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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2014

CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
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CORDOVA, MD

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Skinner at 0900 hours.

Chief Chaplain John Long - several prayer requests for illness...prayer
Pledge of allegiance

Chair Dennis Skinner - instructions for the day

Welcome by Tom Diem President of Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Introduction of PP and guests by 2nd VP Johnie Roth

Carol Hayden President LA MSFA introduced her officers present
Bessie Marshall Fund Elaine Huttenloch - see report.

President Jackie Olson - see report. The Affordable Care Act, the volunteers are exempt from this act. Thank you to Senator Milkuski for her work. Good legislative reception on January 14. Two hearings on MEMSOF; concerned with, watching and working on this. MSFA has been left out of the appropriations, but put in the supplemental budget. Several hearings on the Senator Amos Fund 508, bill pass last year with stipulations that there would be a work group. Several changes made - word came from MD Fire Chiefs ref to distributed funds. Metropolitan Chiefs added amendment to distribute 51%...MSFA did testimony on how this was detrimental to the volunteers. Will keep all abreast of what is happening.

Will be opening lines of communication with all County Association Presidents.
Income subtraction bill.

Next meeting in Mechanicsville VFD on April 12.

1st VP Dave Keller – see report. I received an Honorary Membership to Junior VFC also Bill Barnard. Krista Green lost her grandmother.

2nd VP Johnie Roth – see report. Acknowledged PP Joe Robison.

Chief Chaplain John Long – see report. Get memorial forms and pictures in for the service in June. I am hosting Federation of Fire Chaplains in Emmittsburg, all the chaplains will be going.

Secretary Doyle Cox – see report. Please sign the card going around for Danny Davis. Credential form is up and running, go on line and submit your credentials. Action items 2: (1) minutes from Ferndale, (2) conference call on 2/10 need to be approved today, application for Associate Membership from International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. of Anne Arundel County. Please send all changes to the directory to Shirley, see has the master.

Board of Trustees Doug Alexander – see report. Representatives please remind County Associations that we are here for them. Need to be notified in a timely manner to make payouts timelier. A Constitution change has been submitted, that cuts out a lot of verbiage in the rules, posted on the website. Remind all about the Colburn Cup award for FF of the year. Also working on getting additional funds in Annapolis...have made little or no progress.

Fire Prevention Ambassadors Danielle Crane and Christa Green – see report.

Financial Team Ron Siarnicki – see report. Please read all reports, a lot of information presented.

1. Work underway with the 2012-2013 financial review.
2. Resolving some issues with the IRS concerning the 2012 tax return relative to gaming with holdings.
3. Work continues to be done with the Fixed Assets and a meeting has been set with State Wide Data.
4. Second set of Bank Files has been transmitted to MD Military Dept. for Oct. to Dec. 2013
5. PNC Bank Account – a review has been conducted and changes are recommended to save costs, streamline the operation and enhance services to the Widows and Orphans Fund.

Question by Jim Seavey - budget, scholarship 157% shows, why is it more than what was budgeted...Steve cox will research

Telephones...#5390 still under budget in general. committees showing 102%...should team be taking a look at cell phone allocations? Fleet

maintenance showing 159%, will be explained.

Ron wants to do direct deposit for Widows & Orphans recipients electronically, firefighter injuries, etc., also credit card fees...PNC can roll everything together, will reduce all fees.

MOTION: TO ALLOW FINANCE TEAM TO CONSOLIDATE ALL BANKING TO PNC (NO PENALTIES)...MOTION BY BEN KURTZ, 2ND BY JOHN GUNTOW – MOTION PASSED.

- i. Business treasury enterprise
 - ii. ACH debits
 - iii. Merchant Services
 - iv. Visa Signature Business Cards
 - v. Business On-Line Banking
6. Officer reports
- i. Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke – invoices have been sent out 12/15/13. As of today there are 40 companies outstanding. I am seeking re-election.
 - ii. Budget Steve Cox - 1st VP vehicle died, needed a complete tune-up. Still have monies available in other line items. Email address is stephan.cox@navy.mil, please make note. On the web an area will be set up to address budget. Received 1st 2015 budget request from J. Seavey. 2/19/12 approved the All State under NVFC, MSFA will provide half of the membership....ask for the committal of \$25K for the membership for 3-years.

MOTION: TO EXTEND THE MEMBERSHIP FOR 3-YEARS TO NVFC FROM THE COMING FISCAL YEAR (2015-2016)...MOTION BY MARK BILGER, 2ND BY RICHARD SMITH – MOTION PASSED.

- iii. Assistant Treasurer, Wylie Donaldson, good meeting with the Dept. of the Military.

NFFF Ron Siarnicki – see report. Last year was a tough year for LODD in the country...projecting 113 in 2014 in Emmittsburg - Texas and Arizona being the most deaths. Costs will escalate (\$1000 to each family)....budget may be \$700K this year just for the weekend. Positive note...2nd Tampa summit...March 2014 is the 10th anniversary.....350 delegates attend....follow on FB.

J. Seavey...regards to Tampa 2 - do you know the number (out of 390) volunteer v career dept.?

Does MSFA have a rep/were they invited? Ron are tracking all applicants making sure there is a cross representation from volunteer and career. There is a delegation from MD attending. Will have to check on the numbers. J. Seavey asking the Budget to check on funds available to send a representative to Tampa 2, we should send somebody.

CONVENTION & CONFERENCE Ron Siarnicki see report. Several meetings attended; Ken Bush gave overview of the program; 7 hands-on training sessions with OC Fools in and around the convention center...21 different topics...working on classroom space. Looking at different sites for the Banquet because of the food, if held at the hall it would be on the main floor. The quality of the food has been an issue for several years. The 45th Street Tap House, Clarion Hotel are some options. Tuesday lunch is dropped this year. MSFA store not bringing in the revenue it needs to. Memorial service meeting planned because of the criticisms from last year. Trophy presentations will be in D hall and should be better than last year. New marketing ideas from Roger Powell. Working with the web team making over the site to make it easier to locate items of interest.

Wylie Donaldson – exhibits – working well. Dave Lewis PP doing the contracts; packets out in December and also on the web; contracts for exhibitors – mailing went out to 115 previous and more to get new ones. 21 contracts returned, \$33,510 to Treasurer's office. Roger Steiger, parade – duties of the Safety Comm. during the parade. The route is the same. Tom Mattingly, proceedings book is ongoing, convention book – ads still coming in, Danny's surgery went well. Golf tournament is back to me, information sent out, no response as yet.

125th Anniversary Tom Mattingly – by-laws require a special meeting every 25 years; various celebrations at the Executive Meetings with several alternatives – deferred to the Parliamentarian. President Olson displayed the mug chosen for the convention...are on sale now.

J. Seavey – thoughts on maybe creating an app for the convention? Ron – yes we are looking at this. Doug Alexander – with this being an election year, are we allowing candidates to speak; Ron only those in an elected office are the only ones allowed to speak.

Office of the Parliamentarian Richard Brooks

Office of the Attorney Mike Farlow – introduced Ashley as the assistant. The loan for Ferndale has been settled. Glen Burnie very close to settlement. Working with fire chiefs to establish a 501c3 status. Time to renew the MSFA trademark, has been done until 2023, budget \$1200 for 2023 for next renewal. Mike and Roger working on how volunteers in MD could have access to attorneys with reduced rates; offering our services across the state for a reduced rate for our membership. This program may be rolled out at convention.

MOTION: J. SEAVEY TO ENDORSE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY AND/OR DESIGNEE IN THE VENTURE TO PROVIDE ATTORNEY SERVICES TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT A REDUCED RATE, 2ND BY BEN KURTZ – MOTION PASSED.

MSP AVIATION Lt. Walter Kerr – transition training, southern md is not going on and will occur on March 10. Trooper 2 is deployed to Southern MD. Pilot SIC will need 20 total, interviews have started. Ribbon cutting was last month rescheduled to march 5th at Salisbury hangar at 1300 hours.

EMS COMMITTEE Dr. Alcorta – still ongoing search for replacement of Dr. Bass.

- The FDA is reporting a severe shortage of IV fluids across the nation, particularly normal saline. The cause of the shortage is being compounded by increased demand during flu season and recent issues with manufacturers. The FDA is working with major manufactures to abate a long term shortage-EMS systems will be impacted until the situation is resolved (see memo).
- ☂ MIEMSS is updating the Statewide Plan: a series of public meetings are being held across the state to solicit input
- ☂ Optional supplemental protocol for EMS operational programs – Naloxone. MIEMSS in collaboration with the MD Poison Center has approved the use of naloxone for Emergency Medical Responders and EMTs as an optional supplemental protocol. The addition of naloxone to the law enforcement services or BLS units would reduce the time to administration of this potentially lifesaving medication.
- ☂ Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) forms. For information on this subject go to <http://marylandmolst.org/index.ht>.
- ☂ MIEMSS implementation of the Veterans Full Employment Act. This Act effective July 1, 2013 expedites licensing for US Armed Forces service members seeking EMS licensure or certification. MIEMSS will credit appropriate training and education for service members who are seeking licensure/certification. For further information contact Rae Oliveria, MIEMSS Director, Licensure & Certification.
- ☂ EMEDS Call Disposition Modifications. The proposed changes may be viewed and tested on the eMEDS test database at www.mdmeds.com/test. If anyone needs credentials to the test database call MIEMSS at 410-706-3669 or eMEDS-Support@miemss.org.
- ☂ MIEMSS online training center has improved for EMS providers and other users.
- ☂ MD EMS Providers – as of February 3, 2014 there are 25,897 certified or licensed EMS providers in MD

EMS COMMITTEE Bill Dousa -

- ☂ Ambulance Safety Summit 6 points of primary ambulance safety:
 - screen ambulance drivers
 - insure effective initial driver training and periodic refresher training
 - increase the use of restraints and safety improvements during ambulance operations
 - reduce the incidence of excessive ambulance speeds and routine use of “lights and sirens”

- improve monitoring of ambulance safety issues and enforcements of safety practices
- create an ongoing statewide forum for ambulance safety issues

The committee would like to have a motion from the Ex. Committee on endorsement of the six points.

MOTION TO SUPPORT THE SIX POINTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EMS COMMITTEE – MOTION BY BEN KURTZ, 2ND BY MIKE FAUST...MOTION PASSED.

- ☂ Ambulance Strike Team
- ☂ Standards – the FDA has extended for 1-year past the existing expiration date the Duodote kits.
- ☂ Proposed protocol updates for July 1, 2015
- ☂ The ALS subcommittee described their ongoing efforts to obtain information from the jurisdictions on the clearing process for ALS providers, both new and those coming from other jurisdictions. They have received information from 5 jurisdictions are looking for other jurisdictions' information. Dr. Alcorta suggested taking the BLS document and see if the ALS can be incorporated also. This project is moving forward.

Dr. Alcorta and Pat Gainer are co-directors and are moving programs, etc. forward. They have the authority to do so.

The protocol changes are on the website and a CD is available for company training.

MFRI Steve Edwards – congratulations to Dan Stevens on accepting the Regional Coordinator position for Southern MD. University of MD security breach, does not affect MFRI students, but does affect the instructors.

- ☂ Maryland Weekend at NFA – went very well, had 121 pre-registered students and had 111 attend.
- ☂ MFRI-Incident Command Simulation Center – currently conducting ongoing training for their field suppression officers at the MFRI Incident Command Simulation Center.
- ☂ Active Shooters Incidents – putting forth simulation in this type of incident
- ☂ Research Report – Evaluation of Fire Service Training Fires – project completed and distributed around the nation.
- ☂ Maryland Chief Officers Seminar is on April 26-27 at the University System of Maryland Shady Grove Conference Center.
- ☂ J. Seavey – heard about the issue of insurance and driving training certification. An EVOC course has to be taught by
- ☂ Mark Bilger – the volunteers at a meeting in the NE Region said that the instructor puts out a regional report of static of classes. Every two weeks a report is generated to show success/failure rate. Ben Kurtz – explained the report.

Monte Mitchell, DNR Forestry has a display outside for review during lunch break.

MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group Troy Odendhal – see report.

- ☂ Having difficulty getting coverage for exercises and dry runs
- ☂ no true activations involving ESF4 since June 2013

Invocation given by Chaplain Hetz

MSFA Foundation Terry Thompson
MEMA

MFRI Board of Advisors group is defunct, will be removed.

Training Committee – see report. Dan Stevens, working on the 10-year plan, current plan is on website. High School Career Tech – Harford Co. working on revitalizing their program. Mike Faust asked about students failing out – maybe they could get EMR certification. EMR will not allow for patient care in back of ambulance. Is the choice of each county.

MD DNR Forestry Monte Mitchell -see report. In 2013 there were 122 wildfires burning 161 acres. The 2013 grant program has been completed with 87% awarded funds distributed. Grant info will go out in May for 2014. Ongoing training, see report. Mark Bilger – how many vacant positions and are there intention filling them, 2-3 openings with upcoming retirements; 1 position in Southern MD...ongoing process. Recent acquisitions in FEPP program have acquired a 2001 27' Safeboat from the US Coast Guard for the Prince George's County Vol. Marine Fire & Rescue Dept. This will provide fire & rescue services on the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers.

Spring and summer outreach events are now being planned. Firewise Staff contacts are available at:

<http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/forests/fire/contacts.asp> . Ben Kurtz on the volunteer fire assistance – the remaining funds...who would we contact – Monte contact one of our staff.

MD State Fire Marshal Ben Geraci – see report. Spoke about positions open. 2 position openings current. 69 fire deaths in 2013. Currently in 2014 there are 10 compared to 19 last year. Instructed his staff to work with the college at Frostburg for better fire prevention. Nothing on their website on fire safety. Hoarding is becoming a big problem...estimate 46,000 across the state involving hoarding. This is a big problem not only for the occupants but the firefighters. Working with DHMH to work out this hoarding problem...a lot of services are involved. Losing seniors is a problem also. A lot of lessons learned at the Columbia Mall incident. On the legislative side is the Amoss Fund which involves our office on the reporting side. Found out that people are living in

storage units, be aware of this in your area. J. Seavey: percentages of closed cases...criminal was 71%. Is the same outreach being done at other universities? Yes we are. On campus housing is not sprinkled...which is a huge problem. Hoarding situation...is the OFM going to take any outreach to the counties on education on how to deal with these situations. Yes, identification is the first step; there are some law situations that need to be dealt with to be able to enter single family homes, multifamily not a problem getting into. Need to identify and get in CAD so firefighters can be told when responding. Mark Bilger...legality of living in a storage unit; there is law for people not to be allowed to live in them.

MD Coordination & Analysis Center Dave Lewis – see report.

1. Active shooter problem, putting together information to disseminate to members. Must be layers options in different areas.
2. Public Health with the laced heroin. 37 deaths in MD this year. Working with all agencies involved to shut down the supply chain, the drug is so strong that it can be absorbed through skin, or inhaled. First Responders need to be aware of this drug.

Grants Dave Lewis – see report. Fire Prevention Grant program is open. Grants committee is there to help. There is money set aside for 4 years to SAFR grant.

VCAF Craig Harmon – see report. The committee wants to go electronic with the process; looking at two products to assist in this process; received a proposal – request the Ex. Comm. approve the expenditures: need \$3000 for the purchase of the software then \$2000 for maintenance...for automation. Request has not been through the Budget Comm. as yet. J. Denver - in legislation allowance to expend funds for this out of VCAF. Congratulations on the progress with the procedures.

Mike Farlow – received a call from Williamsport VFC that they do not want the money as requested...would like to cancel this and put the monies back.

MOTION BY C. ABRECHT, 2ND BY C. WALKER TO PUT THE MONIES FROM WILLIAMSPORT VFC GRANTED LOAN IN 2011 BACK INTO THE VCAF FUND – REQUIRES A LETTER FROM WILLIAMSPORT TURNING DOWN THE MONEY...DAVE KELLER WILL HANDLE THE LETTER...MOTION PASSED. Letter should come to Executive Committee.

Constitution & By Laws Comm. Steve Scheinin – two bylaws change requests have been submitted to the Executive Committee which has been submitted to the Secretary for distribution to member companies and placed on the June ballot. 1. Mount Airy FC for changes in benefits administered by the Trustees. 2. Easton FD, minimum standards for fire companies. The EC has until March 18, 2014 to make any changes. Thereafter it must inform the

Secretary to forward the proposed bylaw changes to member companies for voting on at convention in June 2014.

Ways & Means Mitch Vocke for Lou Jonske – see report. Received so far \$18,010 which is less than last year. The next event is Springfest in OC from May 1 thru May 4. Any help is appreciated. Budget request is in to Budget committee.

President's Vehicle Steve Cox – question from J. Seavey on line 5330...explained the line item question. Question on over expenditure on telephones...a miss code, checking \$3502 spent in that account. Will continue on follow up. 1st VP vehicle taken care of, new radios for vehicles. Motorola donated 3 new APEX radios for the cars. They need to be coded with different jurisdictions. Wagon, Mesin, Cemarac, nationwide NPSPAC 800. This will enable them to talk to most if not all dispatch centers. Final bids on the vehicle: state bid Caprice is \$27,777, Impala is \$20,283. The Tahoe is \$28,861. Car committee wants to place a bid within the budget...the Impala for \$20,283.

MOTION BY RICHARD SMITH TO ACCEPT THE RECCOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE THE IMPALA FOR \$20,283, 2ND BY TIM DAYTON...MOTION PASSED.

Mitch contacted AAA for membership...still waiting for an answer from corporate.

Diversity of the Volunteer Fire Service Bill Hildebrand – see report. Had a meeting on January 23, 2014 to go over points in question. There is a survey attached to the report, please read and make comments as necessary. Send feedback to william.hildebrand@maryland.gov . J. Seavey – 5 members on the committee, but only 2 showed up to the meeting.

Legislative Committee Richard Smith – see report. To find information on a bill go to <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov> , page down to “Bill Information and Status” then enter HB number or SB number, then press enter.

President Olson – had an Executive Session...will be sending out a blast letter for all to send to Senator Conway.

MD Fire Chiefs Association Chief Maletts – recruitment/retention seminar in Bowie, 52 people present. Very well received program. Next seminar will be Southern MD CCRS Co.51 April 19th 1100-1400, another being at the ocean in June.

President Olson re who is allowed to speak at the convention. How are we going to handle the banquet...Doyle Cox – the minutes are not on line for past years. Discussion who should be able to speak at convention. Secretary will research the minutes. Would PP Phil Hurlock please come forward...he has retired from MIEMSS...presented a gift and standing ovation.

Drawing for 50-50 for \$176...Wylie Donaldson winner.
Chief Chaplain Long gave the benediction.

Meeting recessed until tomorrow at 0900.

Meeting reconvened at 0900 by Vice Chair C. Abrecht
Opening by Chief Chaplain John Long a verse and invocation.

2nd VP Johnie Roth introduced the past presidents and guests. Senior VP LAMSFA Ann Price-Davis introduced her officers and PP.

President Olson remarks.

Fire Laws Mark Bilger - see report.

Standards NFPA Roger Steger for Ken Bush – see report. Work is continuing on minimum standards.

Planning Committee Roger Steger, met and reviews all committee reports, all are on target. Everything is going very well.

Safety Committee John Fisher, meeting is set for Branchville at 1000. Committee will be participating at the convention. Safety is a necessary evil.

Fire Prevention & Life Safety Teresa Crisman – see report. Spoke about the FABSCOM: Hearing/Visual Smoke Alarm Program. Hoarding Task Force talked about, get with the grants to request \$676,000 in the Fire Prevention grant...\$576,000 for smoke alarms...will need the NFPA 72 code. \$100,000 for hoarding awareness program. College Park had a hoarding death, had to cut the side of the house out. The show on TV is making citizens aware of the ongoing problem. There is a display in the back today. One check dispersed ONLY.

Risk Watch Cindy Wright-Johnson – see report. Programs are on DVD/CD. Recognition of children and youth who have done something to aid life safety, nomination forms here today. J. Seavey asked about Highway Safety report, discussion. John Denver asked if the banner is available for electronic signs, yes it is available. Mark Bilger is there something replacing Risk Watch? Cindy NFPA funneling funds to what makes them money. Since 9-11 monies are going in another direction.

Robyn Sheldon-Hahn – Fire Prevention Ambassador Recognition 2013-2014 – see report. No applications from the Upper Eastern Shore area. Application has been updating and is on line. Miss Fire Prevention contest is on Sunday, June 15, 2014. Richard Smith question on smoke alarms for hearing impaired...need two, Emmons Horner does not have any. Cost is \$300 each.

MOTION BY MARK BILGER TO SUPPORT THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE TO SEEK FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$676,000 (100% GRANT) FOR HOARDING AND SMOKE ALARMS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, 2ND BY RICHARD SMITH...MOTION PASSED.

Budget Steve Cox – 2 items on Saturday

1. VCAF for \$3000 for software...can come out of appropriations
 2. NFAA \$1000 for Tampa trip...can come out of appropriations
 3. \$1000 for Marketing/Displays, need for MACo before convention
- Account 5414 for \$2000 and \$3000 from 5411 for the total of \$5000

MOTION BY BEN KURTZ TO APPROVE THE BUDGET COMMITTEES' RECCOMENDATIONS FOR THE \$5000 NEEDED FOR VCAF AND NFAA TRIP, 2ND BY J. SEAVEY...MOTION PASSED.

Public Relations Committee Ron Watkins – see report. Where pictures will be taken at convention is still not finalized. Any requests please let me know. President Olson talked about the MD Dispatch and Fire News to get articles back in. J. Seavey would be nice for PP Mattingly to contact them for an ad in the convention book. Also contact them for copies of their publications to have on hand at these meetings.

Historical/Archives Frank Underwood– see report with pictures. Working on getting 2 full sets of mugs.

Recruitment/Retention Joe Chornock, Pappy Hahn, Bill Wagner – see report.

Incentives Program Stu Carter – see report. We monitor counties and can assist if requested. Time for Points Coordinators to get their reports ready. We not have a secure website that reports can be uploaded, this site is secure re SSNs. SSNs must be included to get tax incentives. Report can go in, but only one person can get the information out. Discussion on requirements to receive Tax Incentives...must have 3 active years of service in the past 5.

Scholarship Jim Seavey for Dale Fishack – see report. Remind all that applications is on the website. Deadline is April 15th.

NVFC Jim Seavey – see report. Big issue is the PPACA regarding volunteers. The IRS released the final implementing regulations for the PPACA's shared Responsibility Provision. The final document is 227 pages...see page 26 & 27 (attached). Section B was read. At the last meeting asked the Treasurer's office to explore possibility of an arrangement with Provident's actuarial, Ulrich Mauser, to manage the investments/finances of the MSFA. Hopefully this is being investigated.

Reached out to the President of Lighthouse Uniforms on the Uniform Bereavement Program. A proposal will be ready for the Ex. Meeting in April endorsing the program in Maryland. Mark Bilger – definition of reasonable benefits and nominal fees...is the legislation to be introduced going to cover these. Jim, yes. Teresa Crisman – when PG suffered the loss of Doc Brooks, we did not have a uniform to fit him, Lighthouse did and all we paid for was the shipping. Chaplain Long, this only will work if we send in extra uniforms that are not being utilized. Dan Stevens – thanks to Jim and Dave for their service on the NVFC.

MOTION BY DAN STEVENS TO SUPPORT THE *VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACE (VRIPRA/H.R. 3747) LEGISLATION AND TO SEND A LETTER, 2ND BY C. Walker... MOTION PASSED.*

MARCH 26TH meeting of the Cancer Support Network.

Awards Committee Doyle Cox for Evelyn Graf, packet has gone out to all companies.

Data Systems Barry Johnson working on a mobile friendly site for the convention. Paper forms will be converted to computer forms. Working on where to set up at the convention.

Statistical Report Barry Johnson – see report. 16 companies reported. Remind organizations that it is very important to get the information in so legislation can address our issues. They want to see number, if the numbers are not there we could lose monies. 163 reported last year...less than half. Jim Seavey spoke of some sort of restraints on the 508 monies if reports are not turned in.

Public Address System - Mike Davis – everything is going good. Submitted a receipt for minor repairs. Lending of PA equipment...if ok with the Ex. Comm. If the Chair feels it is ok then the committee is ok with it.

MOTION BY BEN KURTZ, 2ND BY JOHN GUNTOW TO APPROVE THE LOANING OF pa EQUIPMENT IF OKAYED BY THE CHAIR AS NEEDED...MOTION PASSED.

Risk Management Chip Jewell – see report. Renewals – will call VFIS on Monday. The IWIF is now Chesapeake Employer's Insurance Company. The Maryland Firefighter Cancer Presumption legislation – HB1101 was passed during the 20132 session. There were concerns regarding the possible effect on workers compensation rates. As a result in 2013, HB1314 was introduced to delay the implementation of the broadened definition and study the legislation and possible narrow the definition to provide some form of cause and effect...this legislation was withdrawn. Thus, the broadened scope of HB1101 is within the present law. Dan Stevens...instructors impacted but not the students. The presumption law will be good for the members but bad for fire companies.

State Interoperability Chip Jewell – see report. The state continues forward with the MD First 700 MHz radio system. Parallel to the radio system implementation of a statewide computer aided dispatch system is being installed in all Maryland State Police Barracks. There are some logistical concerns, but being worked out. J. Seavey asked- what is the problem with the interference in the radios, is it use/age that is the problem. Chip – there are a lot of problems with interference from the new technology coming along.

Marketing & Events John Denver – displays are being utilized.

Transportation Committee Tom Flint – see report. Re certification print-outs have been slow coming in, verified and deposited \$3,925 making the total \$18,590. Member companies that have not re certified are too numerous to list, the list is available if requested. We can cancel these outstanding unpaid tags through MVA. Paperwork is required by MVA.

Frank Underwood, we cannot get the paperwork or MSFA payment for tags, what can we do about this? This situation will be turned over to the Task Force.

This is a daily job and not getting any results. Told to put on hold until the Task Force comes back with a recommendation.

Application for membership from the International Association of Arson Investigators –

MOTION BY MARK BILGER, 2ND BY DAN STEVENS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION...MOTION PASSED.

MOTION BY BEN KURTZ, 2ND BY RICHARD SMITH TO ACCEPT THE 12/7/1 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THE 2/10/14 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED...MOTION PASSED.

Good of the Association – Dan Stevens regarding the Spring Water Supply

on May 4th. Fall will be in Frederick County.

Closing comments of Executive Committee:

John Guntow...thank you for prayers...Somerset has established a LOSAP program, has gone to legislation.

Jim Seavey – loss of Bill Bliss, Earl Moore in hospital, Ron Watkins had surgery, Ron German had a cardiac issue. Continue to have concerns of the driver safety program. Need to be diligent in how we endorse programs.

Dan Stevens - having radio issues with all the upgrades, cadet program is a challenge, Calvert class is the premier class, PF VFD never missed a call since 1998, convention Saturday at Dunkirk, parade on Sunday at Solomons. George Anderson in CMH in ICU, also Danny Davis on his operation, 3/8 Saturday training 1000 at training center.

Mark Bilger – got plans approved for new training center. PP Cumberland continues to have health issues. Hempsted VFC received a grant for \$10,000 – purchased gear racks. A lot of fund raising on the web site. Savage got a new station.

Richard Smith -

Tim Dayton -

Chuck Walker – PP Jim Deskins passed away, Doc Brooks passed away, Henry Pete Tron passed away. PG finally got a paging system that works.

Charles Abrecht -

President Olson – April 12th meeting at Mechanicsville VFD

Chaplain Long led us in prayer.

Motion to adjourn by J. Seavey, 2nd by Ben Kurtz....motion passed.

Respectively submitted,

Shirley L. Copado
Assistant Secretary