

~~Executive Committee Meeting Minutes~~ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
~~MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION~~

~~Baden,~~

Maryland

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by President Charles Mattingly, III, at the Baden VFD ~~in Baden Maryland~~. Chaplain Dixon gave the opening prayer for the success of the weekend meetings. ~~He then~~ ~~and~~ ~~led those in attendance e-membership~~ in the Pledge to the Flag. ~~President Mr.~~ Frank Hall (~~President of Baden VFD~~) ~~and~~ ~~LA President Mrs.~~ Clair Watts (~~President LA Baden VFD~~) ~~w~~welcomed everyone to ~~Baden Maryland and~~ the Baden VFD. President Mattingly welcomed the Past Presidents in attendance as:- 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), ~~and~~ R. Steger (00-01). ~~Trustees in attendance as: R. Shimer, C. Riley, C. Carpenter, P. Hurlock, and J. Means.~~ He welcomed those guests in attendance ~~which included LA President as: Steve Edwards, MSP R. Gabrielle and Lt. Tracy, FP Queen Katy Vann, DNR M. Mitchell, LA MSFA Pres. N.ora Ryan, 1st V.P. R. Maher, Treas B. McWilliams, Corr Sec. R. Pandolfini, Chaplain L. Hetz, C. Chaplain K. Knipples, Color Bearer S. Lutz, and Bessie Marshall P. Orlove.~~

President Mattingly presented his written report and discussed his activities since the December meeting. He said Col. Mitchell has invited the Presidents to participate in discussions on the Anti-Terrorism Task Force. He said the Presidents, R. Yinger, R. Steger and the Ladies Auxiliary met with Lt. Gov. Townsend in reference to the distribution of the Impaired Smoke Detector Program. He discussed the retirement of R. Siarnicki and congratulated him on his appointment as Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. He said the Presidents and L. King held their annual meeting with VFIS, and thanked the management of VFIS for their continued support. He thanked COMCAST for their continued coverage of the volunteer service. He and V.P. Worthington went to White Marsh for an interview for the Recruitment and Retention Committee. The Presidents also attended the opening of the General Assembly this year with the assistance of Del. John Wood. He discussed the hard work of the Legislative Committee and the news that the Governor has proposed to transfer five million dollars from the EMSOF fund to the States

General Fund. He mentioned several of the upcoming Bills this year that may affect the members of the MSFA. He commended B. Smith and his committee for the outstanding Legislative Reception held last Monday. He said the Presidents continue to attend weekly meetings of the Maryland Fire Service Legislative Caucus in Annapolis. During the past two months the Presidents have met at MEMA and each has been assigned to a sub committee where they are assisting in the planning for future disasters. He said the offer made by Nextel at the December meeting for a \$14.18 phone plan, which we learned later was only good for December. He said Nextel is to offer different plans each month. If anyone has any problems with the service, they are asked to contact Doyle Cox. He and V.P. Worthington met with the Kent County Chief's Council and the Kent County Commissioners in relation to the MOSH document. The Presidents held their annual meeting with Col. Mitchell to discuss this years issues. The Presidents were invited to attend the visit of Mr. Joe Allbaugh (Director of FEMA) and Mr. R. David Paulison (US Fire Administrator) at MFRI. A future meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Fire Grant Program and the 3.5 Billion dollars proposed by President Bush. The Presidents continue to attend the METRO Chief meetings, exchanging valued information.

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Vice President Worthington presented and discussed his written report, and his many activities. He said they have been working jointly with the METRO Chiefs in forming the fire service roles and responsibilities during an incident. He thanked R. Brooks and C. Ray for preparing the Terrorism and Emergency Response Plan booklet, to be presented to the Maryland Task Force for consideration of federal funding. He introduced and welcomed the new people here today. The presidents attended the MFRI Board of Advisors meeting in the new conference room at the Training Academy, and MFRI is conducting regional FIREACT training sessions across the state. He discussed the Ladies Auxiliaries around the state and the great support they provide their departments. He gave hats off to commended the NVFC in securing the additional funding for the FIREACT. He attended the E-MAIS technical committee meeting, and the EMS Board/SEMSAC joint meeting where the agencies provided the ten year update of their respective programs. They met with a MEMA Director Don Keldsen on several occasions in discussion of the ESF-4 Category. R. Steger has been invited to emergency drills at MEMA to represent us MSFA. He attended the Apparatus Resource Committee meeting, and said we will need to make minor changes to our MSFA Statistical Report to gather the additional information as requested. The officers attended the Legislative Reception in Harford County, and special recognition was given to PP Charlie Riley for his lifetime of dedication to the fire service. They have not yet met with the DNR management team, but plan to do so very soon. He and President Mattingly attended a Maryland Anti-Terrorism

Financial Secretary Jacobs presented and discussed his written report for the period ending 31 January 2002 (FY2002). He discussed the Funds Received year-to-date, Direct, Indirect, Totals, and the Changes made from the prior reporting period as of 31 January 2002.

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Treasurer REASURER J. Shuhart presented ~~and discussed~~ his written report ~~and~~ ~~He~~ discussed the MSFA Cash Assets of the receipts, disbursements, current balances, and totals of the General Fund, Accounts Receivable, Low Interest Loan, and Convention Accounts. He also included the MSFA 2001-2002 Budget Income and Expenses. He discussed the Budget, our present spending, and the expected income during the remaining months of this year.

Chaplain HAPLAIN Rev Dixon presented and discussed his written report. He reported on his activities since the December Executive Committee meeting as he has participated in 57 incidents or involvements. President Mattingly thanked Rev Dixon for keeping him apprised of the many events as they happen.

Attorney TTORNEY R. Powell had no written report. He thanked everyone for their condolences for the loss of his mother. He said the Firef-Fighter Advantage Program contract with Long and Foster, has been approved and signed by our Presidents. He ~~discussed that~~said maybe we should be writing to our supporting insurance carriers to reassure them that we are not severing our ties with them, because of the Long and Foster agreement. ~~This needs to be done.~~ He has given two written opinions to B. Smith on proposed legislation where issues need to be dealt with by the MSFA. He ~~discussed~~said the MSFA Foundation Articles of Incorporation were filed, and have ~~now~~ come back approved. He changed the name of the Foundation to incorporate the scholarship, instead of setting up a separate foundation. He has not yet done this but will do so in the near future. He will then apply for our 509 Tax status (not 501 because it is a

MOTION: -made by S. Hales, 2nd by B. Kurtz, †That we submit a full complaint to Nextel and a report made back to this committee at our next meeting.

The following motion was made by W. Donaldson and seconded by S. Hales:

MOTION: -made by W. Donaldson, 2nd by S. Hales, †That the Presidents and our attorney have the authority to cancel the contract agreement with Nextel if they feel it necessary.

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R. Steger asked about the 10 percent discount promised on existing phone plans, which has not been done. D. Cox agreed they have not honored the 10 percent discount. He gave an 800 number for those persons to call to get the discount.

Board of Trustees Chair R. Shimer presented his written report and said that all claims filed with the Board of Trustees have been reviewed and appropriate action taken as required. Forms for the reporting of a Line of Duty injury claim, has been forwarded to the Shaft VFC in Allegany County. The committee now has a “Procedural Guide” to be used in the event of injury or line of duty death of members of the volunteer emergency services. Copies are available to all departments, officers and members of the Executive Committee. He thanked L. King for preparing the copies and his support to the Trustees. He said the funds (previously asked about by the Executive Board) administered by the Trustees, is listed in the Procedural Guide. They are planning to get the guide on the Website soon. He discussed Benefit payments saying, the total disbursements made during the seven month period was \$106,711.37, leaving a balance of \$450,589.43. They project benefits paid during 2001-2002 will total \$172,461.37. He presented a list of Line of Duty Death benefits recipients (D. Wilt – Urbana, C. Kreitzer - Bowie, W. Howzdy – Glen Arm) and Line of Duty Injury benefits recipients (W.D. Thomas – Kent Island, M. Tucker – Leonardtown, J. Pratt – Cresaptown, J. Athey – Cresaptown). He also listed the two recipients (Jeffrey Dieter and Marianne Hicks) of the Educational benefits for tuition and books. He discussed a benefit check that was lost or stolen from a recipient’s mailbox. He said all recipients are now being contacted to consider having direct deposit to their accounts for their benefit. He expressed his concerns for the need for applicants for the Colburn Cup award. Please get the applications in by 1 May 2002 to the Board of Trustees.

~~LA MSFA Sr. V.P. R. Maher thanked MSFA for the invitation and said to let them know if there is anything they can do for us.~~

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~~R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center PARLIAMENTARIAN R. Brooks had no report, happy serve and to be here.~~

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she discussed the two Suburban cases selected. One was the Waldorf VFD & Charles County ALS Chase Vehicle, and the other was MSP Trooper 2 and 7. The Rural Case was Westminster VFD in Carroll County, and MSP Trooper 3. John explained Readmit cases and Diversions. Their Education Mission consisted of 40 Tours, Quarterly Case Reviews, ALS Airway Skills Lab, Observation Programs (TRU 169 EMS providers, and Critical Care 112 EMS providers), and 31 On-Site Clinical Programs.

MIEMSS Dr. Bass presented and discussed his written report. He said the House and Senate Budget hearings for FY03 have been completed for MIEMSS and MSP Aviation Division. They are monitoring HB 1214 (Maryland Fire and Emergency Services Support

Fund that would be funded from a \$20 surcharge on certain vehicle moving violations). He discussed the EMSOF and the impact if the money is taken out. He said they continue to work with MEMA and the planning is being done with many other groups. He said FEMA money is supposed to be coming directly to the Fire and EMS Companies. Also, next year's money is coming earmarked for First responders. He gave a Protocol Update as they have gone out to all jurisdictions, which has been completed. The yellow Alerts did peak on January 29th in the Baltimore City/County region, and Flu-like illnesses reached widespread shortly after the peak. There are currently 132 AED Program facilities in Maryland now. They are setting up a Geriatric Task Force and anyone interested in taking part, contact your Regional Administrator. EMAIS continues with the development of a custom web-based system. They are looking for funding so they can purchase hardware. They do have the funding for the software at MIEMSS. The Inventory turnover continues and about 2300 items have been turned over to 24 jurisdictions. The Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review committee has scheduled a hearing on the Commercial Ambulance Regulations, for 18 February 2002.

~~EMS Board~~~~BOARD~~ R. Yinger had no written report, but said it is on the Website. President Mattingly asked that the report also be presented here, on paper, for the Executive Committee.

EMS -Chair C. Wills presented his written report and discussed the meeting with Dr. Bass on 26 November. He discussed the special Advisory Committee on Elevator Safety of the Dept. of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) meeting on 17 January. They met to consider changes in the existing COMAR Regulations concerning the interior size of elevators. The existing regulation requires an elevator to accommodate a horizontally positioned 6 ft. 8 inch rescue litter having a width of 24 inches (80" x 24"). The proposed change requires in buildings of four or more stories in height, to have at least — one elevator provided for fire department emergency access to all floors.

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December at MIEMSS with Dr. Bass and Delegates Morhaim and Moe and has given his comments to the Presidents and the committee members. He is also keeping abreast of the happenings of the electronic reporting system effort with the EMAIS Technical Subcommittee and L. Sachs has been working with the EMAIS Legal Subcommittee. He will be attending a presentation by Director Kevin Combs (Management Information Systems) on 17 February at MIEMSS. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by J. Lau:

MOTION: ~~made by R. Steger, 2nd by J. Lau, t~~To send a letter of support of the elevator accommodation of a 24" x 80" stretcher, to the International Building Code Ceommittee. Motion was approved by all.

Fire Marshal~~RE-MARSHAL~~ W. Barnard presented and discussed his written report, and thanked the MSFA for their continued support. He discussed the Fire Incident Reporting System saying as of January 23, 2002 fire and rescue departments have not yet

submitted their reports. He thanked R. Snader and Skip Menzies for their efforts to enhance the electronic MFIRS reporting for the Maryland Fire Service. Beginning January 2003, the Fire Marshal's Office will move from NFIRS 4.1, to NFIRS 5.0 based by the USFA and the NFIC. The cost of the software for this program is not now known but will hopefully be reasonable for all concerned. He announced the graduation of Deputy Matthew Stevens from the Criminal Justice Academy. Deputies G. Ruch Jr, and E. Ernst are about to graduate and will be assigned to their Metro Regional Office. Four of the five Fire Safety Inspector I positions have been filled. The fifth should be filled within the next few months. Presently more than 70 percent of the Deputies and all Fire Safety Inspectors, have obtained the Fire Safety Inspector certification. They are presently seeking an additional five Fire Safety I positions, and six Deputy Bomb Technicians in the FY03 Budget. They are also asking for four robots for the Bomb Squad at a cost of \$110,000 each. He thanked V.P. Worthington for his attendance at their budget hearings in January. He said that 94 persons perished from fire in CY2001 in Maryland. This is a 40 percent increase over the previous year. He included with his report, a summary of fire deaths for the period 1999 – 2001. He said two of their Agents are at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City (Deputy Steve Hatchett and Explosives Detection K-9 Gilda). FPE Ken Bush is also there for two weeks. Presently more than 150 individuals and/or businesses have been licensed to perform Fire Sprinkler Installations in Maryland. He said the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference will be held on 1 October 2002. If interested, call Ken Bush at 410-822-7609. He said the Fire Incident reports can be sent directly to him if necessary.

MSP -Lt. Tracy and R. Gabriele had no written report. Lt. Tracy thanked MSFA for their continued support. He discussed the Aviation Division activities this past year and their plans to keep them flying even in the event of another terrorist disaster. R. Gabriele discussed their activities in the terrorism field and the training given to the MSP. He discussed the Maryland Terrorism Force Forum, which at the present has no representation from the MSFA, but they do plan to change that. They are also working on a target CD for
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all the buildings around the state. This will be available for all departments. They are now working with MIEMSS on this as they have already been working on this for the hospitals in the state. President Mattingly thanked Rocco

DNR -M. Mitchell presented and discussed his written report. He said that DNR Forest Service responded to more than 50 wildfires (1200 acres of forest, marsh, and fields) so far this year. This is an above average response for January. Tom Brady (Calvert County) retired in December. Chris Robertson has been assigned to the Eastern Regional Fire Specialist position. Gerald Vickers (Eastern) is leaving after 24 years of service. They took delivery of one of two new rollback trucks. This now puts new dozers in the central and western regions. They are scheduled to receive four 1 ton utility trucks and 5 other pickups that will be built into fire suppression units to replace older units. In July 2001 the commute exempt regulations for governing the use of state vehicles changed. The C3 (allowed certain employees to take the vehicle home with them) exemption was eliminated.

Only the trucks equipped with a tank, fire pump, and fire hose met the requirement, and they will be allowed to commute. The other 42 employees were required to park their state vehicle yesterday. This will require those employees to first drive to their office to get a vehicle before responding to a fire call. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: ~~made by R. Steger, 2nd by C. Stack, †~~To write a letter to DNR supporting the reinstatement of the use of state vehicles to commute to and from work. It was amended to include the Presidents going along with the letter to the Secretary Department of Budget and Management for DNR.

M. Mitchell said they are still working with local jurisdictions and fire departments on installing forty dry hydrants in Cecil County. The Dry Hydrant kits are being provided through the state bond program and installation costs paid with the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) funds, a FEMA grant, and the fire departments. The fire departments are paying less than ten percent of the cost for each hydrant.

MFRI -Director S. Edwards presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the Capital Improvement projects. The Upper Eastern Shore RTC had its grand opening on 13 October 2001, and the center is now operational and fully functional. The Southern Maryland RTC contract was approved on 13 November 2001 and construction is expected to take 12 to 14 months. The grand opening of the MFRI headquarters will be held on 19 April 2002. He discussed the visit to College Park by FEMA Director Joe Allbaugh, who participated in a day of fire training. There are now two On-Line PDI's posted. One **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 9-10, 2002 – Page 9**

involves specific instructional methodologies, and the other involves a selection of instructional material that needs to be researched and submitted. The Fire Officer III has been restructured, revised, and is presented in 80 hours of instruction and activities. He discussed upcoming MFRI seminars (Management of Terrorists Incidents on 25 February 2002, Risk management Considerations in Fire Department Operations on 26 March 2002, Chief Officers on 9 & 10 March 2002, and Fire Act Workshops (Grant Writing) on 17 February 2002. He discussed a ten year analysis of activities and services of MFRI showing the progress in the quantity and quality of the programs presented during this timeframe.

Recruitment and Retention~~CRUITMENT & RETENTION~~ Chair M. Goodloe presented and discussed her written report. She introduced John Denver and Vincent Jacono (Head of Conectiv). They have been working to do a ~~PRESIDENT~~ President Mattingly said that donations are still being collected for the New York Fire Department widows and orphans fund. They plan to take the money to New York in early March.

MEMA -Acting Director Don Keldsen discussed MEMA and their role in the times of a disaster and the domestic preparedness for terrorism. They are responsible for coordinating

the use of state assets with municipalities and first responders. They are also involved with planning training and exercises throughout the state, at the state level. They are also involved with recovery after floods, etc. and the implementing of grants to survivors. They look at local equipment and what type is best for biological, etc. warfare. They work with and share information with MIEMSS and MSP in training and a warning system. They have aligned their method of doing business with a Federal Response Plan as an emergency support function, and Emergency Support Function 4, is Fire Fighting. They need to redefine how to use fire department assets if a large situation should occur. He discussed domestic preparedness for terrorism and they have been involved with this at the state level since 1997. They have sent fire department and law enforcement equipment to Aberdeen for testing to determine what is best and most effective for what purposes. He said the Terrorism Forum that was formed in January 1998 to look at the grass roots level of the

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problem and how the different levels can work together on the same problem. We will all be in the problem situation together. Over the last two years there has been a statewide risk assessment of what and where the likely targets are in the state. This all has to do with how they prioritize the funding for planning, training, exercises, and equipment. Rev Dixon asked about any planning to include preplanning with the clergy for the terrorism incidents? He agreed this should be done at the state level. V.P. Worthington thanked him for his presentation and he mentioned the MEMA ESF 4.9.10 employment positions. J. Baer asked about the Task Force and is MEMA on this Task Force? He said this has been provided to the ESF group for their action.

~~Training~~**RAINING**– Chair D. Stevens presented and discussed his written report. ~~He thanked on behalf of his wife and family, for the condolences and appreciations received on the death of his wife's father.~~ He also expressed the loss of Herman Rhue from the committee, as he was considered the Dean of the Training Committee, and he will be missed. He said the committee has been following the efforts of the MFRETC sub-committee on fire fighter minimum standards. They are trying to be pro-active in pursuing the goals established in the MSFA 10 Year Training Plan. He applauded MFRI on the new Fire Officer III Course. It is greatly appreciated. He also applauded the MFRETC Chairman R. Shimer for the initiative to pull all of the State training interests together to discuss the needs and direction of fire and EMS training in Maryland. They believe this compliments the efforts of the MSFA Training Committee to implement the 10 Year Training Plan. Their next meeting is scheduled for 22 February at Norrisville VFC.

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~~MFRI Board of Advisors~~**OARD OF ADVISORS**– C. Wills said the committee has met and Mr. Edwards report covers all that is needed to report by this committee.

~~Emergency Numbers Board~~**MERCENCY NUMBERS BOARD**– Chair P. Hurlock had no written report. He discussed the deficit from the proposed Budget cuts that will affect the Emergency 911 funds. They are looking at \$5 Million dollars coming out of the fund, and hopefully that money will be put back into the fund. They have about one half million

dollars in projects now pending. President Mattingly said they met with the Lt. Governor, and that issue was discussed and she is to take it under advisement.

Individual Membership Chair J. Long presented and discussed his written report. The committee met to review the Long & Foster contract with R. Powell. Changes were made and the contract was signed. He said they still need a membership secretary. He said the Second Annual National Benefit Summit is being held on 17-20 March in Alabama at a cost of \$1400 per person. He would like to send at least two people to the conference. He presented a Individual Membership Application Form for approval. It has been reviewed and approved by our attorney and the Secretary's office. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by B. Kurtz:

MOTION: To accept the Individual Membership Application Form as presented. Motion was approved by all. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 9-10, 2002 – Page 11

~~**MOTION: made by R. Steger, 2nd by B. Kurtz, †To accept the new MSFA Individual Membership Application Form as printed and presented. Motion was approved by all.**~~

Governor's Office on Volunteerism~~OVERNOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM~~
~~Chair~~ J. Long presented and discussed his written report. He said the survey conducted by the Strategic Consulting and Research, was conducted to see where volunteerism is in Maryland and where they need to focus their efforts to promote it. The Commissioners are in the process of conducting Town hall meetings around the state for the purpose of getting the Volunteer organizations together for networking, and to help us obtain information from the grass roots of Volunteerism to develop their strategic goals. He gave a list of those towns already scheduled and the dates. They are working to create Volunteer Centers throughout the state where people can get information about Volunteerism. The Governor has budgeted \$150,000 start up money to create the new Centers. Everyone is asked to contact their legislators to support this funding. He said they are in the last year of the three year cycle for funding the Americorps programs, and this would be a great opportunity to supplement ourthe EMS staffing with Americorps members. He said people that serve with Americorps for a year, receive a salary of \$9600 and at the end of their obligation, receive \$4725 for college. He recommended MSFA visit New Jersey as they already have the ground work done on this program. ~~L. King questioned being paid for volunteering?~~

NVFC ~~Chair~~ R. Cumberland presented and discussed his written report. They have not met since their October meeting in New York. W. Donaldson attended the NVFC Executive Committee meeting in Baltimore in January, and commented on the NVFC and the meeting. He said they have a contract with an Ad firm (Tri-Data) to promote in the state (and nationally) what the volunteers are really worth to the citizens. They are working with the White House to get the President to do PSA's, hopefully along the same

line as the 1800FIREACT program. R. Cumberland said the NVFC Executive Committee has voted to drop their participation in the Scottie Program. The NFPA is forming a Task Group and the NVFC will be represented by Jim Monihan of Delaware.

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MSFA Presidents for volunteers to represent them in reviewing the grants. He said they are talking about putting the \$3.5 Billion in one pot, and we don't want that to happen. He said Operation Respond (ORI) and the NVFC discussed plans to pilot the distribution of the OREIS software to six states. Maryland is one of the states. If it is approved, they will send a copy of the software to every NVFC member (department and individual members) in the selected states. He discussed meeting on 8 February with Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge regarding emerging security technology with the local firefighter. President Mattingly discussed the \$3.5 Billion going to each organization and should not be put in one pot. He discussed Resolution 43 and the President of the PG County Volunteer Firemen's Association will speak to us tomorrow. He asked what will be the stand of the council on the subject of volunteerism? We need to write a letter or have the council contact our federal legislators to support the volunteers. V.P. Thompson said the NVFC needs to stand up and back the MSFA on this issue of volunteerism. The "young paid fireman" should not be hassled about volunteering on their own time. R. Watkins discussed the letter from the Dept. of Labor and their letter to their Fire Administrator to change their areas Executive Order. Chief Small (Clinton) discussed Resolution 43 and the problem which is in the PG-Washington-Virginia areas. He said their Locals have sent a letter to those that also volunteer, charging them with violation of Resolution 43. He said the Local in D.C. said they will not handle this question, they have enough problems just filling their houses. Those in Virginia (Fairfax County) have been given 60 days to resign their volunteer departments or be fired. He discussed their progress in fighting this problem. R. Powell discussed the same problem occurring in Montgomery County. P. Sterling said the County Attorney wrote a letter to the Department of Labor, but has not received an answer as yet. J. Baer said we must stick up for what we believe and make sure we keep the volunteers in service. V.P. Thompson said it is not just PG County, it is spreading and we need to take a stand. The Presidents will discuss this and make a decision whether we will go to Denver this year, or not. L. Gilroy said we should be taking care of our own from within the MSFA. We need to send letters to all of our member departments and have it posted to show what the individual can, and has the right to do. This should also be given to the news media (newspapers, etc). R. Cumberland said we need to talk more with each other. If he does not know of a situation, he cannot pass it on to the council. M. Goodloe asked for any information from the NVFC or anyone else that could affect the mission of the Recruitment and Retention of the MSFA membership, and so the committee can also give input. C. Black said there has been a lot of money spent on litigation, but this is not a money problem, but a problem of public safety. We need a plan, a course of action to take. It needs to be put in the court of public opinion. We need to appoint a committee to coordinate a public opinion to go in our direction. We might even ask for a meeting with Tom Ridge. R.

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The International is using this area to get to the Locals to push the Volunteers issue. We're going to keep losing our volunteers if we don't do something soon.

~~Out of State Coordinator~~~~UT OF STATE COORDINATOR~~ R. Cumberland said if the President so desires, he will take care of the arrangements on the Congressional Caucus. President Mattingly told him to reserve two tables (as each table accommodates 10 people). He will give him~~Bob~~ the names ~~and he will turn them in and get~~to get the tables reserved.

~~Awards~~~~WARDS~~— Chair R. Graf presented his written report regarding the PP C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. This is a new award they would like to have approved. The background on the award was read along with the rules for the award. The committee along with the Secretary's Office is producing an Awards Book and will have it ready for Ocean City this year. The following motion was made by W. Donaldson and seconded by S. Hales:

MOTION: made by W. Donaldson, 2nd by S. Hales, †To approve the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award as presented, and that it go into effect and start this year. Motion was approved by all.

~~Emergency Trust Fund Board of Review~~
Chair D. Moltrup presented his written report and discussed the one application for a Grant. The application (02-03) from Bloomington VFD of Garrett County requested a grant of \$157,000 for a Tanker. The application was approved by the Board. The company had matching funds of \$80,000 and \$5000 from Garrett County Government. Representatives from the Bloomington VFD were present today for this presentation. The following motion was made by S. Hales and seconded by R. Steger:

MOTION: ~~made by S. Hales, 2nd by R. Steger, †To approve the application (02-03) from the Bloomington VFD for a grant of \$157,000.~~

The department representative thanked the Executive Committee. Chair Moltrup said with the approval of this application, they now have about \$170,000 remaining in the fund for the rest of this year. They have no other applications pending at this time. The next committee meeting will be at the Ridge VRS on 7 April 2002. Deadline for applications to be considered, is 23 March 2002.

5 Year Planning ~~EAR PLAN~~—Chair R. Steger presented and discussed his written report, saying the committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting. He has received two comments as: set up a voice mail system with an 800 number for our officers and committee chairmen. The other recommendation is the proposal of a contract employee (no benefits provided, and office equipment and size to be adjusted). The proposed position is that of Assistant to the President. He presented a position statement, list of

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minimum qualifications, candidate evaluation to be considered, position duties, and proposed budget for the position. L. King questioned the duties of this position, asking the difference between this position and that of an Assistant Secretary (other than Item No. 8)? R. Steger said with the growth of this organization, they feel the need of a one-place point of contact for the MSFA. President Mattingly said the Secretary's Office has a full plate now, and he has tasks he feels the new position will be able to handle. L. King said we are volunteers, and this would Office and others could be expanded to handle any additional tasks that are necessary. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by W. Donaldson:

MOTION: ~~made by L. Sachs, 2nd by W. Donaldson, to table action on the position until a majority vote of the Executive Committee takes it off the table. Motion was approved by majority vote (5 yeas, 1 noea-votes).~~

CDL Chair R. Steger presented his written report and discussed the committee's meeting with the Metro Chief's CDL committee, MSFA Presidents, and Bill Goddard (Chief of Staff of Maryland Transportation Department.). He said they are on hold until next weeks meeting with the Metro Chief's. They did make list of minimum statewide requirements as:

1. Obtain non-CDL, Class A or B learners permit from DMV.
2. Successfully complete an EVOC course (MFRI, DOT, VFIS).
3. Complete a check off list in the company/department with fire department/company drivers.
4. Chief (or his designee) signs that the driver is qualified.
5. Driver goes to DMV with form and has non-CDL license endorsed to drive Class A or B emergency vehicles only.
6. Renewal would require ~~successful~~ successful completion of an EVOC refresher course and presentation of signed form to DMV.

This would apply to new drivers after a set date. Present qualified drivers with non-CDL or CDL Class A or B license would get endorsement for emergency vehicles with signed form when their present license is renewed, but would be grand-fathered the first time. He said their next meeting will be scheduled after the Metro Chief's meeting.

~~Emergency Management Advisory Council~~**MERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** Chair R. Steger presented his written report and discussed their meeting of 6 December 2001 at MEMA. He referred to the previous report given by Director D. Keldsen on anti-terrorism, the role of this committee in Maryland and the responsibilities of both committees, and the possibility of one group instead of two groups doing the same job. One group is more HazMat response while the other is a regulation and advisory committee. He said Dr. Alcorta (MIEMSS) gave an update on the process we need to do in dealing with possible handling of unknown chemicals. He said Paul Kozloski gave update on the Intrastate Mutual Aid Agreement (authorizes intrastate mutual aid

between jurisdictions in Maryland during an emergency). L. Sachs said this does not cover the fire service, but only governments. Their next meeting is scheduled for 7 March 2002.

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Swift Water Rescue Study ~~WIFT WATER RESCUE STUDY~~ Chair R. Steger said the study has been completed and the report sent to the Governor's office for his action.

Fire Prevention ~~IRE PREVENTION~~ – Chair R. Collins had no written report saying their last scheduled meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm. He has received the guidelines for fire prevention for the children in rural communities, the Grant monies Application here today, and he plans to apply for the grant for this committee. It is also open to departments. They are working on topics of Life Safety and Fire Prevention with a different topic guideline for each month. This is designed to make sure all departments are on the same page at the same time.

HAZMAT Chair C. Ray presented his written report and discussed their meeting of 3 January at the Anne Arundel County Fire Headquarters. He said their main goal for the year is to ensure that every firefighter in the state is trained to the Hazmat Operations level. They will be tapping the resources of the Association (Training committee, Safety committee, MFRI, etc) to assist them in this endeavor. They are drafting correspondence to go to every Volunteer Association President

Weapons of Mass Destruction ~~EAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION~~ R. Brooks had no written report. He discussed the concept a MSFA Terrorism and Emergency Response Plan dated January 2002, and was distributed to the Executive Committee today. The concept statement is that the major jurisdictions have an organized materials team, however, the need is to reach the rural communities and outlying areas of Maryland. The proposal is an appropriate response vehicle that would require the least amount of preparation, maintenance, and training for the responder. That would be a 20 ft. dual wheel trailer that will adequately house and protect the emergency equipment. The task at hand is to properly outfit firefighter to address the aftermath of a Weapons of Mass Destruction event. There is also preparation for chemical and biological attacks. Ultimately the response of firefighters to this type of event will be the removal of live victims and the containment of the incident. The name of this unit is the Terrorism and Emergency Response Plan Unit (T.E.R.P. Unit). The TERP unit will be equipped with an inventory of equipment that will allow a team of properly trained firefighters to quickly respond and arrive on the scene within one hour of its home location.

17 State Circle ~~TATE CIRCLE~~ –Chair J. Ferguson presented and discussed his written report. He said that some paint has chipped/peeled from the exterior of the building. The contractor has been contacted, and is correcting it. A new section of desktop was made to increase the Administrative Assistants workspace. It was stained and installed for \$375.00. The commode had a problem, parts were replaced and all is well again. The building has been inspected by him and everything appears to be in order. The masonry will be pointed up in the Spring.

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~~By-Laws~~^{AWS} Chair P. Gordy presented her written report and discussed the three (3) previously proposed Membership Applications, and two additional wording changes. The committee recommends the proposed Corporate Membership not be approved, as they feel it is too closely identified with the existing Sustaining Membership. They do request consideration of the following proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes:

1)– ARTICLE I – NAME & MEMBERSHIP – Section 5 – ADD to the end of existing Section:

“The Sustaining Member shall receive the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Trumpet magazine, window decal, and an appropriate recognition award as approved by the Executive Committee.” The following motion was made by B. Kurtz and seconded by C. Stack:

~~MOTION:– made by B. Kurtz, 2nd by C. Stack, tTo approve the committees recommendation to accept this change as presented above. Motion was approved by all.~~

2–) ARTICLE I – NAME & MEMBERSHIP – Proposed Section 9 – ADD Silver Lifetime Membership:

“An Individual Member may purchase a Silver Lifetime Membership. A Silver Lifetime Member will be entitled to the same benefits as the Individual Membership and shall not be eligible to vote. However, a Silver Lifetime Membership would require a onetime payment, as set forth by The Executive Committee. Members who purchase a Silver Lifetime Membership will not be authorized a return of their funds for any reason”. The following motion was made by B. Kurtz and seconded by C. Stack:

3)– ARTICLE I – NAME & MEMBERSHIP Proposed Section 10 – ADD Gold Lifetime Membership:

“Any Individual Member who has rendered distinguished and tangible service in an exemplary and outstanding manner as to promote and advance the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, who is nominated by an Individual or Regular Member, and, is approved as such by the Executive Committee; and every individual who has served as the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Gold Lifetime Members will be entitled to the same benefits as the Individual Membership, except, as otherwise addressed in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Gold Lifetime Members shall not be assessed dues.” The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by C. Stack:

~~MOTION: made by L. Sachs, 2nd by C. Stack, tTo accept the recommendation of the committee and approve this change as presented above. Motion was approved by all.~~

4)– ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS – Section 8 – ADD to end of existing Section:

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“Due to the expansion of this Association and the duties of the Financial Secretary, and/or because of health or other reasons that the necessity may arise, the Financial Secretary may recommend the name or names of candidate or candidates for appointment by the President as an Assistant Financial Secretary/Secretaries”. The following motion was made by B. Kurtz and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: ~~made by B. Kurtz, 2nd by C. Stack, †~~To accept the recommendation of the committee and approve this change as presented above. Motion approved by all.

5)— ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF REVIEW – Section 2, second paragraph, first sentence:

“Elections for representative from each of the foregoing districts shall be held (during May) during the ninety (90) day period prior to the opening events of the Convention and Conference of each year.” The following motion was made by B. Kurtz and seconded by C. Stack:

MOTION: ~~made by B. Kurtz, and by C. Stack, †~~To accept the recommendation of the committee and approve this change as presented above. Motion was approved by all.

She said these will be put on the ballot in June with the three (3) previously approved. She will get a copy of all eight (8) proposed amendments to the Executive Committee.

Fire Laws Books ~~IRE LAWS BOOK~~—Chair M. Bilger presented his written report saying the committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting. At the April Executive Committee meeting, he will provide the committee with a report showing the pieces of legislation to be added to the Book, and the projected cost of producing the 2002 edition.

Historical ~~ISTORICAL~~—Chair C. Black presented and discussed his written report. Since the December meeting, they have been organizing a vast amount of loose material. They are trying to sort the material into a filing system that would allow easier access in the future. They have found very few newspaper articles and asked if anyone has knowledge of where these might be, please let him know. They

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MOTION: ~~made by R. Steger, 2nd by C. Stack, †~~To sell the Centennial Books for our cost of \$25 each ~~if we sell them, and to allow them otherwise the~~ Presidents to use them as presentation items ~~may use them at his discretion.~~

Data Systems Chair R. Snader presented and discussed his written report of Website Access Statistics for the past 12 months. He wanted to show how much this site is being hit. He considers this the best means of communicating with everyone in Maryland. In February alone, there have been 2514 pages with 1054 sessions, looked at on the Website. He said if anyone has something for the Website, send it to him and he will get it on. He would like information from each committee, so please send him a short blurb about your committee (Chair, and brief info). He will not post names, addresses and phone numbers, unless he is requested to do so. He said the survey results are slowly coming in. President Mattingly thanked R. Snader for doing the Resolution for Louis Riccards (recently deceased).

Firefighter of the Year~~REFIGHTER OF YEAR~~ –Chair Mickey Harris had no written report. He asked everyone to look around for someone to be nominated for the award.

Incentives Programs~~NCENTIVE PROGRAMS~~ –Chair Joan Robison presented and discussed her written report. She said the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service has contracted with Greenridge Associates to conduct a nationwide survey of fire service length of service awards programs and other retirement and pension programs available to the volunteer. They are also asked to make recommendations for possible enhancements. She said all companies should be finalizing each member's participation in volunteer activities, so they will receive their MSFA-P.2.2 no later than 15 February. A reminder that the number of years of qualifying service for Tax Year 2001 is now 60 months in the last 10 years. The \$3500 subtraction remains the same. She thanked those committee members who have already turned in their list of Tax Incentive qualifiers for 2001.

Low Interest Loan~~OW INTEREST LOAN Board~~ –Chair J. McCrea presented and discussed his written report. He listed the seven fire and EMS departments loans that have been approved by the Maryland Board of Public Works as of 19 December 2002. He said with the loan balance as of 31 December 2001, the appropriated (for FY2002) and committed monies, the uncommitted balance is \$26,059.93. He thanked his committee members and the members of the Emergency Trust Board who have attended their meetings. The joint meetings have made both committees operate more smoothly. S. Hales asked if they had notified everyone that made application, what the outcome was? Chair McCrea said yes verbally, and he will also send them a letter.

Federal Legislative Oversight Chair Joe Robison presented and discussed his written report. He said on 19 December the House and Senate conferees approved an emergency supplemental spending bill, attached to HR3338, which includes \$210 million for Assistance to the Firefighters Grant Program. This funding is \$150 million already approved by Congress and will bring the total amount for next year (starting 1 October

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2002) to \$360 million. The period for application will run from 1 to 31 March 2002, and the maximum grant size remains at \$750,000. The review of the applications will start in April with final decisions in May and the Grant announcements in June. He mentioned

President Bush's appeal on 30 January for Americans to do their part against terrorism by volunteering in their communities. He also posted a First Responder Initiative, which proposes to spend \$3.5 billion in fiscal year 2003, designed to enhance the Homeland Security response capabilities of America's local fire, EMS, and police departments. He said we need a strong NVFC to step up and fight for us. The President is also proposing a new USA Freedom Corps, details yet to be released. Apparently Grants will also be available for Recruitment and Retention programs for volunteers.

Legislative Chair B. Smith presented and discussed his written report. He thanked R. Snader for his work getting COMCAST installed for their computer system, and posting the Bill Profile on the website. He thanked the ladies working in the office at 17 State Circle. They are busy with the Bills, the Weekly Bulletin and etc that they do. He discussed the Legislative Session that began on 9 January. The removal of the \$5 million from EMSOF is the big topic at this time. He said the Safe Haven Act (SB688 and HB602) is back up again. Sen. Green's Bill has the child going to the hospital, while Del. Grosfeld and others, again include Police, Fire, and EMS Rescue Stations for the child to be taken. They have submitted an amendment to Del. Grosfeld but do not know if she will accept it or not. They have expressed their concerns with the Maryland Emergency Assistance Compact (HB0293), and they are awaiting a reply from the Governor's Legislative Staff. He discussed the Global Positioning System Bill (HB0327) and they want this referred to Summer Study with the Statewide Emergency Radio and Net. He said, regarding historical sites, the Analyst wants to take out \$12,500 from their monies and the committee will have a response to this. S. Hales asked about the letter from C. Black on the emergency lights (White lights) Bill (HB387). Bernie said they have met with the Delegate regarding amendments to that Bill. Steve said they are in favor of the white lights, period, and he wants to know what position the MSFA is going to take on this issue. V.P. Worthington said the law says the clear, white or red lights are legal and can be used at your discretion. C. Stack said his County voted to support this Bill. B. Huttenloch discussed the lights and how the system works. What they want is for all of the lights to work all the time, when needed, parked or not. He said the way it is: red lights on when vehicle is stopped, and white lights on when the vehicle is in motion. V.P. Worthington said the wording will be "shall", and an amendment will then contradict the word "shall". They are now waiting for the Attorney General to say there will not be a conflict with the wording, "shall". Bernie said we cannot support (or not) the Bill until we have read the amendments. Delegate Conway told him the amendment will give the officer on the scene the option to use the lights, or not. W. Donaldson said the NFPA is a guide, not the law. R. Steger said their pumpers will meet the NFPA standards and the manufacturer builds the apparatus to meet the NFPA. We need the amendment to put everyone on the same legal page. P. Sterling said safety is paramount and we need to know the wording of the amendment so we can then take the appropriate action. B. Huttenloch said the manufacturer does not want to use

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the larger alternators, as the larger alternators are needed to run all of the lights when apparatus is idling. V.P. Worthington said there is apparently a major misunderstanding of many in the fire service that you cannot use the white lights while parked on the scene. We

will get that fixed. We are probably in violation of our own By-Laws, and still will be in violation, so maybe this is something our By-Laws

MOTION: ~~made by S. Hales, 2nd by J. Lau,~~ That we support Delegate Norm Conway in his endeavor to resolve this issue (especially in hearing that the Attorney Generals Office is also conveying an opinion).

Public Relations and Bulletin Chair R. Watkins presented and discussed his written report. He has been reviewing the mailing list, adding names and making corrections. The next Trumpet will be out about the middle of March and will include articles on the Awards of the Association, activities of the Legislative committee, and items that will help us for the Convention. Anyone having something for the Trumpet, have it to him no later than 15 February. They now have most of their needed pictures for the convention book. If you have not yet been photographed, they need the picture before April. If you know anyone interested in, and would be an asset to this committee, have them contact Ron. They need photographers that will be available at the convention, and throughout the year.

Scholarship CHOLARSHIP -Chair is out of town, but submitted his written report. They have received ten requests for scholarship information and all have been provided with applications and guidelines. All Fall Semester invoices have been received and forwarded to the Treasurer for payment. Invoices for the Spring Semester are anticipated to be \$8,500.00. He has received word from April Musser that she plans to graduate on 20 December 2002. They are planning a committee meeting in late April at the College Park Station. Officers will be notified.

Convention ONVENTION - Chair L. King presented and discussed his written report. He said the Grand Hotel is sold out. He discussed those events of the 2001 Convention that were most positive. The one most improved event was the food and catering service from the Convention Center. The areas of most concern were the lack of attendance during the main floor sessions and the breaks in the main floor program. The establishment of the Corporate Partnership Program has proved to be a benefit for the organizations that participate. The program brings in additional funding, additional participation, and provides the attendees with another look of the Convention and Conference. The dates of the Convention were given for the next five years as: 15-21 June 2002, 14-20 June 2003,

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12-18 June 2004, 18-24 June 2005, and 17-23 June 2006. They are still trying to get the Convention to install a bankcard machine in the Convention Center, but success appears slim. T. Mattingly discussed the Program Book, with deadline no later than the Executive Committee meeting in April. The reports for the book are to be sent back on the disc or by email (address is on the disc). Your Ads are to be sent in as COPY READY information, as soon as possible. The prices given for the Ads are for the members, and are not the same for non-members. Do not send in computer generated work, only new copy. Golf Tournament information will be going out next week. W. Donaldson discussed the

Exhibits saying the packets have gone out and are already being returned. Special exhibits pricing and spacing will be made available to member departments, call him as soon as possible. R. Siarnicki said the Program committee is planning the educational main floor program as well as the

Ways & MeansAYS & MEANS Chair J. Means had no written report. He said the Raffle Tickets have been given out. When you sell your tickets, please turn the money and stubs in to him. He still has more tickets available if needed. Some departments have refused to take the tickets again this year. C. Carpenter said that non-participating members should be reminded how much money they are receiving from the 508 fund, etc. is because of this organization. V.P. Worthington said he is going to personally give back the tickets that one department turned back in. They are going to have to tell him no (again).

Memorial FoundationEMORIAL FOUNDATION Chair D. Mooniey presented and discussed his written report. He said that 17 organizations are involved with the Memorial project. He and Bob Ringle met with Ellen Moyer (Mayor of Annapolis) to brief her on the project. It was a positive meeting.

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He thanked the Presidents and officers in their promotion of the Memorial. He has also heard comments against the project. The attendance at the meetings is up. Their budget was approved in January for \$620,000.00 with a time line of three years for the Memorial. This is now 3 months in the rear, with the artist consultant (Ms Francoise Yohalem). He will look for an artist to construct the Memorial. Four finalists will be picked, then interviewed and then an artist is selected. It will then take up to 18 months to complete the Memorial. To date they have received donations from 34 Fire and Rescue Companies, 39 Ladies Auxiliaries, 10 County Associations, 5 other organizations, and 6 individuals. They have several fund raisers in progress and hope to have them finalized soon. The 1st Annual Motorcycle Ride is scheduled for 28 April 2002 from Clarksville Fire Station to the Memorial Site in Annapolis. They are looking into pins to be sold and hope to have them at the convention. A newspaper article appeared in the Baltimore Sun on 28 January with positive comments made. He said they would like to recognize everyone that has donated to this project, but was told by our attorney we should not do that. W. Wagner said this Memorial is for Maryland, not nationally or for any other state. He pointed out the fact that only ten percent of the departments in Maryland, have donated to this Memorial. J. Baer asked about a form letter to the businesses, and the general public, etc. for this Memorial. V.P. Thompson said maybe we could

MFRETC Chair R. Shimer presented and discussed his written report. The commission last met on 19 December, and D. Mooniey said he will not seek reappointment when his term expires in June. He has been on the commission for 24 years. A meeting with the training organizations is planned for 14 March 2002 at the Montgomery County Dept. of Fire and Rescue Academy in Rockville. The Commission is concerned that in some departments in Maryland, a person can join today, and go out on the apparatus tonight. All departments should require some kind of minimum training standard before a member can

ride the apparatus. Those departments already having minimum requirements, would not be required to meet any new standard the Commission may develop. Steve Cox will now chair the Task Force. The State Board of Higher Education – Tuition Reimbursement Program will be presenting a recommendation for administering programs. Reimbursement has been a problem and the recommendation would require the State Scholarship Administration to change how it delivers and markets financial aid. They also recommended increasing the level of funding for State Scholarship Programs, focusing increases on the need-based programs. He said the Firefighter Reimbursement Program falls under the Financial Aid in Exchange for Service Commitments category, and the appropriation for FY2002 is \$357,912. The Edward T. Conroy Memorial Award Program

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falls under the Assistance for Unique Population category, and the appropriation for FY2002 is \$223,542. The Commission expressed their appreciation to the MSFA for their support and submission of reports at their regular meetings. D. Moonie discussed his not seeking reappointment to the Commission this year. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by J. Lau:

MOTION: –made by L. Sachs, 2nd by J. Lau, †To take the Planning Committee request for an Administrative Assistant, off the table and consider it at this time. Motion was approved by all.

The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by J. Lau:

MOTION:- made by L. Sachs, 2nd by J. Lau, †To adopt the Administrative Assistant employee position as presented (and modified) by the Five Year Planning Committee.

~~-NAT'L. FF FOUNDATION~~ Dir. –R. Siarnicki said the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation estimates 20,000 people will be at the Memorial on 6 October 2002, with 441 names recognized, and 7 or 8 other cases are

~~Fire Marshal IRE MARSHAL~~–W. Barnard said as a follow up to his report, they are now using and will accept NFIRS 5.0 format information, and Rick Kosko is the contact person.

~~Presidential Car~~~~RESIDENTIAL CAR~~ Chair R. Leftwich's report was presented and discussed by B. Kurtz. They met on 22 January for review and to make recommendation's for the purchase of the new car. He discussed the four bids they received. The committee recommended the acceptance of the bid from Plaza Ford (Bel Air Maryland) for \$22,179.00. They request guidance on the sale of the present car this year. They plan to advertise in March, but would like to wait to open the bids until the Executive Committee meeting in Ocean City in June 2002, instead of April 2002. They feel if done this way, we won't be driving someone else's car. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by C. Stack:

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MOTION: To approve the recommendation of the committee and purchase the new car from Plaza Ford for \$22,179.00, and proceed with the advertisement of the old car as we have done in the past, and open the bids at the Executive Committee meeting in June at the Ocean City Convention. Motion was approved by all.

V.P. Worthington said they will not pick up the car until the end of May. ~~Motion was approved by all.~~

~~Statistical/TATISTICAL~~ Chair L. Gilroy presented and discussed his written report and said the report has also been posted on the Website. He presented an extrapolation of the data printed in the larger book report given at the last meeting. The EMS portion has been given to R. Snader, but has not yet been posted. He has also asked for room on the website for the departments to be able to do their report recording electronically (internal e-mail address of the Statistical Committee, or his own e-mail address). R. Snader said it will be done tonight. All of the 2001 Report forms have been distributed to the area/county coordinators. He is concerned that the Credentials Form is asking the member companies for some of the same information as the Statistical Committee. They are checking on the cost of putting his report in booklet form this year, so it could be ready to give to our legislators, as well as our own people. This could maybe be done every two years. R. Shimer questioned the training hours listed for Allegany County EMS and the total? Chair Gilroy will check into this and make the correction.

~~PA System/STEM~~ W. Huttenloch has no written report. Ed Freeman asked to be replaced this year, he will be stepping down from the committee. Bill said they put \$100 in the budget for ~~repairs~~. They had \$500 in the budget last year for improving the system, and it is out on bids now.

~~Safety/AFETY~~ R. Balta presented and discussed his written report. He said they have had no meeting since the December Executive Committee meeting, and their next meeting will be on 17 February at Denton VFD. They will finalize the point paper and have a final safety report on hybrid cars at the April meeting. He discussed his Safety display board set up at this meeting. There are a few

~~Watercraft~~ Chair R. Balta presented and discussed his written report. Bob Baron is recovering from his bout with cancer, and he has been laid off from his old job and will be going to OSHA. MEMA said they would be amenable to hosting the MCMERG meetings. They are trying to consolidate the seven databases from the seven organizations into just

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one database. He is asking the committee to assist in the updating of the database that was forwarded to the Coast Guard, and coordinating the inputs from the other organizations.

~~Standards~~**TANDARDS** B. Huttenloch had no written report. He said they are reviewing the NFPA and standards for boats in Maryland. They are looking for any changes anyone may have. If you have any, let the committee know so they can be reviewed.

~~Marketing~~**ARKETING** Chair D. Alexander presented and discussed his written report. The committee has not met since the meeting at Hebron. The promotional brochure was reprinted (1500 copies) in December and 500 given to the Legislative Committee for the opening of the Maryland session in Annapolis. An insert (500) for the brochure was made for the Legislative Committee in January. They had several e-mails regarding the Scottie Fire Safety Program, then the NVFC pulled out of the program completely. The committee then suggested that MSFA discontinue any efforts to associate with the group, and with their approval, will stop all efforts to contact them. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by L. Downes:

MOTION: ~~made by L. Sachs, 2nd by L. Downes, †~~To abandon our association with the Scottie Program. Motion was approved by all.

~~Grants~~**RANTS** L. Sachs had no written report. He said the previously scheduled meeting was cancelled. He L. Sachs said there are Grant Writing programs being offered throughout the state. S. Cox said a MFRI Grant Writing Workshop has been scheduled in every region in the state.

~~Assistant Secretary~~ **pPositions**~~SST. SECRETARY'S~~ President Mattingly asked for two(two) asked for by President Mattingly Assistant Secretaries and to be appointed, Jackie Olsen (Anne Arundel) and Louise Dell. Secretary King pointed out that this was strictly a Presidents decision. (Baltimore) as the two new Assistant Secretary's to take care of the Individual Membership. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by W. Donaldson:

MOTION: ~~made by L. Sachs, 2nd by W. Donaldson, †~~To appoint J. Olsen and L. Dell as Assistant Secretary's to handle the Individual Membership of the MSFA. Motion was approved by all.

Both ladies were sworn in by PP R. Steger. at this time. J. Long said they are now accepting applications for Individual Membership.

President Mattingly thanked the personnel from Baden for the delicious meals received by us this weekend, and he presented them with \$1300 for the meals and hospitality. with President Mattingly and V.P. Worthington on Volunteerism in Maryland.

~~Transportation~~**RANSPORTATION** Chair T. Flint presented and discussed his written report. He said the map books have been requested from the ADC Map Company, and the Presidents tags will be ordered in March 2002. He sent out a survey to determine if there is

enough interest in organizational tags for motorcycles. A minimum of 25 members is necessary to get it

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started. He asked the Executive Committee for approval to continue with this program. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by B. Kurtz:

Tom said 2003 is the year to recertify all tags and new certification forms need to (and will) be ordered. He discussed the black and white FD tags and a good list of those still outstanding, is forth-coming from the MVA. Flagging is being planned again by the MVA. Form letters are being planned to send to those people who no longer qualify for the tags. President Mattingly said they have talked to MSP about this issue, which they had thought was a dead issue. They were told it is not, and they are going to look into what they can do to get the tags recalled. The committees next meeting is scheduled for 2 March 2002 at Kensington VFD.

~~Surplus Property~~**URPLUS PROPERTY**– Chair S. Massey presented and discussed his written report. He presented a list of the gear (coats, pants, and boots) he has received so far. He will be picking up additional gear next week and in the last few days has obtained 800' of 3" hose from Baltimore County. He discussed the storage trailer, and asked if it is donated, do they need to carry insurance for the items being stored inside? L. Sachs agreed we should have insurance coverage. C. Jewell said we should already have coverage under our present policy. The trailer will have wheels and can be moved as necessary. Chip said if it will be moved, it should be added to our automobile insurance policy. He will check on this to be sure. R. Steger said if we register it, we will have to DOT it each year. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by L. Downes:

MOTION: To accept the trailer being donated by Giant Food for the purpose of storing surplus property. Motion was approved by all.

~~Budget~~**UDGET** Chair P. Fabiszak had no written report. He discussed expenses and of getting value for our money. He discussed our projected income for this year that and the part that will be committed. This will still leave us about \$9,000 to the good. He said the Budget Forms have been given out and are due back by 31 March 2002. They will be planning a Budget meeting with the new incoming President, before the next Executive Committee, so it can be finalized and approved at Ocean City in June. They have one request from the Individual Membership Committee to send two people to a seminar in Alabama. Cost estimate is \$1000.00 per person. If approved, the money will come out of the fuel fund. They recommend that only one person be authorized to attend the seminar. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by B. Kurtz:

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. -Data System survey forms are to be completed by all member departments and county associations and returned as soon as possible.
2. -Need to encourage all jurisdictions to obtain better relationship with our local politicians regarding fire and rescue issues. A list be proposed and obtained from the Legislative Committee of the pertinent issues so everyone is talking about the same level of issues.
3. MSFA is now registered with the Ethics Committee, and guidelines need to be made known and available to each department of the requirements of the committee. A name and telephone number of the Ethics Committee will be put on our Website.

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5. Need additional copies of the lithograph. V.P. Worthington is working on cutting the costs and obtaining the needed additional copies.
6. -Need to borrow \$5 million from the IMSOF Program, and put it in our Low Interest Loan Program account. Then there will be no money in the account to be taken by the Governor. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by B. Kurtz:

MOTION: ~~made by P. Sterling, 2nd by B. Kurtz, t~~To borrow \$5 million from the IMSOF Board to be paid back at the rate of \$1 million per year from our appropriations already in the account. Motion was approved by all.

Discussion by B. Smith that he will discuss this with the Chairman of the Board as to whether we can do this with this session or as emergency legislation, whichever is necessary.

Motion was approved by all.

Need to consider Resolution 43. President Larry Smith (Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescuemen's Association) discussed the action of Local Union 1619 (represents the career firefighters of PG County) regarding Resolution 43. The resolution is uncalled for and is a slap in the face of the volunteers. He asked the MSFA for their support with a letter of protest of the union's action, and in support of the volunteers of Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. He said this incident is no longer local as it is expanding. He has a letter from Fairfax County saying a firefighter was told to quit volunteering or resign from his job as a career firefighter. He also has a letter from Washington D.C. saying the same thing. He has been told by Ray Sneed (President Local 36) of D.C. they do not plan to take any action. L. Smith expects it to become national thru the IAFF later this year. He is willing to assist the MSFA in attendance at any meeting, etc they may require to fight this issue. L. Sachs said he agrees to support this effort and the NVFC needs to get involved and get the message of volunteerism to the Governor's Office.

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The MSFA is not large enough to carry a lot of clout, and that is why the NVFC is needed to help us with this effort. L. Smith said he can get hold of copies of at least 50 letters of this kind. President Mattingly said they need these letters to pass on, and would like to get as many of our legislators together to present them with these letters and ask their support in fighting this issue. W. Donaldson we should include the Homeland Security in this meeting. R. Cumberland said he will take this documentation to the Council for their action. V.P. Thompson agreed we need to be the lead organization on this issue and it needs to be done in an orderly fashion. We need to get the politicians (also Mr. Biden, etc) themselves (and not their agents) here so they can tell us yes or no to support us on this issue. J. Long said he would also like a copy of these letters and he will send them to the Commission and to Corporate. V.P. Worthington asked L. Smith if anything is being done out of the PG Executive level. He said no. V.P. Thompson said they did approach a Howard County Executive, but did not receive an answer. W. Donaldson said we need to set a time line for this. Doc Wilson said that Montgomery County is aware of the problem and the County Executive has issued an Executive Order that none of the paid people in Montgomery County can volunteer. J. Baer asked is this legal or constitutional for them to be able to do this? S. Cox said this issue was hashed out a few years back when it was only affecting a couple of counties. We need to make sure

MOTION: ~~made by P. Sterling, 2nd by B. Kurtz, t~~To authorize our Presidents to set up a meeting with our State Legislators (Federal if possible) and the Homeland Security, to come before this organization to discuss these issues (Resolution 43) as soon as possible. Motion passed by all.

Discussion: L. Sachs said we need to authorize the Presidents to take every possible action to support the volunteers in Maryland and to contact our Legislators of these issues. Do not limit our Presidents of what to only do. It will be very difficult to get all of these people together, but will probably get a few together at one time. P. Sterling said we need to confront them and make them listen to us. L. King said we will know who is on our side by who shows up, and the rest can be pursued by the Presidents. R. Cumberland said the Cumberland Valley (5 state) Fire Association should also be made aware of this ~~problem.~~

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~~AROUND THE STATE: D. Cox said the SMVFA Convention will be on 4 and 5 May at Prince Frederick VFD.~~

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.
J. Edward Cross
Joseph A. Cooper
Ronald E. Watkins

MOTION: That we submit a full complaint to Nextel and a report made back to this committee at our next meeting. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: That the Presidents and our attorney have the authority to cancel the contract agreement with Nextel if they feel it necessary. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To send a letter of support of the elevator accommodation of a 24" x 80" stretcher, to the International Building Code Committee. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To write a letter to DNR supporting the reinstatement of the use of state vehicles to commute to and from work. It was amended to include the Presidents going along with the letter to the Secretary Department of Budget and Management for DNR. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To accept the Individual Membership Application Form as presented. Motion was approved by all.

MOTION: To approve the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award as presented, and that it go into effect and start this year. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To approve the application (02-03) from the Bloomington VFD for a grant of \$157,000. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To table action on the position until a majority vote of the Executive Committee takes it off the table. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To approve the committees recommendation to accept this change as presented above. Motion approve by all.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the committee to approve this change as presented above. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the committee and approve this change as presented above. Motion approved by all.

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MOTION: To sell the Centennial Books for our costs of \$25 each, and to allow the Presidents to use them as presentation items. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: That we support Delegate Norm Conway in his endeavor to resolve this issue (especially in hearing that the Attorney Generals Office is also conveying an opinion). Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To take the Planning Committee request for an Administrative Assistant, off the table and consider it at this time. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To adopt the Administrative Assistant employee position as presented and modified by the Five Year Planning Committee. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation of the committee and purchase the new car from Plaza Ford for \$22,179.00, and proceed with the advertisement of the old car as we have done in the past, and open the bids at the Executive Committee meeting in June at the Ocean City Convention. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To abandon our association with the Scottie Program. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To appoint J Olsen and L. Dell as Assistant Secretary's to handle the Individual Membership of the MSFA. Motion approve by all.

MOTION: To approve the Transportation Committee proceedings with the MSFA tags for motorcycles. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To accept the trailer being donated by Giant Food for the purpose of storing surplus property. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To approve up to \$1,000 for one person to attend the Annual National Benefit Summit in Alabama on 17-290 March 2002. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To borrow \$5 million from the IMSOF Board to be paid back at the rate of \$1 million per year from out appropriations already in the account. Motion approved by all.

MOTION: To authorize our Presidents to set up a meeting with out State Legislators (Federal if possible) and the Homeland Security, to come before this organization to discuss these issues (Resolution 43) as soon as possible. Motion approved by all.