

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

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Executive Committee Meeting

Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department
5200 Southwestern Boulevard
Arbutus, MD 21227

August 27 – 28, 2016

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Chairman Doug Simpkins. The Honor Guard with the Pipes and Drums presented the colors. The National Anthem was sung by Tim Konig. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by LAMSFA President Barbara Sue Nelson.

Officers in attendance: President Mike Davis, 1st VP Mark Bilger, 2nd VP Rick Blair, Secretary Doyle Cox PP, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Chief Chaplain John Long, Chaplain Harry Hetz. Assistant Secretaries Shirley Copado, Nancy Cox, Diana Gunther, Nancy Scott, Tom Scott, Assistant Treasurer George "Fred" Cross, PP, Wylie Donaldson, Robert Jacobs, PP

Executive Committee in attendance: Chair Doug Simpkins, Vice-Chair Charles Simpson, Jim Seavey, Richard Smith, Chuck Walker, Tim Dayton, John Fisher, Mike Faust, Justin Towles, Dan Stevens, Wayne Tome, PP Johnie Roth

The Invocation was given by MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long. The Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums played as they exited the room.

President Mike Davis at the podium – welcomed all and stated this is the kick off of the 125th Anniversary of the MSFA. President Davis acknowledged all living past presidents:

C. Oscar Baker
Joseph A. Robison
Philip M. Hurlock
Stephan D. Cox

Leonard T. King Sr.
Thomas A. Mattingly Sr.
Richard L. Yinger
Charles Daniel Davis Jr.

Robert P. Cumberland Jr.
Bernard J. Smith
George A. Cross
Robert E. Knippenburg

Carl B. Edelin Jr.	Roger A. Steger Sr.	Gene Worthington
Terry E Thompson	Robert W. Jacobs	Paul R. Balta Jr.
Paul H. Sterling Jr.	Frank J. Underwood	Roger N. Powell, Esq.
Doyle E. Cox	David W. Lewis	John Denver
Jacqueline Olson	David Keller III	Johnie Roth Jr.

President Davis: “I think back on what it must have been like on June 7, 1893 when the Maryland State Firemen’s Association gathered for the very first convention in Frederick, Maryland, with the twelve charter member companies, to begin building the great organization this association has become. Twelve volunteer fire departments took that first step to charter this organization in 1892 and incorporated the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in 1893 setting into motion 125 years of continued growth, progress and representation of the volunteer fire service here in our great state. At this time I would like to recognize those twelve founding and trailblazing organizations that made all of this possible. As I announce each Charter Company – a banner representing that department will be carried in by one of the Juniors from the English Consul Volunteer Fire Company:

Veteran’s Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Baltimore	1763
First Hagerstown Hose Co., Hagerstown	1815
Frostburg Fire Department No. 1	1878
Independent Junior Fire Co., Hagerstown	1842 mc 1843
Western Enterprise of Hagerstown	1872
Independent Hose Co. No. 1, Frederick	1818
Pioneer Hook & Ladder Co., Hagerstown	1852
Junior S.F.E. Co. No. 2, Frederick	1838
United S.F.E. Co. No. 3, Frederick	1845
Union Bridge Fire Company	1877
Water Witch Fire Co. No. 1, Port Deposit	1844
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1	1823

The banners were displayed behind the Executive Committee table at the head of the room. President Davis said that the MSFA will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary over the next 10 months. A commemorative challenge coin has been designed for each of the five anniversary celebration sites and a stand for the entire collection is available. The 125th Anniversary Committee presented everyone present the first of five volumes commemorating the 125 years; this one is “*Learning from the Past, Building for the Future.*”

LAMSFA PRESIDENT BARBARA SUE NELSON gave opening remarks. President Nelson congratulated the MSFA on 125 years and advised the Ladies Auxiliary is celebrating their 85th year. She then introduced her officers present. PP Steve Cox a flower from a past meeting.

President Davis thanked Arbutus and presented a plaque to the President John McDowell. President Davis thanked the 125th Anniversary Committee for all their long hard work and named each one.

PP Tom Mattingly gave an overview of the activities for the weekend. PP Mattingly thanked all for all they have done and to Arbutus for hosting this meeting. The next meeting will be in St. Mary’s County in October, with Ridge VFD hosting.

The meeting was turned over to Chair Doug Simpkins

2nd Vice President introduced PP and guests attending.

PRESIDENT MIKE DAVIS – “Volunteers get involved” is my theme. “To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often”, Winston S. Churchill. The structure of the meetings will change starting with this meeting, please be patient. This is one of the items that came out of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee; our reporting system needs to be condensed to move the meetings along quicker. It will follow the Incident Management System, which everyone is familiar with. We need to get more of our membership involved and recruit more new younger members. “If we don’t keep trying to recruit and retain for the future, we will no longer exist.”

1ST VICE PRESIDENT MARK BILGER – see report: thanks to Arbutus and the committee for all the hard work.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT RICK BLAIR – see report:

SECRETARY DOYLE COX PP – see report:

- Each elected and appointed officer will receive a copy of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Whistleblower Policy; Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure form and the Document Retention and Destruction Policy; complete the first page and return to the Secretary.
- Need to approve minutes from June 19th and 23rd, 2016
- Credentials for the 124th Annual Convention: MSFA there are 384 members; 361 active departments; 21 associate members and 2 sustaining members. 335 member departments submitted credentials for 2016 and 262 registered for the 124th convention.
- It must be stressed that an individual can represent only one department as a delegate/alternate. Two or more departments cannot be represented by one individual. Please stress this as you travel around the state.
- The new directory will be passed out today, there are mistakes in it. Give all corrections to Diana today.

MOTION BY JIM SEAVEY, 2ND BY CHARLIE SIMPSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 19TH AND JUNE 23RD, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AS SUBMITTED.....PASSED UNIMANIOUSLY.

CHIEF CHAPLAIN JOHN LONG – see report

BESSIE MARSHALL Kitty Garner, Martha Neal – see report

- As of July 1st, 2016 49 cases paid for a total of \$44,100. Total raised \$47,288

FIRE AMBASSADOR SIERRA SMALLWOOD – see report.

1ST RUNNER UP EMILY REAVER – see report

BOARD OF TRUSTEES DAN CARPENTER, CHAIR – see report.

- Committee met this morning with Treasurer Siarnicki to discuss moving \$100,000 to savings from the \$350,000 due in
- Have one claim to review with attorneys before LODD can be paid
- Raising the Education amount to \$5,000: \$2,500 each semester upon successful completion

ADMINISTRATIVE, DIRECTOR JOE ANTOSZEWSKI

- **VCAF**
- **SAFER GRANT OVERSIGHT** – see report. Justin Towles Chair
 - Committee will be meeting quarterly
 - Jim Seavey – SAFER grant will pay for the “Symposium in the sun” will be November 10 – 13, 2016. A grant can be applied for.

AWARDS DOYLE COX PP – see report

- All awards have been entered on line and all plaques updated
- Hall of Fame committee is in the process of updating the decal and pin
- There have been changes to the John E. “Sunny” Rose Jr. Memorial Training Award

FINANCIAL, DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI – see reports

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Jim Seavey had question on the NVFC membership; Justin Towles- where is recruitment? Year end fiscal report is being finalized.
 - Looking at a net income for 2015-2016 of \$136,386.05
 - 2015-16 financial review, Scope of Work has been established with Fiuke, Conner and Associates (FC&A)
 - Changes to the Quick Books accounts have been suggested for the LAMSFA financial accounts. Work will progress to get these done and submitted to the accounting firm
 - Bessie Mashall Fund payments are taxable and 1099s will be sent to the recipients.
 - SAFER – to date \$456,808 has been expended, balance is \$1,929,813
- **OFFICER REPORTS**
 - **Financial Secretary:** deposits are up-to-date; all dues collected last year; invoices will go out soon for 2017.
 - **Budget Chairman:** any requests shall be made in writing to the committee; there are two (2) issues on the table for discussion at this meeting; any other requests will be considered at the budget meeting this weekend. FF who died before 1981 (308) now have a Walk of Fame in Emmitsburg, MD.
 - **Assistant Treasurers:** tickets for the Bull Roast on sale here today; convention products on clearance sale here today; travel expense allowance approved at convention.

- **Assistant Financial Secretary:** Bobbi Aaron has been excused from the meeting as she has had medical procedure done.
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- **WAYS AND MEANS:** sales to date are \$1,471; 80,000 tickets will be distributed today to member companies; LAMSFA will be distributed at their Fall Conference; Sunfest in Ocean City is Thursday, September 22 thru Sunday September 25, all help will be appreciated.

CONVENTION DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI – see reports

- Event attendance: Jolly Roger-1770; Prayer- 220; Bingo-133; Memorial Service-1800; Opening Service-1500; Seminars: PDI-400; HOT-252; Seminars-551
- Issues to consider for 2017
 - Food provided by the committee – hall managers had problems with food brought in
 - Better advertisement of convention and seminars
 - Need a coordinator for: Corn Hole and Mack Truck Rally
 - Continuance of Frontier Town, Chic Fil-A, Jolly Roger, Splash Mountain and Inlet amusement
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CO-CHAIR REPORTS

- **Administration**
 - Committee solid for 2017
 - Activities already started
 - Web needs are critical to success
- **Exhibits**
 - \$193,250 net income
 - Looking at Sunday schedule and shorter exhibit time
- **Finance**
 - Net income 2016 Convention - \$20,000
 - Income - \$277,496.46
 - Expenses - \$256,870.43
- **Production**
 - 2017 program will highlight the 125th Anniversary
 - HOT will remain the same
 - Seminars may be reduced
- **Program**
 - Convention Book cost \$24,593 to produce with 218 pages
 - Proceedings Book cost \$14,940.54 to produce with 492 pages
- **2017 mail out needs**
 - PP Johnie Roth will be coordinating
 - PP John Denver working on hotels
 - Committee will be working on OC businesses more this year

- **Town of Ocean City**
 - 2017 Air Show will be the same weekend as convention
 - No construction until 2018
 - 3% proposed cost increase for OCCC in 2017
 - Committee has requested to use the Municipal lot on Saturday and Sunday

PP Roth asked if any other venue could be used. Has been looked into; several areas building large convention centers, a lot of discussion on this subject.

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR MIKE FAUST – see reports

- Credentials: see Secretary’s report for figures
- Data System Committee Steven Hinch/Josh Schueler Co-Chairs

TRAINING & SAFETY DIRECTOR KINGSLEY POOLE – see reports

- All committee chairs, please put all meetings on the calendar on the website
- **High School Career Tech**
- Roger Marks suggested a seminar at the 2017 Convention be a topic on Distracted Teen Driving
- Next Training Committee meeting is October 23, 1130 in Hagerstown at Western Enterprise VFC
- **Safety, Michael LeCompte** – see report
 - Getting a small response for SAFER grant funded physicals, take advantage of this. Executive Comm. members take back to your areas. One of MSFA PP was saved from cancer that was found during a company physical
 - Pat Rooney Chart – training is free for “Struck By”. The training will be mandatory for any/all those FF/EMS that are in the roadway by 2018. NHTSB offers training on line and a certificate will be issued.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR BILL HILDEBRAND – see reports

- **MD Emergency Services Resource Committee** – have not met as yet this year. Will be working with the ESF#4 working group to develop and maintain a resource manual.
- **Search and Rescue** – MEMA SAR plan has been completed and submitted to MEMA Director Strickland on July1, 2016. Feedback comments have been submitted to the draft document and a meeting of the SAR workgroup will be in September (date TBD). One of MEMA’S goals is to have the ability to rapidly identify available assets. The MSFA SAR committee is going to move forward with identification of current swiftwater/flood rescue assets. The goal is to credential such assets using the MD Swiftwater/Flood SAR Response System Whitepaper guidelines. The historical flooding in Ellicott City, MEMA notified ESF#9 partners to be ready, but they were not called out. Chair Johnson monitored WebEOC during the days following the incident. Fire and EMS should be sitting together at MDEOC Fire Desk. Committee is working on a plan for manning the Fire Desk.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH DIRECTOR PP STEVEN COX – see reports.

Co-Director appointed is Richard Smith; working on initiatives: sprinklers, some kind of incentive for sprinklers; looking at the legislative agenda; Federal Legislative – PP Bob Cumberland: no action in DC so no report. Keep watching the budget grants program and talk to your representatives.

- **Fire Laws Book** – printing a limited number of books, recipients have been identified.
- **17 State Circle** – renovation have been completed to the building
- **Out of State Events Coordinator PP Bob Cumberland**
 - Cumberland Valley Vol. Firemen's Association Convention and President's Council held August 3-6, 2016, hosted by the Harford/Cecil County volunteer fire companies. Changes in the By-laws, a new slate of officers was elected; the states do not have to run in order for election of officers. PP David Lewis and PP Bob Cumberland were re elected to Director Positions for the next two years. William Keller of West Virginia was elected President for 2016-2017.
 - New York annual convention was held on August 11-13, 2016 in Albany, PP David Lewis attended.
 - 130th Annual Virginia State Firefighter's Conference/Expo was held in Hampton, PP Frank Underwood and PP Bob Cumberland attended. President Davis sent a presentation from MSFA. Conventions coming up in September: Delaware in Dover, Pennsylvania in Washington, PA

MSFA PARTNERS

MD FIRE AND RESCUE INSTITUTE STEVE EDWARDS, DIRECTOR – see report.

1930 the Fire Service College was started.

- Received a \$500,000 from FEMA, this is the 3rd year receiving the maximum award
- EMT course improvements: continue to use the Brady Lab 2.0. Will follow the book, 3 exams throughout the course instead of modular exams; this will add 21 hours of instruction to the course. There is a Computer Adaptive Practice Test for National Registry preparation. Those students that successfully complete the MFRI EMT course will be provided with access to EMSCAT. This access is funded by MFRI and provides students with an opportunity to take up to 12 computer adaptive practice exams during a one year period. These tailored exams are real-time based just as the NR exams will be. All questions in the test bank are correlated to the NR Practice Analysis and are consistent with the current Educations Standards and AHA Guidelines. Feedback has been positive on this.

Any SIPS will have access to the testing. PP Roth – #1 will the students be prepared for the future; #2 who will pay for the testing. MIEMSS will pick up the tab to extra testing. How can older EMTs mentor new students? Charlie Simpson - EMT instructors will have access to the test base. Sign-up is more than in the past. Any change in the EMR rate – not good, added 19 hours to the class. EMRs will have access to the test base. The course is tougher than in the past. EMRs

cannot be Primary Care in ambulance according to COMAR; this standard is set by DOT. Question on the statement at the beginning of EMT class “I know some of you will not pass”, will be looked into by Director Edwards. Justin Towles – want some stats on number of sign up and number that make it through entire process. Jim Seavey – thanks to MFRI and staff for all the assistance in the EMT problem. Richard Brooks – still a number of SIPS who will never be an EMT. Work needs to be done to change the standards.

- Student Council Meetings: one of the goals within the MFRI 2025 Strategic Plan was to create MFRI Student Councils to receive feedback on programs. List of those meetings: WMRTC-November 14; NCRO-November 3; NERTC-November 22; UESRTC-November 16; LESRTC-October 19; SMRTC-October 20, all meetings start at 1900 hours.
- Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference “Campaign Prevention” will be September 27, 2016 at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab Kossiakoff Conference Center starting at 0830 hours.

MD DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES/FORESTRY MONTY MITCHELL – see report

- July saw the conversion of four (4) contractual positions to permanent positions: Firewise Coordinator for the Eastern Region, Forester in Allegany County and two (2) administrative positions. Two (2) seasonal Forest Ranger positions will return on a 10-month contract at Cedarville and Green Ridge Fire Center in Western Region in September.
- VFA grant closed on July 15, 2016, with 53 volunteer fire departments requesting \$123,26 in match funding; total project cost estimate \$252,961. Awards will be announced by the end of September.
- Maryland has dispatched two 20-person fire crews and 8 single resource personnel on assignments to date. The crews were assigned to Idaho and Montana. Single Resources went to Colorado, Idaho, Montana, West Virginia and Wyoming.
- Federal Excess (FEPP & FFP) acquired the first vehicle – 2000 Chevy 1-ton pickup which was assigned to Vienna VFC. FEPP acquired 3 light trailers assigned to Greensboro VFC and Goldsboro VFC.

MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS PRESIDENT HUGH OWENS – a book was made available with all committees and new officers. 2018 the International Association of Fire Chiefs will be held in Maryland. Leadership Conference on November 5th, can sign up on web site. Mike Faust thanked MFC with the work on the SAFER grant.

MARYLAND STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE BRIAN GERACI – see report

- Personnel: 2 sworn and 8 civilian vacancies. Two (2) new inspectors for Western and Southern Regions and one (1) new Deputy State FM who is currently in the academy. Two (2) new Deputy State Fire Marshals graduated and have been assigned to the Upper Shore and Southern Region
- Fire fatalities to date are 33 compared to 41 to date last year
- 2015 Incident information: 2015 saw 14,469 fire related incidents, a 74% increase over 2014. Civilian fire injuries for 2015 increased by 13.5% for a total of 193. FF injuries increased by 9.1% for a total of 275. Total estimated dollar loss reported was \$155,208; this does not include Calvert County as it was not reported.

- 2016 Jan to June: 549 investigations of which 381 were fire related. 37 criminal cases have been closed by arrest with 62 individuals being arrested; 21 were juveniles. 6,078 inspections were conducted and 897 plans reviewed.
- DSFM John Nelson and DSFM Melissa Decker of the Southern Regional Office have been accepted to attend the next ATF Accelerant Detection Class. Upon graduation this will be four (4) ACD canines to the agency.
- Currently developing an OSFM blog site and module app for community outreach
- Add to action items to support the OSFM office for vehicles.
- Letter was sent to the Governor ref to the vehicles on the road, response from Governor said he would look into the situation

CHIEF CHAPLAIN JOHN LONG GAVE PRAYER TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL SUNDAY AUGUST 28

MOTION TO AJJOURN UNTIL SUNDAY BY CHARLIE SIMPSON, 2ND BY WAYNE TOME.....PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.

RAFFLES WERE DONE: green ticket winner – Doug Simpkins

SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2016

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Chairman Doug Simpkins.

CHAPLAIN HETZ LED THE OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Davis, 1st VP Bilger, 2VP Blair, Secretary Doyle Cox PP, Assistant Secretaries: Copado, Cox, Gunther, N. Scott, T. Scott, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Treasurer George "Fred" Cross, PP, Robert Jacobs, PP, Chaplain Hetz;

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Chair Simpkins, Co-Chair Simpson, J. Seavey, C. Walker, T. Dayton, J. Fisher, M. Faust, J. Towles, D. Stevens, PP Johnie Roth, W. Tome.

2ND VP RICK BLAIR INTRODUCED PP AND GUESTS

CHAIR SIMPKINS – check out the display in the back, gifts on the table, flyers on the table, fund raisers on table.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY MIKE FARLOW – audio lost

EMS BRANCH DIRECTOR WAYNE TOME, RICK UDELL – see report.

THE FIRST PART OF REPORT LOST DUE TO AUDIO LOST.

- EMT discussion – to change the ruling on EMR certification. Again the statement on some students failing at the onset of the class by the instructor. Need to be positive
- Leadership changing: Steve Frye is retiring, will be replaced. Joan Williams is retiring and will no longer serve or chair the BLS committee.
- PP Johnie Roth spoke of Dr. Alcorta statement of MD goal is for all providers to be paramedics
- Jim Seavey –
- Justin Towles – Rick Udell stated that EMR should be able to transport Priority 3 to hospital. We just have to monitor this.
- Mark Bilger – is the EX. Comm. going to do anything this year at the legislative level to change these things? Rick Udell – make a point of the number of hours for the classes. Does MD need to go back to a state test. ? bad to open up legislation, may be other things in it that will not work.
- NR Paramedic Recertification requirements – requirements for Paramedic has been dropped from 72 hours to 60 hours (no change for I99s since they will be phased out in the future)
- Ambulance Safety next meeting will be August 25 and October 13.

MD INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SYSTEM DR. SEAMAN – see report

- New Licensure System will be implemented within the next few months. This system should be user friendly for all providers. It is designed as a self-service system allowing users to log in and perform many of the functions that previously could only be done by the Licensure and Certification staff in office.
- SEMSAC BLS COMMITTEE – monitoring the changes (this subject was discussed under MFRI report)
- Certified and Licensed Providers in Maryland:
 - EMD 1,168
 - EMR 2,029
 - EMT 19,323
 - CRT99 746
 - Paramedic 3,608
- New Primary Stroke Center – Doctor’s Community Hospital
- CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) is presently in 27 jurisdictions. The fifth phase began on August 1st in Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Garrett and St. Mary’s Counties
- eMEDS is now statewide and in most commercial ambulance services
- Discussion on the EMT/EMR situation; MIEMSS working with MFRI to get the students tested and in the field. President Davis said from talking to departments across the state, losing EMTs in the volunteer service. Asked the question “What does MIEMSS do?” Do we need MIEMSS? The SIPs are not being followed up on; to make sure they have a chance to take the test. MIEMSS has always adopted the National scheme. The SIPs that failed the first test, is MIEMSS going to pay for the next testing? Dr. Seaman said yes. Is there any further on the bridge from EMR to EMT? Dr. Seaman advised it is a work in progress. PP Roth mentioned again the statement by Dr. Alcorta about everyone being a paramedic in the state and do away with the other levels. This is a concern with the firefighters. Can the practical test for NREMT be done at the local level, so the student does not have to travel? Dr. Seaman will look into it. Narcan – supply and demand, will it affect the need for the EMS providers; health departments are issuing to the public. Dr. Seaman responded with yes it could be a problem. Dan Stevens stated that Southern MD is in crisis. Rumor of some states are abandoning National Registry. Dr. Seaman said states are going toward National Registry. Potential members are not joining because of the hours of training. John Fisher spoke about the hours of training and how good the system used to be.
- MIEMSS not doing spot inspections, working with jurisdictions to do inspections.

FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE SAFETY HOLLY TREGO CO-CHAIR – see report (Director Teresa Crisman absent)

All sub-committees have submitted reports electronically

- Working with member departments with request for information on smoke alarms; answering questions and producing tip sheets. Pleased with the number of requests to support the smoke alarm grant program that was announced in June; certificates to have the smoke alarms sent to their locations for their Community Risk Reduction efforts. The OSFM will have announced the remaining companies that need to contact KIDDE for their deliveries.

- Fire Prevention Week: the theme is “Don’t Wait...Check the Date!” Replace smoke alarms every 10 years; this program is the final year of the three year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.
 - Focus is on: smoke alarms should be replaced every 10-years
 - Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home
 - To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10-years from that date.
- The sprinkler trailer is being scheduled and is working very good, schedule is in the report
- RISK WATCH CYNDI WRIGHT JOHNSON CO-CHAIR –
 - Estimated that the display saw over 350 families at convention
 - MD Risk Watch Team at the state level will be planning for 2017 convention in partnership with Safe Kids Maryland and local coalition support from Safe Kids, American Trauma Society and Family Advisory Network of EMS for Children. We welcome suggestions and request your support.
- MISS FIRE PREVENTION LORI DENBOW/BRIDGETT WASHIER – see report
 - Rule change for 1st Runner-Up: the 1st Runner-Up should be eligible to run the following year(s) for Miss Fire Prevention. As it is now she cannot run again.
- 1st VP Bilger asked about the distribution of the smoke alarms in the warehouse in Baltimore...it has been discussed.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DIRECTOR JIM SEAVEY, MIKE FAUST, CONSULTANT SKIP MAHAN – see report

- MISSION STATEMENT: **The Mission of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is to Serve, Promote, Advocate and Represent the Interests of the Volunteer fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services of Maryland.** This is the only Mission Statement to be used by the MSFA
- Skip Mahan – discussed the new branches/committees list. Need the name of the person(s) submitting all the reports to the Branch Directors.
- Mike Faust: need to get the website up to date to track membership.
- Another issue is getting the younger generation involved in the association.
- COMMITTEE (13 members):
 - President & Executive Comm. Chair – serve as Co-Chairs
 - 1st VP & Executive Comm. Co-Chair
 - 2nd VP & Executive Comm. upcoming Chair
 - PP & Past Executive Comm. Chair – serve as Co-Chairs
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Budget chair
 - Marketing chair
 - SPSC Consultant – Ex-Officio

President Davis said working partners are in favor of the new reporting system. A copy of the new Branch list is attached to this report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DIRECTOR MIKE DIXON – see reports

- **EVENTS & MARKETING MIKE FAUST/JOHN DENVER CO-CHAIRS - see report**
 - Website looking to build is not the msfa.org
 - Working with the Oversight Committee and agreement was reached with Benchworks to help with the SAFER Grant.
 - Had a booth at the Maryland Municipal League in OC June 27 & 28. Also at MACo in OC August 18 & 19.
 - Designed and had copies of the 2016-2017 Tri-folds to use at events, will bring copies at the next meeting in October

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS RON WATKINS – see report**
 - Working on distribution of the photos from the convention

PP Roth said there were a lot of complaints about the website msfa.org not being user friendly.
Justin Towles –

MEMBER BENEFITS DIRECTOR CHARLES SIMPSON – see reports

- **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION JOE CHORNOCK CHAIR**
 - MDVolunteer.org recruitment website is still a work in progress, waiting on the hiring of the marketing company
 - SAFER grant – providing members with reimbursement of tuition back to fall semester of 2014. The member has to remain a LOSAP active member of their department through 2017.
 - Statewide Recruitment Day is April 23, 2017, this is the state of National Volunteer Week
 - FROG class in OC on December 10 & 11. IAFC-VCOS “Beyond Hoses and Helmets” seminar for March 31 – April 1, 2017 at North East VFC. Looking to have this seminar in every region
 - Next meeting is September 28th in Odenton
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- **CANCER SUPPORT FLO COLLINS CHAIR – thanks to Jim Seavey for his support. The info is still not getting out to each county/members.**

- **NVFC JIM SEAVEY/DAVE LEWIS PP CO-CHAIRS – see report. 589 members have joined NVFC in the All State Membership**
 - Next meeting will be held September 21-23, 2016 in Charleston, SC.

- **INCENTIVES PROGRAM STU CARTER CHAIR –**
 - GASB 73 ruling pertaining to employee pensions is being challenged that it could also apply to LOSAP benefit payments to volunteers. There is still confusion as to whether volunteers are employees under this ruling. If so, then each county would have to place additional funds in a trust for LOSAP. The committee will continue to follow this and report back.

- Please check the spreadsheet attached to this report for each county, make sure the figures are correct, if not please get corrections to the chair
- An updated MSFA-P.2.2 will be sent out to each County Points Coordinator announcing the next \$250 increase bringing the deduction to \$4,250 for 2016.

TRANSPORTATION BRANCH DIRECTOR MITCH VOCKE - see reports

- **TRANSPORTATION TOM FLINT CHAIR** - Committee is working on some tag issues; seven tags in Frederick have been removed. Need coordinators in Caroline and Queen Anne's counties
- **PRESIDENTS VEHICLE STEPHEN COX PP CHAIR**
 - OSFM has the vehicle
 - 1st VP vehicle was given to 1st VP Bilger, some repairs need to be done (\$1900), not under warranty. 2nd VP has his vehicle. Looking into the purchase of the new vehicle next year. Recalls on vehicles – none received.

MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY EX. DIRECTOR RUSSELL STRICKLAND – see report (absent)

MD STATE POLICE AVIATION COMMAND MAJOR SCOTT LOWMAN COMMANDER – see report

- Change in Command effective August 31, 2016, Major Scott Lowman is new commander
- Flight training Device & Building – device is under construction, possible delivered for late fall 2016. The building has been delayed due to meeting some codes, construction to begin in September
- Masters Services Agreements – RFP for maintenance on the AW-139 airframes was submitted to DBM on June 7th. Pre-proposal conference was held on July 11th, solicitation bids due back on August 1st. Contract is scheduled to go to BPW on 10/05/16, if approved the state date will be October 17, 2016 for 5-years.
- 1st VP Bilger asked about the training video...still under construction

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER – see report

- Alternate landing zone – refurbishment of the north pad, all air traffic will land on the south pad; in case of this pad being inoperable the BGE Spring Gardens will be used
- Seminars continuing, positive feedback

NATIONAL FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS FOUNDATION DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI - see report

- NFFF Memorial weekend is October 7, 8 and 9, 2016: 79 LODD from 2015, 9 from previous years, 24 FDNY Post 911 WTC Disease, total to be honored – 112
- Fund raising has increased and is greatly appreciated from all: National Harbor Stairclimb is Sept. 10th; Dover NASCAR race is coming up; SPAMFA for the 15th anniversary of 9-11 is planned.

- Summit in Washington, DC on January 2015 to address occupational FF cancer, from that came the creation of the Fire Service Cancer Alliance
- (FRC) “First Responder Center for Excellence for Reducing Occupational Illness, Injuries and Deaths, Inc.” (Center). The Center is a non-profit affiliate for the NFFF and a MD Nonstock Corporation, will have the capability to bring experts together to work on projects that address the examination of best practices, conduct research, create programs and deliver authoritative and practical reports and training materials.
- A section in the “Walk of Honor” was established to pay tribute and recognize all of the Fire Service Line of Duty Deaths that occurred before 1981,
- The US Fire Administrator appointed PP Bobby Jacobs to the Board of Directors to represent the state of MD
- September 14th SMVFA will host a golf tournament to benefit the NFFF

OLD BUSINESS:

- PP Bob Cumberland –list of 10 courses from the DOT that are on line

NEW BUSINESS: none

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Stu Carter – scholarships are for residents of the state of MD only; ask it to be looked at because of the bordering companies.
- 50-50 winner – 8997821

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Jim Seavey – Chief Earl Moore to be placed under Hospice. New training academy starts tomorrow. Continuing on LOSAP negotiations. Wheaton VRS gave an ambulance to Page County Virginia.
- Chuck Walker – convention coming up, meeting 9-29/30. 9/10 at National Harbor will be a Antique Fire Equipment Muster
- Tim Dayton – thank you
- Charlie Simpson – thank you
- John Fisher – 100% in the fire reports;
- Mike Faust – no LOSAP in the upper shore
- Justin Towles – convention 9-3 thru 12th; passing of John Spiker immediate past president; NREMT is still a major issue in county
- Dan Stevens – thank you; high school hit a snag – will not have a program this year in Charles; Calvert Co. starts tomorrow; Waldorf banquet, LP Vol. Rescue Squad two stations ran over 20,000 with only 14 misses
- Wayne Tome – school programs, the drawback is the length of the EMT course;
- PP Johnie Roth – MD Memorial GALA is 9/24 in Hollywood; did well at the 1st Cancer Support walk raised over \$17,000; 2nd one will be in the spring
- Doug Simpkins –
- Birthday celebration for Mr. Tom Collins 90 and Ed Thurston 92; and Diana Gunther (Happy Birthday was sung)

CHAPLAIN HETZ gave the ending prayer

MOTION BY Charlie Simpson, 2nd by Wayne Tome to adjourn the meeting....passed
unanimously

Respectively submitted,

Shirley Copado
Assistant Secretary