

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

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Executive Committee Meeting

Ridge Volunteer Fire Department
13820 Point Lookout Road
Ridge, MD

October 15 – 16, 2016

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.

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

The Invocation was given by MSFA Chaplain Harry Hetz; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

CHAIRMAN SIMPKINS welcomed President Francis Raley and Chief Ray Mercure to the podium for the welcome.

PRESIDENT MIKE DAVIS at the podium – welcomed all and introduced the original companies as their flags were brought in by a group of children from St. Michael's School. The flags were then displayed in the front of the meeting room.

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

PP THOMAS MATTINGLY made a presentation to NFFF Chief Ron Siarnicki with a check for \$20,478.99; from the golf tournament that was held in September.

PRESIDENT DAVIS presented a plaque to Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association President John Wathen

President Davis indicated that his report has been submitted. Trying to keep the progress going, still have some things to get done. Next meeting in February in Frederick. Thank you to all.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT RICK BLAIR introduced all past presidents and guests in attendance.

Officers and Members of the Executive Committee in attendance were: Chair Doug Simpkins, Vice-Chair Charles Simpson, Richard Smith, Chuck Walker, Tim Dayton, John Fisher, Mike Faust, Dan Stevens, Wayne Tome, PP Johnie Roth, President Mike Davis, 1ST VP Mark Bilger, 2ND VP Rick Blair, Secretary Doyle Cox PP, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Secretaries Shirley Copado, Nancy Cox, Tom Scott, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Bobbie Aaron, Board of Trustees Chair Danny Carpenter, Chaplain Harry Hetz, LAMSFA President Barbara Sue Nelson. Absent: Chaplain John Long, James Seavey, Justin Towles and Nancy Scott.

LAMSFA PRESIDENT BARBARA SUE NELSON gave opening remarks. President Nelson introduced her officers present.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT MARK BILGER – see report. Thank you for coming, thank you to Ridge for hosting and have a great weekend.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT RICK BLAIR – see report

SECRETARY DOYLE COX PP – see report:

- Need to approve minutes from Executive Comm. meeting August 27/28, 2016 in Arbutus.

MOTION BY CHARLIE SIMPSON, 2ND BY RICK HEMPHILL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27TH AND AUGUST 28TH, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AS SUBMITTED WITH CORRECTIONS.....PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHIEF CHAPLAIN JOHN LONG (ABSENT) – see report. Chaplain Hetz advised Chaplain was in Ohio.

BESSIE MARSHALL Kitty Garner, Martha Neal – see report

- Will be creating a mission statement for Bessie Marshall
- 7 cases reported as of October 8, 2016
- We are available to attend any county association meeting, just contact us.
- The application has been updated on the website
- Lottery tickets are out; tickets for the wooden truck and afghan and pins are available this weekend
- Receipts as of October 8, 2016 is \$9,461.50
- Kitty is now Kitty Oliver, new phone number – 301-357-3134, H) 301-345-2416.

FIRE AMBASSADOR SIERRA SMALLWOOD – see report.

1ST RUNNER UP EMILY REAVER – see report

BOARD OF TRUSTEES DAN CARPENTER, CHAIR – see report.

- Meeting to discuss LODD from St. Michaels VFD for Robert Traynelis – claim approved
- Met with attorney Mike Farlow to discuss dependent children's Education Benefits for LODD and LODI Benefits. Benefits were upped, but paperwork has to be submitted timely; the Guidelines have been updated and posted on website.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY MIKE FARLOW

- Assisted the Board of Trustees with the writing of the guidelines
- The use of the trademark must come through the attorney's office before being used

Mr. Jeff Ringer introduced himself and advised he was a candidate for 2nd Vice President of MSFA. Jeff is from Williamsport, Washington County, Maryland. Mr. Ganley is also a candidate for 2nd VP.

ADMINISTRATIVE, DIRECTOR JOE ANTOSZEWSKI

- **VCAF** – see report
 - Woodland Beach has withdrawn their application for \$2.5M, which will go back in the coffers. The Military Dept. has been notified.
 - (1) President Jim Raley of the Eastern Garrett County VF & R Department, the department has requested \$78,727.60 to purchase a complete set of new rescue and extrication tools to replace tools that are 25 years old and obsolete. Repayment will be 5-years.

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- (2) President Dave Remsburg and Board of Directors Tina Holloway of the Jefferson VFC are present to request a loan for \$100,000 to re chassis the 2010 ambulance to a 2017 Dodge 5500, 4x4 cab and chassis. Repayment will be 5-years.

MOTION BY RICK HEMPHILL, 2ND BY MIKE FAUST TO APPROVE THE LOAN TO JEFFERSON VFC TO RE CHASSIS THEIR AMBULANCE FOR \$100,000...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (3) Financial Secretary Keith Fairfax and Treasurer Bruce Thieden of the Bay District VFD are present to request a loan for \$450,000 to renovate Station 9; the station is 25 years old and lacks FF living space. Repayment of 10-years.

MOTION BY DAN STEVENS, 2ND BY CHARLIE SIMPSON TO APPROVE THE LOAN TO BAY DISTRICT VFD TO RENOVATE STATION 9 FOR \$450,000...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PP Roth asked about the VCAF monies: \$15M outstanding; \$7.5M committed; \$5M to be settled and \$10M to lend. This does not include the \$2.5M returned by Woodland Beach. He also asked about the representatives of the SAFER GRANT OVERSIGHT making decisions vs the entire committee.

Bill Smith, President of Mechanicsville VFD spoke of the progress of their renovations to the firehouse.

- **SAFER GRANT OVERSIGHT** – see report; Justin Towles absent.
 - Total expenditures for tuition reimbursements: \$151,582.78 (over 50+ members or families receiving assistance).
 - Physicals Program – only 3 companies have requested information.
 - VCOS – 24 members attending
 - Firehouse Expo – 3 members approved
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AWARDS DIRECTOR DOYLE COX – getting ready to do the mail out for the convention for awards

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, DIRECTOR PP STEVE COX – see reports

- Out of State Events, PP Bob Cumberland- see report
- Federal Legislative Oversight – continuing resolution for 2016 still in effect. State Legislation – residential sprinklers, committee formed by MACo. Richard Smith – the committee presented several items they were not in favor of, meetings postponed (2). MSFA reps are talking to reps in Annapolis, will be asking for letters of support. A new bill number will be passed out. If the law is changed it will affect the bill that was passed earlier. Keeping eyes on anything that affect MSFA.
- Constitution and Bylaws, Harve Woods – see report

TRAINING & SAFETY BRANCH, DIRECTOR KINGSLEY POOLE – see reports. He could not find anything on the High School Tech program, even on the website. Unable to contact last year's chairman. Hope the committee can be reformed. PP Roth said the committee was dismissed last year.

- Safety Committee, Chair, Mike LeCompte – the criteria needs to be looked at re: paying for physicals

CONVENTION DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI, PP THOMAS MATTINGLY – gave information of the events/activities that will be occurring today. An Antique Fire Muster will be on the grounds. A time-line is on the table in the back of all activities. Lunch is provided by Mission Barbeque, coin sets available, the second of the five (5) history books will be available. At 1530 a cannon will fire from the Dove which will indicate the starting of the Memorial Service. After the service you can mingle or go to dinner on your own.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR BILL HILDEBRAND(absent) – Scuba Johnson reporting - see reports

- **MD Emergency Services Resource Committee** – meeting on 10/11 to review the committee's role in the ESF4 Working group. Continuing to build the resource list. This list will be made available across the State to all agencies involved.
- **Search and Rescue** – MEMA stated they are not proceeding with resource typing at this time, but is leaving that up to each subgroup to decide on the need. There is no template that can be used for all.
 - SAR Committee will identify the current swiftwater/flood rescue assets. The goal is to credential such assets using the MD Swiftwater/Flood SAR Response System Whitepaper guidelines, which follow the FEMA guidelines by MEMA region. SW/F assets are identified in the following MEMA regions: Capital, Central, Southern and Lower Eastern Shore.
 - No MSFA assets were mobilized during *Hermine* or *Matthew* storms.
- **Events & Marketing John Denver/Mike Faust** – see report. Had a display at the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference in Laurel. Have been working with Benchworks on adding a place for companies and individual members to enter information to allow us to capture and track new and existing members.

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR MIKE FAUST – see reports

- Credentials
- Data System Committee Steven Hinch/Josh Schueler Co-Chairs

TRAINING & SAFETY DIRECTOR KINGSLEY POOLE – see reports

- **High School Career Tech**
- **Safety, Michael Lecompte – see report**

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH DIRECTOR PP STEVEN COX – see reports.

- **Fire Laws Book –**
- **17 State Circle –**
- **Out of State Events Coordinator PP Bob Cumberland**

MSFA PARTNERS

MD FIRE AND RESCUE INSTITUTE STEVE EDWARDS, DIRECTOR(absent) Larry Preston – see report.

- Purchased a new Learning Management System (AbsorbLMS). This will not only be advantageous to MFRI but to students. It will help manage the administration, delivery, tracking and reporting of instructor-led classes and e-learning programs. It will allow for registering students, assigning them to classes, supporting them with good communication, tracking progress, providing them with course completion materials and certification and managing future recertification. It also includes administrative functions. Hopeful to begin January 2017.
- The new online registration system is online in the Upper Eastern Shore and Western Maryland Regions; end of October the Lower Eastern Shore and North Central regions will be up; Southern Maryland is planned for November; North East Region in December. ALS classes are also included by the end of 2016
- EMT Course Improvements – “more teaching and less testing” is the basic premise. Five EMT pilot classes are using the new syllabus that should enhance learning and better prepare them for NREMT testing. 147 students tested NREMT and 130 passed.
- Maryland Weekend – February 11 & 12, 2017 at the National Fire Academy.
- MFRI Student Councils have been established and meetings scheduled.

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

- Wildland Fire Training – Fall Basic Wildland Fire Courses are scheduled for October 17 – 21 at the Green Brier State Park Visitors Center; info at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/fire/wildfiretraining.aspx> or contact Ric Lillard at 301-478-2976 or ric.lillard@maryland.gov.
- Volunteer Fire Assistance – grants to 39 volunteer departments across the state were announced for 201 for \$89,025 in matching funds the max awarded was \$3,000. List of awards in report.

- FEPP & FFP acquired a 2004 Ford F750 dump truck that will be used in the Eastern Firewise program for hazard fuel reduction projects; FFP acquired an off-road fork lift for Cedarville

MARYLAND STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE BRIAN GERACI – see report

- Should be getting some new vehicles, thanks for all the support
- New Blog site: <http://mdosfm.wixsite.com/blog>
- Next CPR weekend is October 22 & 23
- Received Governor's Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week – October 9-15, 2016
- Advocate smoke alarms
- Explosives canine CC will retire in November
- Info on Christmas trees is in the back, please take some, also on blog site
- Tweeter – marylandfiremarshal

MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS HARVE WOODS VP –

- Flyers in the back for 1st Annual Leadership Seminar.
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R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER DIANA CLAPP, RN – see report

1st VP Mark Bilger – if anyone is taking pictures today during the festivities, please bring them tomorrow to download to the website.

50-50 - \$243 8973102 and the winner is Nancy Cox

Chaplain Hetz gave the parting blessing.

MOTION BY CHARLIE SIMPSON, 2ND BY MIKE FAUST TO RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY AT 0830.....PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.

TAKE ALL PERSONAL ITEMS WITH YOU

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2017

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

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN MICHAEL BOWEN GAVE THE BLESSING AND LED THE PLEDGE

2ND VP RICK BLAIR INTRODUCED PP AND GUESTS

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Mike Davis, 1st VP Mark Bilger, 2nd VP Rick Blair, Secretary Doyle Cox PP, Assistant Secretaries: Copado, Cox, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Chaplain Hetz, Chaplain Michael Bowen; **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Chair Simpkins, Vice-Chair Simpson, C. Walker, T. Dayton, J. Fisher, M. Faust, J. D. Stevens, PP Johnie Roth, W. Tome. Absent: James Seavey and Justin Towles; Nancy & Tom Scott and Diana Gunther.

LAMSFA Barbara Sue Nelson introduced her officers present and thanked the committee for a good day and festivities yesterday.

FIRE AMBASSADOR SIERRA SMALLWOOD

1ST RUNNER UP EMILY REAVER

FINANCIAL, DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI – see reports

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** 3 reports submitted – no questions on them from the Board
 - All accounts have been reconciled as of October 1st.
 - Working with MD Military Dept. for year-end reporting of all expenditures from the Appropriations Fund and the Widows and Orphans Fund. MSFA has received the annual allotment from the State for this fund.
 - Recommend the MSFA request an increase of \$50,000 for FY17 budget. Has to go through Legislative for approval.

- **OFFICER REPORTS**
 - **Financial Secretary:** Mitch Vocke
 - 6 invoices for the FROG seminar
 - Dues letters will be mailed in December
 - 3 items still from FY16 not in

 - **Budget Chairman:** PP Stephan Cox
 - Financial statements submitted
 - Possibly not purchasing a car this year

- **Assistant Treasurers:**
- **Assistant Financial Secretary:**
- **WAYS AND MEANS:** Mitch Vocke – committee has done \$11,485 so far which is <\$2,000. Tickets will be at LAMSFA Fall Conference in Hollywood. Spring Fest in Ocean City is May 4-7, 2017.

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 Ron Siarnicki – met with Discover credit card to discuss MSFA to partner with them for a financial donation.

MOTION BY RICK HEMPHILL, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO MOVE INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH DISCOVER CARD SERVICES.....PASSED – MIKE FAUST ABSTAINED.

CONVENTION DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI – see reports

- Will be doing anniversary components
- Food provided by the committee is an issue – more to come
- Better advertisement, need to get more messages out
- Will

CO-CHAIR REPORTS

- **Administration** – committee is solid for 2017
- **Exhibits** – Dave Lewis handling, looking at a Sunday schedule (more to come)
- **Finance** – CC is proposing a 3% increase through a 2-year rental contract. Sunset Room will be razed and a new exhibit hall will be built. Still a parking issue.
- **Production** – 125th Anniversary will be included, HOT will stay the same, seminars may be reduced
- **Program** – book is in progress and should be the same size as last year.
- **Air Show** will be the same weekend
- **Construction:** discussion about a 4-story parking garage. Trailers must have a permit to park on streets and in public parking lots, OC did give MSFA a batch of permits.

NATIONAL FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS FOUNDATION DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI

- see report

- Memorial Service went off very well, 3876 names are now on the wall; over 600 next of kin family members attended. 112 LODD names were recognized this year – 79 were from 2015; 33 previous years; 24 were Post 911 WTC Disease.
- The Zadroga Act finally recognized cancer cases as LODD
- Thanks to all that have helped with all the fund raising
- Changes: Cathy Hedrick and Linda Hurley will retire this year

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EMS BRANCH DIRECTOR WAYNE TOME, RICK UDELL – see report-lengthy

- Legislation passed last year that allows for hospital EDs to free standing; MSFA did not support this but MIEMSS had to because the EMS Board became a reviewing factor for any downgrade request. This is a sentinel alarm for all and will be working with MSFA.
- MIEMSS Licensure: a letter was sent out to EMS providers to make sure all go in to set up their profile by October 15, eventually all affiliation documentation will be done electronically with approval by jurisdictional heads and medical directors.
- eMEDS: the Elite migration has been delayed to late Spring/early Summer 2017 because of incomplete elements and support for all programs.
- CARES: 22 of 24 jurisdiction and hospitals are currently submitting information into CARES.
- NRP is now 60 hours v 72 hours for recertification.
- Start all classes with a positive statement. This also works for meetings.
- Be vigilant with wearing PPE; there are a lot of dangerous drugs that can be absorbed through the skin.
- Maryland allows 16-year olds to operate as an EMT, but NREMT does not until they turn 18.

FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE SAFETY HOLLY TREGO CO-CHAIR – see report Director Teresa Crisman(absent) Cyndi Wright Johnson reporting
All sub-committees have submitted reports electronically

- **RISK WATCH CYNDI WRIGHT JOHNSON CO-CHAIR –**
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- **MISS FIRE PREVENTION LORI DENBOW/BRIDGETT WASHIER – see report**

MEMBER BENEFITS DIRECTOR CHARLES SIMPSON – see reports

- **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION JOE CHORNOCK CHAIR**
 - Continued work on the website
 - Recruitment Day is April 23, 2017, Sunday
 - SAFER Grant: 35 applied to the grant, some were eligible for up to \$8,000 in reimbursements.
 - Check website for several upcoming seminars
 - VCO: SAFER funded up to 25 members to attend in Clearwater, Fl.
- **WILLS FOR HEROS**

- **CANCER SUPPORT FLO COLLINS CHAIR** – Johnie Roth reporting
 - 2nd Annual walk in Annapolis possibly in May
 - When giving out bags need to know male, female and type of cancer; names not necessary
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- **INCENTIVES PROGRAM STU CARTER CHAIR** –
 - The deduction for 2016 is \$4,250.00, this increase will continue until \$5,000 cap is reached
 - County LOSAP sheet was attached to report

Chair Simpkins introduced County Commissioner John O'Connor from St. Mary's

- **NVFC JIM SEAVEY/DAVE LEWIS PP CO-CHAIRS** – see report.
 - Health and Safety is a big item for NVFC; PTSD, suicide, and addiction are true behavioral struggles in the service, seek help.
 - Met with Congressman Hoyer on the SAFER/AFG/FP&s grant programs
 - Join the NVFC membership program; a lot of benefits

Commissioner O'Connor spoke to the attendees: sprinkler initiative, LOSAP, High School Tech program.

**MD STATE POLICE AVIATION COMMAND MAJOR SCOTT LOWMAN
COMMANDER** – Sgt Dave Sivites reporting - see report

- Flight Training Device remains under construction, delivery tentatively for February 2017
- Flight Training building has been delayed due to a requirement for an elevator

MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY EX. DIRECTOR RUSSELL STRICKLAND – no report

**MD INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SYSTEM PAT GAINER /
DR. RICK ALCORTA**– see report

- Currently searching for new Director as Dr. Seaman resigned.
 - MOLST forms are valid with electronic signatures
 - MIEMSS has paid since October 2014 - \$198,495.22 for NREMT testing
- Lengthy discussion on testing for all levels of certification. Request for number of certified volunteers in Maryland over the past 5 years. It was stated at the last Board meeting that MIEMSS would pick up the 2nd and 3rd cost of testing. Pat Gainer will get something back to Board in writing of payment.

Dan Stevens stated there is a great need for the training test; and the loss of EMTs is getting worse not only in Maryland but across the nation.

Charlie Simpson stated that MIEMSS needs to step up and get this problem fixed. Wants MIEMSS to start representing the volunteers in Maryland. Why does MD have to go outside the state to find a test?

EMR to EMT will be discussed at the next MIEMSS meeting.

TRANSPORTATION BRANCH DIRECTOR MITCH VOCKE - see reports.

TRANSPORTATION TOM FLINT CHAIR –

- Is there a list of MSFA tag owners, if so, can it be posted or at the next meeting?
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- **PRESIDENTS VEHICLE STEPHEN COX PP CHAIR** - Received from Ford Motor Co. two recalls; fuel pump control module for the 2015s, they have the paperwork and will get the work done. Two minor issues to VP Bilger's car, he will take it to Harford Co. radio shop for the work. Purchase of new vehicle in 2018; will check the vehicle over and make a determination at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Johnie Roth PP – SAFER grants committee; has a problem-not necessary to have a committee when the two paid persons have the authority to make all decisions. Skip Mahan-who had the authority to grant these two persons the authority? Mike Faust-spoke. Justin Towles made the decision to allow the two paid persons to make the decisions on the grants if the grants requests meet the criteria.
- **MOTION BY CHARLIE SIMPSON, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO RECOMMEND AND SUPPORT TO THE EMS BOARD AND MIEMSS, THAT MIEMSS PAY FOR THE 2ND AND 3RD TESTING FOR NREMT WITH NO PRE-QUALIFIERS.....PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER MITCH VOCKE

- Presidents' vehicles: MSFA 1 –(not present) approx. 5,000 miles, new vehicle; MSFA 1 – 1st VP Bilger has 45,414, in excellent condition; MSFA 2 – 2nd VP Blair has 48,916, in excellent condition. The committee recommends that a new vehicle does not have to be purchased this year.
- Next meeting in February – the chair and co-chair will not be at the meeting.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DIRECTOR JIM SEAVEY, MIKE FAUST, CONSULTANT SKIP MAHAN – no report

- MISSION STATEMENT:

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 - 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

PUBLIC INFORMATION DIRECTOR MIKE DIXON – no report

- **EVENTS & MARKETING MIKE FAUST/JOHN DENVER CO-CHAIRS**
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS RON WATKINS**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Jim Seavey –absent
- Chuck Walker – new president Bill Cunningham Sr.; thanks to Ridge and the SMVFA; PG convention was in September (very wet)
- Richard Smith – Dorchester is working hard getting a LOSAP program, Hurlock VFD dedicated a tower, Talbot working on a grant
- Tim Dayton – thanks to all for the 2 days of festivities
- Charlie Simpson – Carroll Public Safety Training will be having a dedication soon, more info coming, Cadet program – 17 students in the program doing good; Howard County Association changed their name to Howard County Volunteer Firefighter's Association
- John Fisher – fighting staffing shortages, thanks to Ridge
- Mike Faust – thanks to Ridge and the 125th committee; handout for fire companies in North Carolina for donations, please contact Jackie Olson or Justin Towles.
- Justin Towles – absent
- Dan Stevens – thanks to Ridge and SMVFA and Tom Mattingly and his committee for all the festivities, Cadet Program in St. Mary's is struggling, Calvert and Charles is doing

good; St. Mary's and Calvert looking at a 2-year program. Bill Olsen is in CHVH, please stop by and say hi.

- Wayne Tome – Cecil Co. has a program that funds apparatus, thanks to Ridge VFD, great weekend; looking forward to the meeting in Water Witch
- PP Johnie Roth – thanks to Ridge, SMVFA and 125th Committee; Chief Seavey – Montgomery Convention-no change in officers; Public Service Academy relocated to 8751 Snapper School Road, Gaithersburg
- Richard Smith – since no meeting until February the Legislative Reception will be January 24th in Annapolis
- Doug Simpkins – thanks to Southern Maryland for a great weekend. Calling for an Executive Session in the TV room immediately following this meeting.
- Rick Hemphill – thanks to Ridge, great weekend

President Mike Davis and President Barbara Sue Nelson presented Ridge with a plaque and a check for hosting the meeting.

1st VP Mark Bilger – thanks to all

2nd VP Rick Blair – thanks to all

CHAPLAIN BOWEN gave the ending prayer

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Respectively submitted,

Shirley Copado
Assistant Secretary

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