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President Faust's Report

The MSFA held our Executive Committee on September 21-22, 2019 at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in Lexington Park, Maryland and I feel it was a great success.

I would like to thank Executive Committee Chairman Robbie Blackiston for running the meeting effectively and for keeping us all on track. I heard from partners and officers alike that it was a very productive meeting.

We started Saturday off with time set aside for committees to meet and partners to join in where appropriate. I believe most partners were there, but we did not have great participation from our committees. I look forward to increased committee participation at future meetings.

We provided this time for the committees to meet in hopes that it would:

- * Improve communication between the committees and our partners;
- * Encourage more people to attend the Executive Committee meetings;
- * Allow other Presidents and other

officers the opportunity to attend committee meetings they may not have normally attended

Those that did take advantage of this time found real value in it and suggested it continue.

Sudlersville Meeting

I encourage all committee chairs to attend the meeting in Sudlersville on December 7th at 9:00am. Even if you are not tied to a specific partner, you can use the time to gather your thoughts or attend another committee's meeting to learn what is going on around the State. You may find a way to improve on what you are doing or even find another committee to serve on. The Executive Committee meeting will start promptly at 10:30am.

Please note that Sunday's meeting will continue to consist of MSFA business, and it will start at 9:00am. The attire for Sunday's meeting is business casual. Men are asked to wear a jacket and tie and women to dress as they have done in previous years. We feel it is more professional and

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The President's Corner

appropriate since we are doing meaningful business of the Association.

MSFA Leadership Summit

In early August the MSFA held our Leadership Summit where we discussed our goals which were to improve the effectiveness in communication as a team and to build unity of purpose as an organization.

If you want to learn a little about what was discussed on Saturday I encourage you to go YouTube and search for "Ted Talks Golden Circle". Personally, I think this concept will help the Association and our member companies with Recruitment and Retention. It's a new approach that should prove to be very impactful.

Recruitment and Retention

Speaking of Recruitment and Retention, we have made some changes to this committee. John Denver is the new Chairman and has added a few new people. One of the first changes was splitting the committee into a Recruitment sub-committee and a Retention sub-committee. Although it is still one committee overall, recruitment and retention are completely different issues and we feel breaking them out will help focus on both simultaneously.

More to follow on this but I appre-

ciate John Denver stepping up to lead this committee and the new members for agreeing to help.

There was also some confusion as to who was or was not serving on the committee. I sent an email out prior to the convention to last year's committee members asking if they wanted to continue to serve and I only heard back from a couple of people. If there is an interest in still being on this committee, please reach out to me directly.

Legislative Committee

The legislative committee continues to work hard for us in Annapolis and around the State. Opposition to the law requiring residential sprinklers has been raised by Worcester County and it is currently supported by Wicomico County. The legislative committee and MSFA officers have been working with our local jurisdictions to oppose their efforts.

This issue directly impacts one of our most important duties as an association which is the protection of our members and the community. I



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hope everyone agrees that we must oppose any efforts that remove the sprinkler requirements and I ask you make your position known with your County Officials.

Tax Classification

We also are looking into changing our tax classification from a 501c6 to a 501c3. This issue has been brought up in the past, but we heard that we could not be a 501c3 because of our efforts in Annapolis. We now know that is not the case. As a 501c3, we cannot endorse candidates and we can only spend up to a certain percentage of our funds on our work in Annapolis. We do not endorse candidates and we do not come close to the percentage threshold.

The Executive Committee agreed that we should move forward with this change as it will allow any donations made to the organization to be tax deductible. This will benefit the Cancer Support Network and our Convention just to name a couple. More to follow on this but we are hopeful to have this completed by the Spring Executive Committee meeting.

MSFA Tags

Lastly, I want to address the ongoing issues with MSFA Tags. I requested a meeting with the people at the MVA in mid-August. I wanted to hear directly from them as to what the hang-ups were, and I wanted to see if there was a way to streamline the process because it has become a deterrent to membership rather than a benefit. Wayne Tome has agreed to Chair this Committee and Frank Underwood will stay on as Vice Chair. As requested, Wayne set up the meeting with the MVA, which was attended by all the three Presidents, our Executive Director Kate Tomanelli, Frank Underwood, and Wayne Tome and the three representatives of the MVA that manage the program.

During this meeting, we discovered that a lot of what we were led to believe was required were completely unnecessary and slowed the process down. By simply adding the NFIRS number to the MVA form we could eliminate a lot of paperwork for both parties. This will also allow us to get quarterly reports from the MVA that we can breakdown by County and Company using the NFIRS number.

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Chip's Firehouse Logbook

TOO Much Regulation

by Chief Clarence "Chip" Jewell, III

Over the last 123 years, The National Fire Protection Association has been developing standards to promote fire safety. The organization has evolved in to the premier standard making body for fire service operations.

Essentially, every aspect of emergency service delivery is covered by one or more NFPA standards. One of the most progressive safety standards was adopted by NFPA in May of 1987 when NFPA 1500 thrust NFPA into the specific arena of firefighter health, safety and risk management.

Sweeping changes were

included in the standard, many of which were controversial. The elimination of riding the back step was akin to treason. But, over the years, fire departments throughout the United States implemented the standards, contributing to a substantial decrease in line of duty death an injuries. It takes

time for fire companies to embrace, and often afford, the implementation of NFPA standards. Remember, the fire service is 200 + years of tradition unimpeded by progress!!

Though NFPA and other standards can be held as best practices in civil liability litigation, the standards themselves are not law. Failure to comply with a standard does not bring the weight of government to impose restrictions, fines or even imprisonment.

But, if a standard is adopted by a government-



tal entity as a regulation, as was proposed by OSHA, IT'S THE LAW.

Though NFPA standards are promulgated by committees and consensus, many of those involved in the standard making process are industry representatives. I am certain most committee members have safety as their highest priority but, I have to believe profit motives may also exist with some members in the consensus standard making process.

Even the fire service representatives must have personal or department financial backing to assure time,

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The team at the MVA also asked us to forward all the forms for people waiting for tags to them. They said that they would work through them as they were able. In the past, we were told that the MVA would only take a few each month which is simply not the case. If you do not know your NFIRS number for your department, please ask Kate or Lynn. They have the list provided by MFRI.

Wayne informed me recently that they are planning to update all the tag coordinators on the changes to the process very shortly. In the meantime, please renew your tags if it is time to do so. I would like to thank all the Officers, Past Presidents, Partners, and Committee Chairs for their continued support. We can accomplish great things when we work together and continue to

communicate.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Faust

MSFA President



Dayton on the Fire Service

Generational Change in the Fire Service “Written from a Gen Y Perspective”

By: Jonathan Dayton, IAAI-FIT, NREMT

My generation is highly scrutinized for being under motivated, too advantaged and spending too much time dedicated to technology. I will, over the next few short paragraphs, explain how the fire service has changed and is changing and what we need to do to put my generation to good use, a generation full of ideas and the knowledge to create a better fire service geared for the future.

Today’s society is littered with technology. Kids born in the 1990’s to present grew up with color television, computers, cell phones and accessible internet. The current fire service is aging out as we know it. Newer fire service members are surrounded with the stigma of being lazy, unmotivated and always having their head glued to a screen.

Many older generational firefighters are very set in their ways. They don’t want to embrace that the fire service is changing and will continue to change in the years ahead.

It’s time to not only embrace but take advantage of the technology and generation of firefighters that are currently upon us.

One of the largest assets that this generation possesses is their knowledge of today’s technology. Who has or knows how to effectively operate Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, LinkedIn, Vimeo or Twitter? I bet the very few of you can answer, yes.

Social media consumes today’s society. We know that you can go find any teenager and hand them your phone and they’ll be able to answer any question or fix any problem you may have.

We need to harness this underused potential to our advantage.

In the volunteer fire service one of the things that we all struggle with is volunteer firefighter and EMS recruitment. We already know that this generation is glued to technology, use these platforms to push recruitment material in front of them. Keeping ahead of this generational and technological push is key to staying on top of recruiting the next generation of the volunteer fire and EMS service. I’ll go more in depth with this topic in a later column.

Along the same lines with social media. The spread of emergency incidents on Facebook can be very beneficial and detrimental at the same time. With guidance from the current generation the newer generation can use tools

such as social media to alert the public to potential and current emergent situations.

This married combination of using senior emergency personnel’s experience with what’s appropriate to post and the knowledge of this generation on how to use certain social platforms is one prime example of combining the old with the new

to better the fire service.

Communication is something that years ago in the fire service was difficult to come by. Radio communication was not nearly as advanced just ten years ago, phones are now wireless. It’s crazy to think how technology has advanced in just a short time period. I revert to the what I said previously, that kids are glued to their cellphones.

One of the things that we as a newer generation possess is the ability to communicate with anyone in the world in the matter of a few seconds. How crazy is it to think that by tapping a few buttons on a glass screen the size of your hand you’re able to talk with someone 2,000 miles away in the matter of seconds! My generation the best generation of communication. Harnessing communication abilities of



my generation is key to developing a fire service equip for the future.

Another great way to utilize my generation is use online educational platforms for learning. Time is very limited, with sports games, school work, social gatherings and yes, video games. A lot of my generation wants to volunteer but can’t commit to these outrageous training hours that are required to volunteer.

Why can’t we start to develop online classes that can teach the students exactly what is taught in the classroom, then have them attend “labs,” for their practical skills learning?

To sum everything up. This generation is very apt to using technology and many skills that older generation can only envy. Although, the older generation may not believe that they envy these skills, I can wager that they do.

My generation can communicate, interpret and diagnose issues faster than any generation. We hold unique values and skills they are being underused, there is a happy medium that needs to be found for the fire and EMS service to survive. I can only imagine that would happen if each generation can’t find a balance in the next few years.

“... a generation full of ideas and the knowledge to create a better fire service geared for the future. . .”

Wally 's Quiz — Round 4

By Jim Jarboe



Are You Smarter than the old time fire chief?

Round 4

1. How is the quantity of heat measured?
2. In the TV series "Rescue Me", what was the number on the side of ladder truck? 52 62 82
3. What does FABSCOM stand for?
4. A beam which spans an opening in a masonry wall is called a?
5. In the mid 70's, who wrote the book titled "Building Construction for the Fire Service"?
6. Convection and Radiation are two of the ways in which heat is transferred, what is the third way?
7. What is a BLEVE?
8. Which kind of camera is most likely to be used for search and rescue?
9. Name the Fire Chief from Parkersburg, West Virginia that wrote books about firefighting?
10. In 2013, 19 firefighters were killed while fighting a major wild land in Arizona. This elite squad was called?



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Chip's Logbook

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travel, and expenses are covered. Essentially, it is nearly impossible for the small rural departments of our nation to participate in this process.

This results in some standards being developed that may never be able to be complied by smaller or

less financially sound fire departments. And not just small volunteer departments, in some larger cities, fully career departments are having difficulty being able to receive a budget to just maintain staffing.

Standards are necessary to promote and encourage health and safety for our personnel and the public. NFPA has been the leader in developing standards that are directly applied to the fire and rescue service. I am not opposed or discouraging standards. But, I am adamantly opposed for any federal governmental agency blindly adopting these standards as regulation.

As a regulation, what would happen to a department that did not have compliant gear? Would the chief be fined? Would the company be shuttered? Even if given time to comply, where

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would a department get the funds to bring it into compliance? Hold BIN-GO for OSHA? Don't get me wrong, we all need to strive to meet NFPA standards. I sincerely believe our line of duty death numbers in the last 30 or so years reflect we are making progress.

This is political, folks. We need to remain on top of this issue in the federal arena. We need to keep our ear to the rail and immediately react if OSHA again attempts to carte blanche adopt NFPA standards into federal regulation. Federal elections are next year. We need to be involved and stay alert.

We need to make sure we educate our leaders in congress and the White House to any land grab by OSHA or any government agency that tries to embrace standards as regulation. They say all politics is local. Make sure you and your local fire service personnel stay informed on this issue and be ready to respond if called.

BE SAFE

Chip

2019 Educational Programs SAVE THE DATES

The Maryland RA Fall 2019 - Two-day Resuscitation Academy - November 7 and 8, 2019 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Howard County Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Drive Marriottsville, Maryland.

APLS Hybrid Course with the option for HeartCode PALS addition - December 13, 2019 MIEMSS, 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore (target audience is physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners) Please contact PEPP@MIEMSS.org with any questions.

Meritus Medical Center Trauma Update Winter 2019 – December 17, 2019 Robinwood Professional Center, Hagerstown, Md. Contact: ruth.leizear@meritushealth.com

Wally's Answers (see quiz on page 7)

Answers...

1. (BTU) British Thermal Unit
2. 62
3. Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland
4. Lintel
5. Francis L. Brannigan
6. Conduction
7. Boiling-Liquid-Expanding-Vapor Explosion
8. Thermal Imaging Camera
9. Chief Lloyd Layman
10. Hotshots

Fire Marshal's Report

Dear Readers,

As most of you know, October 6 through 12 was Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme was centered around the home fire escape plan. I want to impress upon you the importance of conveying this message to the communities you serve, in an effort to avoid tragedy during the winter months when fires become more prevalent and widespread in the state.



There is always an opportunity to educate every age group about the importance of planning and practicing their home fire escape routes, not just during a week in October. Whether it's a child who will be startled in the middle of the night to the sound of their smoke alarm, or an older adult who has recently moved into a retirement community in a home unfamiliar to them - all age groups need a reminder

of this life-saving practice.

You can tweet, post, hand-out, and demonstrate home fire escape plans all-year round. That's the beauty of life safety education, it's readily available to you in dozens of formats, customized to every audience imaginable. So I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the National Fire Protection Association's website at nfpa.org and make a concerted effort to get the message out that home fire escape planning is important year-round.

The many open houses that are coming up this fall are a perfect venue to spread the word. We do everything in our power to prevent a fire from occurring, but inevitably, it will. When it does, make sure your community is adequately equipped to save their own lives long before the siren sounds.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Geraci
Maryland State Fire Marshal

Maryland Recruitment Weekend 2019



For Maryland Recruitment Weekend 2019, The Volunteer Trumpet visited a number of stations in Prince Georges County. On April 13, we attended the open house at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and we wrote an article at that time (see April 2019 issue). Here are a few photos that didn't make it in that issue.

Etching “Volunteers” Dedicated at Frederick County Fire/Rescue Museum

By Chip Jewell

EMMITSBURG -- With over 150 firefighters from throughout the United States in attendance, the William Cochran glass etching was dedicated Friday evening at its new home in front of the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum on South Seton Avenue.

The etching “Volunteers” was officially presented to public view after nearly two years of project and fund raising efforts to provide a new home for this iconic fire service depiction. The etching was originally dedicated in 1989 at the Firehouse Financial Center in the old Independent Hose Co. building at 12 West Church St where the etching was on display for almost 30 years. After Museum President Chip Jewell welcomed the crowd and gave an overview of the project to bring the etching to Emmitsburg, local dignitaries and national fire service leaders spoke to commemorate the event. Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs expressed his sincere appreciation in bringing this William Cochran art to town where it will serve as a fire service welcome to the community.

County Executive Jan Gardner expressed

National Fire Academy. Tourism Director John Fiesler echoed her comments and noted the etching will enhance the nickname of Emmitsburg as “Firetown, USA”.

Artist William Cochran was excited to

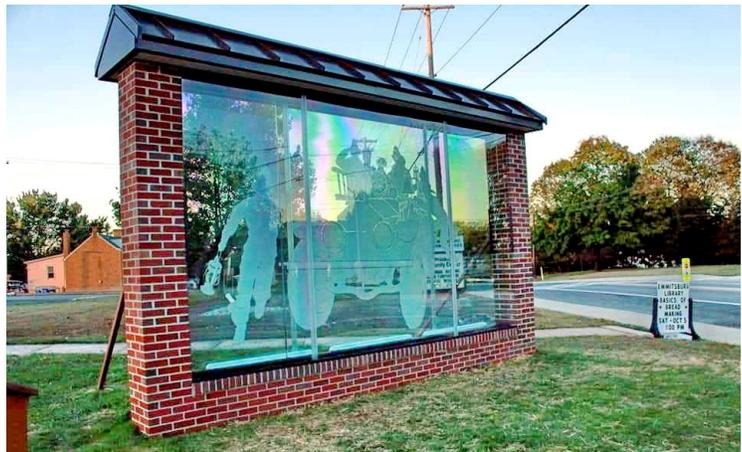
see the etching again for the first time in many years and congratulated the fire museum for completing this challenging project. He was very pleased with the design to provide an excellent

view of the entire artwork when entering Emmitsburg. He recalled the development and actual sittings for the initial etching.

Jewell told the crowd that firefighters would keep with the tradition of responding. With that, the door went up and IHC members dressed in period uniforms pulled their 1893 hose carriage, “Romeo,” toward the etching. The brass bells broke the silence of the windy, cool evening. “It was just perfect. We needed to do something other than cut a ribbon. I think the response of the hose cart was fitting,” Jewell said.

Four members of the Independent Hose Company that posed for the etching were in attendance were Dewey Foreman, John Grice, Bill Horine and Chuck Handley. Bob Stevens and Chris Cochran also posed as figures in the etching. National fire service leaders Chief Keith

Bryant, Administrator of the United State Fire Administration and Deputy Administrator Dr. Denis Oneal congratulated the museum for this accomplishment that will continue to enhance the student experience. Dr. Oneal spoke of



The etching.

the historic aspects of Emmitsburg and how the historic St. Joseph’s College became home of the National Fire Academy.

Chief Ron Siarnicki, Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, of the importance of this weekend to the families of the fallen heroes and how this etching will also serve to honor those that are memorialized each year. Chief Kevin Quinn, 1st Vice Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council, presented an organization plaque to the museum.

Financial support to build the etching came from the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Frederick County Office of Economic Development, Delaplaine Foundation, Ausherman Foundation, VFIS, Steve Trout and the Town of Emmitsburg.

The etching was dedicated to all members of the fire, rescue and EMS service and will provide a welcome to the thousands of responders who visit the National Fire Academy.



The etching at night

sincere appreciation for the efforts to save the artwork for the hundreds of fire service personnel that visit Frederick County when they attend class at the

MIEMSS NEWS BRIEFS

James W. Brown, MA, EMT,
MIEMSS

Maryland EMS Plan Update — MIEMSS is in the process of updating the Maryland EMS Plan. The Plan is being re-written with input from MIEMSS staff, SEMSAC representatives, and stakeholders from around the state. It will set the direction for the system for the future. This will focus the efforts of MIEMSS and the statewide EMS community as they move forward in the future. MIEMSS would like your input and welcomes comments and content for the process. The plan is comprised of seventeen areas of focus. There are several ways to participate in the process. Please go to the MIEMSS web site and download a copy of the form. It may be filled in and sent back via fax. Copies of this form are being distributed statewide at various meetings.

Initial CRT Licenses— MIEMSS is reminding the EMS community that after December 31, 2019, Maryland will no longer license new Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) candidates who are seeking an initial CRT license, since the NREMT will no longer offer examinations at the I/99 level. Testing at the I/99 level must be completed by December 31, 2019, as retest opportunities will not be available to candidates beyond this date.

Statewide EMS Communication System Upgrade — MIEMSS is upgrading the Maryland statewide communications systems to meet current and future needs. MIEMSS' goal is to have a highly reliable, next generation communications system which is built on a uniform platform and integrates with the State's Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The contractor and MIEMSS have completed the Detailed Design Review (DDR). This is a written document detailing all the specifics of the project. Implementation is underway and is divided into five phases, primarily based on EMS regions. Each phase involves equipment delivery, implementation, and acceptance. Phase 1, starting now, encompasses Southern Mar-

yland (EMS Region V). Each phase must be successfully completed before the next phase begins. Phase 1 is targeted to be complete by midyear 2020.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) Update — The Statewide VAIP workgroup has reconvened to conduct a thorough review and update of the VAIP standards in an effort to allow more jurisdictional EMS operational programs to participate. The workgroup finalized the 2019 VAIP standards on September 12, 2019. The draft document will be reviewed by the EMS Board and SEMSAC.

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Bike Helmet Safety Project— MIEMSS EMSC and Safe Kids Maryland are in the third year of a Maryland Highway Safety Office funded project to provide educational materials, posters and bike helmets to Safe Kids Coalitions and community partners across Maryland. Two Public Service Announcements have been produced and are on the MIEMSS YouTube channel. Fifteen Bike Helmet fitting displays have been distributed through Safe Kids coalitions and partners. Over 1,000 helmets have been provided to these organizations to provide both safety education, "Right Fit" instructions, and helmets. This third year of the grant will continue to focus Bike Helmet education and distribution with the addition of regional trainings and the "Be Seen" messages of bike safety.

- Right Fit bike helmet posters in English and Spanish are available from MIEMSS. Contact bikesafety@miemss.org to request posters and more information.

- A new website contains information and sample posters <http://www.miemss.org/home/bike-safety-project>



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