

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
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Executive Committee Meeting

Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company
1745 Baltimore Boulevard
Westminster, Maryland

April 26, 2017

The Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association was called to order at 0900 hours by Chairman Charles Simpson at 0900. Advised the members present that this will be a one day meeting and pointed out the exits and told everyone to turn off all cell phones.

Executive Committee members present: Chairman Charles Simpson, Vice Chair Rick Hemphill, Ronald A. Block, Tim Dayton, John Fisher, James P. Seavey, Sr., Doug Simpkins, Richard Smith, Dan Stevens, Wayne Tome, Sr., Kent Whalen, Ex-Officio Member Michael A. Davis, PP: Officers in attendance: President Mark Bilger, 1st Vice President Rick Blair, 2nd Vice President Michael Faust, Secretary Doyle Cox, Trustee Chair Dan Carpenter, Trustee Douglas Alexander, Trustee Benjamin Kurtz, Trustee Terry Thompson and Attorney Mike Farlow.

Chief Chaplain John Long gave the opening prayer. Read II Chronicles 7-14; II Kings 25; prayer does help. Need to pray for the hatred in this country and all that are suffering. Read a list of names that needed special prayers.

Chief Chaplain Long then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair invited the Vice President Norman Shaeffer to give welcome.

President Bilger gave a welcome

2ND VICE PRESIDENT MIKE FAUST: introduced the PP and guests present: Bob Cumberland, Joe Robison, Phil Hurlock, Fred Cross, Steve Cox, Gene Worthington, Terry Thompson, Bobby Jacobs, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Doyle Cox, Dave Lewis, Johnie Roth, Mike Davis; Board of Trustees: Dan Carpenter, Doug Alexander, Ben Kurtz, Terry

Thompson. FM Brian Geraci, MFRI Steve Edwards, MIEMSS Pat Gainer, Forestry Monte Mitchell, MSP Aviation Lt. Keith McMinn, MFCA President Hugh Owens, MEMA John Dullena, Bruce Bouch, rep from NFPA, Secretary Steve Wentz Carroll County BOC, President BOC Richard Weaver. Executive Board: Charlie Simpson, Rick Hemphill, Kent Whalen, Tim Dayton, John Fisher, Wayne Tome, Doug Simpkins, James Seavey, Richard Smith, Daniel Stevens, Ronald Block, Frank Underwood in for Chuck Walker (medical leave), PP Mike Davis. Late arrivals: PP Thomas Mattingly and PP Daniel Davis.

LAMSFA Vivian Boyd introduced her officers present.

Commissioners from Carroll County Richard Weaver and Steve Wentz (Wantz) were asked to give remarks. Richard Weaver - This county depends on the volunteers as it would be too expensive to go all paid. Mr. Wentz has a great deal of respect for all the volunteers. Steve Wentz – we struggle with a few things when it comes to volunteering. Had a major incident yesterday at 0400 – house explosion. There is always a challenge: three things need attention: 1. sprinkler ordinance stays under attack; 2. recruitment/retention; 3. OPIOD situation. Will help with anything in Annapolis that I can.

PRESIDENT MARK BILGER – without the commissioners’ support, Carroll County would not have the new training academy. (see report) thank you to PP Steve Cox, PP Doyle Cox, Harry Hetz who helped with the services for PP Yinger. Three flyers on the Secretary’s desk for events, please take the information back to your department; thank you to the Convention Comm. for all their work. All Committee chairs who agreed to serve. Transition committee meeting in Hempstead to explain their duties and pass on to new members. All committees please submit an article to the Trumpet of what is happening with your committee. Re established the meetings between the MSFA, MIEMSS and the EMS Board to communicate better. Will be sitting on the interview board for Director Edwards position at MFRI. Thank all departments for all the invitations to events.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD BLAIR – see report. Echo the President on his remarks. Traveled over 3600 miles attending meetings, installations, conventions, etc. Need to work on R/R.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT MIKE FAUST – traveled over 2600 miles. Involved with the grant.

September 1st the Transportation Committee and President will meet with MVA; PG County has asked for Chuck Walker to remain on the Executive Board.

SECRETARY PP DOYLE COX – see report. Credentials: 380 companies registered, 358 active, 20 associate and 2 sustaining members. 340 submitted credentials for 2017 and 276 registered at convention. Of the 358 active members there are 16,199 volunteer responders and 12,605 non-responding volunteers. A total of 32 companies did not report any information.

This past year one Associate Member, Anne Arundel Alarmers Association elected not to renew their membership. Also two companies in Baltimore County merged into one company,

Violetville Volunteer Fire Department merged with Lansdowne Volunteer Firemen's Association. As of this date, the Secretary's Office has not received an official notice of this action. No credentials or dues were received from Violetville. It is requested that under your action items that you authorize the Secretary's Office to remove Violetville from the rolls. Received a letter from Boring Volunteer Fire Company and Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company indicating that the two companies will be merging into one company and will be known as the Upperco Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; this merge is planned for September 1, 2017.

Each of the Elected and Appointed Officers 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. Please complete the first page and return it to me or Assistant Secretary Nancy Cox by the end of the day.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED: June 18, 2017, June 20, 2017 Special Session at OC and June 22, 2017. **MOTION BY RON BLOCK, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO APPROVE ALL THREE (3) SETS OF MINUTES...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Any updates/changes to the directory should be submitted to me or Asst. Sec. Copado.

All committee chairs need to submit their reports electronically prior to the scheduled executive meeting. Submit to report@msfa.org and supply the Secretary's office with 15 copies at the meeting.

If there are any changes in local meetings please update the website for those attending.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI (absent) PP ROBERT JACOBS - reports given to Board: Profit & Loss; Balance Sheet; Budget v Actuals; 2017-2018 Budget Line Item. Outstanding invoices still need to be submitted. Looking at another income from 2016-2017 of \$38,273. The FY'18 budget has been loaded in Quik Books. 2016-2017 Scope of work has been submitted to Fike, Conner and Associates. Appropriations and Relief financials have been submitted to MD Military. Letter was prepared for the President and sent to the Governor to have budget accounts increased. SAFER grant: expenditures - \$877,857, amount remaining - \$1,508,764.

Member Jim Seavey requested that the remaining of the Financial report be presented later until all the reports have been submitted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES DAN CARPENTER, CHAIR

- Cobrum Cup runs from May 1 to April 30, this award is for heroism for an individual only, not a group award. Use the Trumpet for the information.
- Asking for an increase of \$25,000 in the budget
- 2 claims received for an accident – claims were denied because of the lack of use of the seatbelts; driver and officer were ejected from the truck.

- 29 widows currently, lost one; 1 dependent child; 2 dependent in education; 3 LODI; no LODD last year. Put info about the denied claims in Trumpet also. President Bilger praised the Trustees ref their decision. All members must wear seatbelts. It is a hard decision.

PP Tom Mattingly – the denied claims were from Leonardtown VFD, need to go back and research the previous claims. Understand the decision, but am opposed to it.

CHIEF CHAPLAIN JOHN LONG

- New Rabbi in the Corp Rabbi Chesky Tenenbaum, Rockville VFD
- When a company has a death please notify the Chief Chaplain immediately so notifications can go out and info posted on Memorial website

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY MIKE FARLOW

- SAFER grant – revised the contract with Benchworks (administrative matter)
- Working on updating/adding policies: Anti-discrimination, Harassment, Privacy policy, policy for the use of the MSFA trademark. The logo cannot be used without the specific okay from the Attorney.
- Issue of an outside organization soliciting in Maryland – pursuing this matter for law suit
- MSFA is being sued in small claims court – Wendy Bonner, AA County, she received a check for \$795 and was not entitled to the money. She cashed the check and the store where it was cashed wants reimbursement for the money. Need okay from Board to sue Ms. Bonner if necessary.

MOTION BY RON BLOCK, 2ND BY DOUG SIMPKINS TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY THE RIGHT TO PERSUE THE LAWSUIT AGAINST WENDY BONNER IF NECESSARY...PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY.

- Possible will not be at the next meeting due to expecting his first child.

MSFA EXECUTIVE CONSULTANT SKIP MAHAN

- Reporting of the new recruits – reports coming in is not good, thank you to Baltimore County for their report. 338 companies listed – have reports from 59. The names are needed not only for recruitment but for retention also. Submit every member's name, it is very important for communicating.
- If requirements for the first grant are not met, a second grant will certainly not be awarded.
- The new system through Benchworks is up and working. Would like to have Mike Faust, Rick Hemphill and Jonathon Dayton added to the committee.

- In need for social media expertise, would like to search for a part-time person to handle this. Richard Snader – need for communications among committees, we have a person on the Data Systems committee, Jonathon Dayton. Please communicate.
- Discussion from the floor about using the Data Systems committee.

LAMSFA PRESIDENT VIVIAN BOYD – fall conference in October at Accokeek, MD. Christmas party at Marlboro VFD; the theme is ugly sweater, there will be prizes. The date is December 9th 1-4; a pot luck dinner will be also. Please bring an ornament for the tree to be given to a needy family.

BESSIE MARSHALL FUND MARTY NEAL – see report

- 2016-2017 year; paid 29 cases. Income for the year was \$45,570.71; expenses were \$26,100 for cases and \$550 for administrative expenses - gained \$18, 920.71.
- It was discussed and voted to raise the benefit amount to \$170 per case per week; this is an increase of \$20.00. For a six week payout the recipient will receive \$1020.00.
- Current year, 10 cases have been paid for a total of \$9600.
- For the application, go to msfa.org for the new application.

1st RUNNER UP LAUREN CAUDILL – see report. MISS FIRE PREVENTION IS TAKING SATs TODAY. Start FFI this fall and will go on to paramedic. Did a lot of traveling.

ROBYN SHELDON HAHN made a special presentation to Montgomery County for the generous gift of a fire truck from Cabin John VFD; she presented the tag (framed) to Jim Seavey.

MFRI STEVE EDWARDS – see report

- Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Fiscal Year 17 Statistics: Emergency Services Programs 1,756; Students by Program 34,057; Students by Discipline 34,057. MFRI Programs and Students for Last 25 Years: Students Hours 19,225,039
- Reported on the MFRI 2025 Strategic Plan (see report for plan). Any questions on the Plan contact the Director.
- Simulators – purchased equipment to conduct driver training at each station, eight (8) systems available. \$300,00 was spent on this project. Eliminates the trailer.
- Steve Edwards is retiring, January 5, 2018

MFRI TECH PP BOB CUMBERLAND - no written report

- Looking to develop a larger EVOC training class

MICRB - meeting October 11th at MFRI to recertify instructors

MIEMSS PAT GAINER AND PP PHIL HURLOCK- see report

- Interviews ongoing for a new Medical Director (2) candidates

- MIEMSS implemented an electronic licensure system that provides streamlined online access to many licensure functions. Providers needing to renew their certification/license, update affiliation and other information, and track continuing education credit may now do so online.
- Governor Hogan State of Emergency to Combat Heroin and Opioid Crisis in Maryland. Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed Executive Order 01.01.2017.02 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the heroin, opioid, and fentanyl crisis in Maryland. The State of Emergency declaration also established an Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) to facilitate greater collaboration and coordination among state agencies in response to this crisis. State agencies involved include the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, MEMA, Department of Human Resources, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Juvenile Services, Maryland State Police, Maryland State Education Department, and MIEMSS. Personal Protective Equipment Recommendations and Unknown Substance Precautions for Emergency Medical Services and Law Enforcement. This document was produced in conjunction with MIEMSS, DHMH, and the Office of Preparedness and Response at DHMH. It provides guidelines for emergency responders on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) necessary for responding to and handling overdose cases. PPE used today by law enforcement and emergency medical services (EMS) responders is adequate for overdose responses. EMS and law enforcement should not be handling these agents bare-handed as there is some contact absorption risk. The full memo may be found at: http://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/EMS_News/First-Responder-Guidance6.02.2017.pdf?ver=2017-06-06-143921-823
- Carfentanil, while in the same drug family as fentanyl, is a dangerous analogue and much more potent than heroin or fentanyl. Carfentanil is 10,000 times more potent than morphine, 5,000 times more potent than heroin, and 100 times more potent than fentanyl. Although the lethal dose is not specifically known, it is estimated that as little as 200 micrograms of carfentanil might be lethal.
- Statewide communications system is being upgraded, improvements:
 - Allow for geo-diverse operations
 - Have performance meeting or exceeding current capabilities
 - Retain current analog subscriber and base station infrastructure
 - Incorporate wired and wireless video technologies
 - Integrate with the State's planned 700 MHz communications system

Jim Seavey questioned EMR to EMT. Question on the hospital closings and eliminating certain services. Wayne Tome spoke on Harford Memorial already turning away emergency calls. This is being tracked and monitored. Tim Dayton – NARCAN reimbursement for use. Pat Gainer – there may be monies available for this. Baltimore City had 60% of overdose calls that received Narcan were not transported.

Health Dept. are requesting names of overdose patients for treatment purposes. The AG's office gave an opinion on this; each county has to make their decision.

Is the ability to be administering Narcan to patients going to be given to EMRs? This is being looked at and if a citizen can, then an EMR should be able to. SEMAC and Board minutes need to be updated on MIEMSS website.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA DIANA CAPP – see report

- Helo pad refurbishment started 9/19/2016 and hope to be completed September 2017.

MSP AVIATION LT. KEITH MCMAN – a 12 month goal was established:

- **SUCCESS** – helicopter availability with all 7 sections, this means mechanics, pilots, and paramedics
- **FLIGHT TRAINING SIMILATOR** – all pilots must go through this training for the AW139
- **INCREASE SECTION MAINTENANCE** – for each section mechanic to have the capability to do period maintenance on the helo
- **INCREASE SUFFICIENTY** –
- An Out-of-State Mission Policy has been published, the current policy states the distance OOS is 30 miles. The problem is other states are not using their own resources first.
- It has been a busy summer; just today a medavac was made from a cruise ship in the Chesapeake.
- Helicopters are moving to the MD FIRST RADIO SYSTEM. On October 1st, Kent to Talbot will be using the new AV Talk Groups to communicate with those counties. Information will go out to each 911 center for dissemination.
- Keep Virginia State Police in prayers/thoughts – they had a fatal crash in Charlottesville during the protests. Their commander was on board.

Tim Dayton – discussed the OOS Policy in regards to MD units responding mutual aid to W. VA and that MSP helo is closer.

Jim Seavey – asked if Trooper 8 would be reinstated – NO

President Bilger thanked MSP Aviation for the assistance to PP Richard Yinger's funeral fly over.

MD STATE FIRE MARSHAL BRIAN GERACI – see report

- Presented a citation from the Governor's Office for 125 Year Anniversary
- Senior DSFM Bruce Bouch will be leaving the agency the end of September
- To date fire fatalities: 45

- Community Risk Reduction Weekend: as a reminder the next CRR weekend is October 21 & 22 as in past years we are asking that all departments go out into the community to check and install smoke alarms and to provide fire safety information.
- FY17 MFIRS: the following counties and cities are in compliance with the reporting requirements – Washington, Montgomery, Howard, Caroline, Worcester, Baltimore and Annapolis City. The Military dept has been notified. The reports are due the 10th of each month.
- Fire/Life Safety Information Exchange Program website is: www.mdlifesafety.org; OSFM blog site: <http://mdosfm.wixsite.com/blog>
- Looking for space to house three residential sprinkler trailers, inside. Also need burnt doors that may have help in the spread of the fire.
- OSFM is attempting to make a change in the AFG grant to change the percentage that the fire marshal's office receives. A lot of discussion...
- No part-time inspector positions

SAFER GRANT ELAINE CUSTEAD

- Three invoices were paid to Benchworks – committee is looking at the charges for marketing tools as the understanding is some items should not have been charged. Mike Faust – this has been satisfied
- Tuition reimbursements – 23 applicants for a total of \$25,478.94, awaiting the final decision on awards from the Oversight Committee.
- VCOS was proposed and accepted for up to 25 people at \$2000 per person. The applications will be monitored and announcements will be made to each County association so that the same people that have attended 2 or more VCOS seminars will not be accepted.
- “Call to Duty” seminars were accepted by the Oversight committee at the September 23rd meeting in Odenton (special session)
- “Succession Planning” seminar was proposed and approved; MFCA will pay for the hotel and MSFA will pay for the registration.
- The FF Physical program has very little interest
- With the website up and running we have been able to track new recruits across the state; over 3500 new recruits since the beginning of the grant.

50-50 drawing - \$247.50 1816552, winner is Skip Mahan

Blessing for lunch by Chaplain Hetz

Recess for lunch at 1223

In session at 1316

Thanks to the Reese Auxiliary for a great meal

MD DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES MONTE MITCHELL - see report

- 2017 the Forest Service has responded to 85 wildfires burning 2,137 acres as of August 10. The statistics for the four regions are reported below for 2017 year to date.
- The Volunteer Fire Assistance grant application period closed on July 17, 2017. A record number of grant applications were received from 65 volunteer fire departments in 19 counties. Those departments requested \$156,279 in match funding with a total project cost estimate over \$500,000. Of the applications received, 38 Departments did not submit applications last year. The grant applications are currently being reviewed, rated, and ranked. We received an additional supplemental from the US Forest Service and \$98,000 in funding is available for grant awards. VFA grant awards are scheduled to be announced by the end of September. If a Departments grant application is approved for funding; the Department will have until December 31 to complete the grant project. The Department then will submit invoices or purchase orders and copies of checks showing payment dated between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. All documentation to receive reimbursement must be submitted by January 15, 2018.
- The Maryland Forest Service Fire Management Staff is offering the NWCG certified training course: S-236 Heavy Equipment Boss. The course will be held September 25-28 at Greenbrier State Park Visitors center near Boonsboro. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/FBBmqG7r6EmUIFHG3> by September 11. The Fall Basic Wildland Fire Courses is scheduled for October 16-20 at Greenbrier State Park Visitors Center. The class includes the NWCG training courses S-130 Wildland Firefighter; S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior; and L-180 Human Factors on the Fireline. Course information online at: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/fire/wildfiretraining.aspx>. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/cDYECkqpAaiIKPBI2> by October 9.
- Federal Excess (FEPP & FFP) - The FFP program another 2 ½ Ton M1078 Heavy Cargo truck for Worcester County Fire Departments. FFP also acquired 4 vans, 3 pickups, 1 dump truck, and 1 lowboy trailer for use by the Forest Service. FEPP program assigned a 2003 25' Safe Boat and trailer to the Second District VFD.

STATE WIDE INTEROPERABILITY CHIP JEWELL

- MD First Radio System across the state –
- First Net - National Public Safety Broad Band, D Block allocated to public safety. Each state has to say yes they are going to use the frequencies. Question is for the volunteers personal owned devices to be able to log in to the network (security issue); this is in the hands of the Governor.

NATIONAL FIRE HERTIGE CENTER in Emmitsburg Mr. Wayne Powell. Please call if you have anything of fire related that you want to donate.

MEMA PP TERRY THOMPSON – see report

- Awarded a \$2.1 million grant from Homeland Security to help prepare for and respond to Complex Coordinated Terrorist attacks.
- Responded to the tornado in Queen Anne’s County (see report)
- Opioid Operational Command Center - In July, the Opioid Operational Command Center, Department of Health, and the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention announced more than \$22 million to fight the epidemic, with 80 percent going to Maryland’s 24 local jurisdictions and service providers to fund prevention, enforcement, and treatment efforts throughout the state, including
 - Planning Branch
 - Training and Exercise Branch
 - External Outreach Branch
 - Mitigation Program
 - Regional Liaison Program

MSFA FOUNDATION PP TERRY THOMPSON – all monies have been transferred from MSFA to the Foundation. The Governor will be at Hero’s Pub in Annapolis between 1515-1540. No requests for assistance from Maryland for the hurricane disaster.

MD FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION HUGH OWENS – working on funding to update the website. Leadership Seminar program is on the MFRI website. Put in for 10 slots for VCOS, Directors conference, EMS conference. Golf tournament on September 29th. MSFA will sponsor a hole for \$100.

Bessie Marshall Fund drawing Vivian Boyd, winner is 943910 Melea Daughton.

MD FIRE RESCUE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION PP GENE WORTHINGTON – GALA will be September 30th in Hollywood. If you want to host in 2018 call Gene. Please buy a table for \$500. Silent auction at gala. Coin collection new one this year, will accept any from any organization.

BRANCH REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR JOE ANTOSZEWSKI

- **Constitution/By-Laws** – working on updating the constitution and by-laws on the MSFA website; hope to have it done by September 1st.
 - Item discussed in committee was the fact that this committee has no direction stated in the By-Laws. There is no requirement for the committee to even submit an opinion on proposed By-Laws. The committee expects to offer a change to rectify this problem in the next few months.
- **VCAF** – four requests
 - Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1, Inc., PP Bob Cumberland present, is requesting a 10-year LOAN in the amount of \$287,800 (50.32% of contract

bid), bid is \$571,983. **MOTION BY DOUG SIMPKINS, 2ND BY RICK HEMPHILL TO GRANT THE LOAN TO WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGING & HOSE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$287,800...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

- Sharpsburg Area Emergency Medical Services, Inc., Tim Ganley and representatives from Sharpsburg are present, is requesting a LOAN in the amount of \$638,400 – contract bid price is \$913,400 for a 30-year loan. **MOTION BY RICK HEMPHILL, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO APPROVE THE 30-YEAR LOAN TO SHARPSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$638,400...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**
- Church Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., Michael McWilliams, Stephanie McWilliams and Barbara Steiner are present, is requesting a GRANT to purchase turnout gear in the amount of \$34,990.62 **MOTION BY RICHARD SMITH, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO APPROVE THE GRANT TO CHURCH CREEK VFC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,990.62...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**
- Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., John Toulson, Richard Dauquefte are present, is requesting a LOAN in the amount of \$314,895 to purchase a pumper tanker. The contract bid is \$419,980. The load is to be paid back in 15-years. **MOTION BY DOUG SIMPKINS, 2ND BY RON BLOCK TO APPROVE THE 15-YEAR LOAN TO ROCK HALL VFC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314,895...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**
- Bishopville VFD application is on hold at this time.
- The next meeting will be at Potomac in Western MD, on October 29th with lunch at 1200 and meeting at 1300 hours.

AWARDS PP DOYLE COX –see report

- Updating the name plates on the Hall of Fame plaques across the state.
- Updating the course hours for the Zembower award
- Chairman Chornock reported that the Recruitment and Retention Committee will be offering a new award next year. The two committees have been in discussion on this award and will be meeting next month on the proposed rules. The Awards Committee has review the first draft of the proposed rules and has some questions which should be answered at our meeting next month. At the present time, the Awards Committee does not endorse the proposed award.

FINANCIAL PP ROBERT JACOBS, PP STEVE COX, MITCH VOCKE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY – see reports

- Jim Seavey questioned 4 line items on the budget with satisfactory answers.
- BUDGET PP STEVE COX – letter that went to the Governor asked for \$25,000 for appropriations, \$25,000 for Trustees relief fund and \$50,000 for a Executive Coordinator.

- **FINANCIAL SECRETARY MITCH VOCKE**
 - Requested to do several invoices since convention, all but one has been paid
 - Dues invoices will be started in November.
 - WAYS & MEANS – MITCH VOCKE –see report
 - 80,000 raffle tickets will be give out to member companies today. The committee will be at the LAMSFA fall conference and will distribute over 20,000 tickets. The next event will be Sunfest in Ocean City from Thursday September 21 thru 24. All help will be appreciated. A lot of discussion on the floor about the companies that do not buy or sell any raffle tickets. Discussion of a possible By-Law change. John Fisher suggested that the dues be raised \$100. Bruce Bouch suggested to praise those companies that do sell and not shame any.

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION PP JACOBS FOR DIRECTOR RON SIARNICKI – see report

- NFFF weekend is October 6,7,8, 2017. Will be honoring: 75 LODD from 2016; 6 from previous years; 14 FDNY Post 911 WTC Disease, to a total of 95 honorees.
 - Contingency plans in place in case of a government shutdown.
- This is the 25th Anniversary of the NFFF; a celebratory day of events is planned for October 5th in Washington – all are welcome to attend.
 - Fund raising has been increased to fund all the activities for that weekend and supporting the families. Thank you all for all the fund raising and support, it is greatly appreciated.
- The Foundation is working on an organization growth plan that includes increasing our staff for fund development and looking at reorganizing the leadership structure.
- Dover NASCAR Race is coming up. National Harbor Stairclimb is September 16th. Hosted the 6th annual Comfort Zone Camp in memory of Hal Bruno for children of fallen firefighters at Glacier View Ranch in Ward, Colorado on July 21-23 – 35 campers and 36 volunteers attended.
- Bev Donlon was given a permanent position of Director of Survivor Program.
- The Fire Service Occupational Cancer Symposium will be held in Phoenix, AZ on September 7-8.

Bill Wagner, Assistant Parliamentarian – it would take a change in the Constitution to raise the dues of member companies: ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2. This would have to be voted on at Convention.

CONVENTION PP TOM MATTINGLY, PP DAVE LEWIS

- Info from the questionnaire - LAMSFA expressed dissatisfaction with their venue for their meetings. Parking was an issue. Building being cold.
- Statistics: Jolly Roger – 1200(decrease); Prayer Breakfast – 210; Bingo – 129; Memorial Service – 1700; Opening Service – 1500; Seminars: PDI – 163; HOT – 350; Seminars – 616
- Issues for consideration – electronic distribution all materials, better advertisement, all events will continue.
- ADMINISTRATION: committee is solid for 2018, activities already started, web needs are critical
- EXHIBITS: \$182,125 net income, Tuesday will be back to a full day, continuing to look at Sunday schedule
- FINANCE-Preliminary, not audited: net income \$41,361.46, total income \$281,829.34, total expenses \$240,467.88
- PRODUCTION: Go-Team has conducted a Hot Wash; survey results have been recorded; concerns have been raised about using the PAC; golf cart usage should be limited to OCCC property
- PROGRAM: 2017 highlighted the 125th Anniversary; have 125th coins remaining
- 2018 MAIL OUT NEEDS: PP Johnie Roth will be coordinating; PP John Denver working on hotels; all data will be web based
- TOWN OF OCEAN CITY: 2018 Air Show will be same weekend; requested to use the Municipal lot again; no construction in 2019; discussion about a four story parking garage; 3% proposed cost increase for OCCC next year.

PP Mike Davis – competing against ourselves, having classes the same time as meetings, etc., have the Keynote Speaker in the PAC, move the LAMSFA across the hall as in the past, use the PAC center for entertainment, really need to look at the program and make it easier for attendees to be able to see everything. PP Lewis and PP Mattingly responded that nothing is set in stone as yet, appreciate all feedback. Jim Seavey stated about the concert that partnered with OC Fools, MSFA did not get any recognition this year. Assistant Secretary Copado stated about the reports printed in the program book and each chair giving the report from the podium.

INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR MIKE FAUST

- DATA SYSTEMS CHAIR RICHARD SNADER – talking about document storage, there is a program that Washington County uses that would be very beneficial to MSFA and it could be offered to member companies. Jonathan Dayton is not a member of the committee as the Social Media guru. He has created a bogus account in Facebook.

Anyone can post to MSFA Facebook account. Data Systems needs to be represented on the Steering Committee. IT is a vital part of this organization. Not sure why the reports did not get into the mailbox to be posted, will investigate. Recreated the website editors manual-all committee chairs will have access. If you have a problem call. Put fund raisers in Events not on the Calendar.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR BILL HILDEBRAND

- **SEARCH & RESCUE CHAIR TODD JOHNSON** – see report. MEMA Director Strickland has green lighted the proposed concept of operations plan for the Maryland Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Response System. This document is largely based on the Whitepaper written by Vice-Chair Berna and endorsed by the MSFA. The next step is a meeting with MEMA reps, Vice-Chair Berna, and myself (TBD by MEMA) to discuss rolling out the concept to identified SW/F assets, including 12 MSFA member company Type III Swiftwater/Flood Teams. This will include developing the timeline for meeting with those assets, credentialing process as it will be presented to assets, and preparing information to be provided about the plan to assets. Actual credentialing will be scheduled at a later date; this is completely voluntary process only if an asset wants to be on the roster for state deployment. Hopefully a finished plan will be given to MEMA in May or June 2018. MEMA SEOC/ESF#9 Requests: a request from Texas for seven (7) Type I Swiftwater Teams, will be sitting in on the conference call.
- **MEMA FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL GROUP BILL HILDEBRAND:** see report. Emails have been sent to all committee members asking if he/she were still interested in staying on the committee – 12 responses of interest. The plans for the year were updated on initiatives at MEMA; informed of trainings and access to WebEOC account. This committee will help maintain the Resource list at MEMA that is currently being compiled. Members will be taking part in monthly drills.

PP Mattingly – SMVFA is having a golf tournament to support the NFFF on September, would like to have hole sponsors \$100.

EMS BRANCH DIRECTOR ERIC SMOTHERS

- EMT testing – it is time to let it go, a lot of work has been done to correct the problem. Recommendation is to continue on the path now. The testing seems to be working for the EMTs, Maryland is doing better than the national average.
- Issues with the EMT bridge, 20-hours not a benefit to providers. Need to go back and look at this. This is EMR to EMT.
- EMS is about 85% of what the fire service does. Need to work with new members quickly to get them trained and on the ambulance/fire truck. Assign a mentor to work with them.
- MD Protocol, 16 provisions in the protocols and make them available to EMT/EMR. Allow EMRs to administer Narcan. Allow ALS providers to use Bipap across the state;

use of glucometers for EMTs; BLS 12-lead to assist; allow paramedics to administer flu shots statewide.

- With the opioid epidemic and the volunteers using Narcan a lot, there should be a reimbursement program to help the first responders with the expense. There are monies given to DHMH and hospitals but not first responders. Need Legislation to help us in the field. Repeat offenders are putting a strain on the volunteers; time, fuel, meds, etc. Need some relief.
- Two candidates for State Medical Director
- Next meeting October 15th at Pleasant Valley, Carroll County; December 17th at Darlington, Harford County; Arbutus, February 18th; April 15th location TBD.

John Fisher – talked against the new EMT program and said the state is losing members because of it. Eric Smothers responded with MD needs to keep up with the National Standard. Our providers do very well in the state of MD. Tim Dayton – a NREMT from another state cannot ride in a Maryland ambulance and practice without getting a MD EMT certification. Eric said this is what has to change. On-line study time is helping.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM CHRIS MAY CHAIR

- The equipment trailer was damaged, battery chargers not functioning-need to replace them. \$60 each will need four. Budget will handle.

FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY DIRECTOR TERESA CRISMAN – see report.

- MISS FIRE PREVENTION SARAH PAUL gave report
- Fire Prevention week is October 8-14, message: “Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out”.
- If you want the burn trailer, please don’t put on websites until you contact the committee
- Need to find locations to house the burn trailers.
will be a webinar through the National Fire Academy, www.usfa.fema.gov/training/-----
- Risk Watch Cyndy Wright-Johnson – convention was a complete success, great attendance in the display. Working on 2018.
- Wednesday -September 6, 2017 Safe Kids Maryland Coalition Meeting: Hands on Training and Teaching Kit Development:
 - 1. Emergency Ready Families- new EMSC teaching program
 - 2. Heat Stroke Prevention- Outdoor Thermometer Display
 - 3. Pre-K teaching tools- Burn and Poison Prevention games
 - 4. Pop up tents and Pop up toss games
 - In person meeting 1-3:30pm & Networking lunch with PEMAC will be at 12:30pm.
 - Tuesday-September 26, 2017 58th Annual Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference – Time- 7:30am Location- Johns Hopkins Applies Physics Lab, Kossiakoff Conference Center, 11100 John Hopkins Road, Laurel, Md, 20723.

- New- Just Announced: 2018 Safe Kids Maryland State Coalition Meetings:
 - March 7, 2018 @ MIEMSS in Baltimore
 - September 5, 2018 @ MIEMSS in Baltimore
 - For information please call 410-706-1758 or email safekidsmd@miemss.org
- March conference Saturday March 24, 2018 at 0830 to 1630 at MFRI HQ
- Next meeting is November 19th at Abington; February at Lake Shore; May 20th at United Communities.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH DIRECTOR PP STEVE COX – see reports

- Working on the Income Tax subtraction
- Sprinkling 17 State Circle – no cost to MSFA
- Governor on Wednesday
- **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PP BOB CUMBRLAND –see report.**
 - S-829 AFG/SAFER Reauthorization -
 - The legislation reauthorizes the Assistance to Firefighters, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response, and Fire Prevention and Safety grant programs through the end of Fiscal Year 2023
 - H.R. 931 and S. 382 FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY ACT - The legislation creates a specialized national registry to provide researchers and epidemiologists with the tools and resources they need to improve research collection activities related to the monitoring of cancer incidence among firefighters
 - H.R. 1720 and S. 1239 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM CAP - The legislation raises the annual cap on contributions to Length-of-Service Awards Programs to \$6,000 from \$3,000 and creates a mechanism to allow for adjustments for inflation.
 - H.R. 1550 and S. 1238 VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION ACT - The legislation exempts from federal income tax any property tax benefit and up to \$600 per year of any other type of benefit that a state or local unit of government provides to volunteer emergency responders as a recruitment or retention incentive.
 - H.R. 1481 and S. 602 FIRE SPRINKLER INCENTIVE ACT - The legislation amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler systems as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler systems as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.
 - H.R. 304 and S. 916 PROTECTING PATIENT ACCESS TO EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS ACT - The legislation clarifies existing law to allow EMS providers to continue dispensing controlled substances under “standing orders”.

- FIRE POLICE FAIRNESS ACT - The fire Police Fairness ACT (FPFA) establishes “fire police officer” as a new category of public safety officer, defined as an individual who, “is serving in accordance with State or local law as an officially recognized or designated member of legally organized public safety agency and provides scene security or directs traffic in response to any fire drill, fire call, or other fire, rescue, or police emergency; or at a planned special event.” The Department of Justice has included language in draft regulations that were published in August clarifying that fire police officers who are members of a qualified fire department are firefighters. If the draft regulations are adopted it would accomplish the goal of the Fire Police Fairness Act. There is other legislation that CFSI, IAFC, IAFF, and the NVFC are working on together in the 115th Congress.
 - 2017 WHITE PAPER, Understanding the Roles, Challenges & Needs of our Nation’s Fire and Emergency Services
 - Another important item that was developed through CFSI’s National Advisory Committee (NAC) which is represented by the NVFA, CVVFA, and 30 plus other National Fire Service Organization was to develop a white paper addressing important aspects of the federal Government’s role in supporting the mission of our nation’s fire and emergency services. It is designed to help government officials better understand what is expected of firefighters nationwide who respond to over 35 million emergency calls annually.
- **FIRE LAWS BOOKS** – on a 3-year cycle
 - **17 STATE CIRCLE** - have a cracked window that would cost about \$1000 to repair because the building is a historical site, so will let it go for now. Proposal to change the steps, on hold for now, more at next meeting.
 - **OUT OF STATE EVENTS COMMITTEE PP BOB CUMBERLAND** – see report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION BRANCH DIRECTOR MIKE DIXON –

- **HISTORICAL/ARCHIVES CHIP JEWEL**
 - Plaques have been updated
 - Storage room – scan the documents, put some in the National Heritage Center. Out of room
- **MARKETING/EVENTS PP JOHN DENVER**
 - Have a problem with anyone posting to the MSFA Facebook page, postings need to be approved. Jonathan Dayton said the administrators have to approve a post before it goes live.

- **TRUMPET MIKE DIXON** – info in by October 15th

MEMBERS BENEFITS BRANCH DIRECTOR CHARLES SIMPSON

- **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** – the walk will be April 22, 2018 at 0800 in Annapolis. President Bilger advised the Chairman Jay Tucker has submitted his resignation; therefore, the committee will be inactive until a new Chair is appointed and the committee is re formatted.
- **WILLS FOR HEROS** – great program is free
- **INCENTIVES PROGRAM:** doing a great job with the tax incentive increase every year until it reaches \$5000
- **RECRUITMENT/RETENTION JOE CHORNOCK**
 - Asked to continue the Family Appreciation award, most submittals do not meet the criteria. Suggested to have a Recruitment & Retention Award. We have received an offer from one company to fund our award in the amount of \$1,650 for 3 years. Until we get the funding established we are planning to provide plaques for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the departments & Association. The award will be presented at the 2018 convention based upon activities in 2017. Work with the Awards Committee and bring back.
 - Call to Duty on the 23rd. **SUCCESSION PLANNING** - We have secured the Holiday Inn and Suites, 1701Atlantic Ave, Ocean City from December 1st through December 3rd, 2017. The Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department has offered up their HQ Station for dinner on Friday evening. We can begin gathering at the station around 6:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:30 to give everyone time to make it to the beach. After dinner we will begin the introductions to the seminar.

NVFC JIM SEAVEY AND PP DAVE LEWIS – see report

- A summary of some of the activities that Directors Seavey and Lewis have been involved in since our last report in June at the annual convention:
 - Cancer Initiatives
 - Volunteer Advocacy
 - NVFC Foundation
 - Conference and Education
 - Health, Safety, and Training Initiatives
 - Homeland Security Initiatives and Legislative Activity
 - Recruitment and Retention Initiatives
 - Standards and Codes Initiatives

Training is available on NVFC website as well as VCOS and others.

CHAIR SIMPSON request something with a link to NVFC and VCOS for members.

TRAINING & SAFETY BRANCH DIRECTOR LEON FLEMING

- **TRAINING**
 - August 28th there will be a Round Table at MFRI, Susan Grote and Gloria Cunningham will oversee the program
 - Scott Wood will be Vice Chair for committee
 - Next meeting November 12, 2017 at MFRI
- **SAFETY JOHN FISHER** – a child fell from a fire truck at the convention parade. Need to push safety.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DIRECTOR MITCH VOCKE

- **PRESIDENT VEHICLE** – will develop a SOP for the use of vehicles
- **TRANSPORTATION** – preparation for the 2018 recertification, have received the current data base from MVA and will start verifying the tags with departments. A meeting has been set up with the MVA administrator for September 2017 to discuss the possible new tag and how to recertify in 2018
- All Board members please take the raffle tickets for your counties.

Maryland State Firemen's Association
Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee
SAVE THE DATE

**2017 MARYLAND STATEWIDE
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

Maryland State Fire
Marshal
Brian Geraci
has announced that
our next Statewide
Community Risk
Reduction Program
will take place on
May 20-21, 2017

So **SAVE THE DATE** and extend to your communities
that having a working smoke alarm is very important.

2018 dates are set, so mark your calendars:
**May 19-20, 2018
&
October 20-21, 2018**

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION BY RON BLOCK, 2ND BY JIM SEAVEY TO HAVE THE STANDARDS

see
memo

Motion by Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1 at 2017 MSFA Convention

Mr. President and Members of the Maryland State Fireman's Association,

On February 22, 2017 Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1 voted to separate from the City of Salisbury and made a decision to become an independent station. Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co. 1 has advertised or made statements to the fact they will begin to conduct Fire and EMS operations in Wicomico County on or about 1 July 2017. Since their separation from the City of Salisbury Fire Department, everything they had used to qualify for and maintain membership within the Maryland State Fireman's Association remains the property of the City of Salisbury. As a result, it has necessitated that they purchase replacement equipment, tools, and gear and establish a new location for Fire and EMS operations, which has not been inspected or approved for operation by the MSFA.

On behalf of the President and members of Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1 our delegates respectfully request in the form of a motion that the MSFA Standards Committee with haste, inspect Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1, per the MSFA Bylaws Article D Section 1 e), before July 1 when they wish to begin service.

Per the MSFA Bylaws Article D Section 1, we request:

- a) The Standards Committee validate that the Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1 has an approved reporting system to maintain records of response.
- b) The Standards Committee validates Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co. 1 has a heated station of adequate size and configuration to house apparatus, vehicles and equipment.
- c) The Standards Committee validates Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1 has a suitable method of receiving alarms and alerting for the membership via the Wicomico Emergency Services 911 center.

The delegates of Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. also respectfully request in the form of a motion the MSFA Standards Committee with haste, inspect Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1. Furthermore, that their equipment meets SOP Standards:

- a. SOP S001 - Pumper Standard
- b. SOP S002 - Tanker Standards

Finally, the delegates of Salisbury Fire-Department, Inc. Co.1 respectfully request in the form of a motion the MSFA Standards Committee with haste, inspect Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1, per the MSFA Bylaws Article E, section 1

- a. The Standards Committee confirms Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1 complies and meets the minimum standards developed with MSFA and MIEMSS under the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program as an emergency medical services provider for Basic and Advanced Life Support and are recognized by MIEMSS and the Medical Director Dr. Todd for PRMC.
- b. The Standard Committee confirm that Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co.1 personnel and equipment meets SOP Standard:
- c. E001 - Ambulance Company Standards
- d. E002 - ALS (MICU) Standards
- e. E003 - Rescue Company Standards

In summary, if Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co. 1 fails this inspection for any of the above items, the remedy our delegates request is a suspension of their membership per the Constitution Article 1, section 3 until it can be corrected. It is our hope and desires to avoid a violation of the Constitution Article 1 Section 9, if Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co 1 is not prepared and/or authorized to respond on or about July 1, 2017 as advertised.

COMMITTEE MAKE AN INSPECTION OF THE NEW STATION 13 IN WICOMICO COUNTY AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS AT THE NEXT MEETING...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion from the floor, volume was too low to understand....

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request to drop Violetville VFC for lack of submitting credentials and paying dues. Just informed that the station has been closed and property sold.

MOTION BY WAYNE TOME, 2ND BY RON BLOCK TO DROP VIOLETVILLE VFC BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO SUBMIT CREDENTIALS AND PAY DUES (BALTIMORE COUNTY SAID THE STATION HAS CLOSED)...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY JIM SEAVEY, 2ND BY TIM DAYTON TO PUT THE BREAVEMENT THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE PROGRAM ON THE WEBSITE...PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dick DeVore, Ellerslie VFC, Allegany County announced that he is a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the MSFA. 34 years in fire service.

President Bilger made a presentation to Reese VFC for hosting the Executive Committee meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS

PP Mike Davis – thank you all for support

John Fisher – Worcester County has all their reports in. Somerset and Wicomico Counties have not

Ron Block – thank you

Jim Seavey – greeting from Marcine Goodloe, great meeting, Montgomery fire has moved to new facility on Snapper Road, thank you

Dan Stevens – thank you to Reese; golf tournament on 9/20; high county program have 75 in our three counties

Frank Underwood for Chuck Walker – visited Chuck, may go to rehab soon; grant for \$700,000 for R&R; convention 9/16 – 23 at Brentwood

Tim Dayton – thank you Reese; this Board needs the information to get the information out to the member companies, please get all reports uploaded so we can read them. Tanker accident in Garret County-no one hurt

Richard Smith – thank you to Reese; (Kimberly Courthammer from Hurlock); incentive program in Dorchester did not happen; 2 sprinkler trailers in Easton will be put together.

Wayne Tome – thanks to Reese; Harford putting 2 ALS units in service soon; Cecil looking to up the County replacement amount for an engine to \$325,000;

Kent Whalen – thank you to Reese; nothing to report

Rick Hemphill – thank Reese

Chair Charles Simpson – new chief; the President of the Landsdowne VFD has been notified to submit the letter of consolidation with the Violetville VFC (Violetville has been disbanded); Hyde Park, Middleboro VFD and Rockaway Beach VFD are in the process of consolidation, they will become the Essex VFD; Baltimore County convention will be held on September 16 at Boley's Quarters; thank you to Reese and President Hyde. Get reports filed electronically. 7 hours and 44 minutes

PP Steve Cox (not at mic) unable to understand.....

Chief Chaplain John Long gave benediction

MOTION BY JOHN FISHER, 2ND BY RON BLOCK TO ADJOURN MEETING...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY

Respectively submitted,

Shirley L. Copado
Assistant Secretary

MOTION SUMMARY
Executive Committee Meeting
August 26, 2017

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- **MOTION BY RON BLOCK, 2ND BY DOUG SIMPKINS TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY THE RIGHT TO PERSUE THE LAWSUIT AGAINST WENDY BONNER IF NECESSARY...PASSED UNAMINIOUSLY.**
- **MOTION BY DOUG SIMPKINS, 2ND BY RICK HEMPHILL TO GRANT THE LOAN TO WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGING & HOSE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$287,800...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**
- **MOTION BY RICK HEMPHILL, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO APPROVE THE 30-YEAR LOAN TO SHARPSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$638,400...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**
- **MOTION BY RICHARD SMITH, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO APPROVE THE GRANT TO CHURCH CREEK VFC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,990.62...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**
- **MOTION BY DOUG SIMPKINS, 2ND BY RON BLOCK TO APPROVE THE 15-YEAR LOAN TO ROCK HALL VFC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314,895...PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**
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