked everyone for their cooperation and the Assistants for their help in meeting the goals of the Association. He presented an application for Sustaining Membership in the MSFA from the Sun Trust Bank. Their check has been received. The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by W. Donaldson:

**MOTION: To approve the application of Sun Trust Bank as a Sustaining Member. Motion approved by all.**

He read a letter from Chairman James Malone of the Fire and Rescue Caucus, congratulating the MSFA on their success in getting HB 828 (Amnesty Bill) passed this year. He also congratulated P. Webb and the Ladies Auxiliary for getting HB 1095 passed this year. He said there is a need for a program to address the Safe Haven (HB 312), and other legislative needs within the state. The Secretary reported that at this time, he has not received documentation of the County Representatives to the Board of Review, from the following counties: Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Howard, and Baltimore. This documentation has to be received prior to the opening of the first session of the convention. If it is not received, then we will nominate and elect the representative for those counties, from the floor. L. King said he has received communications from part of these county representatives, but there is controversy and it needs to be cleared up with a letter before it can be accepted.

**LA-MSFA** President P. Webb discussed this past year and she thanked everyone for their help and cooperation. She especially thanked R. Steger, J. Mattingly, G. Worthington, L. King and R. Yinger for their help and support. She presented them with her appreciation award.

**TREASURER** R. Seville announced that he will not be a candidate for Treasurer this year, and he asked everyone to support John Shuhart for that position. He said he will be glad to be an Assistant to John this coming year. He thanked everyone for the help and support given him these past years.

**CHAPLAIN** Rev Dixon said its been a good year and he thanked his Assistant Chaplains and everyone for their help and support this past year.

**ATTORNEY** R. Powell said they have one ongoing project which is the Service Mark (Logo) and they are having to have it lined in a way that the Patent Office will accept. The drawings must be in color (but are not really). The fund raising project is the MBNA credit card program. He said they will be downstairs during the convention to sign up interested members and company's. L. King asked why MBNA has not yet joined our Association Sustaining

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Membership program? This is a challenge for them to do so. Roger said he will take this message to them.

**MIEMSS** Dr. Bass thanked everyone for their support of the \$3 Bill this year. It took a team effort to get it done, and we did it. He discussed the commercial helicopters that are now based in Maryland. A year ago we had none in Maryland. He discussed the fast growth of these helos in Maryland this past year. He discussed their policy regarding the transport of a patient from a scene by helicopter. If you need a helo, call Syscom. If the weather is below MSP minimums in the area, they will tell you to take the patient by ground, otherwise, they will send the MSP helo. If the MSP has a delayed response, they will tell you so and Syscom will be tracking the status of all the commercial helos. They will effect a phone patch between the jurisdiction and the commercial service to be sure of a proper pass on of the service. If the commercial service does come and transports the patient, the patient will be Billed by the commercial service. He said the average Bill for commercial helo service is about \$5,000. This information was given in a letter from Dr. Bass to all 911 Centers, dated 15 June 2001.

**LOW INTEREST LOAN** Chair J. McCrea presented and discussed his written report on the request for a low interest loan from the Water Witch Fire Company for \$205,450 (which is 75% of the purchase price of \$273,933) for a new Pierce Saber Pumper. The Loan Board recommended approval of this loan. The following motion was made by B. Kurtz and seconded by T. Thompson:

**MOTION: To approve the loan application for the Water Witch Fire Company for \$205,450. No discussion, motion was approved by all.**

**NATIONAL GUARD:** Lt. Col. J. Grove gave a presentation on Congressional funding for a Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team for the Maryland National Guard. His presentation was of a possible situation of mass destruction and what could happen and what would be needed to handle the situation. The purpose was to demonstrate the need for a civil military support team for the state of Maryland. He said their job is to respond to the scene and provide assistance for the incident commander. L. Sachs asked where we would offer our support to this cause, if needed? He said it is a political decision and everything would go thru the Governor's office. He said they do have a Communications Suite which can offer secure, on the scene, communications that would be made available to the command scene.

**TRAINING:** Chair D. Stevens had no written report, but discussed the 10 Year Education and Training Plan. It is now out and each organization should be receiving their copy soon. He asked for the MSFA Executive Committee to approve (or endorse) the plan. The following motion was made by C. Edelin and seconded by T. Thompson:

**MOTION: To accept the 10 Year Education and Training Plan as presented. No discussion. Motion approved by all.**

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**MEMORIAL** Chair D. Mooney said they have received the final approval on the easement agreement on May 30. Now he challenges the Association members to raise the needed \$350,000 to get the Memorial built.

**EMS** Chair C. Wills presented his written report on the CRT issue. He discussed his and L. Sachs meeting on May 30 with SEMSAC. He said the grace period for taking the class was extended until 31 March 2008 to complete the update, which includes the associated testing.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** Chair J. Long discussed the proposed By-Laws Amendment on the Individual Membership which is on the ballot at this years convention. He encouraged the passage of this amendment so they may continue with the benefits of the membership. Flyers were handed out for the amendment.

**WAYS & MEANS** Chair J. Means said the Raffle Tickets need to be turned in to him by 0900 Wednesday morning. He said the sales are not very good this year, as compared to previous years.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES** E. Woods discussed the items they are selling this year and showed us the new MSFA red hats and golf shirts for this year. They also have T shirts, glass mugs and ceramic mugs for sale.

**SAFETY** Chair B. Balta said they will be giving out the Barrier II Face Mask, and also a nurse will be on hand to take blood pressures.

**PP** D. Davis asked about the Past Presidents photo album and pictures for their convention, as they are still outstanding and not yet received by the Past Presidents? Secretary King advised that the albums are in and that the photos are being worked on.

Benediction given by Chaplain H. Hetz. The meeting was adjourned at 1104 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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