

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
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**Pikesville, Maryland**

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The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Lee N. Sachs, Esq. at 0900 hours. President Sachs welcomed everyone to Pikesville and then called upon Chaplain Marvin Jackson for the opening prayer, with remarks offered by Chief Chaplain John Long who then led the pledge to the flag. The official welcome to Pikesville was given by John Berryman of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company. Vice President Sterling recognized the following Past Presidents who were in attendance: E. Preston (74-75), L. King (85-86), C. Carpenter (86-87), B. Cumberland (87-88), B. Smith (91-92), P. Hurlock (93-94), R. Yinger (94-95), F. Cross (95-96), S. Cox (96-97), R. Steger (00-01), J. Mattingly (01-02), G. Worthington (02-03), T. Thompson (03-04), and R. Jacobs (04-05). Guests in attendance were recognized including Ladies Auxiliary President Barbara Mc Williams.

President Sachs called upon Nancy Zeto of the State Employees Credit Union who discussed the program being offered to the members of the MSFA and its benefits. She stated that when filling out the Application Form, be sure to state your eligibility as "Current Maryland Fire Fighter".

President Sachs recognized Jim Doran who discussed the Fire Fighters Museum of Maryland and its extensive collection of apparatus (over 40 pieces). They are located in Lutherville and everyone is invited to attend the museum tonight. They will hold a Fire Expo on 24 September 2005.

President Sachs recognized Kristi Gable, Miss MSFA Fire Prevention who thanked the MSFA and reported that she is already busy as shown on her submitted written itinerary since the June Convention. She and Amber looks forward to the rest of the year and the many events they will be attending. They are available, please give them a call of your planned event.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Sachs submitted and discussed his written report. He expressed his sympathy and concern with the passing of Treasurer L. D'Camera. R. Siarnicki has agreed to fill out the vacant Treasurer's term, and R. Jacobs is Assistant Treasurer, Jim Riegel is Assistant Financial Secretary, and J. Seavey (not present in June). T. Thompson at the request of President Sachs, installed these new officers, Chaplain D. Coblentz and Jim Seavey (who was not available at the Convention in June). The Financial Teams will have to deal with two issues (Sarbanes-Oxley Law enacted by Congress and applying to our organization, and comments dealing with the nature and extent of our record keeping) which we only recently discovered by our CPA. He expressed his concerns and asked we keep many individuals in our prayers. With the assistance of Joel McCrea, the President's met with the Secretary and other staff of the Board of Public Works to discuss the logistics of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. They learned with the enacted changes to the law that combined the Loan and Emergency Assistance Trust Fund, all of our grants from the State, loan fund, appropriations and Trustee's monies, will now go through, and be administered by MEMA. He hopes we will be better off as the people at MEMA understand our needs. This year our Budget Request to the State, will go through MEMA, rather than the State Budget Office, and we have until the end of October to get it together. They have met with the Legislative Chair and Vice Chair and our goals in that arena are being established and a more comprehensive report should be available at the November meeting. He congratulated Gene Worthington on being elected President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. He voiced his satisfaction with his two Vice Presidents and adds to that group, PP L. King for his work and advice to the Presidents. President Sachs recently had breakfast with Comptroller W.D. Schaefer who was very impressed with our Memorial Service in June, and has a lot of respect for what the MSFA does. He thanked PP Yinger for his past years of service to the EMS Board, and welcomes PP Worthington, appointed to replace him. He looks forward to the Executive Committee's action to his request that the MSFA rejoin the NVFC. He expressed his joy with sharing the limelight with LAMSFA President McWilliams this year, as she is an energetic leader and adds to the team. He thanked Executive Chair D. Mooney, Asst Secretary J. Olson, and PP Fred Cross for their always being supportive. He attached a copy of his travel log (to date) for this year of attending 43 events so far.

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The meeting was turned over to Executive Committee Chair J. Donald Mooney who continued with reports.

**Vice President BALTA** presented and discussed his written report. He expressed his sadness with the passing of Treasurer L. D'Camera, he will be missed. It seems a lot of our members are leaving us, and this should prompt us to step up our recruitment for new blood. He discussed his activities since the convention in June and said this will be an exciting year, and looks forward to it. He has asked the Fire Prevention Committee to develop a promotional package to be given to the Social Services Offices in each county, and requesting the Caseworkers, who visit the homes to carry a kit on their visits, informing the occupants of our various alarm programs. They will also ask the Caseworker to check the alarm in the homes for serviceability, and provide information on how and where to get assistance if the alarm is not working. The caseworker cannot give us a list of people that would benefit from our program, but could provide them with information on where to get the devices free. He is also promoting his "Value Concept", a program to promote ourselves to the public, and help determine the value of our departments and ourselves to the community. He is asking the Recruitment and Retention Committee to develop a brochure that can be given to our members, and potential recruits, listing the benefits they would have (or their survivors would have) in the case of LODD. He is asking for Federal, State, and County benefits, and a page that the individual companies would be able to add their information. He listed his many events attended since the convention in June.

**Vice President STERLING** presented and discussed his written report. He welcomed J. Seavey to the Executive Board. He discussed the many events he has attended since the convention in June. He shared in the grief for the loss of Treasurer L. D'Camera, and thanked R. Siarnicki for accepting the position of Treasurer for this year. He also looks forward to working with MEMA Director John Droneburg and his staff this year.

**SECRETARY KING** presented and discussed his written report. He expressed his sympathy with the family of L. D'Camera and the Odenton VFC for their loss. He is working with the Data Systems Committee and the Webmaster to ensure that all interested parties are signed up with the [broadcast@msfa.org](mailto:broadcast@msfa.org) system. They are working to improve the system and prevent viruses and useless information from being distributed, and also keeping the site updated. The Minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting has been transcribed and distributed by means of the website and the broadcast system. If any of the certificates presented at the convention in June are incorrect, please send them to him and they will be corrected. He asked that Departments celebrating anniversaries (25, 50, 75, and 100 years) and individual special recognition awards, be brought to the attention of one of the Presidents (or the Secretary's Office) so a fitting certificate can be prepared and presented. The 2005-2006 MSFA Directories are being distributed this weekend. Any additions or corrections to the Directory should be submitted to the Secretary's Office. He thanked J. Olson for her work in putting the Directory together. The updated information for all awards, rules, color photo's of the award uniform pins, and the past recipients has been completed and sent to the MSFA.Org website for inclusion on the site. He thanked D. Cox for his assistance with this project. This information will also be included in the Annual Proceedings Book. They are already deep in work on the 2005 Convention Proceeding Book. They are proposing that the Proceedings Book be printed in a format to physically print the portions of the Book that individuals use on a continual basis (past officers, places of conventions, listing of Ladies Auxiliary officers and committee chairs, complete listings of member organizations with names, addresses, phone numbers, officers and alternates; the Charter and Constitution and By-Laws, all awards, rules and past recipients; Regional and County Associations and Organizations; Past Presidents and Convention Parade Awards winners). The actual text and spoken word from the main floor stage, and the various reports would not be published in written form. This information would be provided on a DVD and placed in a pocket inside the back cover of the Proceedings Book. All of this information would also be available from the msfa.org website. The Proceedings Book would be published in a timely manner with substantial savings of \$6,000 to \$7,000 to the MSFA. The Book would be about one half the size as in the past, thus easier to use. Each officer, committee chair person, and

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organization representative is reminded to send your reports to the Secretary's Office electronically, at least two weeks prior to the Executive Committee Meetings. By doing this, the reports should not be read by the presenters at the meetings. Each committee chair or organization is reminded to still bring ten (10) copies of your report with you, and turn it in to the Assistant Secretaries prior to the meetings. If you are not able to meet your scheduled reporting day and time, please notify the Secretary's Office so that any concerns can be met, to ensure the meeting will flow smoothly. He thanked the Assistant Secretaries and the many individuals that assist the Secretary's Office and the annual convention.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY CROSS** presented and discussed his written report. His report included the many Accounts of the MSFA and their total dollars as of 30 June 2005. He said all of the Loans are up to date and they have a couple new ones that have not yet started. He also included in his report the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program by Department for FY03 and FY04.

**TREASURER SIARNICKI and G. Curfman** presented and discussed their written report showing the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss as of 1 July thru 15 August 2005. The written report shows the General Fund and Appropriations accounts Budget vs Actual. The report included totals for the Low Interest Loan, Relief Fund, Convention, Scholarship, and Fidelity Checking accounts. He said all of the Budgets have been put in the system. Siarnicki said the new Treasurers Team is on board and ready to get started. They are looking at the Accounting Software now being used and need to bring it up to a newer level of reporting capability. They are looking for a central location for all of the MSFA financial records to be kept. The Frederick Museum is making a space for them now at their facility. He said they need to look at all of the different accounts and look at going to an account code system. They want to work with all of the committees that have something to do with the finances. They have received some returned checks from Ocean City and they need to talk to our Attorney as how to process them. He discussed the Tax Exemption for the fuel and some of the credit cards. Some of the credit cards need to be updated. Gene discussed where some of our old records are, or might be as some apparently are at Bowling Green (according to John Shuhart they need to be moved from there soon). S. Kesner said he has seen those files and a lot of this is very historic to this Association. C. Moe asked if it is all moved to a central location, are we going to also put it on a disk? This will be looked at by the Treasurers Office and the Historical Committee.

**CHAPLAIN LONG** presented and discussed his written report. The Chaplains have been very busy as there have been many funeral and prayer services since June. He is in the process of putting together a Chaplain's Guide Book for the Chaplain Corp, as the question always comes up, as to what they are supposed to do. He will ask the web master to put the denomination of the Chaplains with their picture, so everyone will know their religious affiliation. He plans to attend the Federation of Fire Chaplains conference in October with H. Dixon, in Vancouver B.C. He said if anyone has any prayer concerns, please contact him on msfa.org. and they will be answered. They will also be looking at a letter of concern for the Memorial Service for next year.

**CHAIR MOONEY** discussed the recent loss of Treasurer L. D'Camera, and what was done relating to his request to take a leave of absence. Instead of a special meeting, he contacted by telephone, every Officer and member of the Executive Committee, and obtained their inputs to the situation. Upon the death of L. D'Camera, basically the same thing occurred in dealing with the Treasurers Office. There was discussion and concerns, and in the end, they did what they felt was right for the MSFA. This did not satisfy everyone, but that is what they did.

**COMMITTEES - - -**

**BESSIE MARSHALL BENEFIT FUND - J. THORNE & B. RADISCH** presented and discussed their written report. Their annual lottery tickets have been sent to all auxiliaries and fire companies of the MSFA. They will have their first drawing at the Fall Conference on 17 September, and again at the Spring Conference and Convention. Since 1 June 2005, they have received misc. monies totaling \$3,889.00. They have paid 15 cases since 1 June for a total of \$11,250.00 to companies in seven counties. The Bessie Marshall Pin will now cost them \$5.10 per pin, so they have raised the cost to everyone at \$6.00 each. If

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anyone needs pins, lottery tickets, rules, etc, please contact J. Thorne, B. Radisch or President B. McWilliams.

**ATTORNEY POWELL** presented and discussed his written report. He has received the quarterly check from MBNA, (who says we don't exist?) for \$800. VP Sterling still does not have his card and he is working on this with him. He has been working with the Trustees regarding the issue of Mrs Wilcom who has been receiving benefits under false pretences. They have stopped payment to her and are working on how they will recover the monies already given to her. He has concluded three more Low Interest Loan Settlements to the Abingdon, Whiteford, and United Communities Companies. He has communicated with President Sachs regarding the status of the pending application for recognition as an exempt organization by the IRS. This has been pending since the convention in June.

**MFRI - Steve Edwards** presented and discussed his written report. He said 2005 represents MFRI's 75th anniversary of service to the fire, rescue and EMS service of Maryland. Their day of celebration will be 15 October 2005 at MFRI HQ in College Park. He discussed the MFRI Statistical Report for FY-2005 with the number of courses given and students trained by MFRI. MFRI is conducting a firefighter safety research program under a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The program proposes to conduct a series of special training evolutions with 200 individual firefighters (ages 21 to 55). The purpose is to better define the stresses that affect the human body during traditional firefighter training activities. Testing will begin in late August 2005.

MFRI has partnered with the NFFF in developing 12 company level drills. This is part of the national "Everyone Goes Home" program. The drills will be featured as part of the "Drill of the Month" and will be posted on firehouse.com. He is still in discussions with the Office of Domestic Preparedness regarding the use of MFRI Instructors to teach ODP terrorism response training programs. ODP has developed a draft program that will allow State and Metro fire training academies to deliver selected ODP curriculum. The draft seems workable and they hope this moves toward completion in next few weeks. He did testify in June before the House Committee on Homeland Security regarding how fire training systems are affected by, and the working relationship with ODP. He included a copy of his testimony to his report today. At their booth at the MSFA convention in June, MFRI personnel provided 614 transcripts and processed 350 certifications for various MFRI programs. He discussed the upcoming MFRI Seminars

**TRAINING - G. Lynott and D. Stevens** presented and discussed their written report. JJ said he has two initiatives to work on this year: Increasing attendance and promoting Maryland Weekend at the Fire Academy, and second, encourage local community colleges to start an Associate Degree Program in Fire Science. The program will partnership between the Community College (provides the general education courses) and MFRI (provides the technical courses). D. Stevens said the High School Cadet Sub-Committee was created by President Sachs in June. It is not formally organized, but has been very active. He just learned that Calvert County has suspended their Cadet program this year for lack of students, and the school will not support the program, so they cannot recruit except with the Seniors. They made a presentation to the St. Mary's County Board of Education on 25 May and will do a follow up meeting then an Open House at the Career Tech Center on 15 September that will be supported by Fire and EMS participation. They made their presentation to the Talbot County EMS Advisory Committee, and they are now in the initial stages of developing a program. He has encouraged the program everywhere he has attended Department Installations. He had a brief conversation with the President of the Allegany-Garrett Association and hopes to make a presentation to them this Fall. B. Hildebrand asked about, and D. Stevens said they are aware of the programs from Kent and Queen Anne Counties.

**MEMA - R. Strickland** presented and discussed his written report. The seven (7) Regional Administrator positions have been approved and the hiring is underway. The 24/7 Joint Operations Center between MEMA and the Maryland National Guard (M-JOC) is now complete and operational with watch and operational center responsibilities. The Procedure Manual is now in the review process. MEMA and MFRI are partnering together to plan for the adoption of NIMS across the state in cooperation with the State and Local response partners. The CIMS training on the web EOC has been completed in each region for the

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local jurisdictions. Virginia and Washington D.C. has also decided to purchase the web EOC. The CMARC interoperability project was demonstrated, and MEMA now monitors the conventional 800 MHz NPSPAC Call Channel for Central Maryland and assigns TAC channels as needed, and will begin monitoring all Eastern Shore systems soon. The MEMA web page is behind in getting it up to date and keeping it up to date. The SHSGP is complete for 2003, and the close out of the 2004 will begin in the Fall of 2005. The fire service community should be communicating with their local emergency manager for their 2005 allocation. The Regional Exercise & Training Planning workshops for local managers, is planned for this Fall. It is a two day course for the local areas. MEMA has coordinated with MFRI for delivery of Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses. The Governor's Office of Service and Volunteerism is currently in collaboration with MFRI to provide CERT training for the local jurisdictions. The National Response Plan (NRP) has been released and is now being reviewed. They have designed a Damage Assessment training program to be conducted for local governments and state agencies. MEMA Mitigation staff has received and reviewed 20 local Hazard Mitigation Plans. The Hurricane Isabel Long Term Recovery Assistance program is still ongoing. FEMA has granted a 6 month extension of the Travel/Mobile Home Program until late September. Approximately 65 families are still living in the travel trailers. For the EMPG's, the local jurisdictions have received their funds and will be required to submit a budget to MEMA. MEMA looks forward to working with the MSFA, with their funds from the state, now going through MEMA.

**DNR FORESTRY - M. Mitchell** presented and discussed his written report. The Forest Service responded to 297 wildfires burning 4,085 acres so far this year. Again this year, Federal funding is being used to hire four seasonal firefighters, with one being stationed in each region of the state. George Rockey (Central region) retired with 40 years of service to the agency. The Central Regional Fire Manager position has been eliminated due to budget reductions in FY-2006. John Fisher will now be covering wildfire operations for the 11 counties of our Southern and Central regions. Maureen Brooks left in May and her staff position still remains unfilled at this time. They are working to get that position fill internally. The 2005 VFA Grant applications have been reviewed and awarded. There were 58 volunteer fire departments requesting funding for projects in 16 counties. Grants were awarded to 39 departments in match grant funding for over \$200,000 in projects to be completed. He discussed the 2005 Fire Assistance Grant Awards, listing the Fire Departments, County, Project Cost, Request Dollars, and the Awarded dollars. The Grants awarded, need to be completed by 30 October 2005 and the documentation submitted by 15 November 2005 for reimbursement of 50 percent of the expenditures. The Dry Hydrant Grant applications for 2005-06 have also been reviewed and awarded. Twenty (20) fire departments applied and were awarded \$75,000 for the installation of 52 dry hydrants in ten (10) counties. The dry hydrants need to be installed by 30 March 2006 and the documentation submitted by 15 April 2006 for reimbursement of expenditures. They provided 15 single resource overhead personnel and one 20 person Type 21A crews to our federal partners on interagency wildfires. A second Type 21A crew and additional single resources are currently posted as available for dispatch.

**MSP-AV - Maj. Hock** had no written report. He and Pilot N. Molter, P. Peterson, and Mechanic T. Bernard, discussed the aviation service, their requirements, procedures, etc. Maj. Hock discussed their upcoming activities and their 35th anniversary will be noted on 17 September 2005. They have an Open House scheduled for 11 September in Frederick, but he promised to be at our Ground Breaking in Annapolis also on that day. He discussed the EMS Board changes and thanked R. Yinger for his service to the Board, and welcomed G. Worthington as his replacement.

**WAYS & MEANS - L. Jonske** presented and discussed his written report. They sold \$1100 worth of chances at Chesapeake City Canal Days, and \$550 worth at the Harford County Farm Fair. They sold \$200 worth at an Antique market at Jarrettsville, and the same to the Cumberland Valley Group. They will go to the Chesapeake City Carnival, and the Sunfest at Ocean City in September. The tickets will be ready for distribution at the next Executive Committee meeting. He said most departments have requested 200 tickets in lieu of the 100 tickets given out in 2004. He asked if anyone has a special event that tickets could be sold, let him know. He needs county coordinators for the ticket sales. Total money deposited to date is \$2275.00.

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**MIEMSS – Dr. Bass** presented and discussed his written report. He discussed five new EMS Board appointments made by the Governor, who will begin their service in September. He thanked R. Yinger (his replacement is G. Worthington) and the other outgoing Board members (John Murphy, A. Sumner, and D. Dyott). MIEMSS has established an EMS Work Force Committee to maximize obtaining and retaining EMS providers within Maryland. The Maryland EMS Plan is currently being updated to include input from the general public as well as the fire, EMS, and regional communities. Each region will host an open forum for participation from all interested areas of the state. The National Scope of Practice (SOP) continues to evolve. They are still looking at four levels (EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic). The Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) will be going from paper testing to computer testing. This will impact us with an increase in the cost of the testing, as well as it will require that individuals who want to test, must go to test centers where computers are located. AED Regulations will be changed to conform with the changes of HB-1054. Title 30 Regulations will undergo some changes to update language wording. The Seal of Excellence major change will be the reduction in the drug inventory to provide maximum ALS care for one patient as opposed for two. FRED continues to grow and do well. Thanks to a USAI Grant to Prince George's Health Department, they will be able to incorporate patient tracking and the CHATS into FRED. Delaware is now using FRED, and Pennsylvania continues to do so. The GEMAC committee is active with the EMS Disaster Focus Group re-energized and has 10 goals to achieve. One goal includes drafting an EMS Mutual Aid Plan. A Planning Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has been established and will be working with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security on implementation of HSPD 8 in Maryland. The Surge TAG has begun its investigation into how the health care system can be expanded to accommodate extreme stress on that system. They now have the CHEMPACK antidote caches across the state. If needed it can be obtained by contacting Mr. Clay Stamp (EMRC/SYSCOM). MIEMSS supports the disbursement of federal funding for EMS preparedness through the HRSA Bio-Terrorism Cooperative Agreement Funding for EMS. They will meet on 12 September regarding a competitive Grant that EMS is eligible to apply for. We can have people there to explain EMS jurisdictions. The Emergency Medical Services for Children Program (EMSC) continues in prevention programs, and for 2005-2006, "Right Care When It Counts" program, Maryland EMSC will accept nominations throughout the year. Yellow Alerts have for the first time, showed a downward trend in regions III and V, but over crowding continues to be a major problem. MIEMSS continues to work with hospitals on recognizing the problem of extended Emergency Department wait times for EMS providers. Policies are being reviewed for needed revisions and will be submitted to the Regional Councils, State EMS Advisory Council and the EMS Board for approval. MIEMSS will continue to share this data with EMS jurisdictions and hospitals. The next GEMSAC meeting is scheduled for 7 September at MIEMSS. There will be about \$140,000 for the Rural AED Grant program, and all jurisdictions will again be able to participate. The funds can be used for the purchase and replacement of AED's with public access locations, and their training. There are now 506 approved layperson AED facilities in Maryland with a total of 1050 sites. As of November 2004, there were 66 reported cardiac arrests in the layperson AED program with a 24.2 percent return of spontaneous circulation at EMS arrival. HB1054 included Amendment for the removal of individual use restrictions, and removing the minimum age limit for individual use. EMAIS is now live in 15 jurisdictions. MSP implementation has been delayed until the software revisions can be made that meet the specific needs of aviation. Caroline and Worcester counties (except Ocean City) will begin EMAIS training in September. St. Mary's County begins training in October with an implementation date of 1 November 2005. The 2005 Protocol update has been completed and became effective on 1 July 2005. The June issue of the Maryland EMS News has been printed and mailed. Beginning in August it will be in electronic form only on the MIEMSS website. Pyramid 2005 will be 14 – 16 October at the Holiday Inn in Solomons. EMS Today will be 21-25 March 2006 at Baltimore Convention Center. He said ICE (in Case of Emergency) is being monitored by MIEMSS, as they have concerns and are not ready to endorse it just yet. They continue to monitor the issue to move EMS Oversight at the federal level, into DHS, and the EMS is very mixed on this issue. Dr. Jeff Rungee has been appointed to be the Chief Medical Officer of DHS (He is a former EMS provider and a strong supporter of NIPSA). He discussed the reasons they are still uncertain of

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the ICE issue. J. Seavey asked about still sending the News Bulletin to the fire stations and not just making it available on the web? Dr. Bass said they have not discussed this but will take it back for consideration.

**PRESIDENT'S CAR – R. Leftwich** presented and discussed his written report. He said the President's car was picked up from the dealer on 16 July and taken to Frederick for modifications. It was being finished and only waiting for the console to arrive. The car should be here tomorrow. The new MSP radio has not yet arrived, but will be installed when it does arrive. For next year, they want to do something different and order the car this November, and hope this will avoid the problems we had this year. They want to find out who has the state bid for this coming year. If everything works out, they will present the prices for the new car and ask approval in November. He apologized for the problems but hopes Ford won't stop production have way thru this next year. D. Cox asked about shopping with other dealers. They will look into this.

**SAFETY – H. Howell** presented and discussed his written report. Their next meetings will be in Denton on 18 September 2005, and 16 October 2005 in Level. They are working with Cumberland Valley Association, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia to learn what they are doing with highway safety. They are also looking into any and all Grants related to Safety that will assist them and any future safety items for the safety of our firefighters. Health and wellness problems that still affect us is, heart attacks, strokes, etc as the percentages are still extremely high. MSFA Safety Committee 2006 Seminar will be held in October. He discussed safety behavior of our own apparatus drivers, and the tip they want to get out to all members in the MSFA is "Everyone Goes Home" (Goes home after the call). They will be adding two additional Safety seminars at the convention in June 2006. W. Donaldson thanked the Safety Committee for their help with the Exhibits at Ocean City this year.

**EMS – C. Wills** presented and discussed his written report. He thanked everyone for their concern with his recent illness and visit to the hospital. He is doing fine now. He discussed their meeting of 31 July at Potomac Heights VFD. He discussed the ICE program, and said it's a kind of a good/bad type of situation. It will be looked at more by the committee before they are ready to endorse it (or not). The National Scope of Practice (SOP) has progressed to the 3.0 version now, and still going forward. There are still gaps in the Advanced EMT and should still be looked at. The George Washington Homeland Security Policy Institute Study was reviewed and no decisions made at this time. He said we do not need a new Super Federal Agency. We do need someone to coordinate between states, but not a bunch of Regional Directors to tell us to do what we are already doing. He said EMS needs more funding and there are always too few EMS Training courses. The Seal of Excellence summary reduces the amount of medications required to be carried. C. Simpson said this reduction should reduce the expiration and turnover of medication, and thus the overall cost of the program. The committee will recommend the new SOE be endorsed by the MSFA Executive Committee. He said the impact on the Volunteer Companies will probably go down. The Standard will now go to the Medical Directors for their review, and action. W. Tome discussed the restocking issue. There was a notion in the past to have enough for two patients.

**EMS INITIATIVES – W. Tome** reported the committee has not yet met. They want to come up with a template to take around the state and hold meetings Regionally or County, in an effort to get to the grass roots providers and see what their concerns are. They have some inputs they will address at their next meeting with MIEMSS on the 24th.

**NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION – R. SIARNICKI** had no written report. He said the Memorial weekend events are scheduled this year for 6-9 October 2005. He discussed the plans for the event. The family Day will be back at Emmitsburg this year. The renovations are still progressing. The Chapel renovation is underway and they now have a donor for the Sprinkler System and are waiting for it to be installed. The Sanctuary will not be ready for the Memorial Weekend in October. He mentioned the LODD, and discussed the Black Bracelet and the "Everyone Goes Home" program that goes with it. The Black Band is being sold here today. The Band signifies the desire to wear black on your wrist, and not on your Badge. This shows solidarity in preventing Firefighter fatalities (LODD).

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**SHOCK TRAUMA – P. Hurlock** presented and discussed the written report from Brenda Fosler-Johnson. The report shows the FY-2004 vs 2005 Patient Admissions with an increase in 2005 of 566 patients. The OR Cases showed an increase of 187 cases. Their Educational Mission for Pre-Hospital Educational Activity FY-2005 had 48 tours, with Case Reviews quarterly, and 10 Sessions of 139 EMS Providers in the ALS Airway Skills Lab. The Observation Programs had TRU of 182 EMS Providers, and Critical Care of 108 EMS Providers. There were 12 Students in the Trauma In A Day Program, and 21 On-site Clinical Programs.

**LEGISLATIVE – R. Yinger** presented and discussed the written report received from Chair D. Davis. The committee met with the MSFA Presidents to establish the agenda for the 2006 Maryland Legislative Session. A brochure outlining President Sachs agenda is being prepared. The Maryland Legislative Session will commence on 11 January 2005, and conclude on 10 April 2006. At the request of President Sachs, he has been researching the establishment of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. The wording in the Law uses language that requires the request for a loan to meet the same requirements as for a Grant. This wording has been in effect for at least two years. They will meet with the Low Interest Loan Committee and Delegate Conway in an effort to correct this. They and the Presidents will be meeting with Delegate Glassman to discuss the Worker's Comp Bill that passed last year. The Annual Legislative Reception will be held on 6 February 2006 in the Miller Office Conference Center. Invitations will be sent to the Senators and Delegates in December. The committee is requesting E-Mail addresses for all members of the Executive Committee.

**EMS BOARD – R. Yinger and G. Worthington** had no written report. Richard is leaving the Board and replaced by G. Worthington. He said it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board and welcomed Gene as his replacement.

**PRESIDENT SACHS** discussed John Murphy (MIEMSS) and said "he was and is a wonderful guy who has had no goal any higher than to further the interest of the Volunteer Firefighters and EMS personnel in this State. He is our biggest fan and it is unfortunate that he is no longer on the EMS Board. He is one of a very few non-member of a company to be elected to the MSFA Hall of Fame. The office building where MIEMSS is located, is dedicated in his honor, and we will miss him as we do R. Yinger. We do now have Gene and we will be taken care of as we have been all along". C. Wills asked the Secretary to send John Murphy and the EMS Board, a copy of the words said by President Sachs of John. Charlie said "John was the greatest champion of this organization".

**EMERGENCY DRIVERS LICENSE – R. Steger** had no written report. He said they have completed their task (and met their mission) with this committee at this time. They are still receiving questions on the program, but otherwise they have finished. From what he knows, the program is running well for the individual departments. Some of the career departments are making a mountain of what is just a hill.

**MARYLAND FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION – R. Steger** offered any assistance of the Association to the MSFA, and continue the teamwork between the two organizations.

**SCHOLARSHIP – B. Olsen** presented and discussed D. Fishack's written report. He said their most important task at hand is the invoicing and payment of the awarded scholarships to the local colleges and universities. Over the next couple of months, they will visit the issue of updating the current application for those applying for scholarships, and look at the due date for receiving the application, as they have been asked to do. The next committee meeting will be in November. D. Fishack and R. Siarnicki will be meeting in the meantime to resolve the scholarship balance issues and payments of the invoices to the appropriate educational institutions.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – D. Skinner** presented and discussed his written report. The Constitution & By-Laws as amended at the 113th Annual Convention on 21 June 2005, was submitted to the Secretary and the Data Systems Chair on 26 July 2005. He reminded everyone that any proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee by the February meeting, so the Committee can have time to act on them. He said the Constitution & By-Laws have now been put on the MSFA website.

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**CONVENTION – L. King** presented and discussed his written report. The committee has all but completed all aspects of the 2005 MSFA Convention. Inputs have been received from the critique meeting and other such meetings, and are still being reviewed. He discussed the events of the Convention that were most positively received (from the opening ceremonies to the Golf Tournament), and those of most concern (lack of attendance during the sessions, and the Beach Party). The food was a big issue this year and he thanked J. Olson for her help. The Steering Committee will be meeting to cover some issues and to set the final time lines and dates of the various events (Basket Bingo, Parade, and Exhibit Hours). The dates for the next five years have been set and the Convention for 2006 is scheduled for 17-23 June. The Bank Card Machine is now working and located outside the Ocean City Convention Center. The Program Book Committee (PP T. Mattingly) produced an excellent Book again this year but could do much more if they had the ads possible from the business's at Ocean City. If anyone knows of an individual that could assist with selling ads in Ocean City, please have them contact the committee. The solicitation needs to be started this Fall. The 2006 packet will be going out to prospective ad purchasers and departments by the first of the year. The Exhibits Committee (W. Donaldson) produced the best fire service exhibits on the East Coast this year. This years exhibits took in \$175,000, and consisted of 160 different vendors. The committee has already started work on the 2006 exhibits. Special exhibits pricing and spacing will again be made available to MSFA member departments. He discussed the footage of the exhibit spaces in the Convention Center, and the need not to infringe on another exhibits space. If you need more space, please let the committee know. President Sachs has advised the committee that next years banquet will again be at the Convention Center. The Joint Memorial Service had issues this year. The eulogies had to be pre-recorded due to the issue of time. They will continue to work on the time issue and the feasibility of the names being read or recorded. The pronunciation of names and departments of those passed, is also of much concern. The Opening Session with the FDNY and DCFD bagpipe and drum corps performing together, is unique to Maryland. We appreciated this group as we also have the Westminster Band. He said the Program Committee (Ken Bush and R. Siarnicki) again produced a very timely and interesting group of main floor programs. The Training and Educational Seminars presented were very timely topics and well attended by more than 750 students with over 1700 hours of class time. He thanked J. Cooper and the Registration Group for the registration, packet preparation, and voting process. He thanked R. Snader, L. Harvey, and R. Hemphill for the computer, online, and other data efforts. The Monday Beach Party was well attended, but will be further evaluated to give it a boost with additional entertainment, activities, and food menu. The Prayer Breakfast was again one of the best attended events. This years Parade was again another event enjoyed by not only the Emergency Services, but the tourists of Ocean City. The one glitch (they are working on) was the timely compilation of the judges work and the award presentations. The Johnsonville Sausage Company was a big hit (providing over 1500 free sausages), and will be here again next year. Fred Cross (and committee) again produced another enjoyable Golf Tournament. This year they will donate \$4,000 to the Maryland Memorial from the profits of the tournament. We thank the cooperation received from Mayor Mathias and the City Departments and entire staff of the convention center for their help and cooperation during our convention each year. He said they do realize the importance of the Volunteer Firemen's Convention and Conference in Ocean City each year. The committee has again made arrangements for discounted rooms at several Hotels and Motels in Ocean City (Grand Hotel, Francis Scot Key, Princess Bayside, and the Princess Royal). He thanked the cooperation and assistance from the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, Prince Georges County Fire and EMS, MFRI, MIEMSS, State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Governor's Office. The committee is always looking for more volunteers to assist with the many aspects of the convention. He thanked the more than 200 individuals required during convention week. He thanked D. Cox for his work with the Basket Bingo and thanks to Odenton VFC for the use of their bingo machine. D. Cox discussed the Basket Bingo and asked the committee to work on the food for the event this coming year. He said the Bingo profits go to the MSFA General Fund. D. Mooney thanked the committee for their cooperation with Comptroller Schaefer at the Memorial Service, which he seemed to enjoy. President Sachs said that Comptroller Schaefer did want to be at the service and did enjoy it.

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**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES – M. Gouty** presented and discussed her written report. She said they had record breaking sales this year due to new and lower priced items (\$2.00) as well as higher priced items (\$175.00), new displays and the ability to take credit cards. They started this year with 95 % newer stock. They honored all credit cards (VISAQ, Master, Discover, American Express, and Debit) and took in \$3,644.00 in card sales. They had a problem at the start with the two day delay in getting the credit card equipment, otherwise, sales could have been higher yet. The cash sales topped \$14,525.00. She discussed the stock items on hand and that have sold out to date. She said her total sales for the whole year (including gifts of mugs and steins) was \$23,891.00. She made the following recommendations: 1) Obtain a credit card processor to use all year. 2) Cancel acceptance of the American Express and Discover cards. 3) Get our products on the internet with pictures and the use of Pal Pay and credit cards. 4) Continue the daily money pickup and reporting of cash and credit card sales at the convention. She said the constant communication with Fred Cross and Susan Shell is important to take care of any possible problems. She said the MSFA trailer has problems (Needs tires, overhaul, locks are rusted, wiring short, etc) that need attention. R. Snader said we will be able to keep one of the credit card readers all year, and the Pay Pal is set up. He said he is now learning how to run a store on-line. He will get it up and running as soon as Margaret get the items ready. She plans to run a raffle at each Executive Committee weekend meeting this year. She is also selling the new black “Everyone Goes Home” bands.

**DATA SYSTEMS – R. Snader** had no written report. He discussed the progress on the website and said all photo’s on the website are up to date. They do still need inputs for the Committee pages. He is working on the means to download reports without having to pass them through E-Mail. Two File Folders will be on the page with all of the Executive Committee reports. In the future, the reports will not be on the front page, but many folders will be, and you will have to go in on the file you want. This puts up a place for the officers and Executive Committee members to pass information back and forth without anyone else being able to. This way everyone can be updating their document and the committee chair’s can submit their documents directly. The Secretary then only has to go in and classify them. He will furnish instructions for setting your computer up to be able to create a PDF File (without having to pay for Adobe Acrobat). He discussed the website and who will be working on it. R. Hemphill will be working on this and needs (and is looking for) knowledgeable people to help him. L. King said committee chairs have to get their reports in electronically so everyone can get access to its information. He said when he does the new thing, it will eliminate the defanged problems that now exist. The new E-Mail server problem was explained and is now ready to roll over by Richard. He will E-Mail everyone on this, when he will make the roll-over, because all pass words will then change.

**FIRE LAWS BOOKS & FIRE TECHNOLOGY – R. Powell** had no written report from the committee chair. He did report he had received E-Mail from the Lexus Publishing Company asking what we plan to do as they had not yet heard from Mark. He asked what the Executive Committee had decided to do regarding the printing of the new Fire Laws Books, or CD’s. He asked about pricing that had been apparently sent to Mark in May. He said Lexus was letting us know they cannot hold to their previously quoted prices if there is not a printing this year. President Sachs said Mark Bilger is addressing these issues and should be here for tomorrow’s meeting.

**FIRE PREVENTION – B. Collins** presented and discussed his written report. The committee last met on 31 July at Potomac Heights. He said Maureen Brooks is writing the final report for the Grant money (\$122,000) spent last year. In September they will again submit an application for another Grant for \$134,000 (which is \$12,000 higher than the last one). Hopefully they will hear back on it sometime in January 2006. They will use their 2006/2007 budget money to make up the matching funds required. The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference will be on 27 September 2005, and \$2,000 has been spent on that. He said they have Hearing Impaired (and Hard of Hearing) Smoke Detectors available here this weekend. If you know of someone that might need one, please let him or Peggy Webb know. The Miss Fire Prevention contest went very good with 12 contestants. He thanked Miss Fire Prevention Kristi Gable, and First Runner Up, Amber Reamy for the fine job they are doing. He thanked W. Donaldson for the room upstairs at the

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Convention Center for their displays. They had 40 people come by the area and ask for information on the Risk Watch Program. They are not spending any monies at this time, until they hear back on the Grant applied for. The Bill Boards are covered with the Grant money they just spent. They have Bill Boards now in seven areas of the state. They still have Place Mats available. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 23 October at Lake Shore VFC.

**HONOR GUARD – F. Hawley** presented and discussed his written report. They will hold their next meeting later this Fall to review the Honor Guard Competition of the past Convention. They did meet at Ocean City prior to the Competition to discuss the changes allowing members of the competing teams to be in the Hall during the practice times and the competition. He discussed the results of the competition: First Place - Howard County (score 99.25); Second Place - Montgomery County (score 97.0); Third Place - Tullytown VFC (score 97.0); Fourth Place - Harford County (94.25); Commander's Award - John Butler (Howard County). The Pennsylvania Team was the first out of state Team to participate. The tie for second place was held with Montgomery County winning it. They were assured Tullytown would be here again next year, and they are trying to get Elsmere (Delaware) next year too. On Sunday members of the Harford County and Southern Maryland Honor Guards assisted with the Memorial Service as escorts for the families. On Monday Howard County Honor Guard presented the Colors, and members of the other Honor Guards carried and posted the County Flags. He will report on the review of the competition and the Honor Guard's activities, at the next Executive Committee meeting in November.

**HAZARDARDOUS MATERIALS & TERRORISM – C. Ray's** written report was received, but he was not present this weekend to present it. The committee last met on 16 August at the Maryland Department of the Environment Spill Response Headquarters. They are currently reviewing and updating the Guidebook with the new DOT Emergency Response Guides, that were recently printed with the updated information. When completed, they will be working with Dave Lewis and MFRI to reach the stations that may not have gotten a copy last time. MFRI is taking care of getting the Guide printed. The Website project is moving forward with the links they want to include. They will then be able to put the Guidebook on the website available for downloading. It will be updated regularly, to keep the end users up to date with information regarding Homeland Security and the current State of Alert. Of concern is the curriculum and lesson plans being used for the MFRI Hazmat Operations course. For the new course, MFRI has adopted the IFSTA curriculum, with no input from the MSFA or the Hazmat Committee. They will continue to look into this, and report back. Their next committee meeting will be announced as soon as he can secure a location.

**EQUITY INITIATIVE – R. Siarnicki** had no written report. He said the committee has met only once, where they established their Mission and Objectives. Their Goals were submitted to President Sachs.

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR – J. Gatton's** written report was received, however, he was not here this weekend. The report stated the committee has not met since the Convention in June. We have promoted all of the MSFA around the state, but need to continue the effort so we can get more nominations for the awards.

**HALL OF FAME – D. Cox's** written report was received. He said this committee received the largest number of nominations (60 individual names) for individuals in recent years. Unfortunately, only ten could be inducted into the Hall. He commended the departments for their time and effort to nominate the individuals. They hope for a large number of nominations again next year.

**RISK MANGEMENT – C. Jewell** had no written report. He said they have discussed with L. King their main charge to review the entire MSFA insurance program. They will be meeting with the committee and L. King next week to do a review of all of the policies the MSFA now has.

**OUT OF STATE COORDINATOR – G. Worthington** presented his written report listing the out of state Associations attended and forth coming. He said all of the officers attended the Cumberland Valley VFA, and made presentations. They attended the Virginia SFA convention last week, and the New York FA yesterday. They have three more in September (West Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania).

**PUBLIC RELATIONS & BULLETIN – R. Watkins** presented and discussed his written report. He said they have four new members added to the committee this year (R. Yinger, M. Seguna, D. King, and

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G. McCracken). They will help cover the state and provide greater expertise to their efforts to get the information out to the members of the MSFA. He discussed the committee's work at the convention this year and thanked those who did a fine job for the MSFA. They did several interviews with radio stations, newspapers, and the local TV stations during the convention, and press releases went to almost all of the major newspapers. The Trumpet newsletter is being readied and the next deadline is 30 October. If you have any information for the MSFA membership, let the committee know and they will work with you on writing the information to put in the Trumpet. We need to market ourselves about our activities and accomplishments. Please help us make ourselves known for the things we do. The next committee meeting will be held in late September (or early October). He reiterated just who is sent a copy of the Trumpet.

**AWARDS – R. Graf** had no written report. He said the Awards Manual was not produced this year. The Awards are printed in the Proceeding Book (word for word) and on the web site. He said the new way the Proceeding Book will be printed, this might make the Awards easier to find in the Book. He said the Cadet Program will be monitored, and therefore, they have no awards for them at this time.

**BUDGET & REVIEW – S. Kesner** presented and discussed his written report. He said they have had only one requests for a Budget revision since the last meeting, and it has been placed on hold at the request of the committee. The approved Budget request forms are being returned this weekend to the committee chairs, so they are aware of what was approved for their committee, and from what line item the expenditure will be taken. He said the committees need to be very responsible for their Budgets. They need to stay within their Budgets and not, not paying attention to them. He said this committee looks forward to some reorganization of the Treasurers records and will assist Ron in any way. He said they are losing money because the owed advertising for the Trumpet is not coming in. The proposal from the Convention Committee for the Proceedings Book is something we need to look at significantly. We have zero money left in the General Fund right now on the Budget. R. Powell said he will send reminders to the advertisers of the Trumpet, that have not paid their Bills. R. Watkins said that R. Yinger will be looking for new advertisers for the Trumpet. The Financial Secretary's Office is responsible to send out the Bills for the current ads they now have. R. Yinger said we need to send out bills from now on, don't wait with two year old Bills. They will get together and make sure the Bills are sent out to the advertisers.

**TRANSPORTATION – T. Flint** presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the Black and White Tags and supplied a list of the FD and B&W tags. He said the Black and White tags are the ones numbered under 30,000. He is, and has been asking everyone as they go around the state to ask help in locating these B&W tags. He said a lot of the departments do not know what to do about one of their members (or past member) that have the B&W tags that have been renewed. He said we will give them a new tag, just have them turn in the old tags. They will continue working on the FD tag data base. C. Moe asked if we could just have MVA not flag the tags, but just not renew them? Tom said yes, but we need a letter only from the President of the persons department, to the MVA, to do so. D. Cox asked why we can't have the letter from the President of the MSFA. He said they would be glad to try that if we so desire. President Sachs said if the Executive Committee so desires, he will write the letter to the MVA. Tom said they are working on a Procedures Book that should be ready for issue at the November meeting.

W. Donaldson said on behalf of the members and officers of the Odenton VFC, he thanked all of those that expressed their sympathies on the loss of Louis D'Camera, and the loss of their senior Lt. Craig Kearns (killed two weeks before Louis).

President Sachs called to meeting to order on Sunday and called upon Chaplain Hetz for the opening prayer. He asked everyone to remember the families with the passing of loved ones and then led the pledge to the flag. Vice President Sterling recognized the following Past Presidents in attendance: L. King (85-86), C. Carpenter (86-87), J. Robison (89-90), B. Smith (91-92), P. Hurlock (93-94), F. Cross (95-96), R. Steger (00-01), G. Worthington (02-03), T. Thompson (03-04), R. Jacobs (04-05). He also recognized those guests in attendance. The meeting was turned over the Executive Committee Chair J. Donald Mooney who continued with reports.

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**TRUSTEES – S. Hales** presented and discussed his written report. He said the committee has met several times since the convention in June. He said their audit discovered benefits to an unqualified recipient. They are no longer eligible for the benefits, and the issues are being addressed and resolved. The widow of one of our deceased members had re-married, and did not notify the MSFA, therefore making her ineligible for benefits. The matter was referred to legal council, and a letter has been sent to the individual for verification. In these cases, the Trustees are seeking a refund of the overpayments of our funds. T. Thompson and the Trustees has at the request of the Trustees, requested additional funding. They have contacted the Governor's Office on this and has been assured of their cooperation on this issue. The last change in appropriations occurred in 1999. As of this date, the benefits will be increased by \$75 per month. They have two new applications for benefits as: 1) For long term disability, which from the information available, was denied. 2) This is for a LODD, and additional information was requested, and has been received, and they have now approved this application. The first check will be delivered in person very soon. He said they have been working on having their Trustee process automated.

**STATE FIRE MARSHAL – B. Barnard** presented and discussed his written report. He said that Deputy Charles Daman has been named Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2004. He was cited for his work in the Hunter's Brook Arson investigation in Charles County. Effective 13 July 2005, two special Assistant Deputy Marshals have been appointed to work as contractual Family Day Care and Foster Care Inspectors. Jeff Clements is assigned to the Southern Regional Office, and Chad Umbel is assigned to the Metro Regional Office. Deputy Kirby Travers is currently attending the Criminal Justice Academy and is scheduled to graduate this December. Deputy Carson Widdoes has been appointed Acting Deputy Chief Marshal assigned as Commander to the Northeast Region. Deputy Chief Allen Gosnell has been reassigned as Commander of the Western Region. Deputy Chief Mark Bilger has been reassigned Commander of the Metro Region. He thanked D. Alexander for his work with Carroll County who has signed into law an ordinance to amend the County Building Code requiring automatic residential fire sprinklers in all newly constructed one and two family dwellings, effective 1 January 2006. Work continues around the state on local initiatives that support residential fire sprinkler installation in all newly constructed single family dwellings and duplexes. He said a recent audit conducted by the Department of State Police revealed that some fire companies are using Senator Amoss Funds in a manner outside the provisions of the Public Safety Article 8-102. The Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund will be transferred to MEMA effective 1 October 2005. They continue to work with MIEMSS on the development of the web-based Maryland Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS). When completed, they will have the additional option for the fire service to enter MFIRS data. Local Fire/Rescue Departments and area jurisdictions are reminded to please submit accurate and timely MFIRS reports to the OSFM. He said a total of 35 deaths have occurred in the first half of 2005, compared to 60 last year at this time. This has been a quiet year for the fireworks misuse as 110 licenses were issued from 1 July through 10 July 2005. No significant incidents and/or injuries have been reported to the OSFM from the public licensed fireworks displays. The trial started on Tuesday for the persons charges with the arson fires at the Hunter's Brook Sub-division in Charles County. He thanked everyone involved in that investigation. He discussed his attendance at the National Association of State Fire Marshal's conference in Nevada in July 2005, and the numerous amounts of information received. He said that Vermont became the second state (after New York) to pass a Bill requiring fire-safer cigarettes, and it will go into effect in May of 2006. He discussed the 2005 Trooper Tour across the State. The OSFM Bomb Squad Response Vehicle and Robot will be used along with other MSP equipment to provide displays and personnel interactions with the community. Twenty (20) different site locations across the state will be visited. The OSFM will not be recommending any Departmental Legislation this year. The Maryland Fire Service Legislative Caucus plans to meet in October to discuss upcoming issues that may be impacting the fire service during the upcoming session of the General Assembly. President Sachs added to the Fire Marshal report on the Home Depot smoke alarms. He wrote to the manufacturer and to the vendor (Home Depot) expressing our concerns that they had not been tested, as there was no test certification on the product. If it was really a non-tested item, and it failed it would jeopardize all of us (as well as the occupants

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of the resident) that would respond to a resident having such an alarm. Within two weeks they received calls, E-Mails, etc from both companies, indicating that all of the items have been pulled off the shelves, even though they said they had been approved by a third independent party, but the labeling was incorrect. New labels were made and the items then put back on the shelves to be sold. He welcomed Buddy Seigelwald (President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association).

**AUDITING – Joe Robison** presented and discussed his written report. The records of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary's Office were reviewed. The Trustee Account was reviewed for vouchers and expenditures propriety. All records were in good order and found to be accurately reported and recorded. The audit allowed for the orderly transfer of all records and monies from past Treasurer G. Curfman to R. Siarnicki. The committee has made the following recommendations:

- 1) Convention Committee cash from the Dance revenues and paid to the Security people should be done by check issued by the Treasurer. L. King said a note was put in the cash box for the funds paid to the Security people at both the Dance and the Beach Party. He said the Security people want their money in cash, and that same night.
- 2) Special Activities was budgeted \$15,000 and expended \$27,500. They turned in \$19,607 in sales. A tracking system should be used to track gifts given away at the convention, to account for funds expended. This is also true for the Hall of Fame pins given away to new inductees, and those sold by the Special Activities committee. D. Cox said the Special Activities Committee does not sell the pins, the pins are given out when they are inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- 3) The new Treasurer should institute a deposit system at Ocean City to identify all funds deposited, and those funds charged to the MSFA credit card.
- 4) The account in the Westminster Union Bank for \$100.62 for the Internet, is not being used and should be closed.

The committee included with their report, the Financial Report that tracks the closing balances of the MSFA from 2000 to 2005.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT – Joe Robison** presented and discussed his written report. The 109th Congress is in recess until 6 September 2005. He said we should thank our Congress people for their continued support in funding the Fire Act. We need to also ask their support of the Fire Sprinkler Act of 2005, Senate 512 and HR 1131. Rep. Curt Weldon has introduced legislation for the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act to create tax incentives for property owners who install an automatic fire sprinkler system. We also support HR-934 and S-625, that provides a \$1,000 Annual Tax Credit for active members of volunteer fire and EMS Service. This legislation is for recruitment and retention of volunteers.

**VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD – Joe Robison and D. Stevens** presented and discussed their written report. Joe discussed upcoming meeting with MEMA and no matter what happens, they will work it out. He included with his report, a list of all of the MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Account Companies, Loan Value and Status. All loans have been paid and the only outstanding accounts are with Linkwood-Salem VFD and Lineboro VFC. They now have two new members on the Board, Art Spencer (Arundel VFD) and Jason Baer (Maugansville-Goodwill VFD). They have many concerns with the law concerning the Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund and the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund (Public Safety Article 8-202 Volunteer Company Assistance Fund). J. McCrea is working on the loan application forms to show the change of the committee name(s). They are requesting approval of a loan application from the Midland VFD for \$291,000 for a Heavy Duty Rescue Truck. The Board voted to approve the loan for 10 years at 2 percent with payments annually. College Park VFD requested a loan for \$83,000 for an ambulance for five years. The request was withdrawn and will be re-submitted again at their next meeting. The Barton Hose Company requested a loan for \$246,750 for a Pierce Contender Engine/Rescue. The request was withdrawn and they will resubmit at their next meeting. The Hancock VRS requested a grant of \$150,000. After much discussion, the committee determined they needed more money than they asked for, and they will resubmit their request instead for \$430,000 to include a sprinkler system D. Stevens has to submit their annual report the last of this month. They are working on

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over due statements (back to 2001) they have been told about by the person working with the committee on the reports. Joe Robison discussed the funds that have been coming in for 25 years, and the accountability of that fund. The Board had a major discussion on availability of funds to verify the balance available in the MSFA treasure for loans. The State Budgeted cash balance at the Board of Public Works as of 30 June 2005, was \$574,404.41. This means as of 28 July 2005, there will be \$1,103,148.41 in the account. Right now, however, they do not know how all of this will work with MEMA. The following motion was made by B. Kurtz, and second by D. Cox:

**MOTION – To accept the recommendation of the Assistance Fund Board and approve the loan for the Midland VFD for \$291,000 (Heavy Duty Rescue Truck). After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.**

**PRESENTATION – Past President Jacobs** presented Maureen Brooks her selection and induction into the MSFA Hall of Fame, for her work with the MSFA, DNR, and the Fire Prevention Committee.

**RURAL WATER SUPPLY – D. Alexander** presented and discussed his written report. The committee has not yet met this year, a meeting is planned for September. They received a request from the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (CCVESAs) to look into a Bill from a property owner after water was used from his pond on a fatal house fire. The issue of the water has been taken care of, as the water is actually the property of the state, and cannot be sold by the property owner. The issue of the damage to the property was to be resolved. The committee could find no clear and definitive law allowing them access to water sources on private property. They can be held liable for damages done to the property while accessing water supplies. The Committee is co-sponsoring the Central Maryland Rural Water Supply Drill scheduled for 18 September 2005 at the Winfield Community VFC. Maryland DNR Dry Hydrant and Assistance Grants have been announced. Any companies needing permit questions answered, please contact Doug ASAP. Any company wanting assistance on rural water supply issues, please contact the committee.

**RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER INITIATIVE – D. Alexander** presented and discussed his written report. The committee provided a display and program at the MML Convention in Ocean City on 27 June. The effort was not well attended, but several good results have come from the program. They have been in contact with the Governor's staff attempting to further cultivate their interest. The committee first met on 19 July at Mt. Airy VFC. They set their goals and strategy to "Educate and Support". They want to educate our fire service as well as the general public on residential sprinklers. They will support any fire company or county association that wishes to pursue their elected officials to legislate residential sprinklers in new one and two family structures. They are also looking for "hot spots" where interest exists in getting residential sprinklers mandated. They will be supporting Aberdeen VFD on 10 September with a program on residential sprinklers. Aberdeen, Bel Air, Havre de Grace, and Harford County officials will be in attendance of this meeting. They are partnered with the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office now, and the Maryland Fire Chief's Association have asked to come on board. The MSFA Fire Prevention committee has also agreed to assist their efforts. There is also interest in St. Mary's County via T. Mattingly with a program set for tonight at Leonardtown VFD. Their next committee meeting is scheduled for 9 September 2005 at the Anne Arundel County Training Center in Millersville.

**INCENTIVE PROGRAMS – Joann Robison** presented and discussed her written report. She said S. Kesner has requested LOSAP information for Allegany and Garrett Counties. Carroll County has increased the amount added for each full year of certified service over 25 years, from \$4.00 to \$7.00. There are still seven (7) counties that do not have LOSAP (Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and Wicomico). LOSAP information has been furnished to all of these counties. She said TIP has been finalized in accordance with Senate Bill-144, a CD containing the names and Social Security numbers of all qualifying members by each county, has been completed and the disk given to Secretary L. King to submit it to State. A total of 12,426 volunteers qualified for the Subtraction in Tax Year 2004. This is a decrease of 164 volunteers from Tax Year 2003. D. Mooney told Joann that Baltimore County went up \$10 per month (from \$225 to \$235). B. Hildebrand said that Kent and Queen Anne Counties now have LOSAP.

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Joann asked Bill to get her the information and particulars on their programs. S. Kesner asked for help from someone that has been on the initial set up of the funding of a LOSAP.

**MARKETING & INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP – F. Underwood** had no written report. He said the Individual Membership now cost you \$20 to join. He discussed the Membership Application draft handed out today at this meeting. He discussed the different item areas now available to the Individual Membership.

**HISTORICAL & ARCHIVES, MUSEUM & VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ROOM – F. Underwood** said all of the plaques have been updated, and they now have a complete set (10 signed) of MSFA coffee cups. They have obtained some old fire turnout gear, but they do not have room for it in the FF Room. He will give it to J. Spiker for the Archives Room. They are trying to date the gear, if anyone can help on this. He has obtained three (3) LA-MSFA books of old pictures, etc. The ceiling and dividers have been taken care of, but the new carpet is still not in yet. **J. Spiker** had no written report, as they have had no committee meeting of late. They have nothing in their budget to clean the many items that do need to be cleaned and put in bags, to better preserve them. He also received five (5) hand painted portraits of the former directors of MFRI.

**MSFA OPERATIONAL MANUAL – B. Smith** had no written report as the committee has not yet met, and he is still recruiting new members. He discussed the items listed and not listed in the Proceedings Book and what is needed, for example, regarding the office of the Secretary, hit duties, etc. The Secretary does a lot of work that is not listed in the book. The Operational Manual would list what the Officer is expected to do, etc. They will set up an E-Mail address for this committee so the other committee can send their information (what the committee does, etc) to the committee. The committee will meet soon to set up the Operational Book as a guide for the officers, committees, etc.

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION – J. Denver** had no written report, as the committee has not met of late, but will be meeting soon.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY – S. Massey** had no written report as they have not yet met to date. He discussed the Turnout gear obtained this past week in good condition. He was told a foam unit crash truck was available from Camp David, but found out it was still in the DOD system, and another Base claimed it. D. Cox asked Skip to put his information on the web site. He said he would.

**MEMORIAL – D. Mooney** presented and discussed his written report. They had the Benefit Night at the Bay Sox event which was not financially successful, but those people there had a good time. They also had a benefit at the Green Turtle in Laurel, and made \$800 on it. The Ground Breaking will be on 11 September at 1400 hours at the site. The Governor and the Comptroller will both be there. **G. Worthington** further discussed the Ground Breaking, parking, and said fire apparatus is welcome. Don said the Gala is on September 30th. They are set up for 300 people, 35 tables, to date they have sold all but one table. The committee met with the State (DGS) last Monday for a very productive meeting. DGS has to make the final approval of the Site Plan. They received verbal approval and they are awaiting it in writing. Involved is who cuts the grass, who removes the snow, etc. The State will do that for us, but we will have low priority and they have a small staff. He expects the work will get done. He received a letter from the sculptor (Rodney Carroll), and did meet with him, regarding his concerns with the revised design of the Memorial. Don told him we hired him for his talent, not his personality. The most important thing on this Memorial is the 340 names on it. He asked everyone to keep their Secretary Robin in their prayers as she has cancer and will be operated on 6 September. Gene thanked Ron for bringing on the Elks at Kent Island as black level (\$5,000) sponsors. He said on the LLOD Survey Forms, they are very slow coming in, and time is running out to get those name plates in and we want the names to be spelled correctly. They still have bricks for sale, the order has not yet gone in, but they need to know very soon. Gene said everyone that has contributed \$500 will get the 8x8 Brick in the Memorial Walk. The exact wording on the bricks will be asked for (if not already turned in) in the next couple months.

**STANDARDS NFPA – B. Huttenloch** had no written report. He said the committee will be meeting in the Fall to review all of the Standards to see if anything needs to be updated. He said President Sachs

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asked them to look at certain standards and they will be reporting on those at the November meeting. If anyone has a request for changes, please let him know so it can be reviewed by the committee and submitted in time for any By-Laws change.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM – B. Huttenloch** had no written report. He said they had two mikes go down. They have been sent back to the manufacturer for repair. He has enough money in their budget to take care of the Bill.

**ACTION ITEMS – – –**

**PROCEEDINGS BOOK** - The following motion was made by D. Cox and second by B. Hildebrand:

**MOTION – To authorize the Secretary to proceed with printing part of the Convention Proceedings Book (as proposed by Secretary King) and putting the rest (the text and spoken word from the main floor stage along with the various reports) on electronic disk. After no further discussion, motion was approved by all.**

**BUDGET** – S. Kesner says he still needs \$500 for the Assistant Officers. He will continue to look for this money, and more due to the gas increase. He is not making a proposal at this time.

**EVERYONE GOES HOME** - R. Siarnicki discussed the Black (Everyone Goes Home) Bracelet Program. This is a Fire Safety Program started in the Pennsylvania Fire Service, called “The courage to be safe”. This is to encourage us to change our culture and make it safer, and find ways to prevent the number of LODD in the fire service. So far this year there have been 70 LODD’s in this country. The recommendation is to adopt this program in partnership with MFRI and MFCA. The following motion was made by J. Seavey and second by B. Hildebrand:

**MOTION – To adopt and support the “Courage To Be Safe” Program (“Everyone Goes Home”) Safety Program along with the MFCA, MFRI, and have President Sachs direct his Safety Committee take the lead on this for the MSFA.**

Discussion: President Sachs and R. Steger discussed the program and their endorsement. They do not know if any money is involved with this program (or not). Lee said MFRI is involved and if it does require funds, we will talk to them. Roger said the MFCA Training Committee is working on this program and will be glad to partner with the MSFA. W. Donaldson said his concerns are the money involved. He asked if we could be more specific of the money, in the motion? President Sachs said the motion says we will support the program, but it does not mention any funding at this time. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.

**SEAL OF EXCELLENCE** – The following motion was made by D. Cox and second by W. Donaldson:

**MOTION – To accept the recommendation of the EMS Committee to endorse the new Seal Of Excellence.**

Discussion: President Sachs discussed the new Seal Of Excellence and said it reduces the amount of medications required to be carried, and the simplifying of the voluntary ambulance inspection process. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.

**TRANSPORTATION** – D. Cox discussed the Black and White FD tags, and the MVA. The following motion was made by D. Cox and second by J. Seavey:

**MOTION – To have the MSFA President send a letter to the MVA requesting they not just flag the Black & White tags, but do not renew them. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.**

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**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES** – D. Cox said the committee's trailer needs tires and other misc. maintenance. They do not have a cost estimate at this time for the tire and maintenance. The Executive Committee (and President Sachs) asked M. Gouty to obtain a cost estimate on the tires and maintenance and bring it back for action as soon as possible (before the next meeting).

**MAKO CONVENTION** – D. Mooney said we need to upgrade our booth at next years MAKO Convention. The President's will look into this.

**NVFC MEMBERSHIP** – The following motion was made by W. Donaldson and second by D. Cox:

**MOTION – That the MSFA re-apply for membership in the NVFC.**

Discussion: R. Powell pointed out that it will take a 2/3 majority vote to override the previous motion to terminate our membership with the NVFC last year. The Parliamentarian said he does agree with Attorney Powell on this issue. President Sachs read the motion made last year to terminate our membership with the NVFC, was done as directed. This is a new motion separate from that motion of last year. D. Alexander discussed the motion to rejoin the NVFC and expressed the reasons we left them last year. He sees no change for the better of the NVFC, and is against this motion. J. Seavey said he also feels there has been no change for the better of the NVFC. He said on the other hand, the IFF has continued with their unabashed harassment of the career firefighters in the workplace, who wants to volunteer on his time off. He said recently there have been some very dynamic changes (VICOS of the IAFC) that the Chair of the group was ousted and a new Chair installed and one of our own volunteers (a Two Hatter) put in as Vice Chair of that section of the IAFC. President Sachs discussed his desire to rejoin the NVFC as we need a National Voice for the Volunteer Fire Service. He said they have a Washington D.C. meeting coming up and he will attend that meeting without a budget. He said the NVFC is working on 15 listed items that will and can affect us.

T. Thompson discussed who can represent the MSFA and who can actually attend the NVFC meetings. He said President Sachs had better be one of the delegates, or he will not be able to attend the meetings. It is wrong to consider going back to the NVFC as nothing has changed since we left it last year.

R. Powell discussed what the NVFC does, or just puts in print as a result of 9-11-01. He said we should not join an organization that does not welcome our attendees at their meetings. He said all of these things need to be considered before entering back into the NVFC. W. Donaldson said the NVFC turned their back on us about the Two Hatter issue. They do have clout and are strong through their large membership, but they are a national fire service organization. Belonging to the NVFC has to be a plus for us. P. Sterling reminded everyone that if you don't have the two hatter problem in your department now, just wait, it's coming, and it will ruin us all. C. Moe said he will support the wishes of the president, even if he does not agree with what the NVFC does or does not do. G. Worthington said the Two Hatter issue is being looked at by a panel of seven (7) people from the GAO out of Atlanta. They are looking for information and if interested, give her a call with your information. Hand Vote – 6 yes, 5 no votes. Motion passes by majority vote.

**GOOD OF ASSOCIATION –**

**Ocean City's 100th Anniversary** is 1 October with a Fun Day in Ocean City, a parade and MISS Fire Prevention for DelMarVa.

**B. Kurtz** said Harford Cecil Counties Association is working on the new dwelling residential sprinkler system program. Their EMS Foundation is up and running. They have solicited for a Operations Manager, with hiring in September.

**C. Moe** said Laurel looked at their sprinkler ordinance and made adjustments to it. Any new business establishment in the city of Laurel will be required to have sprinklers.

**D. Alexander** said based on what we have heard this weekend, we need to find a way to get more funding for the MSFA. If anyone has any ideas, please give it to on of the Presidents for their consideration.

**L. King** said they have received a list from B. Stone, of the Federal Grants awarded in the first round of the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. There are 15 Departments that have been awarded Grant funding as:

Crisfield VFD - PPE (\$58,020), Operations & Safety (\$55,119).

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Linkwood Salem VFC Operations & Safety (\$88,300), Equipment (\$27,499).  
Hurlock VFC - Operations & Safety (\$220,425), PPE (\$206,200), Equipment (25,826).  
Accident VFD - Operations & Safety (\$83,934), Equipment (\$8,352), PPE (\$80,000).  
Charles Co VRS – Operations & Safety (\$61,476), Equipment (16,387), PPE (\$48,324).  
Midland VFC – Operations & Safety (72,105), Modify Facilities (\$75,900).  
Hagerstown VFD – Operations & Safety (\$200,628), PPE (\$198,000).  
Brandywine VFD – Vehicle Acquisition (\$261,250), Vehicle Acquisition (\$275,000).  
Longmeadow VFC – Operations & Safety (\$127,428), Equipment (\$7,000), PPE (\$127,135).  
Queen Anne Hillsboro VFC – Operations & Safety (\$131,480), PPE (\$138,400).  
Allentown Road VFD – Operations & Safety (\$17,230), Equipment (\$19,144).  
Laurel VRS/FD – Operations & Safety (\$45,040), Equipment (\$45,700), PPE (\$3,000), Training (\$7,600).  
Bishopville VFD – Operations & Safety (\$41,876), Equipment (\$25,300), PPE (\$18, 780).  
Church Creek VFC – Operations & Safety (\$76,053), Equipment (\$15,300), PPE (\$64,755).

**President Sachs** thanked the Pikesville men and ladies for the hospitable weekend. He thanked the Executive Committee for a good meeting this weekend, and he welcomes the compliments and complaints. He needs all of this to better do his job for the MSFA. President Sachs called upon Chief Chaplain Long for the closing prayer. The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Snow Hill on November 5 & 6, 2005. Accommodations are tentatively set for the Quality Inn in Ocean City (\$65 per night). There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meetings were adjourned at 1205 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. King, Sr, P.P., Secretary  
Joseph A. Cooper  
Ronald E. Watkins  
Jacqueline M. Olson  
Frank J. Underwood

# MOTION SUMMARY

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