

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by President Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr., at 0900 hours at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was turned over to Executive Committee Chair Doyle Cox who called upon Chaplain H. Hetz who asked that all of us keep individuals and families in our prayers and then led the opening prayer. President Balta then led the pledge to allegiance. President Balta welcomed everyone to this meeting and introduced Bay District Volunteer Fire Department President Keith Fairfax, who also welcomed everyone. SMVFA President Jeff Williams welcomed everyone to Southern Maryland. Those Past Presidents in attendance were introduced including: L. King (85-86), C. Carpenter (86-87), J. Robison (89-90), T. Mattingly (90-91), P. Hurlock (93-94), F. Cross (95-96), D. Davis (97-98), R. Steger (00-01), C. Mattingly (01-02), G. Worthington (02-03), T. Thompson (03-04), R. Jacobs (04-05), L. Sachs (05-06). Other guests were introduced which included L.A. President Patricia Deamond who thanked everyone for having them here today, and wishes us a prosperous and progressive meeting. The President then went into reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Balta presented and discussed his written report. He expressed his condolences to the families of those answering their last call, and the LODD since our last meeting. We cannot take for granted that our training and fitness will be enough to carry us home after the call. Many within our ranks are ill and need our comfort and support, please keep them in your prayers. He gave special thanks to State Fire Marshal B. Barnard for his dedication in getting the Low Propensity Ignition and Fire Fighter Safety Legislation passed. Our work with our partners in the MSOF Coalition defeating a run at disbanding MIEMSS and moving it under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Office of Domestic Preparedness, was well orchestrated and very effective. We continue to work with the MSP in order to forward progress on the Helicopter Replacement Program. He said we are making great strides in securing the Ambulance Building in Emmitsburg thanks to Chip Jewell and Wayne Powell. Once this is finalized, the MSFA and its members can play a major role in getting the facility renovated for the combined museum and Fire History repository ready for occupancy. He discussed the poor fiscal condition of the MSFA and said we need to find more fundraisers, and involve more of our members in securing additional funds. The new Website is operational thanks to the efforts of Richard Snader and Ron Raley. He challenges each and every Chairperson to have their pages completed and up to date by the 2007 Convention. He commended Amber Reamy on the job she has done with the printing and publication of the Trumpet. There were a few complaints, but the publication looks good. We have a base that is sound and all it needs is peaking and tweaking. He discussed the continued problems in getting our Volunteer Company Assistance Fund straightened out with MEMA and the Board of Public Works. There seems to be a difference of opinion between the financial Services person at MEMA, the financial person at BPW, and MSFA, on just how much money we have, and whether or not we have the proper authority to cut checks to the approved companies. L. Sachs is working to get this matter straightened out. He is also conferring with Delegate Norman Conway's Financial Analyst on this matter. President Balta thanked those that have sent cards, flowers, called, and/or attended services for his mother.

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Sterling presented and discussed his written report. He remembered those that have recently passed and others. He thanked Fire Marshal Barnard and his assistant Jane Edwards for their efforts in lobbying for HB-785 and SB-361. He recognized Del. Jim Malone for taking the lead and sponsoring the legislation. He also recognized the Legislative Committee Chair D. Davis and R. Yinger, and a special thanks to Glema Balta, R. Davis, C. Mitchell, B. McWilliams, B. Radisch, M. Soutar and P. Webb. On 9 March 2007 the three Presidents, L. King and R. Yinger met with Governor O'Malley to discuss the different Legislation, including our opposition to HB-1048 (MIEMSS), and support of HB-785 Cigarette), and support of HB-701 and SB-1078 (Appropriations). They reminded the Governor of his pledge to support legislation to increase the Income Tax Incentive benefit from \$3,500 to \$5,000 a year. They him invited at this time, to attend our Convention in June. L. King followed this up with a formal letter inviting the Governor to our Convention in June. VP Sterling discussed his effort to the possibility of increasing the MSFA Annual Dues. He first needs to determine how much to make the increase, and has appointed a committee to review the Dues Structure and make a recommendation for the September 2007 Executive Committee meeting. He said two Questions of Intent (Dues increase, yes or no, and a Dues Increase structure based on several factors of the Member Departments) will appear on the June Ballot in Ocean City. If the Dues Increase is approved, they will have nine months to travel around the state and sell it to the Membership. He said pursuant to the recommendation of the Management Assistant Work Group in February 2007, he is continuing his pursuit of a salaried position for the MSFA. He believes a salaried Executive Director for the MSFA is in the best interest of the MSFA. The Work Group is expected to make a recommendation at the September 2007 Executive Committee Meeting in Damascus. He said we need to get the MSFA Foundation up and running. At the February meeting, President Balta, 2nd V.P. Underwood and V.P. Sterling were elected to the Board of Directors of the Foundation, and the remaining Board positions are vacant. There has been no activity of the Foundation since the paperwork was finalized over a year ago. He plans a meeting before June to get something started. He discussed the Explorer Program (branch of the Boy Scouts of America) and it possibly being a recruitment tool for the MSFA. They will hold a Muster on 13 October 2007 at the Academy in Emmitsburg. Documentation on this is now on our website for everyone to read. With the newly designed web page up and running, it is important we support R. Snader by providing him the updated information he requests. He thanked L. King for his many hours assisting Richard with the updating and entering of the Executive Committee Meetings on the new website. He discussed the excellent working relationship with our allied partners in defeating HB-1048. On 17 April he attended the Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Presentation and Reception in Annapolis. He congratulated Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Underwood presented and discussed his written report. He congratulated the Historical and Archives Committee as the Firefighters Room is 99 percent complete, and they have twice as much storage room now. He discussed the many meetings and events he attends around the state and said it is great meeting with the many people of the Maryland Fire Service. He congratulated Brian Moe for being appointed Deputy Secretary of State. He discussed the health of Judy Lau and her service to the MSFA Executive Committee and the Maryland Fire Service, and is very glad to see her here today.

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SECRETARY L. King presented and discussed his written report. He said all minutes have been transcribed, distributed and posted on the new website. The official correspondence has been taken care of with the exception of a letter he read from Laurel VRS regarding their loan and who they should make payments to (MSFA or MEMA?). The terms of the loan say the payment is to be made to the MSFA. MEMA notified them the payments are to be made directly to them. The 2006 Convention Proceedings Book has been transcribed and is in the hands of the printer. The supplement for the 2005 Convention Proceedings Book is also in the hands of the printer. They are still looking for a machine that would be capable of immediate automatic transcribing and printing. Any suggestions on this matter, let them know. The Convention Packets will be sent out after the 25th. The mass mailing went out in January, covering the Dues Bills, Credentials Forms, Memorial Forms, Annual Awards, and other information for each department. None of the packets came back, so someone within your organization did receive your packet. Some of the Credential Forms are still not yet turned in and should be done ASAP. The letter officially inviting the Governor to our 2007 Convention in June was sent in January, along with a follow up as required by the MSFA Constitution and By-Laws. The Maryland Income Tax Forms have been completed and submitted to the State Comptroller, for both the Association and the Foundation. The Officers and Committee Chairs are reminded their Annual Report is due this weekend. Joe Cooper is in charge of the Convention Registration and packet stuffing again this year (that will start on Sunday 17 June at 0800 hours). He thanked each Chair D. Cox and the Executive Committee for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year. He reminded each officer, committee chair, and organization representative that the reports submission process prior to the Executive Committee Meetings, are done for the purpose of making the meetings move smoothly and quicker, by allowing the officers and members a chance to review them before the meeting. If you cannot make your scheduled reporting time, please contact the Secretary's Office so that any concerns can be met, and the meetings flow smoothly. He reminded everyone that the awards applications are due no later than 1 May, so get your applications in ASAP. He reminded the officers, committee chairs to please sign up for the new website Members Section. He said there is a potential of 72 reports to come to this Association, but Only 38 have been posted, the rest need to get their reports in whether you attend or hold a meeting or not. Secretary King presented an application for Associate Membership of the MSFA from the Anne Arundel Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. The following motion was made by W. Donaldson and 2nd by J. Lau:

MOTION - To accept the application for MSFA Associate Membership by the Anne Arundel Volunteer Fire Fighters Association as presented. Motion was approved by all.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY F. Cross presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the Dues and listed those Departments that have not yet paid their Dues for 2007. F. Cross presented and discussed his report dealing with the Revolving Loan Program. The New Windsor Fire & Hose Co loan is pending. The loans for Neck District VFC and the Lexington Park VRS are both paid in full. All of the rest of the loans are current.

TREASURER R. Jacobs presented and discussed the Treasurer's written report. They are collecting Expense Forms today. He discussed the status of the finances of the MSFA as of 16

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April 2007. The report is broken down in category titles; Balance Sheet (Assets, Liabilities and Equity), Profit & Loss (Income, Expenses, Total Expenses and Net Income).

TRUSTEES S. Hales thanked the other Trustees for their fine service to the MSFA this past year. He said the claims are handled by the committee as soon as they are received. He discussed the status of the claims. They have received only two (2) applications for the Colburn Cup Award. Applications are due in by 1 May 2007. He thanked each of the Trustees and especially D. Carpenter who is updating and rewriting the Manual. They are still working on a Claim in Western Maryland, but have still not yet received the Application Form from them. He said if anyone has a question concerning the Trustees, please bring it to him so it can be discussed by the committee, and the proper answer given. He reminded everyone that the Manual is On-Line for all to see and use. The Manual will be in PDF format so it can be down loaded.

ATTORNEY R. Powell said this should be his last report as MSFA Attorney, and M. Farlow will be taking over his position as Attorney for the MSFA. He discussed organizations soliciting in the name of the Fire Service. He had a clergyman contact him recently soliciting for the Firefighter's Assistance Fund. It was tied in with a conversation he had with someone asking for something in writing and the solicitor was from the Rock Hall VFC. Roger found this Firefighters Assistance Fund on the Internet, that indicates that they do solicit, and the monies collected are used to give Grants to organizations (Volunteer Fire Companies) that apply to them for a Grant. Roger down loaded their Grant Application Form, and a list of the past two years of the Fire Companies in the USA that applied for and received Grants. The list gives the name of the company, but does not include the amount of the Grant the Fire Company received. He said if this organization is soliciting in the name of the Volunteer Fire Companies in Maryland, then we are obliged to give them notice that they cannot do that, and we should ask them to give us the names of all of the Volunteer Fire Companies they named during the course of their phone solicitations. He asked permission of the Executive Committee to let him write a letter to this organization admonishing them, that they cannot cross the line and asking them for the list of all Volunteer Fire Companies names that have been used for the purpose of their solicitations. The following Motion was made by B. Hildebrand and 2nd by W. Donaldson:

MOTION – To authorize our Attorney to write a letter to the Fire Fighters Assistant Fund as discussed above. Motion was approved by all.

He said Bank of America has taken over our Infinity Card Program and this past year we received a lesser amount than in the past (we only received \$2675.00 in the Program this past year). He is reviewing the lease of 17 State Circle (that is coming due soon). He has supplied them with everything they had asked for and hoped to have it completed by now, but have received nothing yet. The new Manual for the Trustees was discussed and received by him. He is doing the lawsuit by M. Wilcom regarding her case that is scheduled for trial on 22 June 2007. If she neither shows up in court, nor files a defense, judgements will be entered automatically against her on that date. He will keep us advised of this issue. He has also been helping L. Sachs with the Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Fund, and they most recently attended a meeting at MEMA regarding the issue of freeing up the money. We have four (4) settlements pending that are unfunded, even though the BPW has authorized the loans.

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A letter read by J. Olson from L. King, thanking everyone for the prayers and consideration in the life and death of his wife Margaret.

FIRE MARSHAL B. Barnard presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the many personnel changes this year in the Fire Marshal's Office. He thanked the MSFA for their hard work and dedication this year with this legislative session, and especially the passage of the HB785 (Safe Cigarette). He discussed the other Bills this year that also passed. The last weekly Fire Service Legislative Meeting was held on 20 April 2007 in Annapolis. The Life Safety Educator Seminar was held the fourth weekend in March. He discussed the Residential Sprinkler Initiatives programs they have participated in around the state. The MFIRS web-based data input program is still expanding and looking for administrators for any jurisdiction that is interested in utilizing the program. Any questions about the program, contact DFM Rick Kosko at (410)653-8999. He said as of 12 April 2007, there have been a total of 30 fire deaths in Maryland. This is compared to 20 at this time last year. The Preliminary Non-Criminal Background checks have now been discontinued by the Fire Marshal's Office, as a result of a recent NCIC audit.

MARYLAND FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION R. Brooks had no written report. He discussed the happenings of the Commission who will meet this coming Thursday, and the next meeting will be in June. B. Barnard said the Fire Prevention Commission has approved the Fee Schedule Review Committee recommendations, and they will be published in the Maryland Register. They continue to update the appointment status of the commissioners for the Commission. He complimented the communication network of the Fire Marshal's Office recently through the past legislative process and the successful passing of the Cigarette Bill.

MIEMSS Dr. Bass presented and discussed his written report. He thanked the MSFA for their support in opposing HB-1048 that would have moved MIEMSS to the Office of Preparedness and Response at the Department of Health & Hygiene. He discussed HB-1298 (Automatic External Defibrillator Program) designed to strengthen the liability protection and de-regulate the use of an AED by an individual. It did not get through, and will be re-submitted next year. They continue to track the number of CRT's, and as of 3 April 2007, there are 262 CRT's in Maryland. They are still waiting for the release of the new National Standard Advanced EMT curriculum. It should be a level they can put the remaining CRT's in. He discussed the Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities (FEMF) Regulations. They must comply with emergency transport protocols established by MIEMSS. MIEMSS continues to monitor (yellow) alert utilizations by all hospitals. The Yellow Alerts appear to be slightly worse so far this year. He discussed the different Alerts in the different Regions around the state, and they will be meeting in May to discuss the Alerts and what to do with them. A Protocol clarification document has been designed to interpret various protocols and remove inconsistent dosing, route, or joules settings. The document is being distributed to all EMS providers and to all protocol classes and educational settings. They anticipate the Board will approve a revised Trauma Decision Tree in the next month. The Program will be mandatory for all EMS providers certified or licensed at the EMT-B level and above. Currently there are 786 approved layperson AED facilities in Maryland with a total of 1938 sites. As a result of SB-718 they have been doing a pilot survey to document occupational HIV exposures and patient refusals to consent to blood testing. They hope to develop a process they can use to be able to calculate the number of times that occurs, and identify areas where improvements are needed in identifying, responding to, or reporting such exposures. They are within two weeks of getting the report from the Helicopter

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Consultant. It is a detailed examination of operations and recommendations regarding the specifications and the process for the replacement of the MSP Helicopter Fleet. That will be the time to sit down with the Governor's Staff and begin dialogue on the process. They continue to look at places that have applied for Primary Stroke Center designation. EMS Week is 20-26 May 2007. L. Sachs asked about protocol change in the guideline for the Trauma Tree dealing with Aero-Medical and the Helicopter Consultant, will one of these threaten the Prime of the MSP delivery system for Street Scene Work rather than the commercial? Dr. Bass discussed this with the ground transport time of less than 30 minutes. The Helicopter Consultant tries to detail the mission and help identify what type (not brand) of helicopter is needed for replacement. Lee discussed prohibitive conduct and patient care, and any drugs and the use of those drugs and how it affects the ability to provide service. He feels this needs more work and he and Dr. Bass will work with the Attorney General to hopefully come up with something to satisfy them both.

J. Seavey asked with the growing and aging population, about the possibility of MIEMSS looking at the legality of transports and the new larger facilities and the volunteer EMS. Dr. Bass said they have had a Task Force meet regarding this issue with people from these facilities, and they have developed such guidelines (when do you call 911 and when do you call the commercial service).

SHOCK TRAUMA B. Fosler presented and discussed her written report. She discussed the Patient Admissions (comparing FY2007 vs 2006) and the Actual vs Budget year to date, and the slight increase for 2007. She discussed the Beds Occupied and the OR Cases (Variance of 161 of 2007 over 2006). She discussed the Capacity Alert (August being the high capacity period with 701 Admissions). The Educational Mission for the third quarter had 7 Tour Groups, 202 High School Students. The ALS Skills Lab had 3 sessions with 32 EMS providers. The Observation Program had 120 EMS providers with Critical Care of 76 EMS providers, and 2000 student contact hours. They also had 14 On-Site Clinical Programs. The STC Gala will be held on 28 April 2007 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

MEMA J. Dronburg presented and discussed his written report. He discussed staffing changes (about 9 openings at MEMA since 1 December 2006). MJOC continues to be the primary emergency management operations center in Maryland. An Operations Manual has been compiled and expanded as necessary. All MJOC staff is participating in their Operations Officer Training and Certification program established by their MJOC staff. They have streamlined the Incident Notification procedures to better serve all recipients. They are providing 24 hour notification and are the single contact number for requesting a fire investigator to all regions, and for K9 or EOD teams from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. He said the state is working on a statewide CADD System, that should get started in the next Budget Year. The NIMS compliance training is completed for Maryland State departments and agencies. He said the obligation of funds for FY2005 Grant Program (SHSGP) has ceased as of 31 March 2007. Funds are dwindling and we have to make the best use of the funds we have now. He said in the 2008 President's Budget, those funds are reduced even more. MEMA has coordinated with MFRI for traditional outreach delivery of Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses. They have learned that after a disaster, they need to have their people go out into the jurisdictions and do estimates of damage, the faster, and the better. They need to do this so they can request federal funding as soon as possible. They can't move forward without those estimates. They have been aggressive in training local volunteers to know the right Forms, and how to go out and do those

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damage assessments. For the upcoming Tornado and Hurricane seasons, they have pre-positioned additional disaster supplies in the form of 1/40' container (PPDS) and 4/20' containers (IRR) The 40ft. containers are supplies for 500 people, and the 20ft. containers are supplies for 250 people. He discussed the recent Mine operations that resulted in two deaths. The Fire Service assisted the Feds in the recovery operations, and they are to be commended for it. He discussed the 508 Funds Audit and asked everyone to please get your reports in ASAP. He said they are continuing to work on the loans, Grants, etc that benefit the fire service. They continue to try to get the funding as best they can. He included a list of those receiving Grants from FEMA.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS D. Skinner presented and discussed his written report. He discussed Questions of Intent Dues and structured Dues increase as:

Question One – “Would you consider a dues increase in the future for MSFA member companies”?

Question Two – “Would you support an effort to structure a dues increase based upon factors such as department size and call load”?

He asked for approval to put these two Questions of Intent on the June 2007 Convention Ballot. After discussion, the following motion was made by W. Donaldson and 2nd by D. Alexander:

MOTION - To approve and allow the Constitution & By-Laws committee to include on the June 2007 balloting, the two Questions of Intent as presented above. Motion was approved by all.

DATA SYSTEMS R. Snader said they have a new Website, please use it. The Members Area still needs members to sign up. He asked committee chairs and members to also register on the website ASAP. L. Sachs questioned the putting of our Minutes out to the general public to read and use as they see fit. He asked that the Minutes not be put out to the general public until the Executive Committee has a chance to look at this issue. Richard agreed. After discussion, the following Motion was made by L. Sachs and 2nd by W. Donaldson;

MOTION - That no Minutes of any MSFA activity be made public until the Executive Committee can meet and act on this subject. Discussion – J. Seavey, D. Alexander, L. Sachs, R. Snader, R. Powell, R. Balta discussed how to handle this issue and the pro's and con's of the issue. R. Powell said we are not obligated by law to publish the Minutes of this organization. After no further discussion, the Motion was voted on and approved by all.

Chair D. Cox said this issue will be acted on at the September 2007 Executive Committee meeting. J. Seavey said we should appoint a work group to work with R. Snader on this matter. Richard said anyone registered on the website can submit news items for the website. All Committee Chairs, as they register, are given edit access to their own committee web page.

FIRE LAWS & FIRE TECHNOLOGY R. Bilger presented and discussed his written report. They have reviewed the new legislation passed during the 2007 session in Annapolis, and the committee has identified several pieces of legislation that will be added to the next edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland.

FIRE PREVENTION R. Collins presented and discussed his written report. The committee last met on 25 March 2007 at Silver Spring VFD. Erin Drumheller and Brandy LaPole have been

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very busy attending related activities around the state, and are available to attend any fire/safety event your company may be having, just give them a call. T. Collins reported the Billboards will be up for renewal June thru September 2007. He uses the information received from the Fire Marshal's Office (and other sources) to decide where to position the Billboards for maximum exposure, and what type of fire/safety message to be displayed in that area. J. Spiker reported they are presently out of the placemats. He has been in contact with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to set up a meeting about advertising (and cost) on their transit vehicles. John also has 3x5 Banners as requested for distribution. E. Horner and A. Ryan continue to distribute smoke alarms for the deaf and hearing impaired. L. Gallion has mailed out copies of the Miss Fire Prevention Rules to the county associations. Applications must be in by 1 May 2007. The Mid-Atlantic Fire and Life Safety Conference is scheduled for 25 September 2007.

WAYS AND MEANS L. Jonske presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the events they have covered since June 2006 with the Raffle Tickets. They have collected so far \$17,678.00. They will go to Spring Fest next. He asked for ok to attend Darlington Apple Festival (\$50 fee) and the Sun Fest at Ocean City (\$1,000). After discussion, the following motion was made by L. Sachs and 2nd by B. Kurtz:

MOTION – To authorize the committees request for them to attend the Darlington Apple Festival and the Ocean City Sun Fest at a total cost of \$1050.00. Motion was approved.

MFRI S. Edwards presented and discussed his written report. He said John Hoglund will be honored on 10 May with the dedication to him of one of the Training Rooms, for the 43 years he has been associated with MFRI. They are working with the Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training and the MSFA, MEMA, etc, conducting several Training Seminars with 169 attendees during February and March 2007. On 26 April 2007 the University of Maryland Center for Firefighter Safety R and D will conduct a Research Symposium on firefighter safety technologies developed at the University. He discussed the proposed Agenda for the event. He discussed the tragedy of a firefighter dying in the LOD and even more so when it occurs during required training. About 13 firefighters die in the LOD during training each year. MFRI has many resources to improve safety via better training and education, and are developing a course to specifically train an individual on how to be in full compliance with NFPA 1403, and how to safely manage structural firefighter training. He discussed the objectives of a training course planned for May 2007 for anyone involved in the supervision of live fire training. The MFRI National Fire Service Staff and Command Course was conducted on 21-28 March 2007. J. Seavey commented on the Fire Fighter death during live fire training, and said we need to not only know 1403. but to follow it. S. Edwards said we need to stop killing firefighters during training. He discussed the up coming MFRI Seminars for May and June 2007. P. Sterling asked about the requirements for Acquired Structure Burns at this time? He said there are none, but NFPA 1403, however, does pertain to this. He said there is a huge discussion forthcoming on what they should be.

PLANNING C. Moe presented and discussed his written report. The committee met on 8 March 2007 at Laurel VFD. The discussed the finances of the MSFA and they have supported the two Questions of Intent (Dues) previously discussed by the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. They reviewed the Retreat information and recommendations. It was broken down into three

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areas (Membership, Finance/Funding, and Communications). They hope to have the Operational Plan ready by the next Executive Committee meeting.

HALL OF FAME D. Cox presented and discussed his written report. The committee will meet on 21 May to select the persons that will be inducted this year. As of today, they have received very few nominations to review. The committee will also review and make the selection of the nominations for the Marbery F. Gates Service Award. As noted, all award nominations are down.

HISTORIC & ARCHIVES H. Owens presented and discussed his written report. The committee met on 25 March and 1 April. They have inventoried and documented about 500 pieces of history as of this time. He showed the Committee some of the items they have found and the difficulty in determining how to log them. They also found a certificate awarded to Sharpsburg that should belong to one of the Departments, and it will be delivered to them. They also have some very old tapes (large type) and do not know how they can ever be able to play them. Many items have no dates to help them be sorted. The tapes may be part of the Secretary's Office and maybe he (or B. Huttenloch) has a machine capable of playing them. They also found the long lost box with the original list of cataloging. The scan of the many items will be given to Secretary King. They do not know if a contract has been signed yet on the museum by C. Jewell.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ROOM R. Siebel presented and discussed his written report on the status of the FF's Room at the UMUC. The renovation is now complete and the cabinets have been redone (cleaned up) with glass fronts, and they have the keys. They will go back there on 15 May and put the plaques back on the wall.

MEMORIAL D. Mooney presented and discussed his written report. The final payment was made to Artist Rodney Carroll. The tamper proof screws have been put in the plaques, and the Title plaque has also been corrected. The electrical problem has been corrected, as too big wattage bulbs were burning out the overloads. Smaller wattage bulbs are now being used and so far no problems. The Memorial Tree (that has died) will be replaced, we pay half and the contractor pays the other half. He included with his report a list of recommended Enhancement Proposals. The historical video has been completed by MIEMSS, and it was submitted for an award by MIEMSS. They plan to put something in the FF Room from the Memorial. They have received a name from the Baltimore City Museum dating back to 1835, that will be researched by Rod Devilbliss, and if it qualifies LODD, it will be included on the wall. The Gala is scheduled for 29 September 2007 in Annapolis. The Memorial Service Committee is putting together the service for Sunday 10 June 2007 at 1300 hours. They will be honoring the gentleman in Garrett County as a LODD. The tri-fold brochure is being updated and will be distributed throughout the state. There will be a Motorcycle Ride on 6 May 2007. Joyce Thorne is making progress updating the LODD database. The Flag protocol is being finalized for us by Rick Petrie, and it will be forwarded to DGS. They received a \$1505 donation from the Harley Owners of Maryland from a Poker Run they conducted on 30 September 2006. They are looking at purchasing a large Maryland Flag, but don't have any prices yet. He asked SHA to put signs on Rt.50 leading to the Memorial site, but the return letter denied this. They did say they would work with us for some kind of sign on Rowe Blvd. Their next meeting is scheduled for 2 May 2007 at Anne Arundel Headquarters. J. Seavey asked what the problem was with the RT-50 sign? Don said the problem was of a Safety nature according to Highway Safety.

TRANSPORTATION T. Flint presented and discussed his written report. He said we now have over 10,000 FD and 250 Motorcycle tags out there now. They are finalizing for the upcoming

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year's certifications. They have ordered the incoming President's Tags for both the MSFA and LA-MSFA, from the MVA. They are working with our MVA rep to develop a Question and Answer sheet to be provided to our County Coordinators to help with situations that may arise. The Committee will have an Information table at the June Convention.

ED IAFC –P. Mellits presented and discussed his written report. He discussed his meetings and functions attended and participated in around the state this year. The first week in May they will have a follow up meeting on the Maryland Interstate Mutual Aid program.

NVFC J. Seavey presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the NVFC Spring meeting attended by L. Sachs and himself, and the highlights of that meeting. EMS was the major issue of the meeting, and we need to get involved or we will lose later on. He discussed a motion L. Sachs made at the meeting that the NVFC prepare a white paper setting out the organizations position advocating the right to volunteer. The motion did pass unanimously. He said 55 percent of the Fire Act Grants are reserved for the volunteer departments. To date from 2002, \$1.6B has gone to volunteer departments and \$819M has gone to combination departments. There is a Help Desk for Grants (1-800-274-0960 or firegrants@dhs.gov. He said Associations can apply for SAFER Grants for regional recruitment and retention needs. The NVFC's Heart Healthy Program has performed 12,000 screenings of firefighters to date, and will be at the MSFA convention in June 2007. The Program has teamed with MERCK Pharmaceuticals to start a new program called "Sounding the Alarm for High Cholesterol". PSA's that can have the MSFA logo on them were developed in August of 2006 and are available to our state. The new PSA "Always Fire Safe at Home" is available free to Fire Corps Programs. L. Sachs expanded on the Home Town Hero's Program and the LODD provisions and requirements. The law was passed three years ago. The regulations to enforce that law were not in place until last September. The law says there is a presumption that if you die in the LOD from a heart attack or stroke, that the death (which resulted from the stroke or heart attack that took place within the 24 hours) was indeed a LODD. There is a \$280,000 payment from Government funds as if it were an insurance policy, if that occurs. There have been 240 claims filed with 34 rejected (denied), and none approved to date. He said it is clear the Department of Justice does not want to give out any money. The next NVFC meeting is scheduled for October 2007 in Rhode Island.

HONOR GUARD A report was received electronically, but the Chair could not be here this weekend. They have not been able to meet since January. Vice Chair DeHaven is revising the rules to show the changes from the Honor Guard competition to be held in June at Ocean City.

PRESIDENTS VEHICLE a report was received electronically but the Chair could not be here this weekend. VP. Sterling said the vehicle involved in his previous accident has been repaired and he feel's the vehicle is operating properly. Chair Cox recommended this item be put on the September 2007 Executive Committee Agenda to review the status of the vehicle as of that time.

EMS C. Wills presented and discussed his written report. J. Seavey said C. Wills name was submitted for the NVFC new committee (NEMSAC), but they had already nominated one of their Board members. He thanked the Legislative Committee for their action in Annapolis especially in opposing HB-1048. He said there are changes underway in the Trauma Decision Tree. They have been needed and are welcomed by the EMS Committee. He discussed the Yellow Alerts and their affect on the local areas. There has been talk of doing away with them without any replacements. If they are not replaced, bad hospitals will get worse. He discussed the

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three hospitals in Southern Maryland and how they treat the Alerts and their EMS people. He discussed the Nursing Home Triage Document prepared by Dr. Alcorta and his staff, and reviewed by the EMS Committee, MIEMSS, etc and everyone else. It has to do with the Nursing Home calling 911 when they feel someone should be transported. He feels this document is a license to steal. He advises the MSFA not to sign the document. He said Wayne Tome announced he will not seek reappointment to the EMS Committee, and Charlie would like to recognize Wayne during the MSFA 2007 for his many years of service to the EMS Committee and community. The Next meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2007 at Potomac Heights VFD. He said the Instructors Skill's Workshops held throughout the state have been held and were well received. In answer to the request by C. Wills, the following motion was made by B. Kurtz and 2nd by R. Smith:

MOTION – To authorize C. Wills to present W. Tome with his appreciation plaque at Ocean City when he gives his report. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP F. Underwood and M. Simpson discussed the presentation from the Free State Mortgage Services Inc, and the list of items requested by them to the MSFA Attorney. He included the Included and Optional services of this Program. He presented the Program and F. Underwood said this would be one of the benefits of the Individual Membership Program. M. Farlow discussed the proposal.

RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS D. Alexander presented and discussed his written report. The committee last met on 5 March at Anne Arundel Fire. He discussed the many activities the committee has attended and been involved with since the February 2007 meeting. The town of Perryville in Cecil County adopted a residential sprinkler ordinance on 3 April 2007, and effective on 24 April 2007. The Harford County Association has a plan of action in place toward a residential sprinkler requirement. The committee Budget was submitted on 5 April 2007 with a slight reduction in needs. He discussed the desire for appropriations money for handouts and giveaways by the committee. He thanked the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee for their support. They ask that the MSFA representative to the BRAC Commission take a strong stand on residential sprinklers. The next committee is 30 May 2007 at Anne Arundel County in Millersville. R. Smith discussed a Fire Captain in Talbot County who is really against Sprinkler systems.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY D. Alexander presented and discussed his written report. They met in February and plan for the Spring Drill to be held at the Pleasant Valley VFC in Carroll County on 20 May 2007. The committee submitted their Budget request on 4 April 2007, with little additional request from last years submittal. He asked everyone to be safety conscious as a result of recent tanker accidents on the roadways. Next committee meeting is scheduled for 20 May at the Pleasant Valley VFC.

RED LIGHTS and LICENSE R. Steger presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the CDI's and said the requirements are the same except physicals are required, but not for the non-commercial licenses. This year they had legislation for the command vehicle (HB-1367) to authorize the Green Flashing Light on a stationary mobile command vehicle. HB-1416 was drafted for use of only one license plate on an emergency vehicle, but it got lost in the

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shuffle and was not acted on. Del. Conway said it will be resubmitted next year. Next year they are proposing the use of Amber lights on our emergency vehicles. Now we are authorized to use only red and/or white lights. The Red lights on personal vehicle guidelines is the next project by the committee. They are not changing the law just checking the procedures and a procedure as to how to handle it, as we need to police this issue ourselves. He said we do still control the Fire Police Red Lights, as everything comes under the Fire Chief.

The meetings were recessed and recalled on April 22, 2007 at 0900 hours. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain George L' Heureux. Miss Fire Prevention A. Drumheller led the pledge to the flag. The following Past Presidents in attendance were introduced: L. King (85-86), C. Carpenter (86-87), J. Robison (89-90), T. Mattingly (90-91), P. Hurlock (93-94), F. Cross (95-96), D. Davis (97-98), R. Steger (00-01), C. Mattingly (01-02), G. Worthington (02-03), T. Thompson (03-04), R. Jacobs (04-05), L. Sachs (05-06).

MISS FIRE PREVENTION A. Drumheller thanked everyone and said they are having a great year and looks forward to the convention in June.

DNR M. Mitchell presented and discussed his written report. The Forest Service has responded to 181 wildfires burning 4,433 acres statewide so far this year. HB-102/SB-237 pass in both houses and will amend NR5-70 open air burning limitations when signed by the Governor. The 2007 VFA Grant application package will be available by early May. This year the program will make available \$86,600 to rural volunteer fire departments in Maryland as 50/50 matching sub-grants. Applications are due near the end of June and awards announced in August. The Wildland Fire Camp is 18-19 May at the Broad Creek Scout Reservation in Harford County. The Mid-Atlantic Forest Fire Compact with West Virginia University, will host the Wildland Training Academy 9-15 June in Morgantown West Virginia. J. Seavey asked about the vacant positions discussed at our last meeting and not mentioned here today. Monte said that status has not changed, they are still vacant.

BESSIE MARSHALL FUND S. Worthington presented and discussed their written report. They have paid out 10 additional Cases since the last Executive Committee meeting for a total of 48 this year. They are pleased to help our firefighters and are proud to serve and support the MSFA. They have raised \$42,000 this year.

CHIEF CHAPLAIN J. Long presented and discussed his written report. Remember Chaplains D. Colblentz, P. Wolbert, and Mary A. Farnell's husband in your prayers. The Memorial Service list has been e-mailed to the Executive Committee members for review, and they ask you look for any spellings, corrections, etc. that need to be made.

INCENTIVES PROGRAMS Joan Robison presented and discussed her written report. Garrett County Commissioners have appointed a committee to formulate a LOSAP for that county. Allegany County is in the planning stages of formulating a LOSAP. They are working with VFIS and their County Commissioners have committed to putting money into the program. Information has been mailed to Steve Kesner (MS Chief), and Cheri Llewellyn (Allegany County Emergency Services and Communications). She has received Tax (TIP) reports from only 12 counties as of this date. She read the list of those Counties that have not yet submitted their reports for 2006. The deadline is 1 May 2007 and they said it will not be extended. Any county not in by that date, all of their people will have to file an amended Tax Return (no penalty).

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT – Joe Robison presented and discussed his written report. The MSFA officers and others attended the 19th Annual National Fire & Emergency Services Dinner on 29 March in Washington D.C. A tribute was given to Congressman Curt Weldon, who lost his congressional seat in Pennsylvania. Senator Paul Sarbanes was honored for his years of dedication to the Fire & EMS services. The Grants are open again, and will be accepting applications for the FY2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grants from 29 March to 4 May 2007. Regarding the Death Benefit for firefighter who die on duty of a stroke or heart attack, over 200 claims were submitted, 34 have been denied and none have been approved, and 200 are pending review. He advises those that have been denied, to Appeal each and every one, immediately. R. Siarnicki discussed the Hometown Hero's legislation and those that have (and not) been granted or denied to date. He said the current status is out of 260 cases, 40 have been reviewed, 38 denied, and just this week, two have been approved (one Fire and one Law Enforcement). He discussed the process that each case goes through. Everyone is upset with the lack of progress with this program. He said they are looking for any way to deny the claims, instead of looking for any way to approve the claim, as intended. He said all of the Fire & EMS (Public Safety) services need to unite against this action. J. Seavey commented on the program and said we should send a letter of our dissatisfaction with the progress of the program.

MSFA ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD Joe Robison presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the lack of approval for the MSFA to expend the funds. They followed instructions to the letter but it is still a mess, and it will take politics to straighten it out. L. Sachs is working to resolve this issue, but until it is, we cannot expend funds. Joe said we have about \$2.3M of which \$737,646 has been approved by the Executive Committee for expenditure. This leaves \$1.58M available for future loans from the Low Interest Revolving Loan Account, not including the Moving Violations Bill, but we can't spend the money. L. Sachs discussed the background of this issue and said the money is now in MEMA, it's ours but we cannot write a check on that money without an appropriation. They want to get the law changed (or an interpretation of the law) so we can get the money back. He has been in contact with Del. Conway, and those State Agency's involved with all of the funds, and is to meet with them again tomorrow. He said we have received our monies for this year, but getting next years money is the problem. There are four loans pending, two are for Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad (\$432,000) and Potomac Valley VFD (\$265,575) from the fund VCAF Account. The other two are Neck District VFC (\$109,646) and Grasonville (\$283,000) from the Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund Account. President Balta said if they do not get any resolve at tomorrow's meeting with Delegate Conway, he will request a meeting with the Governor to get the Board of Public Works to get MEMA and the heads of these organizations involved, and get it resolved from the top down. J. Robison was asked about the status of the Bill to make such monies as the LOSAP, tax free? L. Sachs said the projection for that Bill is not very optimistic. The "two weeks off" Bill has a higher priority.

LEGISLATIVE D. Davis presented and discussed his written report. The 2007 Legislative Session started on 10 January and concluded on 9 April 2007. There were a total of 2486 Bills (1443 House Bills and 1036 Senate Bills), Sixty Seven (67) were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or EMS. Of these 67 Bills, 33 passed, and 34 failed. He discussed the many Bills we were concerned with and those that passed and those that failed or

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never came out of committee. He discussed several of the Bills and their final status. He thanked his committee and those that assisted them by showing up when requested to support the MSFA position on certain Bills. .

CONVENTION & CONFERENCE L. King, T. Mattingly, R. Siarnicki and W. Donaldson presented and discussed their written report. The Program Book status was discussed by T. Mattingly, at this time they have only about half the ads and reports they had last year. He said today is the final day to have your reports and ads turned in. Everything goes to the printer on 14 May 2007. W. Donaldson and L. Sachs discussed the status of the Exhibits. Anyone with a special need (table, spot, etc) should contact him ASAP so a spot can be reserved. L. King said Room 208 is reserved during the convention for the Sunday Executive Committee meeting, and the use of our own committees and their displays. The Registration starts on Sunday morning right after the stuffing of the packets. If you have something for the packet, it can be no larger than 8-1/2 x 11 (or smaller) inches. Registration will begin again on Monday at 0700 hours. R. Siarnicki discussed the Main Floor Program and Seminars. They are working on having some hands on live fire and rescue training seminars this year. This is designed for the younger members of the Association. The final date for the seminars is the 25th of April. Chaplain Long and the Program Committee are working on the Memorial Service for Sunday evening at 1900 hours. They request as many as possible to be in their department uniforms for the service. The invitations for the Officers Banquet will be mailed soon and the reply should be returned ASAP and remember they are not transferable. New this year is family night (Wednesday or Thursday to be determined) at the movies. The movie is a double feature (“Into The Fire” and ?). R. Siarnicki discussed the two films. New this year. Into The Fire was produced thru Firemen’s Fund Insurance and the History Channel. It’s about being a firefighter in America today. Firemen’s Fund will be at Ocean City to host the event offer items for sale to support the Fire Grant Program, and it is being administered by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation. A portion of those proceeds go to the survivors programs. The remaining amount will be distributed back to the fire service, and the grant application period is now open for one more week. The Monday Night Party and Family Picnic will have a country theme this year. The Joint Officers Installation with the two organization Officers, will be held on Tuesday in the Main Ball Room. F. Cross said the Golf Tournament (Tee Time 0730 hours on Friday) is expected to be full, but they still need sponsors for the event. D. Cox discussed the Basket Bingo and said they need money for the prizes. Leonard said the food for the Bingo should be improved this year. Leonard discussed the issues with the Businesses and the dealing with the Ocean City Government and the effort to get the 18% we are charged by Ocean City, removed. L. Sachs discussed the Corporate Partnership Program, and we have the same five, and one more potential. He thanked the other counties and various organizations for help and cooperation each year. He said they can still use more help with the programs at the Convention this year. He said the fire works WILL be displayed this year contrary to earlier rumors that they would not because of requirements by the Coast Guard. They have since found a barge to meet the Coast Guard requirements, as they will set off the fireworks electronically and the extra large barge will not be needed and satisfaction has been worked out by R. Steger with the Coast Guard.

SCHOLARSHIP D. Fishack discussed highlights of the program and those that will be graduating this year. They have not had their annual meeting to discuss the scholarships. They will meet on 2 May to discuss the new applicants for 2007-8. They currently have 11 applicants,

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and possibly a few more recently received. They have several that are graduating this year, and they will be invited to the Convention in June to be recognized.

Dale Fishack stated that as of today, he is withdrawing his name from the ballot for 2nd Vice President in June, due to family illness. He is endorsing R. Powell for the position. R. Powell said he has talked with Dale and talked to him about working on other aspects of the Association.

GRANTS B. Stone said the committee is reviewing the Grants received last year and how Maryland compares (3rd in the nation) with the rest of the country for Grants received. The committee toured the state for two weeks with the Grant Program. They had a good response from the state this year and as a result, they are reviewing a lot of Grant applications they hope will be successful. She said the seminars they held were very well attended. Next year they will try to hold them in larger facilities, for more people.

TRAINING D. Stevens discussed the last committee meeting on 23 March at the Lower Shore, that was lightly attended, and some of the happenings in the state. The Ten Year Plan is still due but he can't give any of the plans to meet and put it together.

CAREER TECH D. Stevens discussed the status of the Cadet Program. The State Skills Program was held three weeks ago and the Calvert County class had the winner (Ty Lester of Huntingtown) who won the State Skills USA, and he will be going to Kansas City in June to compete in the Nationals Skills USA. He said the Calvert County class has been really good to work with. He said Charles County has their own program and will not be under our Career Tech Program. Garrett County is the next group he will be working with. D. Alexander discussed the Sprinklers and asked we get Residential Sprinklers included in the Career Tech Program.

MICRB D. Stevens said they met April 18 and approved a lot of research and new instructors, and PDI's. They also reviewed the policy on PDI's and to include some skills classes in that up to 6 hours. This comes from a request from MIEMSS for this spinal immobilization class going around the state of 3 hours PDI. This was approved and needs to be written into the policy. Their next meeting will be in Ocean City on Monday 18 June at 10:00. The revised Orange Book (MICRB Bible) will be published very soon and will be open for 45 days for comments. They also discussed the LODD in Baltimore as it referred to instructors and no action taken on this at this time, just discussion.

MFRETC D. Stevens said they met at MEMA on 8 March with discussion mostly on NIMS and 1403. The Commission Minimum Standards Committee will hold a meeting to discuss live fire burns in acquired structures. They are honestly soliciting comments before the meeting. He said this Board should consider taking a position on this also for that meeting. After all of their discussion on this issue they will then come up with a policy to recommend to the Commission. The meeting will be on 24 May at the Higher Education Commission in Annapolis. They would like everyone's (not just the Fire Chief's) input and opinion on this matter.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR J. Gatton Sr. said there has been very little action with applications for Firefighter of the Year Award, and he wishes there would be more to work with. D. Cox said all Awards applications are down from last year. John said the Awards packet went out in January and this should have been more than enough time to get more than just one application submitted, compared to about 12 applications in the past at this time. P. Sterling challenged the Executive Committee to go back to their areas and come back with at least one nomination (from each county) for an award. John said each company has a Firefighter of the Year (each year), so why can't that person be so nominated for the MSFA award? L. Sachs said

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we should do something other than “abolish it or fix it”. We don’t have the answer today, but do need to do more to get the departments to want to submit someone for these awards. D. Cox said we need to educate the individuals at our stations to get over the jealousies and nominate your member that deserves the award.

AWARDS R. Graf agreed with J. Gatton, the nominations are way off and we all need to rethink what we can do to pick it up.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND BULLETIN A. Reamy presented and discussed her written report. May 1 is the next deadline for the next issue of the Trumpet. There was a misprint in the present edition, and that has been corrected. The printer apparently used an old distribution list, and a new list will be obtained from Secretary King. She discussed maybe having subscriptions for individual members, and she is looking for other suggestions as well. If accepted, it could be an income for the Trumpet. She needs new items for the next edition (apparatus, fire house, etc). She discussed the Budget for next year and asked for \$30,000 to cover any and all costs that might occur. She also needs a laptop computer and has talked to R. Snader about this possibility. They are also asking for year round ads for the Trumpet (all four issues). She is proposing handouts and ad blanks to be passed to the businesses at the convention. L. King said this has to be done in coordination with T. Mattingly and W. Donaldson. President Balta said Amber has done well with what she had to start with and the edition will continually improve, and he asks the Executive Committee to give their help and cooperation with her needs (ads, articles, etc).

BUDGET S. Kesner presented and discussed his written report. He said we have no money. The requests for the new year are due now. The Budget meeting will be held on 16 May in Frederick. The CFS Reception is still lacking income from that with only four donations received to date. He said income and expenses are really down. He discussed the appropriations and the money for the Sprinklers give-a-ways is available. He is most concerned now with the General Fund. He has to keep harping on it, in hopes to get it addressed. Steve said Free ads for the Trumpet are nice but we need the funds for the ads. Money should be turned in for the ads as soon as it is received. President Balta said there is someone obtaining and collecting for the ads, however, they have not received the copy for the ads the people are asking for. Amber said she needs to talk to R. Yinger as she has heard nothing and cannot get into the necessary e-mail files for something to print. She said the following persons are on the committee (R. Yinger, D. Alexander, R. Smith, J. Jarboe, M. Goodloe, E. Horner, and M. Garnice. R. Watkins reminded the Executive Committee that three years ago, he told the Board he could not do the billing, and was told the Financial Secretary would send out the Bills for all of the ads. The insurance companies were the big advertisers, along with others, and they really paid the Bills. He agreed the follow-up is very important. F. Cross agreed, but he has received none so far this year.

SURPLUS PROPERTY E. Woods thanked the Bethesda VFD for the donation of two pickup loads of surplus equipment. He listed the many items in the two loads received. After he gets it all inventoried, he will put it on the website.

NFFF R. Siarnicki discussed the NFFF Bus that is going around the country (making 20 stops) with all of the names (3,144) listed at the Memorial. The Bus will be at the Memorial on the 29th. He discussed the great turnout received wherever the bus has visited. The bus will be in New York on 2 May to do the Baskin Robbins program (ice cream). He discussed the “Courage To Be Safe” Training Program in Montgomery County (free 4 hour class). He discussed the reduction in FF deaths so far this year, as the lowest since 1973.

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SAFETY J. Spiker has Safety Posters available today for those that ordered them. He can order more as desired.

SPECIAL PROJECTS J. Olsen showed the plaque previously talked about for each station, and they will be ready for distribution at the June convention. J. Seavey suggested they be given out thru the Executive Committee reps at the local County Association meetings around the state.

ACTION ITEMS -

1 – Letter from Laurel VRS concerning who or where the loans are to be paid. L. Sachs said they should be paid to MEMA.

2 – Presentation from the Free State Mortgage Service. R. Powell said for use of our logo, we will only get a \$100 contribution for mortgages actually placed. L. Sachs said this is at least the third Mortgage (and Title) Company, and none of them have produced any revenue for us. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and 2nd by D. Alexander:

MOTION - That the MSFA not give favorable consideration to the request of the Free State Mortgage Company. Discussion – V.P. Underwood said we went all day trying to bring in some money to the MSFA, and they might not be successful, but how do we know if we don't try. The previous companies were not successful, but this one might have been. After no further discussion, the Motion was approved by all.

3 – Request for \$1000 for give a ways by the Sprinkler Technology Committee. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and 2nd by D. Alexander:

MOTION - To add to the Appropriations Budget for the Residential Sprinkler Technology Committee the sum not to exceed \$1000 for the give a ways by the committee. Motion was approved by all.

4 – Acquired structures used for live fire training - The following Motion was made by J. Seavey and 2nd by J. Dulina:

MOTION – That in as much as NFPA 1403 clearly defines the requirements for using acquired structures for fire training, the MSFA oppose the adoption of any further requirements by the MFRETC, and that experience requirements for those who enter acquired structures being used for live fire training, be left up to the local fire-rescue department or training facility (ATRA), and that the volunteer representatives on the MFRETC be requested to express this position to the Commission. Discussion: L. Sachs discussed the fact that NFPA is not law in Maryland, therefore, there is no requirement that we observe NFPA in Maryland. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.

5 – Home Town Hero's Program - The following Motion was made by J. Seavey, and 2nd by W. Donaldson;

MOTION – That the MSFA expresses its frustrations and dismay that the implementation of the Hometown Heroes addition to the Public Safety Officers Benefits Act has been so ineffective that, of 240 applications submitted to the Department of Justice, 38 have been denied, and only two have been approved, thus depriving 200 families of public safety

officers who have died in the line of duty, the much needed support provided by the U.S. Congress, and the President of the United States, with the enactment, three years ago, of the governing law. Further resolved, that copies of this resolution be communicated to the Members of Congress representing Maryland, and to the U.S. Attorney General, and to the media and to such other officials as the Presidents of the MSFA shall determine. With no further discussion, the Motion was approved by all.

6 – Request for \$30,000 Budget for the Trumpet Committee – D. Cox said this item should be referred to and taken care of by the Budget Committee.

7 – Authorization for the Trumpet Committee to establish a subscription to the members of the MSFA at a cost of \$15 per year Motion was so made by D. Alexander. Discussion: L. Sachs said he does not oppose the motion, but would like to defer this until we receive a report from the Committee. After discussion, and no 2nd made, the motion was withdrawn.

President Balta thanked Bay District VFD for their hospitality this weekend, and presented them with the funds for the meals received this weekend.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1230 hours with the prayer offered by Chief Chaplain John Long.

NEXT MEETING – Ocean City, Room 208 on 17 June 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. King, Sr, P. P.
Joseph A. Cooper
Ronald E. Watkins
Jacqueline M. Olson
J. Edward Cross

MOTION SUMMARY

MOTION - To accept the application for MSFA Associate Membership by the Anne Arundel Volunteer Fire Fighters Association as presented. Motion was approved by all.

MOTION – To authorize our Attorney to write a letter to the Fire Fighters Assistant Fund as discussed above. Motion was approved by all.

MOTION - To approve and allow the Constitution & By-Laws committee to include on the June 2007 balloting, the two Questions of Intent as presented above. Motion was approved by all.

MOTION - That no Minutes of any MSFA activity be made public until the Executive Committee can meet and act on this subject. Discussion – J. Seavey, D. Alexander, L. Sachs, R. Snader, R. Powell, R. Balta discussed how to handle this issue and the pro's and con's of the issue. R. Powell said we are not obligated by law to publish the Minutes of this organization. After no further discussion, the Motion was voted on and approved by all.

MOTION – To authorize the committees request for them to attend the Darlington Apple Festival and the Ocean City Sun Fest at a total cost of \$1050.00. Motion was approved.

MOTION – To authorize C. Wills to present W. Tome with his appreciation plaque at Ocean City when he gives his report. After no further discussion, the motion was approved by all.

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