



MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9-10, 2011

Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department
Friendsville, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the MSFA Executive Committee was called to order this date by Chair D. Stevens at 0900 hours at the Friendsville VFD

PLEDGE – Pledge to the flag led by Chairman Stevens.

OPENING PRAYER – Opening prayer given by Chaplain Walbert.

WELCOME – We were welcomed to Friendsville and Garrett County by FVFC President Rod Bowser, and County Commissioner Jim Raley. President Cox thanked Friendsville VFC and Garrett County for inviting us here this weekend.

ATTENDANCE – The following members and guests were present at this weekend meeting at Friendsville.

PAST PRESIDENTS – C. Carpenter (86-87), J. Robison (89-90), P. Hurlock (93-94), F. Cross (95-96), S. Cox (96-97), D. Davis (97-98), R. Knippenburg (98-99), R. Steger (2000-01), G. Worthington (02-03), R. Jacobs (04-05), L. Sachs (05-06), R. Balta (06-07), F. Underwood (08-09), R. Powell (09-10).

TRUSTEES – S. Hales, D. Carpenter, G. Worthington.

LA-MSFA – Pres. S. Lutz, VP T. Crisman, VP S. Soper, Treas. A. Davis, Color Bearer D. Struntz, E. Huttenloch (Bessie Marshall). They thanked

the MSFA for having them here this weekend. Elaine said they still need Ads for the Program Book.

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FIRE MARSHAL - Bill Barnard.

SHOCK Trauma – J. Radcliffe

DNR – Monte Mitchell

MSP-AV – Major Mark Gibbons.

FIRE PREVENTION QUEENS – MSFA Elyssa Cool, Jr. Miss Western Maryland Shelby Simmons, Alleghany County Dakota Wilson, and Jr. Miss Gracie Lakem.

STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION – Chair Tim Dayton

REPORTS -

PRESIDENT COX - D. Cox presented and discussed his written report. He said to keep John Guntow and his family in our prayers. Last week we lost Hershel Armor of Charlestown VFC who was still active on MSFA committees. He asked to keep Bill Huttenloch in our prayers as he is still having a rough time. He congratulated Clinton VFD for their 75th Anniversary, Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company, and Odenton VFC on their 80th Anniversary, and College Park VFD on their 85th Anniversary. During the past few months they have been very busy attending Banquets around the State. On 8 December 2010, the Vice Presidents, Executive Committee Chair D. Stevens, MSFA Fire Service Personnel Group Chair Beard, and himself attended a meeting with

Director Muth and his staff relating to manning the Fire Desk at MEMA during emergencies. He welcomes the approach of the last days of the

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2011 Legislation Session. Each Friday morning in Annapolis, Chairman Davis gives them an update on the status of certain Bills and what is or what has happened during the week. He thanked Chair Davis and Vice Chair E. Yinger and commended Rose Davis, Carene Housenfluck, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Betty Radisch, and Barbara McWilliams for their commitment to the Session. These ladies are the ones that keep the office running smoothly in Annapolis. He thanked Chair Doug Alexander for his leadership with the Sprinkler Committee. A special thank you to Fire Marshal B. Barnard, MFCA President Jeff Thompson, and Executive Committee Chair D. Stevens for their efforts in the work of the committee. He said the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Grant Program that started last year, has been a big success, but we can still do better. He said only 10% of the membership have applied for the money. There is a total of \$36,000 available, and the deadline is 15 April 2011. He thanked Chair R. Siarnicki and his Convention Committee for the many hours they have devoted to the upcoming Convention in June. He included with his report, a complete list of his travels around the State since November.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – Dave Lewis presented and discussed his written report. He discussed the happenings of late and the upcoming events around the State. He expressed his condolences to Doyle and his wife Cathy on the loss of Cathy's father. He asked we also remember in our prayers the members who are going through some rough times

with medical issues (Bill Huttenloch, Tom Diem, Vernon Dulin, and Robert Hahn). He thanked the many Departments around the state for

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the hospitality shown him and his wife Gloria. He said there are several Safety Initiatives being implemented that are vital in changing the way we do business so that “Everyone Goes Home”. He said we have arranged for the delivery of two Train-The-Trainer sessions for the NFFF “Courage To Be Safe” Program. The sessions will be held on 20 and 23 April; 2011. The Life Safety Task Force will also be meeting again on 16 April 2011 at the Frederick County Training Center. They will be planning for the Safety Seminar on 1 October 2011 to be held at MFRI in College Park. On 16 March the MSFA hosted a meeting with MEMA, to discuss the staffing issues with the Fire Desk. The meeting was at the recommendation of MEMA Director Muth. They have developed several recommendations that are currently being worked to help improve the staffing issues. They will continue to work with MEMA to stop the so called knee jerk reactions to the first drop of rain to activate the Fire Desk. On 17-19 March he represented Maryland’s Voluntary Emergency Services providers at a landmark summit hosted by IAFC/VCOS. He hopes our own Retention and Recruitment, and Marketing committees can use some of this information to meet its goals in the coming year. He thanked Pete Mellits and Bill Smith for their participation in the summit. On 2 April he attended the Ribbon Cutting ceremonies and grand opening of the Frederick County Fire Museum. He said for a year with no money, it has been a strange year. The level of Bill activity didn’t seem to have been reduced because of

the economic issues, and MSFA appears to remain level in the Budget proposals. He thanked the members of the Planning Committee for their efforts on revising the MSFA Operational Plan. They hope to have

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a draft for the Executive Committee at the June meeting. They will be attending the Shock Trauma Gala on 16 April to honor some of our State's Outstanding EMS heroes. He reminded us of the special tribute on 5 June to our fallen heroes at the Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial in Annapolis. This year they will add another name to the Roll of Honor and pay tribute to Mark Falkenhan who died in the Line of Duty on 19 January 2011.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - John Denver presented and discussed his written report. Since the last Executive Committee meeting in Cordova, he has attended 13 meetings with partner agencies, 12 County or regional Association meetings, 5 hearings, 2 banquets, 3 MSFA committee meetings, and sadly 6 funerals or memorial services. The most recent was last weekend when we honored Herschel Armour, long time MSFA committee member and Past Chief of the Charlestown VFD. While the Legislative Session in Annapolis is not yet over, it has been a relatively successful session for the MSFA. This success is due to the efforts of the MSFA Legislative Committee led by PP D. Davis and PP. R. Yinger, and the Fire and Emergency Services Partnership built up over the years. He thanked President Cox and VP Lewis for their continued guidance. He also thanked the many Associations and Departments for their hospitality as he has traveled around the State.

QUEENS – Chair K. Reppe introduced Queens Elyssa Cool, Sabrina, Grace, Wilson, and Shelby. They thanked the MSFA for their continuous support and cooperation this year. They have all been very busy this year attending many events around the State. They look forward to the

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rest of the MSFA year. Kristi said the Miss Fire Prevention Application forms for Ocean City are due by 1 May 2011. They must be submitted by certified mail to: Kristi Reppe at 153 – Moul Avenue , Hanover, Pa. 17331.

Recognition Forms are due to Sherry Soper by 1 June 2011. These forms are available in the convention packet for any Fire Prevention Ambassador that is attending the convention at Ocean City Maryland. If anyone has any questions, please contact Kristi at ccfireprevention@yahoo.com or call 410-596-5465.

CHAPLAINS – Chaplain H. Hetz reported on the progress of the events scheduled for the Convention Memorial in June. Rev J. Long was not present today, but did submit his written report. He said most of the Corps has been busy visiting the ill or hospitalized, and conducting or attending funerals for members of the MSFA. He discussed the [planned Memorial Service planned for the convention in June. They have 6 special recognitions to do this year: Nettie E. Fox (LA-MSFA PP 57-58), Robert N. Dempsey (PP LA-MSFA 80-81), Robin L. Browning (PP LA-MSFA 97-98), Mary Jane Scully (Conference Chair 85-86), Mary M. Russell (Webpage Chair 09-10), Carlos M. Alfaro (Convention Audio-Visual Subcommittee Chair).

Ed Preston remains in the nursing home in Catonsville. Chaplain Coblentz has been hospitalized since last Friday due to some complications. A Memorial Service and Tribute will be held on Saturday 24 April 2011 for the LA-MSFA PP Robin L. Browning.

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SECRETARY – J. Olson presented and discussed her written report. The Minutes of the November 2010 and February 2011 meetings have been transcribed and will be distributed this weekend, thanks to Assistance Secretaries J. Cooper and N. Cox, and after approval, will be posted on the MSFA website. The MSFA Credentials were sent out to all member companies and a list of those companies that have not submitted, will be distributed to the appropriate Executive Committee member. All reports for the Convention and Conference Program Book are due at this Executive Committee meeting. Please forward them to Ginny Wilhite (Whilite231@aol.com) or contact Elaine Huttenloch. Each Officer, Committee Chair, and Organization representative are reminded that the Reports are to be submitted prior to the Executive Committee meeting. If you cannot meet your scheduled reporting time at the meeting, contact the Executive Committee Chair Dan Stevens, so he can make other arrangements. The Convention and Conference final Packet has been mailed to all companies and is located on the MSFA website. The 2011 Constitution and By-Laws Amendments have been posted on the MSFA website and will be mailed out before the 7 May 2011 deadline.

TRUSTEES – S. Hales and D. Carpenter reported their last meeting was this morning. They hope to increase the Death Benefit to \$7,000 this

year. D. Carpenter said his term as Trustee is up this year and he asks for everyone's support, and hopes to be re-elected in June. Steve thanked Danny for all the hard work done by him this past year.

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ATTORNEY – M. Farlow reported the loans for both Joppa Magnolia and Ellicott City have been settled. Waldorf is now in the pipeline, and Parsonsburg settled after the February Executive Committee meeting. He is working to make the settlements quicker when possible. They are laying the ground work for the next one's coming along. He spoke with the Assistant Attorney General after the Ellicott City settlement.

MFRI - Larry Preston presented and discussed S. Edwards written MFRI report. He said the Incident Command Center is in the process of being finalized. They have been running some exercises with it this past week. The MFRI Incident Command Simulation Center (ICSC) will be located at MFRI HQ in College Park. It is designed to simulate emergencies incidents from single unit responses to major disasters. Eventually this will be on a local level on web line and tied to a web base system so it can be available across the State. MFRI will be purchasing simulation programs and also developing custom programs designed for our needs. The 2011 Maryland Fire Chief Officers Seminar was presented by MFRI on 12 and 13 March 2011 at the University of Maryland in Rockville. They had 240 individuals in attendance. The North East Regional Training Center is progressing with construction well underway. The General Assembly approved Capital Budget of \$7.8

million in funding to support the NERTC project. They anticipate completion in July 2011. The MFRI National Fire Service Staff and Command Course was conducted on 16 – 23 March at Ocean City. 76 students attended this year's program that represented 24 different States. They received very positive comments on the course. Maryland

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Weekend was on 5-6 February 2011 at the National Fire Academy. S. Carter asked about what is required regarding physicals? He said there are three ways to meet one of the three requirements for the 6 different courses: A physical from a personal physician, or a Department physical, or there will be a web base system you click on the address and fill in the personal information and medical information survey. That information is forwarded to MIEMSS medical group for review and they make the final decision. If the student satisfactorily completes the course, MFRI has a fund (\$10,000) to pay up to \$75 per person (if need be) to help pay for the physical. The program is in its final stages for approval, and should be out soon with approval and is expected to start 1 July 2011. J. Seavey said that Scuba (Johnson) wanted everyone to know that the committee is invited to participate in the review of the re-alignment of the Technical Rescue Courses going from Operations Base to Certification Base. Larry said yes the MSFA has been included at the table. He said the people that receive their classes do receive some kind of certification when the class is completed. The student program takes a minimum of 15 students to start a program. He said the Train-The-Trainer (Courage To Be Safe) program is scheduled for 20 April and 23 April 2011

MIEMSS – Dr. Bass presented and discussed his written report. HB-215 Emergency Medical Services Providers passed both the House and Senate. It changes the nomenclature for EMS providers, licensure and certification levels to align Maryland with other States and the National Registry: First Responder will be changed to Emergency

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Medical Responder. Emergency Medical Technician-Basic changed to EMT. Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic changed to Paramedic. SB203 Health Care Decisions Act gives the newly created Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST). It forms the same effect as an Emergency Medical Services “Do Not Resuscitate: (DNR) Form. He said the Statewide EMS Conference was held 2-3 April 2011 at Ocean City. This year the National EMS Week dates are 15 May 2011 through 21 May 2011, with 18 May 2011 set aside as Emergency Medical Services for Children(EMSC) Day. The 2011 theme is “EMS – Everyday Heroes. eMEDS has successfully completed its 30 day pilot phase. Its implementation is moving along as planned, and support from the EMS community continues to play an important part of the implementation effort. Additional related projects include CAD Integration and grant documents will be available from the MIEMSS Regional Administration starting 11 April 2011. Guidance was developed to enable a 911 Center to request helicopter dispatch when information from a 911 caller or from on-scene law enforcement indicates that a trauma patient is in a location where medevac transport would normally be needed, and the patient has the following conditions: Unconsciousness, Ineffective Breathing, Gunshot or stab wound to the head, neck, torso, shoulder,

or groin, Complete amputation of hand, arm, foot, or leg. MIEMSS in collaboration with MFRI, MSFA, and commercial ambulance companies, have launched a Task Force on Ambulance Safety. The Task Force has convened more than six times over a 12 month period, to discuss the essential aspects of safe transport in a pre-hospital environment. The Patient Tracking System (PTS) has been successfully utilized during the

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Western Maryland Health System hospital move. The program provides real time situational updates. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has convened an ad hoc committee of subject matter experts, chaired by Dr. Bass, to inform the use of prepositioned medical countermeasures (MCM) for the public. MIEMSS is working with the members of the Stroke QIC to draft regulations for the designation of comprehensive stroke centers to provide a level of care above the designated primary stroke centers. Designated Comprehensive Stroke Centers will provide higher intensity medical/surgical care and testing not available at a primary stroke center. The EMS Board has proposed revisions to COMAR30.02.02, regulations regarding licensure and certification. The EMS education standards committee has submitted their recommendation to the EMS Board for implementation of the standards by 2012. There is currently no pilot program scheduled to run for the Spring or Summer semesters for the new education standards. As of 6 April 2011, there was 27,103 certified or licenses EMS providers in Maryland. DHMH reports influenza has decreased, and the Yellow Alerts have also decreased slightly during that time. All 23 Maryland Hospitals that currently perform primary PCI have been designated as

Cardiac Interventional Centers by MIEMSS. MIEMSS continues to work with stakeholders on the development of a STEMI System of Care in Maryland. MIEMSS will also form a workgroup to develop Inter-hospital Transfer Guidelines for STEMI patients that arrive at non-Cardiac Interventional Centers. MIEMSS is working to provide online stroke educational for all Maryland Emergency Medical Dispatchers. The goal is to increase recognition of stroke signs and symptoms and decrease

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stroke patient times between symptom onset and arrival at hospital. To date 11 of 25 jurisdictional dispatch offices have implemented the training, and to date, 274 dispatchers have completed the training. He said there are now 34 Primary Stroke Centers statewide. J.Seavey asked about a National Registry, which will line us up with the other States, and will be a benefit to the other providers in the state. He said we should do caution in the turnover of information to the National Registry, and the intimidation of the process not being fully explained. The failure policy will be reviewed by MIEMSS and explained regarding the number of times taken, etc. C. Moe is concerned about the extra time being put on the volunteer. He said the National Registry will not change that, it will be used for an initial registry. E. Huttenloch thanked Dr. Bass as when Bill was at the hospital in Chicago and she was told after his attack, that she had to go back to the facility, and if not she has to find a doctor in Maryland to accept him. They would not do this for her. She Called Dr. Bass to help her situation, and he did get a doctor at the University of Maryland to accept him in their Intensive

Care. Thank you Dr. Bass. He said Shock Trauma J. Radcliffe and his staff also worked on this for Elaine and Bill.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL – B. Barnard presented and discussed his written report. Currently the Office of the Fire Marshal has two full time vacant positions (one is Deputy State Fire Marshal, and the other one is for Fire Protection Engineer). Interviews will be held on 15 April 2011. As of 31 March 2011, there have been 17 fire deaths reported. This compares with 26 fire deaths reported during this period last year. House Bill 140

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Public Safety (explosives) died in the House Judiciary Committee. HB-849 Public Safety – Smoke Detectors approved for sale by the State Fire Marshal, Repeal was 139 – 0, no further action at this time. House Bill 711 – Manufactured Homes – Sprinkler Systems Requirements – Opt out provisions for local jurisdictions received an unfavorable report in the Environmental Matters Committee. Companion SB 581 received an unfavorable report as well. Senate Bill 112 – Sale of Novelty Lighter – was approved by the Senate. Unfortunately House Bill 192 received unfavorable report by the House Judiciary Committee. Now Senate Bill has a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on 31 March 2011. He said several fire departments and/or Counties are not submitting MFIRS reports to the OSFM in a timely manner. Please continue to remind all fire departments of the importance of submitting accurate and timely MFIRS reports to the OSFM. The MSFA in partnership with the State Fire Marshal is continuing the Public Fire and Life Safety Education Grant program in 2011. This program is designed to provide assistance to MSFA member companies by providing funding assistance

in the form of fire prevention publications and supplies development. The total amount of available funding in 2011 is \$36,000. The maximum funding support to each member company application request, is \$500. Each company is required to provide matching funds of at least 20% of the total expenditures. Applications must be submitted no later than 15 April 2011.

RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER INITIATIVE– D. Alexander was present this weekend, and his report was discussed by B. Barnard. The committee

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has participated in several local jurisdiction hearings and final votes along with testifying against HB-711 and SB-581 in Annapolis. Both Bills received unfavorable reports out of committee, essentially killing them for this session. Belair voted to require residential sprinklers in all new one and two family homes as part of their adoption of the 2009 IRC. Calvert County also voted to leave the residential sprinkler requirement in the 2009 IRC, though not implementing the requirement until July 2013. Somerset County voted to remove the sprinkler requirements from the 2009 IRC during their adoption process. The town of Galena also voted to opt out of requiring sprinklers as part of the 2009 IRC. To date, they have 14 counties and at least 91 of 157 municipalities with residential sprinkler requirements in place. Cecil County has a hearing coming up on 19 April to back out of the previously adopted requirements. They also have hearings in the town of Vienna on 11 April, and in Church Hill on 18 April. The Committee still stands ready to assist or support any group with residential sprinkler requirements upon request.

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RURAL WATER SUPPLY – D. Alexander is not present this weekend. His committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting, however, they have completed preparations for the Spring exercise to be held on Sunday 22 May 2011 at the New MARKET District VFD in Frederick County. They are currently looking for a host for the Fall 2011 drill. If your company is interested, contact him or a member of the committee as soon as possible. Several local drills and training sessions

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have been conducted by members of the committee throughout the winter and early spring.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER – Jim Radcliffe presented and discussed his written report. He reported FY2011 vs 2010 Patient Admissions showed a variance to Budget of 470, and a variance to FY2010 of 238. He said the Capacity Alert for FY2011 was highest in August 2010. They are presenting: Spinal Injuries: on 6 April 2011 at the Center's Auditorium. Their Educational Mission was fulfilled with the FY2011 third quarter stats: Tours had 10 groups plus 3 EMS. ALS Skills Lab had 3 sessions with 44 EMS providers. The Observation Program had TRU of 112 EMS Providers plus 24 EMS. Critical Care had 88 EMS Providers. The On-Site Clinical Programs had 22 programs. The Evening Educational Programs had 3 programs with 12 remote sites set up to receive broadcast.

STATE FIRE PREVENTION – Tim Dayton said the Commission is staying busy. They plan to put together a sub-committee to review the Fire

Prevention Code. Their next meeting will be on 21 May, then again in June 2011 (dates to be announced later).

MSP-AV – Maj M. Gibbons presented and discussed his written report. He gave the Mission Update for first quarter 2011: Scene Medevac +26 percent, Patient Transport +112 percent, Flight Time -14 Percent. The final design specifications for the first six (6) aircraft are underway (two airframes begin assembly in May 2011, and delivery expected in May 2012. Pilot training, one month transition training will start in January 2012. The Legislature has tentatively approved the purchase of 11

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helicopters. They have also approved the purchase of a level 7 flight training device (FTD), and the funding to identify and construct (if needed) a training facility for the FTD. The EMS Board has endorsed the recommendations of the Expert Panel and house the EMS Workgroup in regard to adding a second medical provider. The Legislature has recommended funding of the additional Trooper/Paramedic positions in accordance with the aircraft delivery schedule. FAA Part 135: A consultant has been selected and will begin work on the coming months. An extension on the study was granted until 1 May 2011 (necessitated by the delay in aircraft procurement).

DNR – Monte Mitchell presented and discussed his written report. Congress has not yet approved the Federal Budget for FY11, and they do not yet have the funding advice from the USDA Forest Service for the 2011 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Program. Funding will be available for distribution through the competitive grant process as in

previous years. Applications will be due the end of June and the awards announced at the end of August. The Spring Basic Wildland and Fire Courses are scheduled for 4-8 April 2011. The class includes the NWCG courses: S-130, S-190, L-180, and I-100. Registration is closed and 32 students have registered for the courses. Two RT-130 Refresher and Work Capacity test sessions are scheduled for 30 April at Sandy Point State Park, and 6 May at Fort Frederick State Park. This will be the only two sessions available this year for the Agency and Fire Crew members to recertify for 2011. The Mid-Atlantic Forest Fire Compact is hosting the Fifth Annual Mid-Atlantic Wildfire Training Academy 4-10 June

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2011. The classes will be held on the campus of West Virginia University in Morgantown WV. The first draft of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been completed for the Camp Fretterd National Guard Military Reservation, and also the site of MEMA. The National Guard is looking at possible fuels mitigation projects for the site. A Fuels Mitigation project is in process at the Benjamin Stoddert Middle School in Charles County, to remove dead and down forest fuels in the area. The Forest Service acquired a 2000 and 2001 International 5000 gallon aviation fuel trucks from the US Coast Guard.

BY-LAWS – D. Skinner presented and discussed his written report. The Sample Ballot for the three (3) Questions that will appear on the Ballot at the 2011 Convention and Conference were distributed with the final Convention packet that was distributed in mid-March 2011. This meets the requirement of Amendments being distributed by the Office of the Secretary 45 days prior to the opening session of the Convention and

Conference. The SOP's that would result from the passage of Question Three (3), and the changes to Section D-J that would result from the passage of Question Three (3), were sent to the Secretary on 31 March 2011, to be posted on the MSFA website.

TRAINING – J. Roth presented and discussed his written report. He discussed their last meeting on 27 March 2011 at Sandy Spring VFC. He said the Training Committee has approved the updated 10 Year Plan, and they ask for the Executive Committee to approval the updated document (10 Year Training Plan) as presented and distributed to the

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Executive Committee. After discussion on the 10 Year Training Plan, the following motion was made by B. Kurtz and 2nd by J. Seavey:

MOTION – To approve the 10 Year Training Plan as presented by the Committee (to include the changes and corrections made at the last meeting). Motion was approved by all.

He discussed the Zembower Training Award and updated revisions made to it. These changes have been approved by the Zembower family and the committee. The update has to do with the training classes and their updating that has been done. The Award will be affected by the changes next year and does not affect this year's Award. He said the sponsors for the 1st Runner Up (Bay District VFD) and 2nd Runner Up (Earleigh Heights VFC), have not paid their share in the past, and they will be contacted to see if they would like to continue to do so. The next meeting of the committee will be after the Convention in June 2011.

EMS – B. Dousa and R. Udell presented and discussed his written report. They attended EMS CARE last weekend. The committee is working with MIEMSS to be sure their providers complete their yearly Protocol update. The change of MIEMSS notifying them of providers that have not completed the update, should help all jurisdictions keep their providers up to date on protocols. The eMEDS Pilot Program is progressing very well from the providers standpoint. The reporting is very easy. Their next step is to simplify the hospital interface on the reports. They now have to deliver the reports in some way (FAX, or

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drop them off at the hospital, etc). eMEDS provides them the capability to allow them access of patients reports they transported electronically. They are starting with MIEMSS a statewide refusal protocol. They are making progress with some of the jurisdictional credentialing project for the paramedics.

MFRI BOARD OF ADVISORS – D. Stevens said they have not met, therefore there is no report.

MFRI TECH – D. Stevens said they have not met but will be meeting at the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Annapolis on 20 April at 0930. They met with Norm Conway on 3 March 2011 to discuss funding of the Charlie Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program. The meeting was positive, but the issue was not resolved. He did give them guidance on how to proceed, but it will be a long term solution.

MFRETC – D. Stevens presented and discussed his written report. The MFRETC has not met since the last meeting at Cordova. They will meet

at the HEC in Annapolis in 20 April 2011. Four members met with Delegate Norm Conway on 3 March 2011 to discuss the funding of the Charles W. Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program. they did not, however resolve the issue. Delegate Conway offered how we could proceed for a long term solution. He said the MICRB's revision of the "Orange Book" is currently in the COMAR process and should be effective by mid-July.

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VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD – G. Curfman presented and discussed his written report. They did not have the scheduled meeting on 209 March 2011, as they did not have any applications to act on. Since that time, they have received a number of applications to review. Since the Board has approved only one loan so far this year, they need a meeting of the Board in May to review the applications so they can show the Sate that they still need this program. They will meet next on 22 May 2011 at Parsonsburg VFC to review the applications.

AWARDS – M. Bilger discussed many awards and asked they place the winner's name etc, on the big screen at Ocean City? D. Cox said yes, that will be done.

HALL OF FAME – D. Carpenter presented and discussed his written report. To date the committee has received 22 nominations for the Hall Of Fame Award, and 29 nominations for the Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award. The deadline for nominations is 15 April 2011. He said if

you were previously put in for the Marbury Gates Award, you will only receive a certificate this year, and not another plaque. Please send your nominations to him ASAP.

FIRE PREVENTION – R. Collins discussed his written report. The committee last met on 27 March 2011 at Potomac heights VFD. He discussed the \$36,000 available for 2011. The maximum funding support available to each member Company is \$500. Each Company is put Up \$100 to receive the \$500 grant money, for a total of \$600.

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Applications must be received by midnight 15 April 2011. He said there are six (6) public fire and life safety education support kits, located at each OSFA Regional Office, they are available upon your request. There was a public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar held on 19 March 2011 at the University of Maryland Fire and Safety Institute. Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch, Cindy Johnson, and Teresa Crisman did a good job putting this seminar together. The Fire Prevention Books are due to the State Fire Marshal's Office by 30 April 2011. Miss Fire Prevention Applications are due three weeks from tomorrow, and they have received none (0) to date. Reminder the Applications must be sent certified mail, or they cannot be accepted.

RISK WATCH - The Model display's were very well featured at the 19 March 2011 Public Educator and Life Safety Seminar at MFRI. The June Convention 2011 will again include new interactive display's for children. Maryland Safe Kids coalition meetings in 2011 will be held on 8 March, 14 June, 13 September, and 13 December 2011. MIEMSS will

be holding a Sports Safety Week press event on 18 April 2011 in Baltimore. The Kent Island VFD received the MSFA Fire Prevention Grant to purchase the Risk Watch curriculum, and will be implementing it in one elementary school in the Fall of 2011, with a plan to add an additional Grade each year. They also won the Natural Disaster Curriculum from Risk Watch at the 19 March 2011 Seminar. Bobby said they have two new Display's (one from Risk Watch and one from the State Fire marshal's Office). They are both available for Open Houses

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for Senior Citizens, and Special Programs. The materials are free and the \$500 is free, don't lose out on them both.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES – F . Underwood reported the FF Room is all set, just need a picture of President Cox.

PIO – F. Underwood reported everything has been quiet. He gets a tip or phone number request almost daily wanting information, and he just turns it over to the proper people. He asks the Web-Master be notified of any events (Open House, Queen Contests, etc) so they can be posted on the website.

HONOR GUARD – Report was received from F. Hawley who was not able to attend this meeting this weekend. The committee has not met since their meeting in November 2011. Their workshop will be held on Monday afternoon of 20 June 2011. This year the subject of their workshop is "Performing a Casket Watch". He said President Cox was to

confirm with Southern Maryland Honor Guard their participation with a Honor Guard for Saturday night and Sunday evening. VP Lewis will check on the Odenton VFC for their Honor Guard and escorts for the Joint Installation of Officers.

LEGISLATIVE – D. Davis presented and discussed his written report. He reported on the happenings of the 2011 Session of the Maryland General Assembly that is scheduled to end at midnight on 11 April 2011. To date there have been 1355 House Bills, and 998 Senate Bills. Of these, the MSFA is monitoring 42. Of the Bills being monitored, HB192 and SB112 (Prohibition Sale of Novelty Lighters) both were unfavorable and believe they will be killed by the House Judiciary Committee. HB711 and SB581 (Manufactured Homes – Sprinkler System Requirement), Opt-Out provisions for local jurisdictions. They were able to get both Bills defeated in committee. He said HB70 Budget Bill has finally passed, and the MSFA funding levels remain the same as last year. HB72 – Budget (Reconciliation Act of 2011) contains language that will fund the Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Fund (\$400,000) from the Moving Surcharge and then divide the remainder between the VCAF and General Fund. HB83 and SB154 (Health Insurance – Ambulance Service Providers – Direct Reimbursement) They were told they will be amended to read the same and both will be voted out of the House Committee. They did have a Legislative Reception on 22 February 2011 with a good turnout. In the upcoming years, they will look into whether the Reception is worthwhile, or not. He asked everyone to pray for R. Yinger who is sick and will have surgery on 27 April 2011 in Salisbury. He said the House EMS Sub Committee are setting up for a Summer Study to look at funding issues for EMSOF. One thing they are looking at is Billing for MEDIVAC flights. MSFA has always

been since the start of medevac helicopter's in Maryland, to not charge the people of Maryland for the flights, and they will continue to pursue that end.

BROWN and MILLER Wealth Management - PP R. Steger introduced Chris Brown and Mary Wallack of Brown and Miller Wealth Management Group. They discussed fiduciary duties and responsibilities of managing other people's money (Standards of Fiduciary Care).

CANDIDATE – Glen Fishack said he is running as a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the MSFA in June 2011.

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT – J. Robison discussed the findings of the possible shut down last night of the Federal Government. He discussed how, and if it happened, how it would affect the MSFA. He said on 10 March 2011, Senator Joe Lieberman introduced the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2011 (SB550). The Bill would authorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and the Staffing the Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs through 2016. Authorizing the grants through 2016, would eliminate the year to year fight of passage. Many fire service leaders have been concerned about the level of funding that the USFA and NFA receive, and whether they will be able to fulfill their missions and respond to emerging challenges.

MEMORIAL – G. Worthington discussed the Memorial in Annapolis and the maintenance it needs. He said they are pushing the sales of the Memorial picture of the memorial at cost of \$75.00. Next meeting is scheduled for 4 May 2011. The annual Memorial event is scheduled for June 2011 at the Memorial.

OUT OF STATE – G. Worthington said the next event is the President’s Council meeting next weekend in West Virginia.

WAYS & MEANS – M. Volke presented and discussed their written report. So far the 2010-2011 Raffle has produced \$16,015, which is \$1,511 behind last year at this time. They have distributed over 140,000 tickets to the member companies and auxiliaries. If anyone needs more tickets, contact Mitch or Lou. The next large event the committee will attend is Springfest in Ocean City on 5-8 May 2011. Anyone returning raffle ticket stubs, and or money by mail, it must be received by 1 June 2011. He discussed the Prize values and the committee wish to change the values to the following:

Proposed new prize values for 2011-2012:

1 st - \$10,000	6 th - \$500
2 nd - \$2,500	7 th - \$250
3 rd - \$1,500	8 th - \$100
4 th - \$1,000	9 th - \$100
5 th - \$ 750	10 th - \$100

The following motion made by R. Powell and 2nd by M. Bilger:

Motion - To approve the recommended Raffle prizes changes as listed above and effective at the 2011 MSFA Convention in June 2011.

Motion was approved by all.

PRESIDENT’S CAR – M. Vocke presented and discussed his written report. The car has been ordered and should be here in early May. The outgoing Crown Vic car is for sale and is being advertised now. Sealed

Bids will be accepted until 12 June 2011 0900 hours at the Convention Center in Ocean City. The car will have about 122,000 miles on it at that time. Bids should be sent to Rusty Leftwich at (MSFA Car Bid) at 2121 Harkins Road, Pylesville, Maryland 21132. Any questions, contact Rusty. D. Cox discussed a policy for the replacement of the President's car?

HAZMAT – R. Brooks discussed the update of event happenings in the HAZMAT area.

NVFC – L. Sachs and J. Seavey discussed their written NVFC report. Last week they attended the NVFC Spring Board meeting in Alexandria Virginia. He included with his report, a paper copy of the Power Point presentation on Governance. He said they have been told the Line Of Duty Death benefit under the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act is now at \$318,000. He said the Volunteer Advocacy Committee continues to respond to Two-Hatter issues, and is developing a secondary role as mediator, or at least a referral resource with regards to some internal local matters when requested. J. Seavey said he is in trouble with the Local Union and goes on trial on 27 April 2011, on charges by the Montgomery FF Association Local 1664 that he is charged with being a volunteer in part, and more importantly for opposing them in the news media regarding their wanting to collect Ambulance fees. He further discussed the Johns Hopkins health initiative for the Fire Service, they have elected S. Cox to be our poster child. He said they had the General Manager of Duracell Batteries at their last NVFC meeting and they initially promised to donate 10 Million batteries to the Volunteer Fire Service. They were dealing with the popular Stars for this program, and one Rap Star is writing a new song about the Fire Service. They decided to increase the number of batteries from 10 Million to 20 Million. The catch is anytime someone buy's a Duracell battery, if they go to a

website and put in the product code and etc, the batteries will automatically be sent to their local Fire Company. The form is very simple to fill out. He recommends when anyone of you or your friends purchase a Duracell Battery, also go to the website and fill out the Form. E. Woods asked about such areas that do not have a zip code and would not be able to participate in this program? S. Cox agreed this zip code is a problem in some areas. He asked someone to visit that Website and see if they have allowed for this situation. Jim and Lee said they will follow up on this and report back

CONVENTION – L. Sachs, F. Cross and R. Steger discussed the happenings and events scheduled for the Convention in June at Ocean City. He said they are ready for the Convention. The final packs are already sent out. The MSFA Website contains all convention materials. Some of the Steering Committee visited Ocean City, and meetings occurred with the Convention Center Director and staff, the Centerplate Management, Mayor Meehan, Jolly Roger Amusement Park, Quality inn Hotel, and the Town Council. He discussed a few changes: Construction has been changed again and we need only worry about the south side of the center (the Thunder Island side). Miss FP competition is Sunday instead of Monday, PJ Party will be ½ hour earlier, Movies on the Beach now on Tuesday night, and the Parade route change will be in 2012 (not this year). R. Steger discussed the parade and route this year, and the changes planned for 2012. F. Cross still needs golf players and the MSFA Convention Book needs more Ads.

RESCUE – J. Seavey reported for S. Johnson (who is in the hospital). Jim said there has been no change in the ESF9 program at this time. They are moving forward with the document. At their next meeting they will include the Rescue Committee of the MSFA and the Maryland Fire

Chief's. On 9 March 2011 MEMA activated to a level 3 status for the anticipated flooding across the State. ESF9 was not a part of that activation, for reasons Scuba does not understand. He discussed the activation (or not) of the Rescue boats in recent storms.

BESSIE MARSHAL – E. Huttenloch presented and discussed her written report. To date they have paid 37 cases for a total of \$30,600.00. They will be sending out the Convention Raffle Tickets in the very near future. She said they are now required to issue 1099's, so please advise your membership to go on line at MSFA.ORG, and use the new forms that call for your Social Security number. She said to be sure that all signatures are complete. They have had cases not complete, and that only delays the payment. They have Black-eyed Susan Pins for sale at \$7.50 each. She thanked the MSFA for their continued help and cooperation.

STATISTICAL – B. Johnson had no written report. They have had 88 responses (recommendations, manpower, etc). He asked everyone as they go to their Association meetings, when they submit the form they need to put information into the form, not just your name and address.

INCENTIVES PROGRAM – Joan Robison presented and discussed her written report. The committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. Charles County had an increase of \$9.39 per month for each full year of certified service over 25 years. Allegany County now has a LOSAP program. Dorchester, Garrett, Somerset, and Wicomico Counties do not have a program. She attached the latest LOSAP Summary to her report. The deadline for the Tax Incentive (TIP) is 1 May 2011. To date ten counties have finished their lists of qualifying members.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES – M. Gouty discussed the progress in getting ready for the sales at Ocean City in June. She reported she took in \$632 this weekend.

CALL TO ORDER – (2nd Day) Meeting was called back to order this date by Chair Stevens at 0930 hours.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – Chaplain Coblentz.

FIRE LAWS BOOK – M. Bilger presented and discussed his written report. He said several errors have been identified in the current edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland Book. He contacted the Publisher and they have agreed to reproduce the Book at no additional cost to the MSFA. He apologized to the Officers and Members of the MSFA for not identifying these errors prior to distributing the Books. When the reprint is completed, he will make arrangements to have the new Books distributed. At the suggestion of President Cox, Mark will ask the publisher to submit with the new Books, a letter of explanation on why the Book had to be republished.

TRUSTEES - S. Hales said they still have no applications for the Colburn Cup Award to date.

NFFF – R. Jacobs presented R. Siarnicki's written report. The Foundation is in process of hiring a full time Accountant. The Crofton Office has been relocated to a new building in the same complex. The new address is: National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. 2130 – Priest Bridge Drive, Suite 6, Crofton Maryland 21666. Barbara King is still the main point of contact at the Crofton Facility. Conference Room space is available at the office for use by this and other Fire Service organizations. Their 2011 Fundraising efforts include 911 Stair Climbs

(100 locations so far), 46 National Golf Tournaments, 4 NASCAR events this year, and the 31 cent Ice Cream Scoop Night with Baskin Robbins. Recently acquired Chief Rick Mason is the new NFFF Training Director. His role will be to coordinate all of the NFFF Training Programs.

FINANCIAL TEAM – F. Cross, L. Sachs, R. Jacobs, and S. Cox presented and discussed their written report. F. Cross said the February monthly reconsiderations of all accounts has been completed. He said the 2009 – 2010 Financial Review is in progress with Pike, Conner, Associates, etc. In the absence today of R. Siarnicki, F. Cross presented and discussed three reports submitted by Ron (Profit and Loss, Budget vs Actuals, and Balance Sheet). The Profit & Loss was presented for the July 2010 – March 2011 period, and the Balance Sheet listed the Assets as of 3 April 2011. The Budget vs Actuals was for the period July 2010 – June 2011. S. Cox reported on the Budget. From the last Executive Committee meeting they had a small committee to solicit their Budget requests, and to date there have been very few returns received from the Committees for funding, and some have submitted nothing at all. They have asked the Data Systems Committee and the Secretary's Office to put the request out again for their funding requests. They would like something submitted from each and every committee.

ACTION – The **Ways & Means request** to revise the Dollar prizes was discussed. The Budget Committee has met and agree with the proposal as presented, and the committee recommends the proposal be approved. The following motion was made by R. Powell and 2nd by R. Smith:

MOTION – **To approve the change in the Annual Raffle Prizes to the following new prize money values:**

1st - \$10,000, 2nd - \$2500, 3rd - \$1500, 4th - \$1000, 5th - \$750, 6th - \$500, 7th - \$250, 8th - \$100, 9th - \$100, 10th \$100.

The motion was approved by all

F. Cross said they still have about 40 outstanding companies that have not yet paid their Dues, and Invoices for the 40 are ready and will be sent out today.

L. Sachs reported the Loan Fund Committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting. He will be meeting with the Military very soon to discuss the different issues at hand. There is a meeting with DECAF coming up on 22 May 2011. Lee said there is several million dollars available for loans, but not many loan applications to act on. He said we need to show the State that we are using these monies. D. Cox said there are several loan applications coming. The loan applications need to be submitted to the committee by 22 May 2011.

MEMA – Erica Mowbrey discussed happenings and events of the MEMA Agency. J. Seavey asked why EFS9 was not activated for the event? She said the Fire Desk was utilized and the event was monitored and the State would have to be utilized before EFS9 would then be utilized. She discussed the times MEMA was activated this year, and the latest was on 10 March to a level 3. National Weather Service forecast predicted as much as 5-7 inches of rain could fall over most of Central Maryland. They remained at a level 2 activation throughout the weekend of 12-13 March 2011. In preparation for the upcoming Spring and Summer weather season, MEMA is reviewing the Hurricane Annex and applicable checklists. Invitations to the Severe Storms Conference have been sent out. They will host two regional meetings at the request

of FEMA III – Regional Advisory Committee and Regional Inter-Agency Steering Committee in mid April.

D. Lewis reported on the **MEMA Fire Service Personnel Committee**.

PA SYSTEM – H. Hetz reported the system is being levelized and a few glitches being corrected now.

SAFETY – R. Balta presented and discussed their written report. The committee last met on 20 March 2011 at Ridge VFD. B. Balta has reorganized the committee and broke it down into three sub committees (Safety Program, Data Collection, and Convention Support). presented and discussed a slogan of “Buckle Up Maryland: on a Key Ring. The committee discussed promoting Seat Belts. D. Stevens said the seats and seatbelt are too small for Firefighters in the apparatus. If they have to be cut out, there is a problem with the SCBA strap and the seat belt. There is an effort to lengthen the belts and change the color to red. They have a large Banner and need a place to hang it. R. Powell said there is no financial impact, funds are coming from NITZA. After discussion, the following motion was made by R. Powell and 2nd by M. Bilger:

MOTION – To support this project as presented:

Motion was approved by all.

Bobby said so far they have received only one nomination for the Smith Stathem Safety Award.

PLANNING - B. Kurtz said the MSFA Plan is being reviewed.

SCHOLARSHIP – D. Fishack Submitted and discussed his written report. Since their last meeting, all updates have been added to the website,

and they have been concentrating on getting out the word of the availability of the scholarships. The Scholarship Applications are due by 15 April 2011. This year they will be awarding our 175th scholarship, and the committee is currently working on a special Presentation and Award for this event. Any questions, please contact Dale at Chiefringgold@aol.com or by phone at 301-992-1763.

HIGH SCHOOL TECH – D. Stevens presented and discussed his written report. The committee recently accepted a final document that includes an MOU proposed by MFRI, and a guideline for the county school systems. The document will be forwarded to the counties via the regional coordinators. They conducted a brief survey of the counties that have programs to determine the number of students in each. Frederick County has decided to take a break because of lack of students, and take a year to regroup. Prince George's County has apparently put their program on hold to work on other priorities. The Budget people in Montgomery County are questioning the program, and it may be funded next year. The committee will meet Friday with the Garrett County Group that is trying to get a program started. Danny said the counties should currently be actively involved in recruiting for next year. The key to a strong program is aggressive recruitment. The county coordinators should be visiting with the guidance councilors at the high Schools. The committee will continue to meet with the counties that request their assistance.

FF of year – The written report from J. Gatton was received. He has received only 3 nominations for the 2010 Firefighter Of The Year Award. He is still looking for more applications to act on.

SGT at ARMS – L. Woods was complimented and thanked for the noise control service this weekend during the meeting.

SURPLUS PROPERTY – E. Woods reported they have a trailer from the 1990's and he needs a title for it. He also has a few misc items (cans, rope, etc) to get rid of. He recommends they be allowed to wrap up the items, and maybe wind up the committee. R. Powell feels we should keep the committee for whatever may come along. The following motion was made by B. Kurtz and 2nd by R. Powell:

MOTION - To review all Surplus Properties and handle their disposition as necessary. After discussion, the Motion was withdrawn.

TRANSPORTATION – T. Flint could not be here this weekend, but his written report was received. He has no new action to report on at this time.

BILL Olson – Thanked everyone for their support with the recent medical problems with the Olson family.

MINUTES – The Secretary said the Minutes of the February Executive Committee meeting was not available at this time, so the following motion was made by J. Seavey and 2nd by D. Keller:

MOTION - To defer the minutes of the MSFA February 2011 meeting to the June 2011 Executive Committee meeting. The Motion was approved by all.

GOOD OF the MSFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – The members of the Executive Committee discussed the happenings in their area of the State of Maryland.

NEXT MEETING – The next MSFA Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2011 at the Ocean City Convention Hall.

CLOSING PRAYER – Chaplain Hetz asked we keep the following members and family's in our prayers: (Riverdale Chief Chuck Ryan, Takoma Park Edna Fiske, Hillendale Past Chief RJ Strickland, Chair Todd Jackson, Kensington Nancy Reickmyder, Damascus Mary Johnson, Damascus Past Chief Kenneth Howes, Damascus Pete Merson, Damascus Clark Beall, TFC Arthur Plummer, Citizen Truck family, Bernie Fogle, Laytonsville Clark Beall, Exec John Guntow, Bill Huttenloch, D. Cox family, Falkenham family, Dee Monch Family, Alvera Miller Family, and Richard Yinger).

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours.

Submitted by,

Jacqueline Olson, Secretary

Leonard T. King, PP, Secretary Emeritus

Joseph A. Cooper, Asst. Secretary

Kristi Reppe, Asst. Secretary

Ronald Watkins, Asst. Secretary

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