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Seal of the
Maryland State Firemen’s Association

The Great Seal of Maryland was used by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association during its first two years (1893-1894.) The second logo of the M.S.F.A. was first used in 1895, and appeared on the Proceedings Book of the Association until 1904, (shown lower left.) In 1905, the logo was changed (shown lower right). In 2001 the logo (shown next page) was slightly altered to include the wording around the outside edge, was created and continues to be used as a sign of recognition by representatives of the M.S.F.A. while conducting the official business of the Association. The description of the logo was supplied by Past President Peter Paul Lochary and Mrs. Jeannie Hare (widow of Past President Herman B. Hare.)

MEANING OF THE LOGO

The color red represents life-red blood of the human being-the gift of God. The hose expresses effort-energy put forth by individuals to his/her job as water flows through the hose. Tools of the trade - Axes - force. Ladders - steps to success for firemen helping to provide better service to the community. Nozzle - used to dispense water-result of success applied by firemen. Oak Leaves - White Oak is the tree of the State of Maryland and shows strength. Acorns symbolize deeds of firemen that grow into accomplishments just as acorns grow into great oak trees. Wreath formed by oak leaves and acorns to symbolize valor and achievement. Bow to tie it all together to make a great organization.
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*Roland B. Duke 1941-42  Leonardtown
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David Keller 2014-15  Citizens
Johnie Roth Jr. 2015-16  Sandy Spring
Michael Davis 2016-17  Cockeysville
Mark A. Bilger 2017-18  Manchester

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*William M. Crimmins 1893-1896  Frederick
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*Harry I. Smith 1907-1909  Cumberland
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*Edward Stevenson 1911-1913  Lonaconing
*Charles L. Davis 1913-1915  Westernport
*William Weagly 1915-1917  Westminster
*J. Hall Wright 1917-1919  Easton
*George R. Lindsay 1919-1921  Hagerstown
*Lawrence C. Cooney 1921-1923  Sparrows Point
*George R. Lindsay 1923-1939  Hagerstown
*Benjamin R. Benson II 1939-1940  Towson
*Ted C. Gardner, PP 1940-1953  Riverdale Heights
*Floyd B. Heimer 1953-1973  Branchville
*William B. Fox 1977-1979  Landover Hills
*William E. Denver 1979-1980  Elkton
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*Jacqueline M. Olson PP 2008-2011  Ferndale
*Joseph A. Cooper 2011-2012  Bay District
Doyle E. Cox, PP 2012-(now serv.)  Prince Frederick

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*Hiram R. Heck 1893-1905  Frederick
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*Walter W. Wittig 1909-1911  Frostburg
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*Russell P. Smith 1913-1915  Cambridge
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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
127th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Ocean City, Maryland

Saturday, June 15, 2019

1200 Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center 2nd Floor Skybox
1330 Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Convention Center
1830 JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET, Clarion Hotel (By Invitation Only)

Sunday, June 16, 2019

0800 Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0800 Registration Bag Stuffing – Convention Center, all materials need to be on site by 7:45
0800-1700 Education, Training Seminars and Hands-On Training – Convention Center
0900-1130 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor’s Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level
0930 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor
1000-1200 MSFA Early Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
1000-1200 LAMSFA Early Registration – Convention Center – Performing Arts Center

1030 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
1100-1400 Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market – Convention Center Performing Arts Center

1400 MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Convention Center Performing Arts Center

1700 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
1900 Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation Night - Fish Tales Bar & Grill
2107 Herring Way, Ocean City

Monday, June 17, 2019

0700 Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor
0800-1700 Education, Training Seminars and Hands-On Training – Convention Center

FIRST SESSION

0830 CALL TO ORDER - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900 Exhibits Open
0900 Introduction of Elected Officials
Federal Legislation Update - Bill Webb, Executive Director, CFSI
Introduction of State Visitors and Organizations
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 127th Annual Convention and Conference

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0910  Keynote Speaker – Chief Kevin Quinn, Chairman, National Volunteer Fire Council
Weaving From Crackle To Sizzle
Kevin D. Quinn, Rhode Island director and chair of the National Volunteer Fire Council, will be speaking about the volunteer fire service in terms of where we come from, where we are now, and what the future may hold. With 70% of our nation’s firefighters’ volunteers, it is critical that we strengthen and progress the volunteer fire service so that it can continue to thrive. Showcasing the positive aspects of the fire service and the work of volunteers, as well as the many intrinsic rewards of volunteering, may be the key to molding the next generation of boots on the ground.

0950  Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations

1030  LADIES DISMISSAL

1030  Reading and acceptance of 2018 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
National Volunteer Fire Council Update

1030-1115  LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center

1045  Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers

1100  MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center

1200-1300 County Association Caucuses

SECOND SESSION

1230  CALL TO ORDER – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructor’s Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division

1300  Main Program Presentation - Robert “Bert” Polk,
South Carolina State Fire Marshal (ret.), National Association of State Fire Marshals
This NASFM training program is unique, in that it considers a wide spectrum of prevention strategies that can be implemented across all stakeholder groups to prevent catastrophic fires in buildings under construction. These fires seem to have become common-place and are featured in news reports far more often
than we’ve seen in the past. This program will be broad in scope, attempting to identify and describe the problem in detail, and to provide a comprehensive menu of options available to local jurisdictions to address the problem at the local level.

1330 Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report
1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours

1800 BAG BINGO – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom (Doors Open at 1700 hours)
1800 MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

0800 VOTING – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom (Open for two hours)
0800-0845 LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center
0800-1700 Education, Training Seminars and Hands-On Training – Convention Center

THIRD SESSION

0830 CALL TO ORDER — Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award

0900 MEETING – LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center
0900 Exhibits Open

0920 Main Program Presentation - J. Dino Pignataro, Deputy Director, Maryland Center for School Safety
Maryland’s Response to School Safety; Past, Present, What the Future May Hold.
Since it’s legislative inception in 2012, the Maryland Center for School Safety has strived to provide quality training in school safety to all of Maryland’s School Systems. This presentation will provide an overview of the Centers beginnings and where passing of the 2018 Safe to Learn Act is taking the Center, School Safety and State Emergency Responders to, in the State of Maryland.

0940 AWARDS CEREMONY (Continued)
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Firefighter of the Year Award
Smith N. Statthem, Jr., Past President Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
John E. “Sunny” Rose Memorial Training Award Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

1200  Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award
Legislative Committee Update
Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislator Of The Year Award
Report of The Election Judges

1200 -1600  Mack Fire Truck Rally - Convention Center North Parking Lot next to the Sunset Room
1630  Exhibits Close

1800  JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
1800  Ocean City FOOLS Block Party at Cowboy Coast - Philadelphia Avenue at 17th Street

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

0730  PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0830-0900  LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center

FOURTH SESSION

0900  CALL TO ORDER – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0900  MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center
0900  Exhibits Open
Reading of Communications and Announcements
Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

0920  Main Program Presentation - Ray O’Brocki, CBO, Manager-Fire Service Relations Program, Administrator-Construction Fire Safety Coalition, American Wood Council

An Introduction to Tall Mass Timber Buildings
In early 2016, the International Code Council’s Board of Directors approved the creation of an ad-hoc committee to explore the building science of tall wood buildings. Since that time, the Tall Wood Building (TWB) Ad-Hoc Committee has reviewed voluminous materials regarding tall wood buildings, including results of various testing around the world, as well as domestic studies in support of the TWB charge. The TWB developed its own test scenarios to substantiate any code change proposals with testing carried out at NIST in Gaithersburg and at the ATF labs in Beltsville; and worked to develop a comprehensive set of
technically substantiated code changes for consideration. Changes to the 2021 edition of the International Building Code were recently approved to permit the construction of buildings up to 18 stories in height. This program will discuss the construction features of these tall wood buildings and the possible impact on fire suppression operations therein.

1020 Remarks by Past President
Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee
Installation of Assistant Officers
Final Report of Convention Committee

1045 Unfinished Business and New Business
$10,000. Raffle Drawing

1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 hours

1300 MSFA PARADE – Downtown Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue, Line-up Inlet Parking Lot
Special Note – Parade Route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue

1700 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center Dockside Exhibit Hall

Thursday, June 20, 2019

0800 5th ANNUAL HAIR OF THE DALMATIAN 5K – Sponsored by the OC FOOLS
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Boardwalk & North Division Street at the Firefighter Memorial

0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center Performing Arts Center

1900-2300 MSFA FAMILY NIGHT at BOARDWALK PIER – Unlimited Rides

Friday, June 21, 2019

0800 GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course
Line of Duty

Patricia A. Osburn  
North Beach VFD/EMS  
Calvert County

Nathan E. Flynn  
Howard County Fire & Rescue  
Howard County

Daniel L. Lister  
Queen Anne-Hillsboro VFD  
Queen Anne’s County

Memorial Tribute to Past Officers

Jacqueline Phillips-Olson  
MSFA Past President – 2013-14  
Ferndale VFC

Janet H. Pfeiffer  
LAMSFA Past President – 1993-94  
Wise Avenue, VFC Ladies Auxiliary

Joseph A. Cooper  
MSFA Past Secretary – 2011-12  
Bay District VFD
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Memorial Tribute to Past Officers and Chairmen

Clarence D. Carpenter, III
MSFA Trustee Chairman
2018-19
Potomac Heights VFD&R5

Grayton C. Echols, Jr.
MSFA Executive Committee Chair
1996-97
LaPlata VFD

James P. Seavey, Sr.
MSFA Executive Committee Chair
2007-08 and 2015-16
Cabin John Park VFD

Charles W. Willis
EMS Committee Chair Emeritus
Potomac Heights VFD&R5

Troy A Odendhal
MEMA Fire Protection
Odenton VFC

Dale L. Hill
Legislation Committee Chair
Funkstown VFC

Louis J. Jonske
Ways & Means Committee Chair
Joppa-Magnolia VFC

Edwin F. Thurston
Fire Prevention Secretary Emeritus
Forestville VFD

Anne “Flo” Collins
LAMSFA Convention Chair Emeritus
Beltsville VFDLA, Laurel VFDLA,
Ocean City VFCLA
Singing of “I Come to the Garden” and “Amazing Grace” by Chaplain Tom Musgrove

Families are escorted into main hall and are seated in designate area.

**Chaplain Kevin Knowles** – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Kevin Knowles. I’m Chaplain from the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department. At this time I ask you to please silence your cell phones or actually turn them off. And at this time I ask you to please stand for the presentation of the Colors.

**Chief Chaplain John Long** - Please be seated.

Pipe and Drum Corp playing

**Chief Chaplain John Long** – Ladies and gentlemen if you’re standing please fill in the empty seats. There’s a lot of empty seats in the center sections. Brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen, tonight we continue our long tradition of honoring those who have served our organizations and have departed this earth. Tonight we have fifteen special tributes, three line of duty deaths, two Past Presidents, two Officers, seven Committee Chairs, and one long time Committee Secretary. We will also remember two hundred and forty eight members who departed this earth over the last year. Again this year, each of you were given a candle when you entered the room. When your County is announced please stand and light your candle and let that light shine until the end of the service. If you have a friend or a colleague that is being honored tonight also stand when their name is called to honor their memory. Ladies and gentlemen please stand for the invocation followed by the National Anthem. Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise your name for those who we memorialize this evening. We thank you for their dedication, hard work, friendships and love. Tonight as we proceed with this memorial service we pray that it will bring comfort and pride to those who have lost one of these. Just as when Jacob took his father’s body to the land of Canaan, we find this in Genesis 20. They held a great solemn memorial service. Guide us as we follow that tradition. Give to us, just as we are told in Ecclesiastics 2; It is better that we go to a house of mourning, than to a house of feasting. Whereas the destiny of every man, the living should take heart. Father we pray for those broken hearted here this evening. Comfort them in their grief. We pray this memorial service honors, to honor those who we pay tribute. Amen. At this time I’d like to introduce Teresa Jacobs for the National Anthem.
Teresa Jacobs singing National Anthem.

Chief Chaplain John Long – Thank you Teresa. You may be seated. We’ll now have a welcome by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President, Richard Blair.

President Richard Blair – Good evening. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association we appreciate you allowing us to be a part of this program tonight, honor and show our tribute to the loved ones that you lost. Thank you.

Chief Chaplain John Long – We’ll now have the welcome from the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President Marcia Roth.

President Marcia Roth – I bring you welcome from Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This has been a hard year for all of us at the MSFA and LAMSFA. I was very close friends with three of the special tributes. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayer. Thank you.

Chief Chaplain John Long – We’ll now have a scripture reading by Maryland State Firemen’s Association Chaplain Frederick Bahr.

Chaplain Bahr – A reading from the Holy Scriptures from the book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3: 1-7, taken from the New International Version. A time for everything. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to up root. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them. A time to embrace and a time to refrain. A time to search and a time to give up. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace. What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men, but they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Chief Chaplain John Long – We now continue on with our special tributes.

Reading of Special Tributes by Parliamentarian Richard Brooks

Captain Patricia Ann Osburn. Patricia Ann “Pat” Osburn was born on September 28, 1948 in Salisbury, Maryland to Franklin Martin and Theresa Maureen Griffin. Pat was raised in Washington DC and graduated from the Saint Francis Xavier High School. She was employed as a professional bartender in DC and lived in Greenbelt and Bowie before moving to Chesapeake Beach in 1984. Pat was a homemaker while raising her children and was later employed at the Calvert County detention center as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Patricia received her Emergency Medical Technician Certification
in 2000 and held the following positions: Rescue Sergeant, Rescue Lieutenant, and Rescue Captain. Additionally she selfishlessly served on numerous committees including the fund raising, banquet, membership, just to name a few. Her dedication to the department earned her many awards including the Squadsman of the Year, Top EMS runner for several years as well as numerous recognitions for saving lives. Captain Osburn was committed to every citizen of Calvert County. Her dedication to serving the community was immense and her influence and friendship will be greatly missed by all the members and officers to the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Captain Osburn was 69 years old and served 18 years.

Lieutenant Nathan E. Flynn. In the early morning hours Of July 23, 2018 firefighters were called to a two story single family Clarksville home for the report of smoke following a possible lightning strike. Firefighter Nathan “Nate” Flynn of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services who was with one of the first crews to enter the home. Lieutenant Nate Flynn is the first career firefighter of the Howard County Fire Department and Rescue Services to be killed in the line of duty. A 13 year veteran of Howard County Fire and Rescue Services he served on the special operations team. He was also a volunteer member of the Susquehanna Hose Company and the Harford County Technical Rescue Team and both served the town of Havre de Grace where he lived. To say that Nate excelled in all areas of the fire service would be an understatement. His commitment to be the best firefighter he could was evident every day. He was also a devoted student of the fire service. He wanted to train more and master everything he did on the job and off. Fellow firefighters said you could count on Nate no matter what the situation. And that was the type of guy you wanted to be. Nate was posthumously promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. As the Howard County Fire Chief Butler said, “It is not an honorary promotion, but one that Nate very much deserved.” Nate was also an Eagle Scout, he was known for his excellence. This excellence was reflected not only as his work as a firefighter, but in his cherished role as husband and father as well. As his wife Celeste said, “Nate was an all in kinda guy, putting his heart and soul fully into everything he did. “ Lieutenant Nathan Flynn who was 34 at the time of his death is survived by his wife Celeste and 5 children, Alex, Gavin, Teagan, Conner and Brecken.

Assistant Chief Daniel Lee Lister. On September 1, 2018 the Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company units were on the scene of a two car head on collision with entrapment and multiple patients between Star Road and Old Queen Anne Road. While working at the rescue scene Assistant Chief Daniel Lister suffered a medical emergency. He would not survive. Assistant Chief Lister was an active and dedicated member of the Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company where for over the years he served Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, Chief, and at the time of his death was serving as Assistant Chief. Danny Lister was 34 years old and served 15 years. He was born on March 18, 1984 in Easton. The son of Donna Jo Lister and the late Thomas Michael Lister. Danny graduated from Easton High School the class of 2003. He also
participated in the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute and received numerous fire and EMS certifications. Danny was a risk manager for Queen Anne’s County Department of Human Resources. Danny is survived by his mother Donna Jo, Michael Lister and his fiancée Lauren Baker of Hillsboro and his son, Noah Michael. Danny Lister will be missed.

Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President Jacqueline Marie “Jackie” Phillips-Olsen. Jacqueline Marie “Jackie” Phillips-Olsen passed from a medical emergency on Saturday January 5, 2019. Jackie joined the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company in September of 1989 and served many years as a firefighter and EMT. She completed many hours of training and was certified to a Fire Officer 3 level and Fire Instructor 2 level. She also served the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company in many administrative roles serving as a Board of Director, Company President, and Delegate to the Anne Arundel Volunteer Firefighter’s Association and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Jackie served the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighter’s Association as Assistant Secretary, Secretary, and President 2001-2003. She was inducted into the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighter’s Association Hall of Fame in 2003. She was also very busy with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, serving on the Fire Prevention Committee, Safety Committee, serving as Assistant Secretary, and on the Awards Committee. In 2004 she became a member of the Marketing and Individual Membership Committee. She also served on the Cancer Committee. She was Secretary from 2009-2011, Second Vice-President 2011-2012, First Vice-President 2012-2013 and President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in 2013-2014. She was inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame in 2007. Jackie was employed with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department as the Volunteer Coordinator. She led a life of giving to others unconditionally in service.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President Janet H. Pfeiffer. Janet was very proud of her affiliation with the Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She joined the Wise Avenue Volunteer Department Ladies Auxiliary on March 28, 1955. She was married in July of 1955 to Calvin Francis Pfeiffer who was also a member of the Wise Avenue Company. She served as President of the Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary from 1961-1975. She served on most of the committees for her local auxiliary. Her dedication continued to the County level where she served as President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary in 1974 and 1975. Janet was a leader and a mentor to many of the members of the County Association. As her knowledge continued to grow she became interested in the State Auxiliary where she served on many committees. She held every office and became President in 1992-1993. She continued to be active on many committees for years to come after serving as President. She lived every day with a purpose, giving, caring and loving her family, her friends and her fire department. Her love and respect for the fire department was immense. Janet was rock solid in everything she did. Strong, determined and a fighter, she was feisty but for all the right
reasons. She was quick and witty. She was not bashful and she always had something
to say and did not hesitate to stand up for what she believed in. She was respected and
respectful. The fire department and the ladies auxiliary was her family. As you know
she put a lot of hard work and dedication into the place she called home.

Joseph “Joe” Arthur Cooper – Joe Cooper was born in Washington DC in 1937. He
graduated from the Saint Mary’s Academy in 1955, the Saint Mary’s College
of Maryland in 1964 with an Associate’s Degree and the University of Maryland in
1967 earning a Bachelor’s Degree. He moved to Saint Mary’s County in 1950 and
resided in California. He served in the United States Navy from 1955 until 1962 and
his duty station was the Naval Air Test Center Patuxent River. Joe was an electronics
technician for 30 years with a Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division retiring in
1992. Joe was a life time member and held various leadership positions in the Bay
District Volunteer Fire Department, also the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s
Association and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. He was inducted into the
Southern Maryland Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Maryland State
Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame in 2002. He held many offices in the Maryland
State Firemen’s Association to include Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Incentives
Program Chair, Convention Chair, and was bestowed the title Assistant Secretary
Emeritus. He was Past President of the Jaycee’s, and a lifetime member of the National
Rifle Association. He and his wife enjoyed traveling in their RV, riding his motorcycles
and playing with his huskies. Joe was the loving husband of Jean Cooper. He married
her in 1956. Joe was a mainstay to the office of the Secretary of the Maryland State
Firemen’s Association for 15 years. He will be greatly missed.

C. Dan Carpenter III – C. Dan Carpenter III was born on November 16, 1944 in La Plata
Maryland. Dan was a graduate of the Lackey High school class of 1964. He was
a cartographer for the United States Department of Defense for 32 years. His first
passion was, as a young man hunting, fishing and taxidermy work. After the death of a
boyhood friend in a boating accident Danny joined the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire
Department and Rescue Squad. The lifelong passion began there and continued for the
rest of his life. Dan joined the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue
Squad in September of 1973. During his 46 consecutive years of service he devoted
himself to the department and the State of Maryland. He worked on many committees
and was elected to several prestigious positions within the Charles County Volunteer
Firemen’s Association, the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association and the
Maryland State Firemen’s Association. In Potomac Heights he held various positions
such as, Board of Directors, Rescue Officer, Assistant Fire Chief, Chief, Vice President
and President, LOSAP Coordinator, and Life Member. In Charles County he held the
position of Vice President and President of the Association and was named Firefighter
of the Year in 1992. The Southern Maryland Firemen’s Association he served as a
Safety Committee Chair, Public Relations Chairman, Second Vice President, First
Vice President, and President and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988. In the
Maryland State Firemen’s Association Danny served the Executive Committee as Chair and Vice Chair. He served the Hall of Fame Committee as Chairman. He was a Hall of Fame inductee in 1989 and he most valued his service as a member of the Board of Trustees serving as Vice Chairman, Chairman and trustee of the Association. Dan played a major role in the building project in Potomac Heights. He was a true leader and someone we knew could always look to for guidance. He was a family man, and it is clear that he will be missed by all of our Associations.

Garyton “Gary” Echols, Jr. Life Member and President and Fire Chief Gary Echols passed away on Friday October 26, 2018. He joined the department in 1959 and served in many elected offices to include, President, Vice President, Board of Directors, Treasurer, and Chief. He also served on several committees which include apparatus, house, renovation and addition to the Charles Street Station. Chief Echols was also instrumental in the development and training of many responders in the Southern Maryland area as a MFRI instructor. His dedication to the department over the years is evident in the first class quality of Officers and members within the department. A well respected member of the fire department community, Chief Echols served on many committees that impacted the fire service at the local and state levels. He was instrumental in helping to establish a fire tax in Charles County to provide financial support to the fire departments. He also served on Charles County’s Board of Fire and Rescue Service for several years. He served as President, Delegate, and Delegate to the Executive Committee of the Charles County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. He served as Chairman of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee as well. In addition to his fire department service he served more than 30 years as a member or Chairman of the LaPlata Planning Commission. He consistently promoted fire safety and land development including water supply, road width and layout, as well as building regulations to include commercial and residential sprinkler systems. Chief Echols received the Samuel C. McCarthy award for outstanding performance in 1996. He received the LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the Year award in 1972 and 1973 and 1973 and 1974. He also received the Thomas W. Wright Award. Chief Echols was inducted into the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame in 1984 and into the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame in 1987. Chief Echols was a dedicated family man and a close friend. He was noted for his quick response, his humor, his wit, his honest leadership and he will be greatly missed around the fire house.

James P. Seavey Sr. – It’s not often in a lifetime that you get to know someone truly larger than life. Born on April 12, 1960. James P. Seavey Sr. was born to Hollis Mackey Seavey Sr. and Ann Monger Seavey in Washington DC. Being born to parents that matriculated at Harvard University and Vassar College respectively, Jim was destined for greatness in whatever field he chose to enter. He was raised on Westmorland Circle on the border of Washington DC and Maryland. Jim began his path in the fire service at the age of 16, becoming a member of the Glenn Echo Fire Department in 1976.
Jim adopted the familial bonds and his significant love of the fire service in record time. During his time at Glenn Echo he rose through the ranks over the subsequent 14 years rising to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. In 1986, Jim was offered and accepted employment with the District of Columbia Fire Department. And began his career with unprecedented dedication, which paralleled his devotion to his volunteer fire responsibilities. Jim’s lifelong campaign was to fight for the ability for career firefighters to volunteer on their days off in their own community. This became a world renowned effort which he was known for championing. To quote Assistant Fire Chief John Demetriotes, “Jim loved and embraced the fire service for its sum total, not just its parts”. In 1990, Jim was called to the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, where it would take only two short years before he was voted in as Chief of the department. He established his motivation by successfully lobbying on the transfer and acquisition of a ladder truck from Glenn Echo relocating the special service for West Bethesda, Potomac and Cabin John Communities, utilized County resources in the most effective fashion. He continued by increasing department capabilities to include a heavy rescue squad, tanker and building a river rescue and tactical services team into an internationally renowned compliment of equipment and personnel. Making his mark within Montgomery County, Jim still wasn’t satisfied with running just one fire department. His passion for the fire service guided him to several positions on the State and National level. His positions included, Board Member for the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, The Fire Rescue Group Purchasing Consortium and the International Rescue Symposium. He also served as President of the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He represented Maryland on The National Volunteer Fire Council Board, served as the Montgomery County Representative to the MSFA Executive Committee, and served as the Chairperson for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee twice, once for Past President Paul Sterling and then for Past President Johnie Roth. He was a member of the Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, and was presented with their highest honor the Leslie B. Thompson Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2013. His personal achievements also included being nominated and selected by Fire Chief Magazine as the National Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year in 2009. In 2013 when Chief Seavey was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma he made it his personal and professional mission to bring awareness to the fire service to both its current and future members about job related cancers and prevention. Jim would travel the Country on a constant basis to share his story and aid in the protection and prevention from job related cancers, only breaking to return home for treatment. This became the capstone of what he would leave behind to be his true calling as a public servant. One month prior to his untimely passing in September 2018 the Lavender Ribbon Report that he co-authored was published by the National Volunteer Fire Council and adopted by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Citing the 11 best practices for cancer prevention in the fire service. Jim retired from the District of Columbia Fire Department in 2016 after a 29 year career and stepped down as fire rescue Chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department in 2018 making him the longest serving Chief in the
departments history. Specifically at Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Seavey was known for his family, faith, career than fire house speech. By becoming a member he stated that you were committing to a new set of lifelong priorities. You would honor your family, adhere to your faith, whatever it might be, pursue your career goals and you would make your station your fourth priority in life. A commitment to be taken with the utmost seriousness. Jim felt those he met in the fire service were his extended family and firmly stated friends are family. It was among the many qualities that made him a leader and an extraordinary human being. Jim embraced his role as a mentor and second father to innumerable people, guiding them through personal hardships. Milestones and aspirations as if they were his own. One of the many things admired most about Chief Seavey were his contributions, especially to the fire service around the world was the relationships he could cultivate over a very simple drink and conversation. Rest easy Pops, the legacy, personable approach and principle driven success which you embraced and instilled in all of us will continue for generations to come. We thank you for what you have done for your family, community and the fire service. You are a true inspiration.

Emergency Medical Committee Chairman Emeritus Charles Wright “Charlie” Wills –Charlie was a member of the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad where he provided 64 years of service to the community and was one of the most well-known EMT instructors ever. He served the company as EMS Chief, President, he was a life member and a Chaplain. Most noted in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for his skills in EMS, he was also acknowledged with his induction into the Hall of Fame in 1986. He received the Josiah Hunt EMS Person of the Year Award in 1993. He also received the Gladhill Thompson Award in 1995. And he was named the EMS Committee Chairman Emeritus in 2009 recognizing his many years of Chairmanship to that Committee. Charlie also served the Southern Maryland Firemen’s Association. He was President in 1971 and inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1986. In the Charles County Fire and EMS Association he held many positions and received many acknowledgements. He was President, he received the Dr. Henry Burke EMS Person of the Year Award, he was Firefighter of the Year. He served as the Executive Committee Chairman and was Chaplain Emeritus. Charlie was the face of Emergency Medical Services for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for many years. He had a persona bigger than life. Charlie Wills leaves a legacy to the Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services.

Troy A. Odendhal–Troy started his volunteer fire service career in March of 1987. He completed 28 years of active service before retiring and moving to North Carolina in 2017. His volunteer service was divided between the Rivera Beach Volunteer Fire Company and the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, both in Anne Arundel County. As a member of Rivera Beach he served in a multitude of positions including Line Officer and Treasurer. At Odenton, he served in many positions including Membership Secretary, Information Technology Coordinator, Lieutenant, and Company President. Among
Troy’s many talents was his ability to organize a group of members to develop solutions to any challenge or problem. As Membership Secretary at Odenton, he redefined the membership process making it easier to track new members and their progress and maintaining information about current members in an easily accessible filing system. As the President of Odenton, Troy organized a long range planning committee to help identify the challenges for the future of the Company and develop plans to insure long term viability and financial stability. Troy served the Maryland State Firemen’s Association when he was asked to support several committees in the Association. He served as Vice-Chairman of the MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee in 2012 and 2013, and served as Chairman of the MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group in 2013 and 2014. Troy was highly dedicated to all of his organizations. He loved the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and his entire Fire Service family who will miss him greatly.

Legislative Committee Chair Dale L. Hill – Dale was born on July 29, 1953 in Hagerstown Maryland. He attended the Southern Hagerstown High School, was a devout volunteer firefighter for the volunteer Fire Company in Funkstown in addition to a retired Howard County Police Officers. He served as the President of the Howard County Police Officers Association he also served as a Maryland State Deputy Fire Marshall. Most recently Dale was President of the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Chairman of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Legislative Committee. He’s made his community better by being a fierce advocate for our volunteers.

Louis J. Jonske Sr. – Lou Jonske joined the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company on January 20, 1969 and began his training to become a firefighter. He held his first officer position in 1972 being elected to serve as First Lieutenant. He moved on to serve as Assistant Chief from 1973 to 1986. He served as Chief in 1977, 1987 and 1988. His service was not limited to the fire side of the company he served administratively being elected to 3 year terms on the Board of Directors in 1973, 1978, 1988 and 1995. Lou served as Vice President, a position that he held while also Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1999, 2000 and 2001. He was elected to serve as Company Assistant Secretary that serves as the Board of Directors Secretary as well. He also served as the Company Historian in 1974 and last but not least, Lou was elected to the position of President in 2009 and 2010. Lou received his life membership from the Company in 1989 having completed 20 years of active service. His activities were not limited to the Joppa-Magnolia Company; he was active in the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association for many years and was serving as their Treasurer at the time of his passing. He was elected to the Harford/Cecil Hall of Fame in 1995. Lou was also active in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association serving as a Delegate to the Annual Convention for many years and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999. He was awarded the Gladhill Thompson Trophy in 2008, for outstanding contribution towards the future welfare of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Lou served as
Chairman of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ways and Means Committee for many years and was responsible for the annual $10,000.00 raffle. The MSFA did a comparison of the raffle proceeds before and after Lou took over the raffle and determined that Lou was personally responsible for raising an additional $400,000.00 during his time as Chairman of the Committee. Lou Jonske was a friend and mentor and at times a good person to argue with. He was a man who spoke out for what he believed and if he disagreed with something he was willing to explain his view and discuss his alternatives. Lou would always call out a friend as they passed the Convention booth downstairs and he only wanted $1.00.

Edwin Frances Thurston –Better known as Mr. Ed, he was active for many years. He held the position of Secretary Emeritus for 39 years for the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Ed joined the Forestville Company in 1973. He was always taking classes to advance his knowledge of the fire department. He was one of the first Volunteer Fireman to become an Emergency Medical Technician. Before joining the fire department he was always at the fire house helping the Ladies Auxiliary with anything they needed. You could always find him in the kitchen as a dishwasher. He was on the men’s hookup team and served as the time keeper. He took much pride in being part of that team. At one time when he had the first aide contest, he along with his team were the winners many times. He soon became a member of the judges that would oversee the County’s contest. Every Sunday morning he would have a cleanup at the firehouse and always Mr. Ed was there doing his part. When we attended the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention in Ocean City you would see Mr. Ed serving the Fire Prevention Committee as Secretary, and he served in that capacity for over 30 years. He and his lovely wife Audrey would always work on the risk watch program for the schools and they did so for over 20 years. He also served on the Standards Committee for 25 years for the County and State Associations. He served on the Convention Committee where he was one of the video committee members who would show the meetings live. He served on the Audio Committee for the Convention and all of the Executive Committee Meeting for over 30 years. In the last 6 years Mr. Ed has stood behind stage collecting and making copies of all the presentations for the Secretary’s Office. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and his County Association. In 1996 he received the Joseph Chaney Memorial Award for his Fire Prevention work. After 15 years of service he was made a life member of the Forestville Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Ed was one of those members you could always depend on to be there for every event at the fire house. He was always a loyal member who was truly missed when he became ill. The company is so happy to see him at the age of 93 to one of their meetings. They bid Mr. Ed a fond farewell and say goodbye until they meet again.

Anne “Flo” Collins –Flo Collins was welcomed into the arms of our Lord on February 10, 2019. Flo was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer
Fire Department. She joined the Auxiliary in January of 1954. Across the years, Flo also served as the Auxiliary’s Historian and Chaired the Fire Prevention, Bylaws, Ways and Means, and Kitchen Committees. She served on many other committees and activities as well. Even before Flo joined at Beltsville she helped carry cinder blocks to help build the original Beltsville Station. She is remembered as a hard worker. During her tenure of the Kitchen Committee the Auxiliary minutes reflect that Flo went out and purchased new pots and pans for the kitchen. When Flo was a Fire Prevention Chairman, she was successful in persuading the Elementary Schools in Beltsville/Vansville Fire District to allow their students to make posters for the Fire Prevention theme. Those posters were judged and awards handed out. This has continued to this day and the Auxiliary is holding poster contests each October. Later in the years, Flo joined the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary where she remained active. Flo worked many functions and events at Laurel when possible and served on many committees. Flo also was active with her family, her church and her fire service community. She served the Boy Scouts of America and was a Den Mother with the Cub Scouts and active in the Boy Scouts. She was in the PTA and an active member of the Civil Air Patrol. Flo was a life member of Beltsville Ladies Auxiliaries. She served as a Delegate for the County and the State for over 50 years. She was Past President of the Prince George’s County Ladies Auxiliary and the Maryland Fire Chiefs Ladies Auxiliary. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the County Auxiliary, the State Auxiliary as well as the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. She was proud to receive the Honey Award in 2012. Flo has served the Ladies Convention as Chairman, a position she held for over 30 years. She would make arrangements for the meeting layouts, secure storage rooms, and many meetings held at Convention Hall for the Convention Committee were her doing. A few weeks before her passing she was still gathering information for her successor. She was dedicated and purposeful in all her tasks. An important note to Flo Collins, was her marriage to Tom Collins who she married in 1947. They lived in Beltsville for over 40 years. They were a pair. Flo was quick with a smile and a good friend to all. She will be truly missed.

Chief Chaplain John Long – We’ll now have a scripture reading by Ladies Auxiliary Vice-Chaplain Joan Kramer-Marshall.

Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Joan Kramer-Marshall – Psalm 23. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for his name sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Chief Chaplain John Long – We will now have a reading of the poem *Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven* by Maryland State Firemen’s Association Chaplain Charles Barnhardt.

Chaplain Charles Barnhardt – *Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven*. The alarm rings out, turn out gear is donned, all rushing about, all engines climbed on. Then it’s off to the scene, to do what they must, saving a life or building up trust, of a small frightened child, the weak and the frail. They do not know what they know, they respond without fail. But life has its twists, its bumps and its turns. Life isn’t simple as everyone learns. No one is better, each equals the other, everyone here is a sister or brother. But a life that is lost in the midst of a call, brings new meaning to life, to the great and the small. A last call on Earth doesn’t mean it’s the end, there’s a first call in Heaven, for those we call friend. And once the last call has been sounded out loud, a reverent hush falls over the crowd. And there in the quiet, inside of each soul, comes a first call from Heaven, the ultimate goal.

Chief Chaplain John Long - We’ll now have a song sung by Teresa Jacobs, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.

Teresa Jacobs singing “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.”

Chief Chaplain John Long – We’ll now have a scripture reading by Maryland State Firemen’s Association Chaplain Harry Hetz.

Chaplain Harry Hetz – A reading from the Book of Lamentations, the 3rd chapter. I have been deprived of peace, I have forgotten what prosperity is, so I say my splendor is gone and all that I have hope for from the Lord. I remember my affliction and my wandering bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this is called to mind and therefore I have hope. Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are renewed every morning: great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion: therefore I will wait for him.” The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him: It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Here ends the reading.

Chief Chaplain John Long – We will now have the recognition of our deceased loved ones. Remember to please stand and light you candle as your County’s name is called.

Reading of the names of those lost by Past President Mark Bilger and President Marcia Roth

**Allegany County**
Sharon L. King, David M. Zimmerman, Dorothy E. Boyd, John A. Ensminge, Jr., Helen M. Norris, Donald Dickel, Robert E. Hill, James E. Lowendick, Shirley A. Walbert, Charles K. Ware Jr., Carl E. Winters, Harold L. McDonald Sr., Geraldine M. Dixon,

Anne Arundel County

Baltimore County

Calvert County

Caroline County
Joseph L. Holland

Carroll County

Cecil County

Charles County

Dorchester County

Frederick County
Kenneth E. Simmons Jr., Marie Hemp, John H. Larkin, Ruth Shafer, Marshall E. Wisner, Michael Mathers, Otis C. Norwood Jr., James F. Walsh, Margaret L. Main, Russell L.

**Garrett County**

**Harford County**

**Howard County**
John J. Klein Sr., Nathan E. Flynn, Mary C. Farinholt.

**Kent County**

**Montgomery County**

**Prince George’s County**

**Queen Anne’s County**
Somerset County

St. Mary’s County

Talbot County
Leslie R. Chance, Doris G. Dobson-Rieck, Gene W. Blades.

Washington County
Ralph N. Gehr, Dale L. Hill, Terry L. Bitner, Margaret C. Byrd, Ray M. Johns, Emma L. Rogers, Margaret V. Eichelberger, Deannie Thomas, Anne Mae C. Tressler.

Wicomico County
Jessalene L. Stanley, James R. Middleton

Worcester County
Anne F. Collins, Roland E. Powell, James M. Phillips

Chief Chaplain John Long – We will now honor our fallen members with the flag folding ceremony. The flag folding will be conducted by the Howard County Honor Guard with the reading by Past President Mark Bilger.

Past President Mark Bilger—The flag folding ceremony is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag and our uniform personnel. It represents the same religious principles on which our Country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the Canton of blue containing the stars, representing the States our veterans served in uniform. The Canton a field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when drapes as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our Country in uniform. In the Armed Forces of the United States at the ceremony retreat the Flag is lowered, folded into a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our Nations Honored Dead. The next morning it is brought out and at the ceremony of Reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in of the Resurrection of the body. Tonight we honor our personnel who wear a different uniform. A uniform of a person who defends our homeland every day. Tonight we will defer from the traditional reading and replace the words with a fire service perspective. We do not mean in any way to disrespect our veterans. We have chosen a series of words that best characterize the true identity of our American Heroes. The first fold is INITIATIVE. For those who are not afraid to train and dedicate themselves to the fire service and the protection of their communities.
The second fold, **HONOR**, which needs to be bestowed upon a group of individuals who remain consistent in the service across the Nation. Third fold is **COURAGE**, to all who place themselves in harm’s way each and every day to afford safety to both friends and strangers. Fourth fold is **VALOR**, in recognition of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice carrying their duties in the fire service. Fifth fold is **STRENGTH**, in heart, body and soul both inner and outer that is required to meet the challenges of the post 9-11 world. The sixth fold is **BRAVERY**, we’re the breed that rushes into the eye of the storm while others seek safe refuge. Seventh fold is **PATIENCE**, a special fold with a distinct crisp line, a line of caring that spans from care of children, elderly, and the injured in a time of crisis. The eighth fold, **APPRECIATION**, we’re firefighters who hold a special sense of the fragile nature of human beings. Each moment of service we are able to give to others is one that is cherished. We appreciate being able to help others with no desire to be recognized by those we serve. Our ninth fold is **DEDICATION**. In our profession whether volunteer or career, we are all heralded as professionals. We all love this profession, especially those of us who volunteer. Guess how many present here tonight service our citizens as both a volunteer and a career? Find this love of duty in any other profession. Our tenth fold is **FAITH**. Any firefighter has seen life given or taken and the case of their duty has a taste of what faith truly is. Faith can be more than just religion, it can be a belief in what you do, and in those you work with. Eleventh fold, is **INGENUITY**, like the very stars and stripes of our great flag, personnel in the fire service always find ways to make things work and have confidence in their ability to succeed in their mission. This is patterned after our ancestors who crafted our story of Freedom. Twelfth fold is **FAMILY**. The family is the binding fiber of our service, be it relatives through blood lines or our brothers in the fire service, our group is truly one huge family dedicated to the community and to each other in good times and in bad. The thirteenth fold is for **FREEDOM**. Firefighters fall into our mold of the past for free will and personal freedom. Our creed is to prevail in times of crisis and in any situation which might threaten the public safety. The final tuck, as the red and the white stripes are wrapped into the blue, as the light of day vanishes into darkness of night, remember our thirteen folds of the fire service tradition. Initiative, honor, courage, valor, strength, bravery, patience, appreciation, dedication, faith, ingenuity, family and freedom. May we never forget those who have given their life to our public safety community. God be with you till we meet again.

**Chief Chaplain John Long**- Thank you Harford County Color Guard and Past President Bilger. Ladies and gentlemen please stand for the playing of Amazing Grace and remain standing for taps and the benediction.

Playing of *Amazing Grace* and Taps

**Chief Chaplain John Long**- We will now have the benediction by Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Shari Steffen.
Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Shari Steffen –Let us pray. Holy God, Lord of life and death, you've made us in your image and you hold us in your care. We thank you for your servants and our brave fire service for their selfless, untiring duty and gifts they have given with their lives. Holy God, may the firefighters, EMTs and Auxiliary members who have heard your words of welcome come to you, blest of my Father, may they have angels surrounding them. Now please bless all who have witnessed this memorial and honor of our own, Amen.
Richard Brooks – There we go. Would all of the Past Presidents please take their positions? And ladies and gentlemen please take your seats and silence all of your devices.

President Richard Blair – I now call the first session of the 127th Maryland State Firemen’s Associations Convention and Conference to order; Safety Committee Mr. LeCompte.

Safety Committee Chairman Michael LeCompte – Mr. President. Hey everybody, welcome to Ocean City. I don’t know who brought this humidity but you can take it back with ya, shew. Um, downstairs, when you go into the bayside room is a uh display that we have put up. It is a fire truck that was struck at the scene of a uh serious accident here in the state and we put our messages up. In the program book on page 151 is our new banners. And we spent some time looking at what is causing deaths throughout the United States and as you heard me say last year there were 4 firefighters that died in the line of duty in Maryland. This year it was 3, and it, as you know it was Pat Osbourn from North Beach, Nate Flynn in Howard County who fell through elevation and Danny Lister. Pat and Chief Lister died of heart attacks while performing their duties. The good news is we have gone from 4 line of duty deaths, and we track it from the convention to convention, to this year 3. From my heart I would encourage us to do whatever we can to bring it to zero. If on page 151, if you would um, of the program book, it talks again about what is killing our firefighters. Fifty one percent of our firefighters in the United States last year were from heart attacks. Another rising trend is cancer. And a lot of it’s due to exposure to contaminants, and it tells you about protective equipment. The third one and the trend is going up and that is being struck by vehicles and we just had a Colorado trooper killed the other night at the scene properly parked and he was struck. Went through the cones and struck and killed him. And it’s a frequency of death that we are seeing over and over again. So I would encourage all of ya to do whatever you can with your firefighters, take the traffic incident management courses, make everybody take it and do what you can because inattentive drive, inattentive driving is taking a lot of us out of here. And the last one is falling through and falling from elevation. They are your four identifiers that are killing our firefighters in the state of Maryland and throughout the United States. With that said, I am so happy to be the first one from the Ocean City Fire Department to welcome everybody. Out there we’ve got our own environment, the ocean and the highway, just be careful. Think before you do anything. Do not drink and drive. This town has zero tolerance, which means if they stop you and you have alcohol on your
breath, you’re going to take a test and in all probability if you’re over, if you don’t pass it, you’re gonna go to jail. With that said, use your City busses, they’re free. Look out for your neighbor, look out for your family, and when you look around this room I can barely see you because of these lights, there’s more of us in this room right now than anywhere in the world as an assembly of firefighters, that’s pretty neat. So, have a good time and God bless you.

Chaplain John Long – Good morning! I’m glad everyone’s awake. Please join me in prayer. Almighty God, we thank you for President Rick Blair and President Marcia Roth. We thank you for all the officers, committee chairs, committee members who have served the MSFA and the LAMSFA. We thank you for the chance to come together again this year to renew old friendships and to spend time fellowshipping with one another. We thank you for the presenters and the instructors here this week. Father, as we conduct the business of this association we ask for your wisdom and knowledge to be given to us, that we may do the best for the Maryland fire and rescue services. Father, we lift up those who are not physically able to be with us. Give them the healing and strength to overcome. Father, please bless this 127th proceedings and all those who are here. In your name we pray. Amen. All Past Presidents please take your place of honor. It now is my pleasure to introduce the President of Maryland State Firemen’s Association Rick Blair, escorted by his wife, Roslyn. Also the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Marcia Roth, escorted by her husband, Johnie.

Richard Brooks – Ladies and gentleman please be seated and remain seated so that you may enjoy the next presentation.

Pipes and Drums

Richard Brooks – Ladies and gentlemen it’s a pleasure to introduce to you the Maryland Fire Rescue Services Pipes and Drums consisting of the members of the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Greater Baltimore, Montgomery County Firefighters Pipes and Drums and the Ocean City Pipes and Drums as well as the Delmarva Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. Please welcome them. Now sit back and enjoy their next number. And now ladies and gentlemen will you please rise for the presentation of Colors by the combined Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard. At this time President Marcia Roth will come to the podium to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAMSFA President Marcia Roth—I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the republic, for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Richard Brooks – Today it is a pleasure to have with us Theresa Jacobs for her rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.
Singing of the National Anthem by Theresa Jacobs.

Richard Brooks – Please be seated. Well I guess they’ll pipe all the way out to or play all the way out. There we go. Let’s have a big hand for all of our bands, the Pipes and Drums, the Westminster Band, Theresa Jacobs and the Honor Guards. What an exciting opening ceremony. It’s a pleasure to introduce to you some very special guests we have with us this morning. And we’d like to begin with none other than the Comptroller of the State of Maryland, please welcome the Honorable Peter Franchot.

Comptroller Peter Franchot – Well I uh am delighted to be here. I just wanted to uh, say that I’m as happy as a seagull with a French fry. That is what I saw on a shirt so. Thank you, I just want to say personally how grateful we in the State of Maryland are for the firemen, EMS, first responders. Particularly, in my opinion, the Volunteers who actually live in the communities that you serve and every volunteer I meet, and I go to as many stations as I can, they tend to have not just the Firemen’s responsibility or the Ems role, in addition to your regular job. They also have leadership positions in their church or they coach little league or they do something else to help their communities strengthen uh themselves. And I just want to say how grateful I am as the State Comptroller and Rick, thank you for not introducing me as the State tax collector, uh how personally grateful I am to each of you for what you represent and the great tradition of membership in the volunteers being passed down from generation to generation in the families where you live, where you know who you serve. And uh, from the bottom of my heart you folks are the greatest. I was at Seat Pleasant on Friday, at their fire station, and they got, they gave me the tremendous honor of giving me a actual Firemen’s hat from one of their previous members. That’s gonna go right in my office in Annapolis and it will be proudly displayed. But I have to admit, there’s one other thing when I go see my good friend Governor Hogan, he and I have a very positive relationship, we vote on lots of uh I think over 30 million dollars in grants to you folks and he is obviously very supportive of uh the volunteer company assistance fund and also the Honorable Louise Goldstein subtraction modification program which is a big tax break that we need to enlarge. But when I go into his office, he has on the wall, framed a large, I take it it’s a Firemen’s axe. I’m happy to pay for one of those because I see it as the ideal self-defense weapon for me up in Annapolis. But seriously folks, I cannot imagine a better event than this one and if you could all just give yourselves a pat on the back and thank the person sitting next to you. What you represent, as far as our communities around the State are just invaluable and beyond my ability to thank you. I would like to give a Maryland State Recognition to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Rick, if you could, if the President could come out? Thank you very much. This is in recognition of your 127th Annual Convention and Conference. We salute all first responders, steadfast dedication to protecting all people living in and visiting the Great State of Maryland each and every day. We commend your bravery, I mean think in January when it’s freezing cold and you guys get rousted out of bed to go for a two alarm fire and you show up and you’ve got water so cold it’s
freezing on ya. Volunteers. I mean that is what I call civic responsibility. Anyway that isn’t in here. But, we commend your bravery and the essential role you serve in our local communities to reduce death, injury and loss of property. Your faithful and loyal devotion to your fellow firefighters, families and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice exemplifies the unique bond shared by the community. Thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty without hesitation. Presented this 17th day of June 2019. Rick.

President Blair – I have a few things for you also. I have uh, my mug and a bag back there for you when you leave. It has uh a lot of good things in it. You’ll like it probably. Use that as a tool too.

Comptroller Franchot – So, uh, this is a very nice present. Thank you. I saw Governor Hogan after last election, he was saying how well he’d done and I said yes, I reminded him I got 300,000 more votes than he did. He was happy, it’s okay, we have a great relationship, but I said Governor we have got four more years. He looked at me and he said but Peter, that’s four more beers. Thank you very much. And uh, if you could give a big warm welcome when he comes out, I saw the Mayor of Ocean City back there. I mean, in this Great State Republicans like him can work with Democrats like me for things that really benefit the citizens and make them happy with what we do as elected officials. So when you see the Mayor come out please tell him I said something nice about him.

Richard Brooks – And the Mayor will now get his chance. It’s a pleasure to bring a great friend of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to the podium. The Ocean City Mayor, the Honorable Rick Meehan.

Mayor Rick Meehan – Thank you. Good morning everybody! Well on behalf of the Mayor and City Council and all the citizens of Ocean City, I want to thank you and welcome you to Ocean City. You know I always get a special feeling this time of year when I walk, or drive down Coastal Highway and I see the ladder trucks out there with the Flags flying high. It’s an indication that the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is in town and as I’ve told you many times when I’ve addressed your opening ceremonies to me, that is the true beginning of the summer season. I’ve been coming to Ocean City since the 1960s and I know as a kid working down here and growing up down here we knew the season was really starting when you all came. And I want to thank you for continuing that tradition and continuing to come to Ocean City. I want to thank the Comptroller Peter Franchot for those nice words. He does a great job for the State of Maryland. I know he’s a good friend to Ocean City. And he’s a good friend to each and every one of you as he does his job as Comptroller for the Great State of Maryland. It’s a nice time of year in Ocean City, I want to thank you all for bringing in the good weather. I usually take credit for it, but this year I’m giving it to you. The sun finally came out and boy I can tell you what a difference that makes here in Ocean City. I don’t know if any of you got to see the air show this weekend, anybody see the air show? What did ya think? I want to thank you, I know it causes some traffic and
inconveniences, it’s kinda hard when you get a couple hundred thousand people all kind of in a concentrated area, but it’s a great event and it’s become a signature event in Ocean City. I want to tell you something I observed at the air show this weekend. One of the things I like about it is it brings a little patriotism back to our Country and back to our City, something I think gets lost sometimes but when you see the Blue Angels and all the different representatives of the different Armed Forces flying over the beach, I don’t know about you, but it really is something special to me. And when they started the ceremonies twelve o’clock on Saturday, I was right with the air boss and narrator are located at 16th Street, and they started the ceremony with a young lady, and I apologize I forget her name, she was 14 years old, she was going to sing the National Anthem and the narrator said, we’re about to sing the National Anthem would everybody please stop, uncover and face the Flag? And what I can tell you is, as I’m standing on the boardwalk and I looked around and I would say 99.8% of the people, not only that were on the beach, not only that were on the hotel balconies, but that were walking down the boardwalk all stopped, put their hand on their chest while she sang the National Anthem. And I don’t know about you, but that kinda rekindles my faith a little bit, it was such a wonderful thing to see and was such a great way, I think, to show our Patriotism and our love for our Country right here in Ocean City. I looked around and as the Mayor of Ocean City I was very proud of all those visitors because sometimes people don’t, just don’t take the time today to do that, so, it was a great way to start our air show. But we got a lot of good things going on in Ocean City, I know you’re going to be out and about and get to enjoy some things. How many people go out on the beach or the boardwalk? You all do out there kinda look around? You ever watched the dolphins come by? You know I don’t know if I told you this before but this time of year we have an awful lot of dolphin sightings and people on the beach, you know are always out there going oh boy look I can see the dolphins. Well it’s become so common we have people on the boardwalk, I’ve been up there and people stop and ask me or I’ll watch them stop and ask some of the people who are working on the boardwalk, what time do the dolphins come by? My common answer is always 11:15. So, just a little warning, don’t ask anybody what time the dolphins come by, you know that’s the one thing you don’t wanna do. And if I’ve told you this story before, I apologize, but I always think it’s kinda funny and everybody that comes can kinda relate to it. You know we have a great public transportation system in Ocean City. And I know you all kinda ride the bus, with your badges and everything while you’re here and I hope you take advantage of that. And we’re very proud that that bus comes by every five to ten minutes during the summer season. And to help finance that bus system we have wrapped a lot of our busses and you’ll see them out there and you’ll see them with Phillips Crab House on them or Seacret’s or Fager’s Island or Candy Kitchen, well, a couple years ago a lady came down to City Hall she was talking to the receptionist and she was very upset. She said she had been up at 120th Street waiting to take a bus down to the boardwalk for 2 hours and not one bus came by to take her. The receptionist said well that’s impossible. Those busses come by every five to ten minutes. And she said oh yeah, but they were going to Candy Kitchen, Seacret’s,
Fager’s Island, I wanted to go to the boardwalk. Well, just another piece of advice, they all go the same place. They do a loop around Ocean City so, you know, don’t get caught in that quagmire but. Some of the funny things that happen to us here in Ocean City. But it’s a great week and we’re honored to have you and all the First Responders that are here that do what they do for their own communities and for the State, for volunteerism, for taking time out of your lives to help protect others, to all the families that are here that support you. I know you couldn’t do it without them and we can’t do it without you. So I really hope that, as well as enjoying the conference and enjoying this convention and all the educational opportunities and everything it has to offer, you and your families also get to enjoy Ocean City. Enjoy the night at the Jolly Roger, enjoy all the things that are going on. I look forward to the parade on Wednesday and on behalf of everybody in Ocean City I want to thank you so very much for being here. Thank you all very much. And, one other thing. I want to invite somebody else up here with me to also give a welcome before I make a presentation. And we just hired a new police chief, police chief, wrong convention, a new fire chief here in the town of Ocean City. And this is the second fire chief we’ve had since we combined our career and volunteer firefighters. And I’m very honored to introduce our new Fire Chief, somebody I know that is a friend, and familiar to all of you out here and that’s Chief Richie Bowers. Chief.

**Fire Chief Richie Bowers** – Well there’s not many times you can take a microphone away from a politician, but I just did. Welcome to everyone. It’s great to be back with my fire service family here in Maryland. On behalf of all the men and women of the Ocean City Fire and EMS department, welcome. We are your host fire department during the convention, we are a great host, and we are a great fire department. Please stop any one of us, please stop by any one of our fire stations and see us. And there’s three things I ask as your fire chief during this convention that you do. The first is obviously to always be safe, the other is to network and certainly learn something but then the last thing, take what you learn and share it with your fire and EMS department back home. Thank you all, have a great convention.

**Mayor Rick Meehan** – Now I would like to make a presentation on behalf of the Chief and myself, the Mayor and City Council. You know, it’s very important these conventions to the members and it’s also very time consuming and your leadership is so important to everything that you do. And it takes great leadership to really work with their committees and all their other officers to put this on and do what they’ve done throughout the year for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And I have two people standing here next to me that have both provided that great leadership to you. And we want to thank them, as I know you do, and in order to do that I would like to present them the key to the City, presented this day to Rick Blair, President Maryland State Firemen’s Association and also to Marcia Roth, President Ladies Auxiliary Maryland State Firemen’s Association. To both of you, thank you and it’s an honor to have you serve.
President Rick Blair – Mayor, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and myself I want to present you this mug, I have a bag with everything in it for you to take back to your office. You can add it to your collection.

Mayor Rick Meehan – I’ve seen them. Thank you very much.

President Rick Blair – Thank you for everything you do. By the way rain or sun on Wednesday?

Mayor Rick Meehan – Wednesday is sun!

Richard Brooks – Thank you Mayor and Chief. Nice to have you with us. Next it’s a pleasure to bring to the podium Colonel Andrew William Collins, the Chief of Staff for the Army National Guard. Colonel Collins.

Colonel Collins – Good morning everyone. So in uh keeping with the uh Comptroller’s opening statement, the theme with the sea salt and French fries, I’m as happy as old bay on a blue crab. So thank you very much for having me here today. On behalf of the 29th Adjunct General of Maryland, Major General Linda Singh, and all of the soldiers, airmen, and civilians of the Maryland Military Department, thank you for your service. I am extremely honored today to speak to the members of this great association and all who serve and have served this great State and Nation. I find it especially rewarding that I get to be here with you as a native of the Eastern Shore. Mary of the people that I grew up with here took on the mantle of being a fireman or some other form of public service. Some may be in this room today and I look forward to seeing you today out by the booths and out by the equipment outside. So I do find it very special indeed, so thank you. As 2019 marks this Association’s 127th anniversary, I congratulate you on your many accomplishments and successful programs. You live the conference theme - A great history and a great future. President Blair thank you for your leadership and President Roth thank you for your leadership of the Ladies Auxiliary. The Maryland Military Department is proud to partner with the Association to administer the AMOS fund and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. We share your commitment to public safety as the Maryland Emergency Management Agency is part of our department and we in the Guard serve our State and Country with pride. We have a common link too, in that many who serve in the Guard also volunteer, are also volunteer emergency personnel. The Maryland National Guard has nearly 75 firefighters and over 35 EMTs in our ranks. It makes me extremely proud to know that we share these ardent individuals that serve in multiple public services. Protecting the citizens of our State is our mutual mission. Again on behalf of Major General Singh, thank you for what you do to protect our citizens of the great State of Maryland, and we look forward to another successful year together. I wish you a very successful convention and a great time in Ocean City. I look forward to seeing you out on the floor. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – General, I’d like to ah, Colonel, that’s twice today I demoted him.
I’d like to present you with my mug from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank the Military Department for everything that you do for firemen. I know there’s a lot of work involved on both ends. Thank you for what we got right now. Thank you. Next person I’d like to introduce is a good friend of the fire service, his name is Bill Webb, serving as Congressional Fire Services Institute Executive Director since 1965 or 1995. Also he uh, has the distinct honor of uh serving as the Vice Chair of the National Fallen Firefighters Association Foundation. Bill.

Bill Webb – Thank you Mr. President. Ah, 1965 I became an Executive Director at the age of 4. So, uh quite an accomplishment, but uh Mr. President, President Roth and others members of this distinct organization I extend my thanks on behalf of the Congressional Fire Service Institute for this opportunity to address you this morning. The fire service, as we know, is steeped in tradition and this conference, now in its 127th year, is a tradition that continues to bring together members of the fire service for opportunities to learn, interact and share in your knowledge with each other. We face many daunting challenges-challenges that require the attention of both individuals and organizations at the local, state and national levels. Cancer in the fire service; suicide; post-traumatic stress disorder; active shooter incidents; the OPIOD crisis, these are all challenges that we face. And as we move forward we must face them together. They are real and there are no easy answers or solutions. That’s the reality of where we are. But I do know that we can make progress in these areas and other areas by working together. In Washington DC, CFSI and the other national fire organizations continue to advocate for federal support that address the needs of all firefighters, volunteer, career, from every region of the country in our rural, suburban and urban communities. We are advocating for additional funding for the Assistance to Firefighters grant program, the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program as well as the Unites States Fire Administration. On June 12, the House Appropriations Committee approved legislation and appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations that would increase funding for AFG and SAFER by $50 million and increase funding for the United States Fire Administration. Also last week, we worked with Congressman Bill Pascrell on an amendment to an appropriations measure that will increase funding for the National Firefighter Cancer Registry, a program recently authorized by Congress to study cancer in the fire service. And we continue to push for legislation that will create more incentives for businesses to retrofit their properties with automatic fire sprinklers, and legislation that provides economic incentive for volunteer recruitment and retention. There is legislation currently in the House and Senate. The Senate bill was introduced by your own Senator, Senator Ben Cardin. The Volunteer Responder Protection Act. This piece of legislation would provide more economic incentives to address one of the major challenges recruiting and face and that is recruiting and retaining members of the volunteer fire service. What keeps us all performing our mission? I’m guessing only a few of you would say the money, because the type of work we perform does not make us millionaires. Instead it’s our sense of pride and our willingness to serve. It’s that feeling we experience when we know we’ve
done something positive for others. Legislation again does not happen on its own. It requires the effort of each one of us in this room. In the 115th Congress, approximately 13,500 pieces of legislation were introduced. Only 443 became federal law. So that tells you about the challenges we face. Another challenge, another challenge I see cresting like an ocean wave ready to crash is recruiting the next generation of leaders. Future leaders in our fire departments and in our associations, future leaders who are willing to commit their time and effort to preserve what we have built and what our predecessors have passed on to us. Future leaders who are prepared to step into our shoes and commit their time and effort for the next 20 to 30 years to organizations like the Maryland Firemen’s Association, the Congressional Fire Services Institute and other organizations. Much is being written about the differences in generational characteristics. I’m a baby boomer, which according to some definitions makes me self-assured, competitive, mentally focused (my wife would argue otherwise) and team oriented. You have the generation X-ers- those born between 1965 and 1980- who are defined as being independent, resourceful and sufficient. And then there’s the millennials; the tech-savvy, family-centric, achievement group. What can we do to recruit the next generation of leaders-those who are closer to the minimum drinking age than the Social Security age- to sustain the missions of our organizations? A few years ago, I served on a panel with fire service leaders whom I hold in high esteem. The question was asked of us what we must do to get the next generation engaged in our work. One member of our panel answered by saying we need to talk to them – we need to talk to them about our work and the importance of getting them involved. When it came by time to respond, I said we need to listen to them- we need to learn what motivates the younger generations. Again, these are the independent, self-sufficient, tech-savvy, family-centric, achievement oriented members of our society. And I think to a large extent we could say that about ourselves as well. But we need to understand the driving factors of their behavior and always look for ways to get them involved, whether it’s in our fire departments, our associations or any particular cause. This requires both listening and communicating. Two weeks ago, we as a Nation celebrated the 75th anniversary of D-Day- June 6th, 1944. It was the day that launched the liberation of Europe and beginning of the end of Nazi tyranny. There are many reasons why D-Day proved to be the turning point in World War II. One of the most important has to do with General Eisenhower’s willingness to seek input from a soldier half his age. Eisenhower had already postponed the attack by one day because of inclement weather in the English Channel. In the early morning hours of June 5th, he gave the go-ahead command but not until his meteorologist informed him of a small window of good weather on the morning of June 6th- the time needed to launch the first wave of boats ashore. Eisenhower placed his full trust in John Stagg, a 28 year old British Captain, when making his decision, his most important decision in World War II. Hopefully you will spend your time this week discussing important issues with your peers and with the younger generation of firefighters in attendance. That is the value in having these conferences- to talk and listen- as we seek ways to strengthen our fire service. CSFI is always willing to listen. We take great pride in our work, but we
know we can always do a better job. And that is why we like to hear from you. I thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak. I wish you a successful conference and most importantly, I wish you continued good health and safety. Thank you very much.

President Rick Blair- Bill, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and myself, I’d like to present you with this mug and I also have a bag back there full of goodies for you and I want to thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for everything that you guys do for us in DC.

Director Bill Webb- I appreciate it very much, appreciate all your support. Thank you very much.

President Rick Blair- We have a number of guests from out of State. We have some guests from Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association. President Bill Betts Jr. and his uh group, along with him is ah President, Vice President ah Norman Jones and Secretary Elmer Steele. And President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association Penny Gentry. Virginia State Firemen’s Association President Jimmy Bower, First Vice President Ken Bower (Brown), Second Vice President John Kirby, their out of Stare coordinator Allen Brennen. Firefighters Association State of Pennsylvania - Cathryn Snaugher, President, Second Vice President Ronald Hearnday, and Allen Steele past President of Pennsylvania State Firemen’s Association. Along with us today is West Virginia State Firemen’s Association John Hall Jr., President; Gary Lorton Vice President; G.T. Parsons Second Vice President, and Randy Walls Third Vice President. Along with us today is Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association President Greg Yost, First Vice President Allen Baldwin, Second Vice President Joe Corwith III. I’d like to thank all of yas for attending today and we’ll see you out there shortly.

Richard Brooks – Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen it’s a pleasure on behalf of President Rick Blair to introduce to you this morning’s key note presenter. The First Vice Chair of the National Volunteer Fire Council is Kevin D. Quinn. Chief Quinn joined the fire service in 1976. He has served on the National Volunteer Fire Council Board of Directors for over 36 years and is the past Chair of the NVFC. He retired as Deputy Chief of the Union Fire District in South Kingston, Rhode Island and has returned to where he began in the volunteer fire service, actively responding to fires and alarms with his original station 3 of the Union Fire District. Kevin is a Past President of the Rhode Island State Firemen’s League, the Rhode Island Stare Advocate for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and Everyone Goes Home Courage to be Safe Program. A member of the Foundations Rhode Island local assistance State team, a board member of the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, a member of the Hope Valley Haz-Mat team, and a member of numerous Federal, State and Local exercise design management teams. He holds a Master of Science degree in counseling and educational psychology and Master of Science degree in education. It is pleasure to please welcome Chief Kevin D. Quinn.
Chief Kevin D. Quinn—Thank you Mr. Brooks. I should be mic’ed up, you want to check the volume. And I should have a power point coming up shortly. Volumes good? I tell you, I’m uh blessed to be able to be here with you today. It certainly is truly an honor. I’ve been blessed to be able to be to a number of conventions across the Country. The only state I haven’t been to is Wyoming, and I’ll be going there in two years. So when I look at the 127th Maryland State Firemen’s Conference and Convention and the Ladies Auxiliary component and I look at what I’m seeing so far this morning, it’s impressive and you should be proud of what you have- the tradition of what you have and the service and dedication that you have. Again I want to thank the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the invite, I’d like to thank the MSFA membership, the leadership team and the Conference and Convention Committee for allowing me to be here. So I’d like to see if I can pull up my presentation. And the production crew in this back stage is very impressive. Look at that, I just ask for it and there it is. Look at the title— Weaving from Crackle to Sizzle. That is my theme today. I’m honored to be able to share this theme with a dear friend of many of us, James P. Seavey Sr. I’ve never be able to do a keynote with somebody from their grave, but we’re gonna do that today. Jimmy and I have been, you know, collaborating a little bit as we collaborated for years together. And those that don’t know Jimmy Seavey, Jimmy Seavey has 42 years in the fire service before he passed last fall. He is a two hatter, a career firefighter, a career captain with DC fire and Chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department. Jimmy was a fighter and a legend and he fought the battle of occupational cancer and he lost that battle last fall, but he’s a trooper and for you in Maryland I know how proud of you, of Jim that you are, and the leadership he had for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and I just want to say uh you brought us a great legend and I’ve been proud to work with Jim on the National level. Jimmy, as you know, as most of you know him, wasn’t always politically correct. And you all have Jimmy stories, I know. But when you look at Jimmy, I would give him a task to do on the National level and and it could have been with whatever, you know, assignment we’re working on and Jimmy would do things Jimmy’s way. And I think it’s important, if you know Jimmy, you know what I’m saying, but those that don’t know Jimmy, Jimmy kinda got things done but he didn’t always follow the politically correct path. And when Jimmy and I were working on a project together, I’d give him the assignments, he’d get ‘em done, but sometimes he’s come back to me, the first words out of Jimmy’s mouth were sorry boss, because I knew he kinda ticked somebody off in getting done what we had to get done. I’d like to recognize Jim’s family, Mary Seavey, and and I know Russell’s here and Jim Jr. may not be in the audience but Mary if you would please stand up and be recognized and and for just all the support you gave. We all know the body of work that a fire service leader in the volunteers dedicate is only possible through all those Marys that are out there, and all of you that are out there supporting those firefighters. I do represent the National Volunteer Fire Council and my message is gonna be about volunteerism and the fire service but I’m also gonna bring in um basically three three themes. One is – our duty to protect, our duty to perform and our duty to care. And part of that with Jim will be
coming into this presentation with me and looking at the cancer in the fire service and
and I’m the poster child for the fire service in the cardiac venue, and I’m gonna share
my personal story about that as well. But, as we go through the process I wanna make
that I’m giving you a message of change. And that’s really what we have to do. I have
been blessed to meet so many firefighters from across the Country and internationally,
due to the encouragement and support of those Marys that are out there and those
folks back home in my department and my community. I would like to thank those
mentors and supporters and the confidantes that have helped me achieve and you
know who you are. What happened to my presentation? They were doing so well, now.
Uhhh, they told me how to go forward but they didn’t tell me how to go back. So I need
to go back to my third slide of uh, if we could. Number 3, slide 3. Back, one, okay,
we’re good. Ok, here my theme today is Weaving from Crackle to Sizzle – a message
for the future. I’d like you to bear with me this morning. And I’d like to begin by asking
all of you to close your eyes. Those that are firefighters will receive and relive this
scenario many times over. Those that have never experienced a fire need to understand
where those firefighters come from. With your eyes closed, I want to help you find the
crackle. So close your eyes, imagine yourself giving the order to enter the burning
building, find the seat of the fire and extinguish. You and your crew don your PPE, go
on air and enter the structure with a charged hose line. Upon entrance, you weave your
way down the hallway, the officers calls for all of us to skip breath, and he calls out fire
department, anyone here, we all listen intently, for now the smoke is banked down to
the floor, the heat is intensifying and we are crawling on our way of expectation to
make the save, make the grab. We do not hear any voices, in the background we hear
the crackle of a fire burning, the officers calls for us to turn right and we precede with
our mission. You may now open your eyes. The crackle, the discovery, a firefighter,
that’s what we are. The heat, the disorientation, the lack of visibility, working your way
in as everyone else is fleeing out. What makes us who we are? What and how can we
sustain the service to others? And how do we help mold the future of the next fire
service boots on the ground? We have that duty to protect, the duty to perform and the
duty to care. The fire service must provide protection to the communities that they
serve. In their most recent report the NFPA, and the numbers are up here, show that
approximately 1,056,200 local firefighters locally were in action in the United States in
2017. Of those numbers, the career firefighters amounted to 35% or 373,600, these
are estimates; the volunteer force at 682,600 or 65%. That to me is a big change in
NFPA's recent report maybe 5-6 weeks ago. These numbers, because for years, many
years, closer even to a decade, we were using the volunteer fire service represented
70%, 69, 70% of America. But today we’re looking at 65%, that’s a significant change
and we have that duty to protect and we must make sure that we all, um as fire service
leaders, as volunteer firefighters and those that are involved with the volunteer ranks,
must kinda work towards making these numbers a better place. You heard the
Comptroller speak highly of the volunteer service in the um State of Maryland. Ah, he
appreciates that, the tax payers appreciate that. In the past we were able to protect
because we were the hub, the volunteer department was the hub of every community
throughout America. The big cities were a different model. Our modeling in the volunteer service needs to change. The numbers show it. Fire service leaders must ensure that they are changing with the times. So I’m gonna challenge you. I’m gonna challenge the fire service leaders. We all know how much impact there is in change and what’s going on in the change in our own daily lives, due to the change in the fire service in particular we have seen many, many changes. A couple, due to the change in building materials, fires burn more intensely, flashover time has increased significantly, technology changes, equipment changes, all hazard response changes, people change, we change, our bodies change, and we need to as leaders take a look at our local community and assure that we are doing the right things to have that duty to protect. We must adapt to these changes. Benjamin Franklin, you know, his quote that the fire fire service knows about and we use this all the time. On a local level we must fully understand the impact of the change within our fire department. As we’re meeting the proper standards are we fully protecting our membership and are we protecting the communities that we serve? We must strengthen and implement changes to ensure that proper response, training and performance is where it needs to be. It’s a local issue and we as local leaders must adapt and change. That duty to protect. You know, we talked about that speed of fire and how much intensity it is and the time that you have, you know to be able to save yourself in our residence and we look at our, at our residential fire deaths, they’re still high. They are significantly high and we’re responding, in some of the states, it’s even higher death rates. So we need to kinda understand that they only have a few minutes to get out of those houses. And therefore we look at technology and we push for residential fire sprinklers as an initiative. And again, I compliment Ron Siarnicki and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for the 16 life safety initiatives and one of them being the installation of residential fire sprinklers because we have to kinda save our, our you know individuals in our residences, our community because of the uh the intensity of a fire today. A duty to perform. Fire Chiefs and leaders never had to market their fire departments in the past, they were the hub of the community, it was a generational thing, your grandfather was a volunteer, your father was a volunteer, you’re a volunteer, it’s probably true of many in this audience. As Fire Chiefs we must kinda take a look, it’s essential that we take a look today and make sure that we look at the changes that are necessary. We hear about these departments that are having trouble with response, maybe not in Maryland, across the Country I read about and I hear about all these ah you know difficult situations where they’re just not enough volunteers. And there’s a lot of mergers going on and closing of stations, and and certainly the movement of combination departments that are out there. But the rewards that we have, and what we have to do is in marketing what we do, the rewards that we have as volunteers are plentiful. The problem is is that we’re not sharing that. Too many of our communities are not aware, across the Nation, that we are even, that that community is protected by volunteer fire departments. I spoke with the Comptroller as he was back stage and I complimented him on his words of encouragement for the volunteer service, but I talk about the fire service, you know the career firefighters, the volunteers, the combination departments, we are all in
this together and we all need to serve the same mission, we just do it in a different way. The rewards that we have on a daily basis are most fulfilling. In order for the volunteer fire service to continue to thrive we must adapt and overcome. That’s a challenge, number one, to the fire service leaders that are out there. Again, I’m not gonna play that video, but part of it will go as I speak, but in terms of the uh you know what’s burning today and what used to burn, and the synthetics that are in there, it’s it’s just an explosive burn. When you look at um the traditional housing of years ago and what we’re seeing in today’s houses. The petrol and all those ingredients that we see in the contents and also in the building construction itself. Duty to care. Not only do we have a duty to protect and we have a duty to perform and that performance is what we’re seeing in here at this conference, the training that you have, the training that goes on across the State of Maryland, the great State of Maryland and practicing your trade. We must be in the state of readiness at all times, and we must learn new techniques and be able to understand research based fire science and drill to practice. But when we take a look at the duty to care, maintaining a ready force, bringing in new firefighters, uh into the service, moving and mastering team work, are key elements for success. In the volunteer fire service we hear the expression recruitment and retention. I urge you to look at the numbers, the research of the volunteer fire service. We are an aging population our demographic show. So it’s not only recruitment and retention, its recruitment, retention and replacement. Because I need to be replaced in a few years, I’m not going to be responding for station 3 for that many more years. And that’s so true across the Country. So it’s recruitment, retention and replacement. But how do we get there? Well you have to have something attractive. You have to have a fire department that is welcoming to individuals. Becoming diverse, becoming more open, being able to respond and train and make it exciting and bring in, I showed you the crackle, that crackle of the fire, but what we need to bring into the volunteer fire service, especially is the sizzle of what makes your department that special place that people, new recruits want to be a part of and maintaining your current membership, so that you’re working in tandem between new recruits and then in terms of drilling and practicing what we’re doing you have to have this special place that has that sizzle factor. And you need to bring that in because the numbers that NFPA just threw out at us 5 weeks ago indicates we need to do something. And these things don’t just happen overnight. The places that we read about where their having trouble with volunteers or response or there is a tragedy that occurred because of slow response or non-response, those things don’t just happen. Your department knows what your community risk is, you know that you’re in this shortage of volunteers and you need to do something about it. The time to do it is not during the urgency, the time to do it is as soon as it’s identified. And that’s what we have to change. Our model, you know whether you run, and in Maryland I know you run a lot of duty shifts and you know again I’m speaking on a National level, trying to make sure that we maintain a model. Cause the way we use to do business is not gonna work in the model of the future. Our newest recruits, especially the younger recruits, they learn differently and and and we can’t have that um that barrier in between that fire training officer at the department and
a new learner, because, I tell ya, I teach a course where I don’t even wanna use a power point. Because they don’t wanna be in chairs, they wanna be out doing and sometimes you have to change the way you teach and train and encourage and motivate in order to kinda make sure you have that special place to bring the sizzle factor in. Leaders must perform both on the fire ground and back in their offices. And I know, all too well, that a fire chief in a volunteer fire department has so much to balance. They have so much to balance in their life. They have their career job, they have their family, they have their obligations, they have their fire department leadership and they have so much more that they’re trying to juggle and uh, it’s it’s you have to be a realist. You know, sometimes some of these departments are struggling; I’ve been in departments that have had dirt floors in Kansas. I was at one department in South Dakota where I got picked up at the airport with one of their type 6 engines and that engine was completely filthy because they just came from a wildfire. And then I get back to their station and their assistant chief showed me around, all their trucks were disgustingly filthy and I always checked the pride of a department and I’d always look at the tires, I’d kick the tires, and I’d check the thread and I’d see how clean the tires were, but when I was in this department in South Dakota it changed the way I looked at and kinda judged a department. And and he apologized for how filthy the engines were, the apparatus, and I said I understand, you just came from a wildfire, and obviously, they were here all night now there off to work, and he said, no, our trucks are always dirty. And I was puzzled, and then he said, well we don’t have any water. They had no water in their district. Now for me that was an eye opener, there’s departments out there that are really in desperate need. You know, if you’re at a fire and you don’t have any water you’re going to go 12 miles to get water. That, that’s an issue. So what did the chief do? The chief identified that as a problem and when I was there they were building a, a water tank on property in their district. Just recently in the past 3 or 4 months, they have been getting the water and that’s a huge change for the way I look at a fire department because I never realized that there were such desperate needs out there. But that local chief identified the need, filled the void, found the solution, got the funding, and now they’re just happy as anything. Just imagine a fire department without water. Now it was just hard for me to understand and that. The duty to care, the Lavender Ribbon Report, which I have a copy here. These were sent to every fire department in America. At the Expo here at the NVFC booth we have copies available if you don’t have them. But I have to say, for our future we have a duty to care. We have a duty to care for each other in the fire service. As I have had the privilege to work and learn and be with Chief Jim Seavey I have realized the importance of caring. If you knew Jimmy, if you knew him well, you understood the impact he had on the fire service and on life, and he was bigger than life. In fact Mary, and thank you so much, I’m wearing Jimmy’s tie today that you gave me, it’s a very special tie, but it’s so long I had to kinda practice tying it. And I know it doesn’t fit the uniform, but I wore it as a tribute to Jim Seavey. He was always effective, but uh like I said, not always politically correct. Many times Chief Seavey would come and uh he would just get things done and and sometimes you just let it go, let it go Jim. He watches over us
today, as we provide this duty to care and he’s helping us encourage and we will bring him in so you can hear his powerful words about the duty to care. Yeah, I’m going back, the duty to protect, the duty to perform and the duty to care. And for me the duty to care is really the future of the fire service. That is the sizzle we need to bring. The Lavender Ribbon Report is alive and well due to Chief Seavey’s persistence. I had two fire service leaders serving on the National Volunteer Fire Council Board of Directors. I refer to them as my cancer dudes. There was, Jimmy was one of them, and the other was Brian McQueen. Brian McQueen out of New York. Well Brian was so excited that Jimmy and I were going to do this presentation together and he texted me something last night back and forth and I uh I just want to read one excerpt that he sent me. Because it does impact, the cancer in the fire service impacts this so dramatically. And I have to say this is my 44th year, Jimmy did 42 years, Seavey, I was always 1 year ahead of him. But in my 44 years in the fire service I have never seen anything to bring the fire service unity as the cancer in the fire service has done. The IFF, the uh IFC, the NVFC, you know the fire instructors and every one of those big sister organizations. The cancer in the fire service brought us all together. Sometimes we’re polarized, the unions and the volunteers they may be polarized in certain issues, but the cancer affects us all, whether you be in a career department, a combination department, department of defense, volunteer department, or a sub-contractor in the wildlands, the cancer has impacted us all. And we need to do something different. So, Brian, last night writes me this, and I don’t know enough about it, that’s why I have my cancer dudes, I always refer to them if I needed something they were my specialists. Brian writes this …. So many people really don’t know the cancer impact on your life until it hits you personally. So many want to share the message but fail in using the personal experience. So many don’t get to meet or understand the meat and potatoes because they never had to lay strapped down on a table with plastic mask over you wondering if this treatment will help. Thank you, my friend, for preaching the message Jimmy and I have been faced with. There’s so many in the fire service that have been faced with the impact. Fire service families, the impact of cancer and the fire service, occupational cancer. Jim Seavey lost his life due to occupational cancer, and and a bit, you know when you look at this production, the Lavender Ribbon Report, this production is something special. And it’s not because Jim Seavey was the real push behind it, it’s because of the words that are in this. And I think it’s important and imperative, and I’m gonna ask you - are you listening? Are you willing to act? Cause this is 11 best practices that were written as simplistically as possible so that they can be implemented. It wasn’t enough to write this, it needs to be implemented and executed in every fire house in America. We originally started in the NVFC they had this poster that they put together, with the 11 best practices. Well Jim wasn’t happy with the poster, he said these are great, but that’s not enough. Hanging a poster in every fire house in America 30,283 departments wasn’t enough. We needed to go and move further. And he had a vision and that vision is the Lavender Ribbon Report. And I thank Jim and Brian for their leadership on what they do and what they did and what they accomplished and if you haven’t seen or read this I’m asking you, I’m I’m – are you willing to act? Are you
willing to take what’s in here and make sure that we’re taking and protecting our own? The duty to care. Are you? I said I was the poster child for the cardiac, um I wanted to take a look at, look back on my life. As the Chair of the NVFC, my health safety and training committee came to me and they wanted to do something about the line of duty deaths. And best practice number 9 in here is get an annual physical. Because early detection is all the difference. Well my life safety training committee came to me and they wanted to do something about reducing the line of duty deaths. They looked at the root causes of line of duty deaths and this was back about 5 years ago. And they identified personally owned or privately owned vehicles, there were too many deaths, mostly young volunteers driving to the scene or driving to the station or driving back from an incident and rolling their vehicles and killing themselves. So my health, safety, training committee decided they wanted to do something to change that, and they wanted permission. And I gave them two thumbs up, go for it, whatever you can do, I’m all in on that. Well they worked, and they came up with some ideas, we approached the IFC, International Association of Fire Chiefs, the VCOS division, Volunteer Combination Officers Section, and we jointly wrote a position, a guide on personally owned vehicle. That guide was used and promoted and published and shared and we looked at the trend afterwards, after that you know, that educational piece and the trend was down on personally owned vehicles. Well when, they uh, they were ecstatic because it worked, they did something, the NVFC did something, they worked with the IFC, VCOS and they came out with a publication and they educated the folks and then they reduced those numbers. And that was a good thing. So health, safety, training in the NVFC came to me again and they said well now that we feel good about the personal vehicle trend of reduction we want to take a look at the highest group cause of line of duty deaths which is, every year is, cardiac event. And I’m saying, okay, and I’m thinking what is it that they could possibly do that hasn’t already been done to reduce cardiac event line of duty deaths across America? And I wholeheartedly stood behind them, whatever you need, whatever you need. So we worked collaboratively as a committee, through the board and my committee was looking at, again the real, reality is there are some fire departments in America that have very very small budgets, very small, $8000.00 per year, maybe $6000.00 per year. That puts fuel in your apparatus, pays some insurance, pays the lights, there’s not much left. But my committee wanted to have a position on cardiac that said all firefighters should have an annual physical. Think about that. How can a department that has a $6000.00 budget have firefighter physicals every year? Firefighter physicals in the Northeast very very expensive. You look at those tiers of our physicals, they’re very expensive. I was just, whatever you gotta do, let’s see what you can do. You just have to balance because that fire chief, you know we can’t come out as a National organization and say we want you to do this if we don’t give them a solution on how to get it done. So we worked together on that. By the numbers in 2015, ah those numbers ah there’s line of duty deaths, 68 firefighters died, 32 of them were volunteers from cardiac events, 24 of them were career, the rest were in private um contractors, Federal or State; 24 died at the scene, 31 were sudden cardiac death, 62% of those were volunteers over the
age of 55. But this next line, 45% of career deaths are between 41 and 50 years old. Used to look at cardiac deaths in the fire service was an aging population, but when you look at that number 41-50 years and 46% that that jumps off the page. The numbers are there and my health, safety, training committee said you know we want to do something about that. So I was all in. I’d like to, I want to make a dedication to a couple of people in here. I’m gonna have to move out here for a minute. I’d like to poll the audience; I’d like to find who in here has more than 20 years in the fire service? Stand up. Let’s give them a round of applause, 20 years or more. Who has, remain standing if your 30 years or more. Not a lot of ya sat down. Alright, 40 years or more remain standing. Ya gonna sit? No? Oh boy, 50 years or more? Stand up, stay standing, 50 years or more. Wow! Just imagine that. This is the State of Maryland and some other states here 50 years or more. That’s impressive. That makes this convention even more impressive. 60 years or more? I’ve still people standing. Alright, 65 years or more? Mary are you standing? Anybody else still standing besides Mary? Where? Alright, 66 years or more? How many do I have left? 67 years or more? How many left? 68 years or more? 69 years or more? One? Still two? 70 years or more? Alright, I want the oldest of those two to come to the front of the stage. Make your way down, get some assistance if you need it. Who is the oldest of those two with 70 years of service? Could I have one? Make it happen. And how many years is it? How many years? Sir you are the oldest fire service in the building. 72 years. He joined when he was five. What’s your name? Dan Abler. Thank you sir, sit down. Before you sit Dan I’m going to present you with a challenge coin from the National Volunteer Fire Council for all your years of service. Just have a seat. 72 years, that’s unbelievable. He started when he was 5. That’s amazing. Wonderful. Alright, on the other extreme, who in here has less than 5 years? 5 years or less years of service please stand. Alright, I don’t know how many I got, cause the lights are tough up here. How many of you, I see one, two. Alright how about if you are at 4 or less? 3 or less? 2 or less? Is anyone standing? How many? One, come up to the stage please. Come on up here my friend. How many years do you have in? One year to the day? One year to the day, convention to convention. Don’t sit yet. What’s your name? Dan? Dan and Dan what do ya think? Coincidence? Daniel and Dan. Look over, he wants to get a picture, do that again. Dan, Daniel on behalf of the NVFC we have a challenge coin for you because of your service and I ask you to join me on the stage for a little bit. Alright are you nervous? If your nervous, turn to this guy he’ll help you out. Alright you guys just hang here alright? This is really what we’re talking about, the duty to care. Now I can’t imagine 72 years, that’s remarkable, but just as important is this 1 year. I think more important. Are you with a volunteer service? Okay, were you with a volunteer service? Career? Volunteer all the way, 72 years. Okay, two volunteers. Newspaper man, alright, but this is, this really is the future of the volunteer rank. And now we have the duty to care. And I’m just going to let them be here as my my my additions to the stage because I appreciate the service. It’s really all about the service that we give on a daily basis back home. Look at them. Looking good. Dan and Daniel. I’d roll my presentation back if I could. Now that challenge coin I gave you Dan, Daniel pull that challenge coin out, can you read
what it says, not on the NVFC logo side, you don’t have to take it out of that you can just put it on the other side here what’s it say? It says in the middle NVFC serve strong. We have a serve strong campaign that we started in 2016. Basically saying you’re not going to put 72 years in or 1 year in without being ready, okay? And being there to perform. And what do the other words say? Better you, better crew. Quality is good, our strongest member on that line you know but we’ve got this serve strong campaign going on and again it goes back to um my health, safety, training committee coming to me and saying we want to reduce line of duty deaths. And so, when they came to me and they asked that, again I was saying what the heck do they, I’ve been working with the National Fallen Firefighters for years and I if we could reduce the line of duty deaths and cardiacs we would have done that. We’ve been looking for ways to do that. And they were kinda focused on physicals. There it is, thank you Chris. Alright. Now I’m back. So my health, safety, training committee wanted to make a difference with the line of duty deaths and the cardiac. So they looked at let’s have a position of physicals, annual firefighter physicals. Again, keeping in mind that NFPA 1582 is the top tier. There it is. (Chris May – we need to get somebody to change these batteries out) Ah that’s ah that’s one of those issues we have when we look at technology and we have to have a prevention program to make sure that we do change out and all the expiration dates we have in the fire service and everything else. So my health, safety, training committee wanted to have these uh annual physicals for all firefighters but knowing they had to balance, not all fire departments could afford 1582 physical. So they looked at tiers. Four tiers, NFPA 1582 the gold standard, occupational medicine specific firefighter physicals is the second tier, third tier is DOT, Department of Transportation physical, and then the Affordable Care Act physical that we have throughout America. We wanted firefighters to go to a doctor, to make sure, every time I talk about this I think of two guys down in my, we have 8 stations back home in my department, and one of my stations has two brothers and they are like this when it comes to doctors or medicine. They don’t want any part of it but they need to be part of it. My my committee came up with these 4 tiers and one of my friends, a chief in Cherrville, North Caroline, he had a company he used for occupational medicine physicals and he said, Kevin, I want you to come down to my department and participate in the physicals and work with this company because they’re really really good. And I said, oh, Jeff I, I it’s summer time and I just, this was in 2016 and I said I really don’t want to go, I live in Rhode Island, we’re the smallest state, you guys are the fourth smallest but, we’re the smallest state and on the ocean, kinda like out here, and I really didn’t want to leave Rhode Island in the summer because I really wanted to be home. And so he pressured me, he said I’ll bill my entire department physicals around your schedule. But I went down on July 31st, flew in on Sunday night, participated in the physical Monday, worked with the company on Monday morning and ah the owner of the company was there with his executives and we’re chatting. So after I had my physical I went in to have the meeting with the company executive and I’m in the meeting and a knock comes on the door of the conference room and it’s the doctor, and he asks if I’d step outside. So I step outside and he’s got my EKG strip unfolded in his hand and he’s
saying I’m a little concerned about your strip here. It’s got some depression here, he’s showing it to me and I’m standing next to a rescue in the bay, the apparatus room and I said well do I need Jeff to put me in that rescue and take me to the hospital? He said no, but. When he said that to me I didn’t even hear anything he said to me after that. I totally discounted, you know why? Because I felt good, I know my body, I know what I’m all about, and I know that I’m okay, there’s nothing wrong with me. So, I go back into the meeting. The doctor, whose contracted by this company was troubled and he knocked on the door again and asked to speak to the owner of the company, the guy that hired him. And he, they spoke outside and next thing I know the owner of the company Charles Turner asked me to step outside and he said we, Kevin will you waive your HIPPA rights? And I said yes, so the doctor filled Charles in on my EKG strip and his concerns and Charles took me into another conference room, just the two of us, and he’ll deny this um but it’s true, cause he can’t diagnose, but he said to me Kevin, I’ve read over 300,000 of these strips for firefighters cause he’s been doing this for 32 years and he said you’re gonna need a stent or two in your heart and I was like, okay, and he got my attention. The doctor didn’t get my attention before, I didn’t listen to him, I don’t know why, I just didn’t. Cause I know I felt good. But the way he said this to me, and I believed him, and I said okay Charles can we get my results faxed up to my home hospital? I want a cardiologist to read it. And he said absolutely. Within an hour of me on that bike with the 12 lead on me, my cardiologist, which I never had a cardiologist, a cardiologist read my strip and said well I don’t see about the stents right now but we definitely need to do further investigation. So Monday I was in North Carolina, I flew home Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning I was on a valium nuclear test, the cardiac, and that division, that came out positive but the doc said, and I’ve known the doc for a long time as a friend, um not as a cardiologist, and he said, well it could be a false positive let’s put you into the cardiac cath lab and let’s take a look at the real what’s going on with your heart. So I, a week later I’m in the cath lab and I’m looking at these monitors and I’m realizing that, you know something is going on cause I can see, I don’t know what I’m looking at, but I can see something going on. And I said to the doctor, I said doc, this looks a little more complicated than what we originally thought. I could tell by the tone of his voice, he said, Kevin, we’ll talk about it later. Well the bottom line, I need to switch over my slide. Bottom line is after I had those medical evaluations I ended up needing quadruple bypass surgery. For someone that had no idea on August 1st there was anything going on. I had no idea, no signs, no symptoms ever. On August 24th that was the cath lab and I thought I was gonna get, the plan was to get a couple of stents in the 24th. Well I get done after the doc says Kevin we’ll talk about it later and he says you need quadruple bypass surgery. You had 90% or more blockage in 4 of your vessels. Well next thing I know, September 16th which was you know a month or so later almost a month, I wasn’t an emergency. I go in for quadruple bypass surgery. That’s at 730 in the morning and I’m getting ready to go, my first incision was scheduled for 758 or something and this one here is at ah you know 211 in the afternoon and I’m just getting out of surgery at that point and it’s like I’m the poster child for the fire service cardiac cause I never had any signs or symptoms. I go
through this process, go through the rehab in September, I get out of the hospital on September 20th, November I’m finishing up some of my cardiac rehab and then December 5th I’m, I’m done. And my goal, I wanted to get back on the air pack, I wanted to get back on an air pack as soon as possible, and two months was my goal. And I was ready. Time of surgery, September 16th to December 16th I was cleared by three doctors to go back on an air pack. I have a commercial driver’s license and the commercial driver’s license protocol is you need to wait three months after a CABG or open heart surgery, so I had to wait one more month. But, the point is, that early, early detection, early prevention and what they can do miraculously, you know that, that bed I was in in the hospital on that same night, September 16th, 2016 I, the bed turned into a chair, the chair then stood me up and I was walking by 5 o’clock that evening from surgery that had started at 8 o’clock in the morning. It’s just remarkable what we can do in the medical profession and how we can kinda make adjustments to our life. When I met my surgeon, I brought 2 challenge coins with me, um because I believe in the power of a challenge coin. And one of them I gave to the surgeon and he said to me, no listen to what he said, he said, Kevin, you don’t know what good feels like until I change out your vessels. And he was so right. He was so right. I never had any signs or symptoms, but that firefighter physical saved my life. I had a widow maker, I would not have been, certainly would not have been still in the fire service, maybe wouldn’t have been alive but certainly would have had major damage to my heart. My heart has no damage what so ever. I have 4 new vessels and I have a 40 year guarantee that puts me to 102. So I gave that surgeon, the cardiac surgeon a challenge coin, he didn’t have any clue what it was all about, and maybe to him, Dan, I don’t know if you know what the challenge coins all about, but it’s a token of respect in sharing and maybe trading department to department, military uses challenge coins. It’s just a token of respect and a thank you for your service for both of you gentlemen. I appreciate that. Well on that coin, I brought a second coin and I found out that the PA was gonna close me up, the physician’s assistant, her name was Donna. And I said Donna, when you close me up I want you to give me the best scar you’ve ever made. And I don’t have a camera here or a close camera but when you take a look those in the front row you’ll be able to see. If you’ve ever seen open heart surgery, usually it’s a zipper, Donna gave me this great scar, isn’t that a great scar? Can you see it? Will you verify, is there a scar there? Is it a good job? Very good? Excellent? Would you concur? You sure? He doesn’t see anything. I had open heart surgery, the power of that challenge coin really made a difference I believe, but the power of our medical professionals and what they can do in saving our lives and that’s why that firefighter physical is so so critical. So critical, Thank you gentleman, you may take your seats you were on before. Are you gonna help him down? Daniel help him down the stairs, okay? Alright now Jimmy. Jimmy Seavey. A man I respect above and treasure the fact that we had that opportunity together to work in the fire service and to make a difference and Jim’s words of the duty to care. I’m going to cue them up now and and his message really through firehouse um is a message for the future of fire fire service. So let’s cue up Jimmy Seavey’s words of wisdom, encouragement and educations. My friend Jimmy. Video
President Rick Blair - Kevin, thank you for your presentation and the man that was up on the film a while ago I loved him, same as a lot of other people.

Director Quinn – Thank you. Thank you so much. I appreciate time and again the message is to move to get that sizzle back.

President Rick Blair - And like I said thank you for your update and going around the Country on our behalf as well as Jim’s and uh, I’d like to present this mug to you from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. My mug to you and I also have a bag for you behind the stage.

Director Quinn – Thank you Mr. President.


Secretary Doyle Cox – Good morning. Each and every one of you should have a copy of the proceedings and the minutes from the last convention, it’s printed in the red book. Any questions? Do I hear a motion to accept?

President Rick Blair – Motion to accept? Second? I have a motion and a second on the floor, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Ayes have it. Credential Committee Rick Hemphill.

Chairman Rick Hemphill – Oh my. Thank you Mr. President. The registration of companies and individuals having appeared and registered at this convention as of 10:30 hours this date: 20 Past Presidents, 231 companies in good standing, each President is eligible to cast 1 vote, each registered company is eligible to cast 5 votes times 231 registered companies to exercise their privilege to vote for a total of 1,155 eligible company votes. Total votes eligible to be cast is 1175. Thank you Mr. President.

President Rick Blair – Thank you Rick. Report of Officers Maryland State Firemen’s
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Association. Ladies, Auxiliary you’re dismissed. That’s okay. Mr. President or Mr. Vice President Faust, Walker, Chairman Hemphill, members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored and Special guests, State partners and Delegates and alternates I would like to welcome each of you here to Ocean City for the 127th Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference. You can find my reports of page 30-37 in the Convention book. The President’s corner in the June Trumpet on pages 2, 3 and 4, plus under reports on the MSFA webpage. It is a great honor to be standing here this morning, especially in front of my brothers and sisters and those that have served and supported the fire service in Maryland, thank you. To the ones that are on the front lines, as an active firefighter, rescue or emergency medical technician provider today I want to say thank you for your service. I want to take, I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to have this greatest opportunity that anyone could ever have in their lifetime. Before I get, before we get started today I would like to recognize my wife Roselyn, she’s in the back, back in the cadets area. She who has supported me through the uh past year and a few other outstanding people. These folks have supported me and have been by my side through hell and high water over the last 3 years. These members, these men and women have taken time from their families to travel around the State of Maryland with me, they have stood tall and by my side for the last 3 years, not complaining once while I was visiting representatives or representing the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. These same people have traveled with me on many different events throughout the year supporting you, you, your company. Now I have, now I would like to give a big thanks, thank you to uh the following companies for their support over the last 3 years. The Officers and membership of the Western Enterprise Fire Company, the Officers and membership of the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company, the Clear Spring Ambulance Service, and a special thanks to my brothers and sisters from the rest of the member companies of Washington County to the Officers of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association thank you for your dedication and support. That concludes my ah report for today. You may read the rest in the Convention book. Thank you, stay safe, have a safe weekend here in Ocean City. Don’t forget to stop down and visit our vendors in the Convention Center below us. Thank you. First Vice President Mike Faust.

**Vice President Mike Faust**—Good morning everyone. I’d first like to welcome you all to Ocean City and our 127th Convention. I’d uh like to start by thanking my family for their support over the last year. A special thank you to my wife, Stacy for being there and supporting me every step of the way. I’d like to also recognize 2 of my sons, Logan and Cody for being here today. I couldn’t be more proud of these two young men, they both served, ones currently serving in the Army and the other was a is a veteran and also Tabitha is here with Cody as she is soon to be part of our family next year. Last but not least of course I’d like to thank my Mom Fay Williams for being here. She’s always supported me and I’m truly blessed to have her for a mother. I love you Mom. Would the members of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company and Auxiliary please stand? I’m truly honored to have such a wonderful organization and a group of these people to
stand behind me and ah be here with me at the beach. There’s about 30-40 members of the Fire Company came down to spend the week with me and my family. I’m truly honored and humbled at their efforts and for them being here and supporting me like they have. Thank you all very much. I’d like to thank the Past Presidents that continue to guide me, I listen to all of you and your experience is priceless, I truly appreciate it. A special thanks to Past President Fred Cross and Doyle Cox for riding with me to several events this past year and to Past President Steve Cox and Nancy for always being there for advice or when I just need someone to speak with. I’d like to thank President Rick Blair and Second Vice President Walker for all they’ve done this year for the Association. I’d also like to thank our new Executive Director Kate Tomanelli for stepping up and navigating in her new role. I know it hasn’t been easy but her and Chuck and myself speak almost daily and I’m sure she’ll continue to do a fantastic job for this organization and the 3 of us will make a very formidable team. I also appreciate all the work done by the Officers of the MSFA as well as those Chairing and serving on the various committees. Excuse me. There are a lot of work that still needs to be done and I believe that um myself and Chuck we’ve laid the ground work to have a very successful year. It’s been an honor to work with our partner agencies that serve the citizens of Maryland. We must continue to work together to keep our members and our members of the MSFA and our citizens safe. This next part may be a little difficult so please bear with me. Um on a personal note we’ve lost several members and I don’t have time to go through all of them but I must mention 2 that were very inspirational to me personally. First Jim Seavey, one of my many mentors on the Executive Committee. He was one of the most passionate people I know when it came to the fire service. His dedication is only matched by very very few people and I was honored to call him a friend. Next is Past President Jackie Olsen. I still can’t believe she’s gone. Her and I had dinner at the Anne Arundel County Association meeting the night before she passed and we sat and spoke about all the things she was going to assist me with this year if hopefully I become the President of this great organization. I miss them both often and I, we all must work together to keep the ball rolling for those 2 and then the rest of us. I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention the truly fabulous ladies that make up the Ladies Auxiliary. I worked with Marsha on numerous events and we had a great time. The Senior VP Lori Denbow and Junior VP Donna Struntz, I’m truly looking forward to working with both of you. As we discussed, we will continue to communicate regularly for the betterment of both organizations. We have built a great relationship and I hope it only gets better from here. Thank you to all the members of this great association especially those that helped make this convention happen. There’s an awful lot of work that goes on behind the scenes here and they do a fantastic job year after year. It’s amazing the work that those folks do. A special thanks to Robbie Blackiston for representing Kent and Queen Anne’s and Caroline Counties. I think he did an incredible job as a Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and I know you’ll do an even better job as the Chairman. Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your First Vice President and I look forward to serve as your President if elected. Be safe and please protect yourself and each other. My report is on page 37 in the program. Um I’d also
Executive Director Kate Tomanelli – Good morning. It’s wonderful to be here. Ah, this last year as Executive Director has been a wonderful experience, uh I have a plethora of wonderful people behind me that have supported me in the last year, that have helped me and guided me through what this position should be and can be and I look forward to working with them in the next few years to really make it a vital role for the Association. I’m happy to report that we did finish our 2014 SAFER grant and we have applied for 2019’s SAFER grant. So hopefully we will continue our recruitment and retention efforts across the State. Um we have launched our new Convention website which I think has really catapulted the Convention into a new light, so we appreciate all of those who have used that uh website in order to navigate the Convention this year. The new MSFA website is under way, so we’re looking hopefully to launch that within the next month, month and a half. So be on the lookout for that. Uh to keep my report short and sweet, it is on page 87 of the program. Uh I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Blair, our First Vice President Mike Faust and Second Vice President Chuck Walker for their guidance and support this year. Um my assistant Lynne Hawkins and the Executive Consultant Skip Mahan without their support and their day to day operations um this position wouldn’t be possible, so I look forward to the upcoming year, um my door is always open, we are located in the Crofton office and I look forward to meeting and seeing everybody this week at Convention. So enjoy and have a great week.

Secretary Doyle Cox – Good morning. Reference to the Secretary’s report if you uh go to page 37 of the uh Convention book you’ll find my report. And again I want to thank you for everything this past year. Uh with the credentials, with registration, been a wonderful year. Thank you.

Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke – Good morning everyone. My report can be found on page 41 in the Program book. It’s part of the financial team. I do have an update on the dues. All organizations and member companies have paid with the exception of 2; Jessup Volunteer Fire Company which now will be going all career, we’re just waiting on a letter for confirmation, and the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. Um we do need someone from Bowman’s Addition if they’re in the audience to please come down to the raffle stand. Have a great time in Ocean City and stay safe.

Treasurer Ron Siarnicki – Wow. So good morning. As the Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association I’m pleased to present the finance team report. Of course there is a printed report on page 41 of the Convention book. Uh the 2 things that I want to cover first of all is to thank the finance team which uh includes ah Robert Jacobs as Assistant Treasurer, Fred Cross as Assistant Treasurer, Wylie Donaldson as Assistant
Treasurer, just heard from Mitch Vocke the Financial Secretary, his assistant Bobbie Aaron, of course budget and revenue Chairman Steve Cox, and I ah appreciate that team that has worked to provide the finances for this Association. Yesterday at the Executive Committee meeting I provided the financial report for fiscal year ending June 30th 2018. The review was conducted by Fike, Connor and Associates our accounting firm in LaVale, Maryland uh they have been doing that for the past uh few years. I’m happy to report there were no issues or findings by the review. A copy of the report was provided to each of the Executive Committee and the Presidents and then this afternoon I will present that same report to the LAMSFA officers at their first session. It’s a pleasure serving you. There’s a lot going on financially. We just finished a review with Maryland Military relative to the Widows and Orphans fund and the Appropriations fund which is required by the office of Legislative Audits for the State of Maryland. Uh that’s just about completed, there are no issues uh that need resolution so I’m happy to report that as well. It’s a pleasure serving as your Treasurer and yes I’m, I am uh running for another 2 years. I don’t know how the heck I got into this but uh I was doing the math and uh Lee Sachs appointed me so this will be my 14th year as your Treasurer. Thank you very much.

Chief Chaplain John Long – Good morning again. My report’s on page 37. Ah last night at the Memorial Service you might notice when we posted the pictures up we honored military service. Please folks don’t wait till March 1st to get your members submitted for the Memorial Service. Go online and get it done today. The sooner you get it on, done the sooner I can post them on the Memorial page, the sooner you know that we have the information and you don’t have to worry about coming to me the day before asking if your members going to be recognized. So get them into me as soon as possible. Thank you, have a great convention.

Trustee – Good morning, they told me to make it quick so fasten your seatbelts. On page 43 of your convention book is the Trustees report. Trustees have had uh 1 line of duty death this year which we saw last night at the Memorial Service. Also we lost our Chairman of the Trustees this year Danny Carpenter who we have missed tremendously. Any further questions that come up please do not hesitate to call the Trustees if you have a line of duty death or a line of duty injury. I’d like to thank the other Trustees for their work this year uh Vice uh Chairman of the Trustees was Ben Kurtz, Secretary for the Trustees was Jeff Thompson, and Past President Terry Thompson and Jeff Clements were also board part of the Board of Trustees. Thank you.

President Rick Blair- Joe, you wanna step out here? Volunteer Assistance Fund Joe Antoszewski.

VCAFF Chair Joseph Antoszewski – Good morning. Um my report is found on page 83 and 84 of the proceedings book. Uh just a short synopsis of VCAF Committee met 3 times processed 7 loan applications, totaling $2,276,915.68 between July 2018 and April 2019. All these uh applications were approved by the Executive Committee and
by the Board of Public Works. Uh the coming year VCAF will keep the interest rate at 1% and as our uh available funds are reducing un we will still only accept applications for apparatus only, there will be no uh grants nor uh requests for construction or renovation loans at this time. Ah, thank you very much and have a good day.

President Rick Blair – Ah gonna introduce Harve Woods here Constitution and Bylaws. Harve.

Chairman Constitution and Bylaws Committee Harve Woods—Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. Constitution and Bylaws um Committee has 3 items on the ballot this year uh for your consideration for uh amendments. The first will be Article 7 um section 1 we are requesting an amendment to require that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee review any proposed changes. This is um due to the fact some changes have gone by and the Committee was never notified. So we want to get that straight. Second item deals with standing committees. Article 5 section K will uh removes the statistical committee as a standing committee and it removes the committee duties also. Statistics are now being handled through the Secretary’s office and this is redundant. Third item will remove from the standing committees also Article 5 Section 1 the Recruitment and Retention committee as a standing committee. It does not remove the committee duties, the committee will be appointed or not appointed each year by the President as the situation dictates. Thank you. Any questions? Thank you.

President Rick Blair – Next up in National Volunteer Fire Council update Dave Lewis Past President Maryland State Firemen’s.

Dave Lewis PP – Thank you Mr. President. It’s certainly an honor to stand here before you as one of your Directors to the National Volunteer Fire Council. Very important organization. You heard from our Past Chairman Kevin Quinn a little bit ago of some important messages on health and safety and some of the things we are doing with that. I bring you greetings from our new Chairman Steve Hersh from the State of Kansas, um who could not be here uh but certainly certainly we continue to operate across the United States representing the voice of the Volunteers across the United States wide. We’ve had an opportunity to meet earlier this year in Alexandria. Did submit a full report for you on page 71 but I want to offer a few additional comments. It’s kinda humbling to stand here before you this morning. I’m missing my big buddy, Jimmy Seavey. And we’ve all talked a little bit about Jimmy. Each year Jimmy and I stood here together as your 2 Directors, uh last year when I stood here Jimmy was recovering from surgery and I had full expectations that this year when I stood before you Jimmy and I would be standing here together. So I dedicate my time here today in Jimmy’s honor. You saw the video again when Chairman Quinn was up here to Jimmy and the memory of Jimmy. National Volunteer Fire Council works a number of very important projects that we feel are important to the volunteer fire service and even the fire service as a whole. Prominently is our emphasis on health and safety. Recognizing
and we all look at NFPA numbers cardiac deaths being 50% of the line of duty deaths. What the numbers really don’t show is the 2 real causes of firefighter and although they aren’t officially line of duty in my heart and in everyone else’s heart around here they are line of duty deaths and that’s cancer and suicide. We lose more firefighters each year from cancer, we lose more firefighters from their own hands, suicide each year than we do those NFPA published line of duty death numbers. I would encourage you to join me at 2 o’clock this afternoon in 205 while we talk about the risks of cancer and what we can do. I’d invite you at 10 o’clock tomorrow morning back in 205 when we talk about mental wellness and what we need to do to recognize the signs of mental wellness activity and how that may affect one so we can prevent those suicides. Health and safety again is very primary concern. We work hard on recruitment and retention for the make me a firefighter program to provide tools to each department across the United States to help recruit and retain volunteers. We work very hard to supplement the training, we just concluded a very successful summit out in Portland Oregon and I know some people from the State of Maryland got the opportunity to take advantage of our scholarships to do that on June 14th and 15th. And hopefully we will be able to continue that. We now have done 5 of those summits across the United States and we’ll continue to do that. I remind you that this week is safety stand down week. Uh National Volunteer Fire Council partnered with the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the other National Organizations recognize that we need to take time out of our busy schedule to recognize what we can do to be safer out there. So I know there are a lot of questions to that have come up about the grant programs, AFG, Fire Prevention Safety, and SAFER, trust me they are being processed, uh FEMA is going through a new application process called FEMAGO and that will be used across all grant programs across all of FEMA’s grant programs and unfortunately AFG and the 2 other programs are the beta test site and we’ve had some trials and tribulations with that. But all those grants have been reviewed, all those grants are currently going through the tech review process and we’re hoping by the end of this month you’ll see awards start popping out. And hopefully by early October we’ll be able to actually start the next award, application cycle there. So I know there’ve been a lot of questions about that. About time to close. I would encourage you to visit the NVFC booth down in D hall in booth 1045. As always we encourage you to join NVFC. Annual dues are $18.00 a year, but NV uh but Maryland State Firemen’s Association has agreed to pay half of that. So for $9.00 a year you could become a new member of the National Volunteer Fire Council. Be pumped become part of the National voice of the Volunteer. You do have access to some of the other benefits such as the scholarships for our training summit, some of our on line training, and least but not least uh least but not last a $10,000.00 Accidental death and disability insurance. So it’s my pleasure to serve along with Eric Bernard who was appointed to take Jim Seavey’s place as one of the two Maryland Directors to the National Volunteer Fire Council representing you each and every day. If we can ever be of any assistance please don’t hesitate to call us. Thank you for your time and attention this morning.
President Rick Blair – Thank you Dave. Now I call for the nomination of the Officers. Opening of the nomination of the Office of the President for Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I recognize Steve Cox.

Past President Steve Cox – Thank you Mr. President. I’d like to ask Mike Faust and his family to please come out on stage and the members of Sudlersville Fire Company to please come down front. Good morning. My name is Steve Cox and I’m an honorary member at the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company. On behalf of the officers and members of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company and Mike’s family I’d like to nominate our Past President Michael Faust for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mikes a life member of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company with over 30 years of service. He has held both suppression and administrative offices within the company and he’s a 4th generation firefighter within a 5 generation family. Within the Maryland State Firemen’s Association he has served on numerous committees, including recruitment retention, safety, Co-Chair Marketing, SAFER grant, and Executive Committee. He has held the office of Assistant Financial Secretary, Second Vice President and most recently is completing a very successful year as First Vice President. Mike continues to travel throughout the State attending Association meetings, and other functions learning the needs of our members. He has participated in the MSFA functions and committee meetings to help strengthen our Association. It is indeed and honor and a privilege for me to nominate Michael Faust for the office of President of this great Association.

President Rick Blair – At this time I’d like to call on Robbie Blackiston.

Executive Committee Co-Chairman Robbie Blackiston – Good morning. I Robbie Blackiston, current Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, Past Chief of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company seconds the nomination of Past President Steve Cox. Also I will read the following seconds: Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company President Bill Faust, Chief Joseph Apple, Auxiliary President Billie Comegys, and the members of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company. Queen Anne’s County Fire and EMS Commission, Kent and Queen Anne’s Association President Bud Campbell, Eastern Shore Association, Allegany Garrett Association Past president Dave Kyle, PG County, Montgomery County, Past Presidents Fred Cox, Past President Knippenburg, Past President Roth, Past President Robison, Past President Gene Worthington, Past President Roger Powell, Past President Doyle Cox, Past President Bobby Jacobs, Past President Dave Keller, Past President Dave Lewis, Past President Mike Davis, Past President Tom Mattingly, Past President Bob Cumberland, Past President John Denver, Past President Frank Underwood, Past President Bernie Smith, Past President Danny Davis, Past President Carl Edelin, Doug Alexander, Jeff Thompson, Ben Kurtz. Jeff Clements. Executive Committee members – Charlie Simpson, Rick Hemphill, Lee Lutz, Tim Dayton, Bob Phillips, Ron Block, Wayne Tome, Doug Simpkins, John Fisher, Dan Stevens, Buddy Sutton, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer Wylie Donaldson,
President Rick Blair – Please strike up the band. Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? I have a motion and a second, the nomination be close for President. All in favor? Opposed? Ayes have it. Now we’ll open the nominations for the Office of the First Vice President. Harve Woods would you step forward?

Harve Woods – Thank you Mr. President. Officers, honored guests, delegates, ladies and gentlemen, it is indeed an honor to stand here before you this morning to place in nomination the name of Mr. Charles “Chuck” Walker of the Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s County for the office of First Vice President. Chuck is a second generation firefighter, started in 1973 in Kentland later moving to Chillum-Adelphi. An active firefighter he worked his way up to the office of Assistant Chief then later on with family obligations and work changes he had to move to the administrative side of that house. Again he worked his way up and served a number of terms as President of the Company. At Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association he served on a number of committees, chaired a number of committees and moved up through the chairs to serve as President in 2013, 2012-2013. In 2014 he returned to the County Association President’s chair serving 2 more years for an unprecedented total of 3 terms. At the MSFA Chuck served on a number of committees and performed other duties. He was appointed to the Executive Committee by our late Past President Jackie Olsen in 2013. In 2015 and currently Chuck was named to the Legislative Committee and put in a huge amount of time in Annapolis with that committee and moved up to the Chair of the Legislative Committee in 2018. This year, earlier in 2019, President Blair tapped Chuck to fill the vacancy of Second Vice President of this Association. He’s done well. It’s certainly an honor and a privilege to nominate Chuck. He’s an outstanding leader, experienced, confident person who will serve this Association wisely and well. Thank you. Another duty that I get to do. It is with a great amount of pleasure that I introduce Chuck’s wife, Mrs. Sharon Walker, who’s an Officer of the Prince George’s County Ladies Auxiliary.

President Rick Blair – At this time I’d like to call Lee Lutz. Lee.

Lee Lutz – Good morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Lee Lutz I’m a member of the Executive Committee from Prince George’s County, a member of Glendale Volunteer Fire Association Inc., ah, I’d just like to clear up a little matter here, Chuck is under the weather at the present time that’s why Past President Underwood is standing in for him. And it is my honor to read the names of the people who second him. Past Presidents Johnie Roth, Doyle Cox, Bernie Smith, Bob Cumberland, Tom Mattingly, Danny Davis, Bobby Balta, Bob Knippenburg, Bob Jacobs, Steve Cox, John Denver,
Dave Keller, Dave Lewis, Oscar Baker, Mark Bilger, Fred Cross, Mike Davis, Earl Edelin, Bill Hurlock, Roger Powell, Joe Robinson, Roger Steger, Paul Sterling, Terry Thompson, Frank Underwood, Gene Worthington. The Associations seconding his nomination are Prince George’s County, Worcester County, Allegany/Garrett, Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, Kent/Queen Anne’s, and the Eastern Shore Volunteer Firemen’s Association. Executive Committee people seconding him, Dan Stevens, Ron Block, Buddy Sutton, Wayne Tome Sr., Earl Simpson, John Fisher, Robert Phillips, Bobby Blackiston, Rick Hemphill, Tim Dayton, Doug Simpkins, myself. Trustees - Jeff Clements, Doug Alexander, Ben Kurtz, Jeff Thompson. Other people – Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Harve Woods, Sergeant At Arms, Laura Woods, Past President of the Eastern Shore Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Richard Smith, and anyone who I may have missed we ask you to please come up and walk with us as we second the nomination of Chuck Walker.

President Rick Blair – Strike up the band. Let’s move it. Are there any other nominations for the First Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the the First Vice President? I have a motion to close the nominations. Second? All in favor? Opposed? Ayes have it. At this time I open the nominations for the Second Vice President. I recognize John McDowell.

John McDowell – At this time I’d like to invite Joel and Barb McCrea to the stage. Good morning, I’m John McDowell President of the Baltimore County Firemen’s Association and President of Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County. I’d like to introduce Joel McCrea and nominate him for the position of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Joel joined the Long Green Volunteer Fire Company in 1999 and continues to be an active member. He has served as their treasurer, financial secretary, Vice President, President and Chairman of the Board. He has also served on and chaired numerous committees. While he was President of Long Green in 1994 they started construction of their current fire house. He was instrumental in arranging financing for that construction as well as renovation of the current hall and 2 engines. He twice received Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, President’s Award, and an award for the most training hours in his firefighter career at Long Green Volunteer Fire Company. Joel has completed training through Fire Officer 2, Instructor 1, Rescue Specialist, and Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator. He last served as President of his company in 2018 and currently a member of their Board of Directors. Joel has also applied his leadership skills within the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. He has served as the Vice President of Finance, Senior Vice President and became President of the Association in May of 2003 when the then current President resigned. He went on to win the election as President in September 2003 and again as our President in 2009. He has chaired the Finance Committee, and served on a Budget Committee. He continues to serve as Loan Fund Trustee with the Associations Capital Revolving Loan Fund Board as well as a member of the Scholarship Board. Some of his initiatives include bringing code messaging, call
alert and messaging capability to the Baltimore County Volunteer Fire Companies. He assisted with the formation of the Associations Homeland Security and Emergency Management Committee. Joel’s also proud of his role in coordination of the leaders of the Baltimore County Volunteers Cadet and Juniors program to provide County wide programs for Cadets and Juniors. Joel was inducted into the Baltimore County Hall of Fame in 2004 and received the President’s Award in 2006. Joel continued to apply his leadership skills beyond Baltimore County through his involvement with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. He helped establish a low interest loan fund, now known as the Volunteer Companies Assistance Fund or VCAF and was its first Chairman from 2001 until 2008. Joel served on the planning committee from 2009 to 2017 and also chaired that committee from 2011 to 2012. He’s been a member of MEMA Fire Service Personnel group from 2011 to present and was chair from 2015-2017. Joel has also served on the Executive Committee and various other committees in the MSFA. Joel’s professional career spans over 40 years in the field of finance. He spent 21 years in commercial lending helping to finance the growth and continued operations of many businesses nationwide. For 19 years Joel was special appointment to the Governor’s Office as a finance specialist with Maryland Department of Commerce. This afforded him the opportunity to work in nearly every jurisdiction in Maryland with many Maryland businesses. During this time he established good working relationships with many State Legislators, County Representatives, and State and Federal Agencies. Joel retired in State Service in 2018. Joel has been dedicated to the volunteer service for the past 29 years. He has impacted the lives of many and has been an ambassador for the company, Baltimore County and the State of Maryland. We believe the Volunteer Emergency Services throughout Maryland would benefit from his leadership and experience, and therefore I whole heartedly nominate Joel C. McCrea for the position of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. At this time I’d like to call Doug Simpkins to the second the nomination.

MSFA Executive Board Member Doug Simpkins–My constituents have asked where’s your uniform? Good day everyone. My name is Doug Simpkins Jr. Past Captain of the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County. I’m also on the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Board representing Baltimore County. I take pride in seconding the nomination of Joel C. McCrea for Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. In addition all of the following Past Presidents second Joel’s nomination and I will go forth and read; Robert Cumberland, Joe Robinson, Thomas Mattingly, Bernie Smith, Phillip Hurlock, Fred Cross, Steven Cox, Daniel Davis, Bob Knippenburg, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Gene Worthington, Terry Thompson, Robert Jacobs, Bobby Balta, Paul Sterling, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Doyle Cox, David Lewis, John Denver, David Keller, Johnnie Roth, Michael Davis, Mark Bilger. The following individuals also will second the nomination of Joel McCrea – Richard Blair, Michael Faust, Chuck Walker, Ron Siarnicki, Wylie Donaldson, Mitch Vocke, Doug Alexander, Jeff Thompson, Ben Kurtz, Mike Farlow, Richard Brooks III, Chip Jewell. From the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee – Rick Hemphill.
Robbie Blackiston, Ron Block, Tim Dayton, John Fisher, Robert Phillips, Wayne Tome, Charlie Simpson, Dan Stevens, Buddy Sutton, and Charlie Abrecht. Others who will join us; Mrs Joanna Sesky, Harve Woods, Laura Woods, Lou Harvey, Ricky Ire, Hobie Howell, Buddy Steigerwal, John Dulina, Elaine Huttenlock, Robin Hahn, Jason Behr, Tim Ganley, Gene Kidwell, Eileen Edelin, Paul Sullivan, Kevin Kerr, Larry Dribble, Tom Mattingly, Richard Snader, Bill Hildebrand, Stu Carter, Joe Chornock, Sue Bollinger, JJ Lamont, Kevin Carr. We have also received the following endorsements from the County Associations in the State of Maryland, Allegany/ Garret Counties, Anne Arundel County, obviously Baltimore County, Frederick County, Howard County, Kent/Queen Anne, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Somerset, Washington, Worcester, Carroll, and the Eastern Shore. Ladies and gentlemen, if I have missed anyone please join us. We’re filling up the stage here. No, you don’t match. Ladies and gentlemen, the candidate for Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Mr. Joel C. McCrea.

President Rick Blair – Please strike up the band. Are there any other nominations for the Second Vice President? Are there any other nominations for Second Vice President? I have a motion and a second to close. All in favor say aye. Opposed? Ayes have it. Okay the next uh person running will be the Secretary. I’d like to invite Danny Davis to the podium.

Past President Danny Davis - Good morning, yeah it is still morning. President Blair, officers, delegates, alternates and honored guests, I stand before you today to nominate Doyle E. Cox for the office of Secretary. Doyle has been serving this position for a number of years. He is a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and a Past President of Southern Maryland. He is also a member of both Hall of Fames, and has served on the com numerous committees, even as Chair of the Executive Committee. I am asking your support in electing my friend Doyle Cox as Secretary. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the convention.

Assistant Secretary Michelle Malin – My name is Michelle Malin and I second the nomination for Doyle Cox for Secretary of the MSFA.

President Rick Blair – Any other nominations for Secretary? Any other nominations for Secretary? Make a motion to close, second? All in favor? Opposed? Ayes have it. Open the nominations for Treasurer. Bob Jacobs.

Past President Bob Jacobs – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone. President Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, MSFA officers, delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association it is an honor and my pleasure to place in nomination before this body my associate and friend Ronald J. Siarnicki for the office of treasurer. Ron has served as our treasurer since 2005. He has demonstrated his enormous talents, knowledge and determination by maintaining the fiscal affairs of this organization to the fullest. In addition, he has continued to
demonstrate an outstanding commitment to the MFS MFSA correction MSFA right by serving on many committees and chairs the annual convention, a challenge in itself. Ron has worked diligently and has shown great expertise in maintain the fiscal affairs of this organization and will continue to do so in the future to insure that all Federal, State regulations and mandates are met, ensuring that this organization is in full compliance accordingly. Ron’s fire service commitment exceeds well over 45 years as a volunteer, career firefighter, retiring as Chief of Prince George’s County Fire and EMS Department and currently is President of the United Communities Fire Volunteer Fire Company in Stevensville. And currently serves as Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation located in Emmitsburg. As I previously stated, Ron demonstrates commitment, talent, knowledge and energy that is difficult to challenge. Please support this nomination by re-electing Ronald J. Siarnicki as the treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for another term. Thank you and please give a warm MSFA round of applause to Ron by expressing our gratitude. Thanks for a job well done.

**President Rick Blair** – Are there any other nominations for treasurer? Oh okay. Come on out Fred.

**Past President Fred Cross** – This is my morning I guess huh? Uh, it is an honor for me to second the nomination of Chief Ron Siarnicki for the office of MSFA Treasurer. Even though he’s a Pittsburg Steelers Fan, I still gotta do it. You’re welcome. The following people would also like to second the nomination – Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Budget Chairman Past President Steve Cox, Assistant Treasurer Wylie Donaldson, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbie Aaron, Secretary and Past President Doyle Cox, Assistant Secretary Michelle Malin, Assistant Secretary Gene Aaron, Trustee Ben Kurtz, Executive Director Kate Tomanelli. Congratulations Ron, good luck, and let’s have a great 2018, 2019, 2020.

**President Rick Blair** – Thank you Fred. Now we’ll do it. Are there any second nominations for uh Treasurer? Motion that they close. Second. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Opposed? Ayes have it. Thank you. Woohoo. Thank you. Okay the next uh office we got is uh candidate for Chaplain John F. Long Jr. Jay Olsen please.

**Jay Olsen**—Good morning. My name is Jay Olson, I’m Chief of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company takes great pride in submitting the name of Reverend John F. Long Jr. for the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland Fire State Firemen’s Association. John has held this office since being elected in 2005 and has performed his duties associated with the office to the best of his abilities. John is truly a selfless person. Many times I’ve seen him drop what he was doing and go to check on someone and support their spiritual needs. I myself have made the call to John and he was there without a second thought. As a certified pump operator, John is dedicated to staffing our station every Thursday night, Friday during the day. He has 44 years of service and experience in the fire service and has held every line officer
position. It is with great pride that the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company nominates Reverend John F. Long Jr. for the office of Chief Chaplain. Thank you.

**President Rick Blair** – To make a nomination Mike Faust.

**First Vice President Mike Faust** – Good morning again. Uh, Um my name is Mike Faust. I’m the current First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I met Chief uh Chaplain Long 10 years ago when we lost our fire chief in the line of duty death and we’ve been friends ever since. It’s truly an honor for me to second his nomination for the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

**President Rick Blair** – Is there any other nominations for the office of Chaplain? Are they any other nominations for the office of Chaplain? I have a motion and a second to close nominations, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Ayes have it. The next office we’ll be voting on or so forth, the Board of Trustees. Tim Dayton.

**Tim Dayton** – Thank you Mr. President. President Blair, officers of the Association, delegates and guests. My name is Tim Dayton I’m currently serving as the Fire Chief of the Potomac Fire Company in Allegany County as well as a member of your Executive Committee. It is a great honor to stand before you today and nominate Doug Alexander for the position of Trustee of this great Association. Doug has been active in the Mount Airy Fire Company and the Carroll County Association for 50 plus years. He has served the Carroll County Association for many years and various positions. Doug has served this Association on many committees, 8 years as an Executive Committee member which including him serving as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee. Doug has also been awarded numerous awards by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department, Carroll County Association as well as this Association. Doug was recently appointed by the Governor’s Office to serve on the Maryland State Firemen’s, the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission. Doug has been a trustee for the last 10 years, serving and assisting the spouses, children of our fallen heroes. Doug has taken this position very seriously for the last 10 years and has served the citizens of Maryland with the utmost respect and dignity. I’ll tell you from working with Doug over the past few years he has served this Association well. I hope that you will support Doug and I in this endeavor to serve this great Association for another 5 years. I have no doubt that Doug is the person we need as part of this office of the Trustees. Please support Doug Alexander and vote for him as he serves this great Association for another 5 years.

**President Rick Blair** – Do we have a second on the nomination, Rick Smith.

**Rick Smith** – Good morning. I’m Richard Smith, I’m a Past Chief of the Oxford Fire Company and a Past President of the Eastern Shore Firemen’s Association. It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Doug Alexander for the office of Trustee. I’ve served with Doug on the Executive Committee, on the residential
sprinkler committee, he’s an excellent man. Doug is endorsed by 15 Past Presidents, 10 Executive Committee Members, and 3 members of the Board of Trustees. He is also endorsed by the Allegany/ Garrett County Firemen’s Association, Carroll County Firemen’s Association, Howard County Firemen’s Association, Montgomery County Firemen’s Association, Washington County Firemen’s Association, and Worcester County Firemen’s Association. Thank you very much.

President Rick Blair – Are there any other nominations for Second Vice President? C. Danny Davis. For Trustee.

Past President C. Danny Davis – President Blair, officers, delegates and guests, I stand before you to nominate Tommy Mattingly Jr., life member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, serving for 33 years. He has held the office of Chief, Assistant Chief, President and Vice President. He is a member of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association’s Hall of Fame. Tommy has received the MSFA Silver Spring Fire Prevention Award twice, and the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association Warren David Gott Fire Prevention Award. Tommy currently serves as on the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation 911 Memorial stair climb steering committee. Tommy served the citizens of St. Mary’s County for 29 years in the Department of Emergency Services as a 911 communications manager. He retired from the department in 2016. Tommy is willing and able to travel our State to meet with departments or with the families of injured or our deceased members. Take the time to meet with Tommy to see, to learn his ideas. Tommy is a friend who I believe will be an outstanding Trustee. I am asking your support in electing Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr. Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – Do we have a second for the nomination? Bill.

Phil Ridgell President Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association – Good morning. It gives me great pleasure in seconding the nomination for Tommy Mattingly Jr. along with Keith Watts Vice President of Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, John “Speedy” Nelson President of Saint Mary’s County Fireboard Association, Hattie Norris President of the Saint Mary’s County Ambulance and Rescue Association, Randy Smith First Vice President Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Mark Trader

President of the Prince George’s County Volunteer Rescue and Fire Association, Ron Block Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee, Dan Stevens Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee, Fred Cross Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President, Doyle Cox Past President, Robert “Bobby” Balta Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President, Bernie Smith Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President, along with the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, the Anne Arundel County Fire and Rescue Association. Thank you. Ah yeah, name is
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Phil Ridgell, President of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association.

President Rick Blair – Thank you Phil. Any other nominations for the Office of the Trustee? Any other off, nominations for the Office of Trustees? I have a motion and a second on the floor, all in favor signify by saying aye. Ayes? Any opposed? Hearing none, Ayes have it. We’re going to accept nominations for next place of convention. Roger Steger?

Past President Roger Steger – You’re right, you can’t see nothing up here. Good morning. My name’s Roger Steger Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company. On behalf of the fire company and the town of Ocean City we would like to nominate the ah June 16 through 21, 2024 convention for Ocean City. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – Do I have a second? I have a second, all in favor of the second? Opposed? Ayes have it. Next Convention 2024 okay. General announcements. Caucuses get your pens and pencils ready I’ll give you a couple of seconds, got em ready? Howard County room 205, Harford/Cecil 204, Southern Maryland 206, Baltimore County 201 on the main mezzanine, Eastern Shore 201, PG County, Prince George’s County Association mezzanine 204, Carroll County Association room 203. At this time we’re gonna recess for an hour and then we will continue the second session. We will reconvene at one o’clock. Take a break.
President Rick Blair – Calling the second session to order. Chaplain Barnhart would you step to the podium? Apologize for not having you say a prayer before we left.

Chaplain Barnhart – Please rise for prayer. Precious God, we give you thanks for the opportunity to be here to serve as a volunteer fire person or an auxiliary member. And Father we ask you to be with us as we hear reports from various committees and their activities throughout the year. And we ask you to be with us as we serve. And these things we ask in your gracious name. Amen.

President Rick Blair – Thank you Mr. Barnhart. Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Commission you have a report?

Maryland Fire Rescue Education and Training Commission - Vice Chairman Lynn D. Gilroy -Thank you Mr. President. President Blair, Vice President Faust and Walker. Honored guests and delegates, on behalf of the Secretary of Higher Education, Mr. James Fielder and our Chairman John Jarome I bring you greetings. Over the last year the Maryland Fire and Rescue Education and Training Commission has met numerous times to discuss issues that have affected the training needs of this great state. We always welcome our partners, including the MSFA to provide information to discuss these needs. The commission continues to monitor the funding to implement the Charles W. Riley Scholarship Program. We are happy to announce that the General Assembly adopted the budget for this year in the amount of $358,000. They also adopted a change in the application process that eliminates the need of applicants to file for Federal and State financial aid, which is commonly known as FAFSA. Which this should speed up the process for the applicants. We have information that there were 67 students that applied for the Riley Scholarship this year. Twelve of those completed their applications and are eligible for the program. Of those applicants 9 are considered incomplete and one student not eligible. That leaves 45 students who completed the online application but never sent in any additional documentation. There has been no awards made to date. We encourage you to advise your members to go onto the Maryland Higher Education website for the application and rules for the Riley Scholarship Program. We need to emphasize the need to complete all forms in a timely fashion. This is just another tool in our tool box for recruitment and retention. We are still planning meetings with the Secretary, and staff, to develop a more meaningful dialog of the roles and responsibilities of this training Commission. We are looking to assist, where we can, with the Riley applicants. We have several new members on our Commission and we are in the midst of redevelopment of our committees and work groups in accordance with the statute and its intent. Each year the Commission prepares a yearly report to the Secretary of Higher Education and the Governor. Over
the last few years we have been unable to provide each department with a copy of that report due to budget constraints. This year is no different. You can find that report on the Maryland Higher Education Commission website. Finally, in closing, we look forward to working with President Faust and the other officers of the MSFA in the coming year. And we wish President Blair well as he finishes his term of office and we wish all of you success in the balance of your convention. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – We’ll get the safety committee up here again to give their report. Mike.

Safety Committee Chairman - Mike LeCompte – What a big audience compared to this morning, wow. First of all thanks again for being here in Ocean City. And I would venture to say most of the people are on the beach, hopefully they won’t get sunburned today. With that said, downstairs, I told you this morning, we’ve got a display at the bottom as you go into D hall which is over on the bay side on the first floor. The fire truck was from Western Maryland that was destroyed. People ask you, you know, what happened? All I know is it was parked in the road where it was supposed to be and was struck and I’m sure the Western Maryland people can tell you more. Ah regarding that, the State Highway Administration has got a Federal mandate because we receive Federal Highway funds they want all of the vests that we’re wearing now to be that lime green, not the orange anymore, but the green with the Scotchlite reflectors on it. So those of you that have the old orange ones, State Highway, all the contractors now, and we’re considered a contractor when we’re called, to please wear the orange, I’m sorry, the green, lime green vests with the Scotchlite. And Maryland DOT is getting ready to send out, I sent it to the safety committee, to the officers, each department is getting ready to get notified that they want that and you’re probably saying why, more money. The reason why, they did a study with these cameras, when they have a vehicular incident involving a firetruck or any vehicle in the roadway or a pedestrian their finding that those that do have the vest on, the orange vest, they’re blending with the cones so that when your fire police or SHA drops the orange cones down the highway with the Scotchlite and one of us that are directing traffic standing there and we’ve got this orange on they’re doing 60 mile an hour they come at you and they, we all blend with speed coming up on it and as a result uh, they’re hitting our people. And they’re hitting workers on the highway. And uh we had a hit uh a show for traffic incident management at M&T Stadium back in November that was publicized believe it or not Nationally, it was covered by all the major networks and when we did that Pennsylvania brought down the number of workers that had been killed on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and it really, that finally got to me and realize they had the helmets on top of the cones and there was way over 100 cones over the years where people had been, workers had been struck and killed just on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. So it’s a dangerous situation for us, we’re out there, inattentiveness of our drivers has gotten horrible, uh we’re lucky to be alive sometimes. That highway is designed for vehicles and not for us. So when you go back to your fire departments please tell them, number one, they want
the orange vest on, or the the green, lime green, I keep saying it, lime green vest with
the Scotchlite and ah please tell these people to take that traffic incident management
course that CHART of Maryland DOT. I’ve taken it, ah most of us are instructors that are
on the safety committee and it’s worthwhile. Especially your brand new firefighters,
you don’t understand the dangers of being in that highway. So with that, just be careful
out here in Ocean City. That ocean is not your friend. It’s beautiful to look at but I
learned as a child living here, it’s not your friend. And uh, that highway’s not your friend
either so just be careful. God bless you and enjoy yourself.

**President Rick Blair** – Thank you Mike. Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications
Board. Mike.

**Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board** – Mike Burkoff – Thank you
Mr. President. Ah, Good afternoon and it’s an honor and a privilege to be addressing
this body of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. As the chair of the Maryland
Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board I am happy to report to all of you that the
Board continues to prosper. Ah, we are now exceeding our own expectations and
as of this date we have issued 160,000. I repeat, 160,000 certifications through the
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. Ah, in this last calendar year
we’ve added 5323 certifications and we are currently accredited between the two
National Accrediting Boards, the National Pro Board and IFSAC, for some 39 levels
of certification. Ah, this past year we were evaluated by the International Fire Service
Accreditation Congress, or IFSAC, and we were reaccredited for another 5 year period
ah for those levels. Ah, I want to acknowledge the outstanding cooperation that we
continue to receive from MFRI and specifically from Executive Director Michael Cox,
who continues a great partnership. I’d like to acknowledge our full time staff led by
Bob Rose who serves as the Board’s daily operational person at MFRI. I think we may
have some of our alternates and reps that represent all of the jurisdictions and major
fire service organizations in Maryland, if you’re out here in the audience please stand
and be acknowledged. Okay, I guess they’re not here. Ah, we did have our annual
meeting this, ah today and uh the Board continues to be active and we’ve conducted all
of our regular business and the last thing I would like to say is uh the MSFA continues
as an active participant in this organization, attends our annual meetings, uh we
maintain a liaison with your training committee, and uh going forward we’re going to
begin looking at recertification for all of our certification levels. This is nothing we take
lightly, it’s gonna take several years to develop and we would welcome input from the
Maryland Fire Service. Much like certification in Maryland this will not be mandated
but we believe that we should be at least on the same track as we are with the MSFA
credentials. Much like you wouldn’t want a paramedic or EMT to take care of you
that isn’t validated every 2 or 3 years ah we need to start looking into the same for
our firefighters and our fire officers. So one of our major undertakings is going to be
looking at ah recertification of personnel uh we’re totally open ended on that, we’re
just in discussions, and whatever we do it will reflect the wishes and the directions of
the Maryland Fire Service. Um, finally I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to continue to serve the Board. We are now in our thirty-third year and I’m looking out here to Gene Worthington sitting in the front row, and I’m looking at people like Gene and Charlie Riley before him and those that have led the charge and have supported us throughout the State and our certification endeavors. Uh, so I thank you again for supporting the certification Board and if you have not been certified we are still using the old standards and you can certify uh down at the certification booth which is uh located along with MFRI. Ah, thank you very much.

President Rick Blair – Now we have Maryland Forestry. Mike McCabe, come on in, McKee, come on in.

Maryland Forestry – Mike McKee – Thank you President Blair. Good afternoon, uh it’s good to be with you this afternoon. I bring you greetings on behalf of uh Department of Natural Resources Jeanie Hadaway-Ricco. Um glad to give you an update on the activities for this past year of the Maryland Forestry Service. During 2018 the Maryland Forestry Service responded to 77 wildfires across the state, that burned 359 acres, so this was an all-time low, um record number of fires for us. Apparently we had very wet conditions over 2018 that extended into 2019. The leading cause for wildfires in our state continues to be debris burning and arson. Also last year in 2018, the agency conducted 29 prescribed fires on 1300 acres and that was for hazard mitigation and for resource benefit for the forest land. So far for this year through last week the forest service has responded to 41 wildfires burning 1213 acres. We did have a very busy summer last year supporting mobilization of wildland firefighters and other equipment to other states and federal agencies on wildfires across the country. Maryland dispatched 2 of our 20 person type 2 initial attack crews, they were on incidents in Utah and Montana. We also had 7 of our type 6 engines with crews assigned on initial attack with the forest service and assignments in Colorado and Wyoming. Two of our type 4 engines were assigned in California and Oregon. We also dispatched 3 type 2 dozers on assignment with the Texas forest service and they also were reused for initial attack to assist with new wildfires as they occurred in the state. In addition we sent 9 single resources on incidents in Idaho, Montana, Utah, Washington, and West Virginia. For the year it was a total of 84 out of state fire assignments for the 2018 season. Ah, recently of note ah our agency updated our master cooperative agreement with the Federal Agencies, the instead of just being with US federal fire service it’s now also with the Department of Interior agencies and this will ensure that we can have participation on wildfires with all agencies federal and state across the country for the next 5 years. Ah, it will allow for the initial mobilization of our resources and also ensure that Maryland is reimbursed for all of our costs when we go elsewhere to assist on wildfires across the county. Ah we wrapped up the 2018 volunteer fire assistance grants, they were awarded to 49 volunteer fire departments last year in 17 counties. Ah 48 of those 49 departments successfully completed their grant and they received reimbursement for $98,756.00 Did the match grant total project costs for all the
projects the fire departments completed was $241,675.00. Um, like I said it’s a 50/50 match grant, so the departments are awarded funds, they complete their project and then reimbursed for 50% of their cost up to their grant award to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. The 2019 volunteer fire assistance grant applications are currently out they are available and we’re accepting applications through July 15. So we have $105,000.00 available uh this year to award out to fire departments, the maximum grant is $3000.00 per department with $6000.00 in qualifying expenses. Applications are available online or through the fire staff, so grant awards will be announced in September, remember the deadline is July 15th and I encourage all volunteer departments to. The DOD federal firefighter property program and Federal excess property programs that we participate in have been seeing an increase in requests to support the equipment needs of fire departments across the State. In 2018 the program process 147 transfer orders, and acquired over 2.1 million dollars in equipment for the State of Maryland. All this property is acquired at no cost to us as an agency and is utilized either by the Maryland Forest Service or by cooperative agreement with volunteer fire departments. Equipment we’ve acquired in the past year, just ah some examples, uh deuce and a half trucks, um pickups, vans, SUVs, other types of vehicles, and quite a few generators, office furniture, and a lot of miscellaneous equipment that can benefit both our agency and the department. Uh, we have a google request form if a department is interested in equipment that remits the request to our staff and puts it on, companies on a waiting list. Uh, also last year, we are required every 2 years to complete a physical inventory of all property, so we completed that in January 2019 with all items accounted for. Uh, our inventory as of the January inventory was 592 items, with a original acquisition cost by the government of 11.3 million dollars. Our agency continues to try to improve our wildfire suppression equipment, in FY 19 fleet replacement it included 4 new type 6 engines for our agency, 6 type 7 engines, and 5 pickups. So we placed new brush trucks in service in Alleghany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s and Worcester Counties this past year. So that’s a great addition for us as our fleet was quite aging. Additionally, we purchased 2 new 650 K firefighter dozers, these are the heavy dozers that we use for wildfire suppression and they were placed in service in the Eastern and Southern regions. And on order we have ah 2 new Kenworth transport trucks to haul these dozers and hopefully they will be delivered by the end of the calendar year. Recently the Maryland Forest Service was awarded $150,000.00 wildfire risk reduction grant entitled Eastern Maryland Fire Wise Mitigation from the US Forest Service. This grant will continue to fund our Firewise Maryland program on the Eastern shore and the eastern part of the state as well for the next 2 years. Funding awarded in the previous years continues to the program in the Western half of the state as well. These grants enable the agency to develop community wildfire protection plans in conjunction with your fire department and complete recommended wildfire mitigation activities to help reduce wildfire risk to your community. Currently we have 80 wildfire protection plans across the state that cover 1,180 communities. Forest training last week the Maryland Forest service along with the Mid-Atlantic Fire Compact
hosted the Mid Atlantic wildfire training academy in Garrett County in Western Maryland. This was our 12th academy and the 2nd year that we hosted it here in Maryland. This academy provides quite a number of national courses to enhance the qualification of firefighters in this training. Lastly, this will be my final convention as State Fire Supervisor. I will be retiring July 1st, just in 2 weeks after 31 years of service to the Maryland Forest Service and 19 years as State Fire Supervisor. Our agency is currently expecting quite a number of retirement and we expect this trend to continue over the next few years. Fortunately, we are receiving permission to fill the vacant positions. Uh, recent positions that we’ve filled for the fire staff, ah Shannon Wolf was recently promoted as the new Wildfire Programs Coordinator, he’s working out of our Cedarville office in Southern Maryland and he will be handling the volunteer fire assistance grants that I just talked about and also the federal excess property program. As well, we’ve filled forest ranger positions this past year in Alleghany, Carroll, Charles, and Harford Counties. Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the ah, MSFA Presidents, the Past Presidents, Officers, all the volunteer fire departments and you as volunteers that I have worked with over my tenure with Forest Service. It has been my pleasure working with each of you and I certainly value the support of each fire department here in this state. You as volunteers are a critical part of our agency mission of protecting our communities from wildfire. Thank you for your support and thank you for all you do for your local community. Ah, this year please stop by our booth we’ve got one of our historical pieces of apparatus. Ah, it’s a 1963 brush truck down there in the open hall. So come by and see us and certainly enjoy the events of your convention. Thank you very much.

President Rick Blair – Thank you and ah I’d like to present you with, (inaudible) mine, you have a bag you (inaudible) Did someone say you are retiring this year? (Inaudible)

Mike McKee – Yes. I will be retiring in 2 weeks, July 1st is my retirement date, ah Rich Robertson who is also down at our booth is going to be the acting State Supervisor come July 1st and if you need any support from our agency I’m certain that he will continue that support just like I have over the last 19 years as your Supervisor. And Richard I’d like to say thank you to you for everything you have done for the Association over the year. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – This next guy I don’t think really needs ah introduced, names Russell Strickland, he’s from ah Maryland Emergency Management Agency and he’s been around forever.

MEMA - Russell Strickland – Thank you very much for the invitation and that introduction. But it is very very much an honor and a privilege to speak to you all today for just a couple of minutes. And I promise I’ll keep it to only just a couple of minutes. Ah, on behalf of MEMA, ah the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, as well as the Governor’s office of Homeland Security and Pete Landon who is the Governor’s um Homeland Security Advisor, we work very very closely in the preparedness world
uh we thank you very very much for what it is you do each and every day in the State of Maryland. Uh a couple points that I would like to bring to your attention, uh MEMA is active, have been active with our State partners and local partners and private sector partners throughout the last year and a half with at least 3 Presidential Declarations that we’ve received uh which actually kinda keeps our mitigation program rolling. We were able to go in and take care of the property damage and the public assistance damage really from that also and be able to continue with our mitigation program. But a couple of take a ways to give you this afternoon is that we absolutely, in this State, starting at the local level, because everything is at the local level, we must continue to build a culture of preparedness. And what that means is that we need to get back to some real real basic preparedness starting with our children in school our families our communities so that we can be ready. That is our future. If we’re going to build any kind of resilience for disasters in this Nation, we’ve got to focus on the cause of preparedness. That’s item number 1. Item number 2 is that mitigation is and will continue to be the center of the universe. Mitigation is a verb, it’s an action, the results with a condition, a state of being, and we call that resiliency which is a noun. We know, through data, very clearly that every dollar we invest in mitigation saves us anywhere from $5.00 to $7.00 in recovery after. We have got to function, focus on mitigation. We’re very very fortunate at the Federal government level of disaster relief reform recovery act was passed this past year. That’s gonna make available an additional at least $300,000,000.00 a year Nationwide that we’re gonna be able to use toward mitigation projects. So I would ask for you to go back to your local communities and talk mitigation, identify community based mitigations, so that that nuisance flooding you may have every time it rains, and it seems like it rains every day any more, will be handled a little bit easier and a little bit better. That’s item number 2. And secondly we cannot, will not, ever be able to do it alone. The government cannot do it alone. It absolutely must be a whole community, all partners and people involved and we need to figure out how to coordinate that and make it work. And it’s through our relationship with organizations such as the Maryland State Firemen’s Association that we do move forward in that direction. One of the areas I’m very specifically on that is the swift water here recently with some reorganization we’ve done at MEMA we have a consequence management director and a response coordination branch and its focusing on some of the more technical rescue aspects and swift water is one of those and one that you’re association has been very very active. And finally, I do want to leave you with one thought, we are in hurricane season. And with that is you don’t know the zone you may live in please go to www.knowyourzonemd.com and it will tell you what evacuation zone you’re in. And it’s very possible you’re not in an evacuation zone. If you live in Western Maryland then you don’t have to worry about it, but any of the 17 counties that are unh flood prone or inundation prone you’ll have evacuation zones. So I would ask that you check on that. And with that I ah wish you the very very best for a successful conference a good time, be safe, and be prepared. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – First of all I’d like to present this uh Maryland State Firemen’s
Association mug. Supposedly it has my name on it. It does. (Inaudible) Thank you for your service. Bag and everything (inaudible) Executive Director of MFRI Michael Cox.

MFRI Executive Director – Michael Cox – Good afternoon. President Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It has been a true honor to work with the various committees and members of the MSFA this year to provide state of the art emergency services training programs to the EMS, fire and rescue agencies in our great State. This year we were able to provide a vast array of diverse programs to help our first responders prepare themselves to mitigate the numerous incidents they are faced with day in and day out. This year we provided training to more than 36,000 students. That was in more than 1900 training program deliveries totaling more than 783,000 instructional hours. With the direct assistance of the MSFA and our other emergency services partner groups this year we were able to make exceptional strides to improve our current EMT training program. Launched 4 trial EMT plot programs with different delivery methodologies and began the process of establishing Pierson-vue testing centers at MFRI headquarters in College Park, as well as our other 6 regional training centers throughout the State. We continue to revamp and refurbish numerous emergency services programs and have made strides to begin the delivery of emergency management classes for members of the fire service through a partnership we have formed with MEMA, the Maryland Emergency Management Association. Likewise we’ve also made new end roads to continue the diversification of our training programs, and for the first time we are scheduled to deliver an emergency tele communicators program in the next few weeks. This program will be held in Carroll County. Moreover we’ve continued to purchase state of the art equipment and props we have reentered the research and development field to discover, test and provide feedback on new tools, equipment and materials for the emergency services community. Similarly, as Chairman of the Maryland Instructors Certification Review Board, the MICRB as we all refer to it, I would like to update you on the state of that committee. And I am happy to report Mr. President, that the state of this committee is strong. The MICRB recently held its 179th meeting about a month ago. At the conclusion of that meeting there were 777 Certified State Emergency Services Instructors. There were 273 instructor evaluators, and 22 instructor trainings. The next meeting of the MICRB is scheduled for July 2019 at MFRI headquarters. Currently the MICRB is actively seeking input into the periodic review of the certification standards and procedures for emergency services. Many of us know this as the Orange Book. This review is mandated by COMAR. The delegates and alternates appointed to represent the member organizations have spent a significant amount of time since the last review discussing input received from their constituents that may impact the standards as currently written. As the Chair of the MICRB I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the members of the MICRB for their active participation in this most important process. Comments and suggestions still can be submitted to the MICRB in writing by June 30th. Following that deadline the board will meet to discuss all suggested changes to determine their relevance and value to the
advancement of the Instructor Certification Standards. Should the Board recommend any changes the document would be forwarded to the Maryland Higher Education Commission in preparation for the required public comment period. Also, during the last year the board has refreshed its webpage to provide more information in a user friendly format. As changes continue we welcome your feedback. The menu of professional development opportunities continues to expand and we are now offering and have approved multiple online options to make it more easily obtainable for our instructors to receive their professional development. We also would like to thank the MSFA for the opportunity to provide PDI here at the convention center as it is a very convenient method for our instructors to receive PDI. As always the Board is available to assist instructors and their sponsoring agencies in clarifying any issues they may have with the certification process. I would like to take a moment to thank the MICRB member organizations, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and Chancellor Robert Garrett of the University systems of Maryland whose support is invaluable as an asset to the MICRB. In closing I would again like to thank the members of the MSFA for their hard work and their unwavering commitment to improving the Maryland Fire Service and the residents of our State. I look forward to your continued success making Maryland, EMS fire and rescue services the best that they can be. Thank you.

President Rick Blair—Mike, you know we’ve been to a lot of meetings together. You’ll have your own cup. Now you have your own cup. Got my name on it. Step over here and take a picture. Thank you for your service. Next person that’s gonna be coming out is Brian Geraci from the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office for a special presentation.

State Fire Marshal – Brian Geraci - Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon everybody. It gives me good, it gives me pleasure to uh introduce today a good friend of mine Ed Polk who is uh the uh retired State Fire Marshal out of Alabama. Ed began his career in public safety by ah enlisting in the United States Army in 1958, serving ah 13 years and ah got out in 1971. In 71 he got into the business world with ah Sears and Roebuck in Montgomery, Alabama managing several departments from 71-78. In 1974 he became a reserve police officer with Montgomery Police Department. He loved police work and became a, and brought him to a decision that he should return to public service. In 1979 he joined the Montgomery Police Department as a full time Police Officer. He served a year on patrol division and was transferred to the investigations division working property crime. After working burglary and thefts for almost a year he was transferred to auto theft as the only auto theft investigator. He was promoted from investigator to corporal to sergeant while working auto theft. While working auto theft Ed encountered a number of burned automobiles. He made friends with Deputy State Fire Marshal who assisted him working these fire cases. Ed became interested in fire investigation and in 1984 he joined the Alabama State Fire Marshal’s Office as a Deputy State Fire Marshal. After training Ed was assigned to Mobile, Alabama working Mobile and surrounding counties till transferred to Montgomery in 1989. In 89 Ed became the first K-9 accelerant detection dog handler in Alabama and the only
active K-9 in the Southeast. Ed worked as a K-9 handler and Deputy State Fire Marshal until 1999 when he was promoted to Assistant State Fire Marshal. In 2006, Ed was promoted to State Fire Marshal for Alabama. He served the State as Fire Marshal until retiring in July of 2016. While State Fire Marshal Ed served on the National Association of State Fire Marshals Board of Directors as a board member, secretary, treasurer, and Vice President. Since retirement Ed works part time for the Crenshaw County Sheriff’s Department as a fire investigator and school resource officer. Ed’s here today to talk about a program that the National Association of Fire Marshals has put together on construction site fire safety. He’s going give you an overview this morning and then he has a classroom presentation that he’s going do tomorrow morning. So if you would please give Ed a Maryland welcome and introduce State Fire Marshal Ed Polk.

**Alabama State Fire Marshal ret – Ed Polk**—Thank you. Good to be with you. You have a beautiful state. My first time in this portion of the state and its breath taking. Let me begin by thanking you for your service. It means not only so much to your communities and your citizens but those of us who visit your state as well. Today we’re going talk about a program that the National Association of State Fire Marshals Research Foundation took on to research and determine what the problem was in construction type fires. And what I’ve got is a brief overview of the fire and building inspector portion of this program and we’re gonna kinda breeze through it here with a limited amount of time but if you’re interested in it in the morning at 8AM we’ll begin in room 202, I believe it is for a couple hour session and we’ll talk about this module as well as the other three modules that make up the entire program. We’ve got some books and should be some flash drives and all that will be available at that time. Have we got a means of advancing the slide? Not sure how it’s done, but if someone’s listening I need to go to the next slide. This is what you see on the news when we have a construction site fire. That and the next slide shows a very lovely news lady making the report on such a catastrophe. Next slide. This is what we see when we have a finished product. Now we’re talking about really commercial sized structures here, not talking about single family dwellings, but this is a picture of a finished product. Once the product is finished it is really a safe product. In America we do a really good job with our design and once completed the systems that are in the structures that we use both the active and the passive systems provide us protection against fire and other hazards. But until that building is completed we don’t have these systems available. And prior to completion, this is what we have. This is the concrete pedestal with 3 stories, like a 3 layer cake sitting on top of the pedestal. That’s fuel. And what do we notice about our fuel load here? It has no absence of oxygen. So if we have a fire, we’ve got a problem. As construction continues, in this day and time we’re not talking about just a group of 3 stories on top of a concrete pedestal, we’re talking about even tall buildings now that are being made out of wood frame construction. As construction continues our problem continues because until the building is finished, as I stated earlier, we still have a problem of (inaudible) and a lot of fuel. As you can see these construction sites often times span a very large area. And this is a construction site that is left at the end of the
day in the proper manner. It’s a clean site. But there again, if we have a fire that initiates and begins to burn this building there’s nothing there to stop it until the fire department responds. This is what we see, and this was a building that was either under in a state of demolition or a state of remodeling. If we’re going to identify the fact that when we have these projects under construction one of the ways we can limit the size of the problem would be to limit the amount of construction going on at (inaudible). This is a strategy that is there for use, but it’s one also that is very very controversial because your contractors to them time is money and if they have to have their crews out on site and their going to be building several more just like it, it’s more advantageous to them to continue the construction and load the site down with projects as they go along. As you can see large projects create the possibility of large events. And often times can gain a size that would overtax even some of the largest departments available. Here we’re looking at the fact that of all of the structures that were considered in doing the research for this, they found that 44% of them fires were in buildings under construction.

30, I can’t see that far, a lot of it was 30% were buildings that were remodeling and 25% of them were buildings that were being demolished. Of the fire causes, under construction, it will shock and amaze you to understand that the major cause of fires for buildings under construction is cooking. That’s right, cooking. What I didn’t stop to think about and I’m sure that many of you haven’t either is the fact that contractors, construction workers there on a site, they’ve got their tools laid out, there usually pretty dirty and when it comes time for lunch, if they clean up, pack up and go somewhere to eat, by the time they eat and get back half the day is gone. So they eat on site. And when they eat on site everybody is left to their own devices to how they’re going to prepare their meal. You get somebody from the plumbing industry that gets handy little torch out and decides that he’s going to heat up his can of beanie weenies with the torch. And the beanie weenies has a paper label on it, and that paper label becomes a source of ignition for all the kindling that was created by the plumbers and the electricians when they bore through the 2x4 walls to run the pipe cases and the wiring. For buildings under renovation, heating equipment was the major cause. And I’m sure that salamander heater gets it’s just rewards in that category. And then finally for buildings under demolition the major cause was intentionally set fires. We’re going to tear it down anyhow, why not just burn it down? That’s the thought process. And then somebody gets the bright idea yeah and we can collect on the insurance too. This slide depicts the fact that what we utilize to defend these things is a multi layer approach. And there’s a couple of guys, a Donte DeOrlando and a James, I forget James’ last name, but they came up with this idea that this was a Swiss cheese model because all the layers, when they line up create a solid defense, but if you have any of those layers begin missing, you have a hole to defend. And so they made a lot of money by publicizing the fact that they come up with the Swiss cheese model for defending all types of things. And this Swiss cheese model is used throughout industry of all types as the modeling process for failure analysis. But in this particular case you’re looking at access to the fire site, you’re looking at water supplies, you’re looking at fire department access, security cameras and guards, and usually when we have an
incident at a construction site and it’s a catastrophic incident, a large fire, it’s the result of not just one failure, but multiple failures. As in the case one night after hours, a fire setter was able to gain entry through a construction gate that was chained and locked, but with enough slack in it, the gate could just be pushed and a person could actually dip under the chain and walk through there. This actually happened in Texas and it was 12 buildings involved in it. He gained access to the site he was free to wander around because they had no security in place. They had no night watchman, they had no security cameras, no security guards on duty. He then decided to use a combustible liquid, sterno, everybody is familiar with sterno, to ignite one of the buildings. When the fire department arrived only minutes after being notified they 3 of the 12 buildings were well involved in the fire and several more at risk of igniting. The fire department needed to enter the property through the same gate that the fire setter did, however they had a nice chain on it with a nice lock and no fire department access. So the fire department lost time because they had to stop, get their master key out, the big pair of bolt cutters, and cut the fence, the lock of the fence and open up the site. That was one failure. The fire lane hadn’t been maintained. They encountered things being stored in the fire lane, they encountered other items such as vehicles and all that were blocking the fire lane, so they lost time by either having to go around those items or having to move those items in order to gain access to the area. And remember, this is 12 buildings so this is a very large area. Finally the water supply to the fire site had not been completed and several of the hydrants were inoperable. There’s another word, dry, that comes to my mind and that’s probably one of our worst nightmares when we get on a fire scene and connect to the hydrant, turn the valve and nothing comes out. What transpired was all 12 buildings and each building contained 16 apartments, they all burned, destroyed, millions of dollars, lots of delays. You know the contractors, time is money? Well the time they lost cost them a lot of money and ah, and it also cost the citizens of Texas because the insurance industry paid for that. And we all know that the insurance industry is one of the industries that’s guaranteed to make money in America. Because there rate determines what our rates are. Their rate, their losses go up our rates go up. We also recognize the fact that our model codes provide for the very protections and of course we’re talking the NFPA code NFPA 1, the fire code, the International fire code and NFPA 241 which is standard for safeguarding construction, alteration and demolition operations. These are some of the hazards that you would find at a construction site. From left corner we see a dumpster that is extremely close to a building that’s either under construction or renovation and uh it’s full. You have a fire in the dumpster, chances are you’re gonna have a fire in the building. You have smoking, you have explosives. If explosives are being used on the site that’s always a hazard. Trash and garbage, compressed gasses, electrical wiring, and of course this is the typical electrical wiring you see here with the two conductors just plugged into the outlet. A really really neat way to provide power. Open burning, combustible and flammable liquids, hot (inaudible), the storage of flammable and combustible liquids in quantity. Cooking fire. Mentioned that briefly as a major cause of buildings under construction. A lot of that can be alleviated if we designate a cooking area and provide
some means for which the constructions workers can heat there food, prepare their lunches. If they do it in a designated area, that’s not going to put our construction site at risk, is one of the strategies that is recommended for dealing with the construction site fires. Open burning, have a permitting process and outlaw as much open burning as possible. But if it is to be allowed then it has to be permitted and they have to have the safeguards necessary to take care of anything that results from the open burning, fire suppression equipment available in the area where it’s done. Signage. You know signage is something that reminds us what to do and not to do. The real problem we have with signage today is our generation goes, what you and I, and some of you I say this because there’s some from all age groups here in the audience, but us older folks, these signs mean one thing and it might mean something else to someone from the younger group still in high school or just graduating from high school. We need to make sure that the signs that we use depict exactly what we want to occur or not occur to the audience that we’re going to be facing. Good housekeeping. This is one of the things I can’t say enough about. You know the fire service understands, I mentioned to Bill yesterday when he picked me up at the airport we were just talking and talking about fire stations and you know I’ve never been in one that’s dirty. He said he had, but I haven’t. They’re always in good shape, they’re clean and orderly, and that’s not the case all the time on a construction site. If we don’t clean up at the end of the day on a construction site, we’re just sitting here waiting for a fire to occur because we’ve left the kindling at floor level. Smoking control. Now I smoked for a number of years and it took a heart attack for me to get the message that it’s not healthy. Luckily, after I had my heart attack, which by the way was on September the 18th 2001, I quit smoking, haven’t had one since. Luckily haven’t wanted one, but that’s not the case for everybody so. The best idea for smoking, and to permit smoking on a construction site is like a cooking area, have a designated smoking area where we have proper receptacles that are maintained, we don’t wanna see the ones like outside the motel doors that have the little (inaudible) you drop your cigarette into and it puts your cigarette out until we fill it up with cigarette butts and then we have a fire inside that container. And we have proper fire extinguishers available in the event you do have a problem. Heating equipment. This is labeled as suitable for the application, fuel controls, that’s our big problem, who fuels these things? Is it the guy with 25 years’ experience, nope, it’s Bubba, Bubba’s 18, just outta high school. Bubba hasn’t listened in high school and he’s not listening now, even if he was trained and he doesn’t understand what you and I know about fuel and spillage of fuels and where we spill it and the results that occur when an ignition source becomes available to the vapor that is created. Flammable and combustible liquids storage. Limiting quantities on site, limits the amount of problem we might have and the size of the fire. As discovered, flammable and oxidizing gases. We all know that oxygen will make anything burn if it’s pure, and acetylene will burn in the atmosphere at almost any quantity, any upper or lower limits on acetylene are real high and real low. The other problem you have with these compressed gasses is the weak point of the cylinder, is the valve, and it they’re not properly stored and not properly supported and not capped with the proper cap that thing tips over you’ve got
a very large projectile moving at whatever the pressure is behind it, O2 cylinders got about 2000/ square inch in it. If this falls, Houston we have a problem. Hot work. Almost on every construction site you find hot work going on. Here again, you know people who do this for a living don’t think about the act, they just know what they gotta weld or cut and they’ve got the equipment and they do it. How many times have you been to the gas station and see somebody fueling their car with the engine running? Happens all the time right? How many (inaudible) have you seen missing a digit or 2 on the hand? Got too close to the saw. We don’t think about it. Another reason for the signage and if there’s any hot work going on it needs to be permitted, if you don’t have a state or local requirement for it, the job site needs to have a person that they designate as the appointing authority to determine hot work permits and require that you have the proper firewall watch and you have the proper equipment to protect the structure and things to deal with a fire, like an extinguisher, you want to curb it in its early stages before it gets out of hand. Electrical hazards. National electrical code, you don’t know how many times we find, especially temporary wiring, that people don’t think about the fact that the National electrical code doesn’t deal with just permanent wire, it deals with all wire. And the same protections that are there for the permanent wiring should be there for the temporary wiring. But you find on almost every construction site, breakers that are taped so they won’t trip, undersized wiring, exposed wiring, all sorts of problems. Explosives and blasting agents. My best advice is stay away from it in the event of a fire. That stuff is extremely sensitive and when it gets hot it’s even more so. But you need to be aware of it, especially the fire service needs to be aware of it and the people working around it so number one we can maintain the security and number two in the event of a problem we know where it’s at and what’s going on. And we need to make sure we have qualified blasters and support teams available. Your fire department access, your all weather surface, properly constructed. At least 20 feet wide and some jurisdictions require wider, I would recommend it, allowing the passing of one truck by another truck in the event you have one staged already and then somebody else has to come in and get by that additional equipment and it’s clear of materials and vehicles. That’s the big problem we have, once they’re there people look at it and say wow, this is a place I can unload my parts I’m delivering, good place to store, it’s out of the way nobody’s gonna mess with it, and they do everything right except in the event of a problem they? Fire department access boxes, or a locking gate, lock boxes whatever. Fire suppression water supply. Need to be installed at the early stages of the project before you get to (inaudible) on there. And you might want to remember that you got a 500 gallon per minute minimum, but in a finished building you might one requirement, but under construction the requirement might be more. If it is you need to have the additional available whether it be through tank, water tenders, hydrants, drafting sights, just having the water available in the event of a problem. Timing of installation. Access roads and water supplies, the International Fire Codes say it needs to be prior to and during construction. That’s a little ambiguous I think and we need to change that. Needs to be done prior to. Because if you say prior to and during, if I get it done the week before we have the final inspection then it’s during. If I
have a problem the week before that, I’ve really got a problem. Fire protection equipment needs to progress with construction, and be operational as soon as possible. That’s fire sprinkler systems. Stand pipe systems. Of course the standpipes have to be, have to follow construction within one floor of the highest point. And I was in Connecticut last week or last Friday teaching a firefighter course and one of the guys said they had the standpipes and everything was fine until the problem was the hoses they had weren’t long enough to reach from the standpipe at the floor below to the fire on the floor above. So you need to have hoses long enough to ford that. Fire extinguishers, every 75 feet just like? If the contractors using extinguishers, I would suggest your investigators take a look at those, no telling how long they have had them. They pencil whip sometimes those tickets, you know people time is money and sometimes that time and money causes people to do funny things that are not really proper. Learning how, I know everybody in the fire service knows how to use an extinguisher, but here’s the thing ladies and gentleman, for this program to work it’s gonna take everybody. And the other 3 modules of this program speak to the owners, the contractor, the general contractor, the safety manager, and the fire watchers. Everybody affiliated with this, so if this program is going to work and provide for us, everybody’s got a role, and if we can explain the reasons why, the younger generation wants to know why they’ve gotta do something before they do it. If we can explain the reasons why then we can gain cooperation, and we gain cooperation we can affect life safety. Now I’m breezing through this, but more in depth tomorrow like I say. Evacuation procedures, very important, we need to be able to evacuate the project in the event of a problem. Not only do we need a plan and an evacuation site but we also need a plan for notification and recall, we need the rallying point, and we need personnel accountability. This is very important. You know the fire department does a great job with that. Most police agencies, most first responders do a great job with that. But it’s the contractors we’re talking about. If we get on site and we have a problem, there’s a fire, and we can’t determine if somebody’s missing then firefighters have to go into that building. We’re putting lives at risk. But if we teach these people to be accountable, to account for the people on their site, we will save placing firefighters lives in danger by looking for someone who’s not lost. And that’s the end of the brief overview. The, like I say, tomorrow we’ll deal with it much more in depth. Look forward to seeing those of you who think this program might be of interest to you. Got all sorts of materials we can provide to you. I’ve enjoyed it. I thank you. And with that I’ll turn it over to next in line.

**President Rick Blair** – (inaudible) our bag, cup with my name on it Step over here to take a picture. Okay we’re gonna bring Brian Geraci back out here for the Fire Marshal’s office to give his report.

**State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci**–Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon again. It’s good to see everybody. They told me they put these lights so bright so you don’t see how many people are not here. That’s why they told me they keep it so bright, that’s what I was told so. Alright. I bring you greetings from Governor Larry Hogan, and
Lieutenant Governor Rutherford and Colonel William Pallozzi, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. I did speak to the Governor about a month ago at an event, he sends his apologies for not being here this week but I know he had some conflicts on his schedule. I believe he’s traveling this week so. Um, he wanted to be here. I know he did, he loves coming down and visiting with you all and being here for the week and ah I guess his schedule just wouldn’t allow it so. So I speak for the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal when I say congratulations to your Association Presidents Rick Blair and Marcia Roth. Your terms of office have been extremely productive and your service to your members is one your entire Association should be very proud of. I had the honor and the privilege along with other fire service leaders to attend the recent 17th annual Harry S. Truman Legacy Symposium, which took place 72 years and one day after the release of “The Truman Report” from the 1947 Presidential Conference on Fire Prevention. Taking place on the historic grounds of the Harry S. Truman Little White House in Key West, Florida, the annual event covers various topics from the Truman presidency. The symposium included a riveting presentation by President Truman’s grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel, who temporarily “transformed” into his grandfather to read the opening address from the original Presidential Conference in 1947 - and interestingly, the topics covered in that address still apply today. In that address President Truman stated: “Safety from fire should not be a topic for discussion during only one or two weeks of the year. It is definitely a year-round public responsibility. I believe that the highest State and Municipal officials must assume greater responsibility for leadership in this field. We in the Federal Government can give aid within the framework of existing agencies. But the impetus must come from the States and from every community and every individual in the land. “The objectives of the President’s 1947 Conference on Fire Prevention were: 1. To emphasize the ever-present danger by fire to human life and natural resources. 2. To intensify fire safety in every community. 3. And to influence responsible public officials to accept their primary responsibility for leadership in fire safety.” Objectives that we clearly need to prioritize here within the State of Maryland. The conference had two basic recommendations devoted to organizational procedure: 1. Call upon the Governor of each of the 48 States to appoint statewide fires safety committees composed of the appropriate public officials and representatives of nongovernmental groups to explore the fire-loss problem for the purpose of setting up a practical fire prevention program and to call a Statewide fire safety conference as soon as possible after the President’s Conference. Here in Maryland this is the State Fire Prevention Commission which holds the annual Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference which will be celebrating 60 years this September 24th. 2. A call upon all Mayors, City Managers or Chief Executives of all cities, town, villages or other municipalities to appoint fire safety committees where an effective one does not already exist, composed of both public officials and representatives nongovernmental organizations, to carry on a continuous campaign of fire safety throughout the year. This year’s events teamed up the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to highlight President Truman’s fire service accomplishments. The NFFF extended the event with the Truman Fire Forum, sponsored in part by the
National Fire Sprinkler Association. In an effort to prevent fires and save the lives of firefighters across this state and nation five key takeaways resulted from presentations and much discussion. 1. Fire Prevention - The overwhelming desire to incorporate prevention, as a whole, into basic and recruit training; 2. Technology - The need to fully adapt to the advanced and evolving global digital culture of training and education; 3. Data - The need to use date, research and science as a basis for the fire service’s efforts to bring about change; 4. Marketing - The desire to remake or repackage public marketing of prevention and safety messaging; and 5. Fire Sprinklers - The idea to make residential fire sprinklers a requirement for federal mortgages through the VA, FHA and HUD. I was honored to stand with many of my peers and mentors, participating in this big-picture look at improving the fire problem in the United States. The number of citizens perishing in fires in the United States and here in Maryland has been rising slowly yet steadily for the past few years, a real problem that we need to address. It is now my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The Maryland Fire Incident Reporting System is an extremely valuable resource to collect data and can be used in determining what actions are needed to prevent fires in the future and to provide this valuable data to our local and state elected officials. On time reporting continues to be a struggle for some departments. We are asking that all departments have their reports to our agency by the 10th of each month for the proceeding month’s responses as required by law. Please ensure that all reports are complete and free of any errors prior to submission. During calendar year 2018 the total number of fires reported in the state was 14,306 of those 7,600 were structure fires, 140 civilian fire injuries were reported which is a 25% decrease over the 186 injuries are reported in 2017, 169 fire service injuries were reported in 2018 while involved in firefighting activities and four firefighter line of duty deaths occurred in 2018, as the result of a medical emergency while performing their duties, one while active firefighting and one as a result of occupational cancer. The estimated total of property fire dollar loss for the state was $130,499,455. In 2018, the State of Maryland saw the number of fire deaths remain the same when compared to 2017. The total number of fire deaths for 2018 was 71 which, as indicated above, represented no change in the 71 fire deaths suffered in 2017. Eighteen fatal residential structure fires occurred where smoke alarms were known to have functioned at the time of the incident; however, 20 lives were still lost. It should be noted that residential sprinklers, and working smoke alarms continue to save hundreds of individuals every year across the state and 2018 was no exception. During 2018, residential fires accounted for over 83% of all fire fatalities, 37% of the victims in residential fatal fires (26), involved adults age 70 and older. This is a 10% increase when compared to 2017 when (19) victims perished. Four fatalities occurred with victims aged 90 or older in 2018. Five victims under the age of 18 died in three fires in 2018, accounting for 7% of fire deaths. Baltimore City reported 13 fire deaths in 2018 compared to 30 fire deaths reported in 2017. Montgomery County experienced 3 fire deaths compared to 6 in 2017. Prince George’s County reported the most fire deaths at 14 fire deaths in 2019 as compared to 11 fire deaths in 2017. Additionally, Baltimore County experienced 12 fire deaths and
Anne Arundel County had 6 fire deaths. Carroll, Charles, Howard, St. Mary’s, and Washington counties had 3 fire deaths each while Talbot County experienced 2 deaths; and Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Frederick and Somerset Counties had one fire death each. Sadly, the 5 year average for fire deaths in Maryland is 68 per year. Although better than 1975-1988 when fire deaths remained over 100 each year, we still have a lot of work in our efforts to reduce fire deaths in Maryland. In comparison to previous years, 2018 showed a slight decrease in the total number of multi-fatality fires which was 8 fires or 12.9% of the 62 total fires for the year. During 2017, the percentage of multi-fatality fires was at 16.7% of the total fires for that year, and at 12.5% of the total fires for the 2016. Fifty-eight percent of fire deaths occurred between October and March with March being the deadliest month at 14 fire fatalities in 9 total fires including 5 multi-death fires. Thirty fire-related deaths occurred between April and September in 28 fires. Every month of 2018 had at least 2 fire fatalities. There were no multi-fatal fires reported in February, May, June, July, August, September, October and December of 2018. In 2018, similar to multi-fatal fires, the number of multi-deaths in fatal fires slightly decreased in comparison to the prior year to 17 deaths or 23.9% of the 71 total deaths reported for the year. Multi-deaths in fatal fires in 2017 were recorded at 26 deaths or 36.6% of the 71 total deaths and in 2016 were recorded at 19 deaths or 27.9% of the 68 total deaths. Hoarding can present hazards which can result in catastrophic fire related events that jeopardize the safety of all concerned, including, but not limited to occupant(s) and emergency responders. The Office of the State Fire Marshal continues to educate the public regarding the dangers of hoarding. Seven deaths resulted from five hoarding-related fires which are almost 11% of the total fires reported for the entire year representing an increase in comparison to previous years. The following is a report summarization of fire related deaths that were complicated by conditions of hoarding in the reporting year of 2018. A cooking-related fire claimed the life of a 42 year old female victim who was found by firefighters on the exterior of her Baltimore City home subsequent to extinguishing the blaze. A non-functioning 9-volt battery smoke alarm was found at the scene. A smoking related fire originating in the first floor bedroom of another Baltimore City home resulted in the death of a 55 year old male. No smoke alarms were discovered at the scene; an undetermined double-fatal fire that started on the enclosed front porch of a Baltimore County residence resulted in the death of a 51 year old male and a 97 year old female. It was undetermined if smoke alarms were present. Another Baltimore County fire originating in the living room resulted in the death of a 69 year old female with reports of non-operating smoke alarms found at the scene. In Prince George’s County, an undetermined residential fire originating in the bedroom claimed the lives of 2 victims, a 75 year old male and an 80 year old female. Smoke alarms could not be determined as present. The OSFM extents congratulations to each fire department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced decreases in the number of fire deaths last year. Seven Counties experienced no fire fatalities, these include; Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. As always the OSFM followed this year’s session of the Maryland General Assembly. The MSFA is to be commended for their
leadership, diligence and continued support in working with the OSFM and other members of the Maryland Fire Service. The MSFA Legislative Committee continues to be vigilant on key issues, share information on important topics and communicate with key Legislators. Their dedication to MSFA membership to ensure that all of the volunteers across this state remain safe and recognized in Annapolis is to be commended. As State Fire Marshal, I wholeheartedly appreciate the partnerships our agencies share with local and State governments, as well as private industry. These partnerships help us secure resources, disseminate information and provides training which allows us to be effective at accomplishing our tasks in the pursuit of fire and life safety. Our partnership with the Capital Region Fire Sprinkler Association a chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association has provided training for fire inspectors across the state for the last several years and we thank them for this continued successful program. Over many years the public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of well over 25,000 smoke alarms. In 2018 Delmarva Power donated 1900 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments across the eastern shore. It was Delmarva’s 18th year in providing these life saving devices for our communities. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms couples with developing and practicing a home fire escape plans to include closing doors at night and escaping a fire continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries. As a reminder, please take part in the Community Risk Reduction weekends offered each year for fire departments across the state to enter their respective communities and offer installations of smoke alarms and provide fire and life safety information. The next Statewide Community Risk Reduction Weekend is scheduled for October 19-20, 2019. I ask that all Maryland fire departments use this opportunity to check and/or install lifesaving 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms in the homes of the citizens they serve and have sworn to protect from the effects of fire. The Community Risk Reduction weekends for 2020 are May 16-17 and Oct 17-18. The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 59th year Anniversary on September 27, 2018. Originally, billed as the Governor’s Fire Prevention Conference began in August of 1959 when then Governor Tawes saw the need for a Statewide Conference on Fire Prevention. Sixty years later the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference remains one of the foremost conferences of its kind in the nation. The conference was well attended by nearly 200 participants. Bruce Bouch previously of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, received the John C. Spiker, Sr., Public Fire Safety Educator of the Year Award. He has shown a true dedication to public fire safety education and was a tremendous asset to our office and the citizens of Maryland. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 24, 2019 for yet another well prepared conference, Please go on the FABSCOM.ORG website and fill our your applications to attend this well rounded conference designed for you and your peers. On Saturday, March 23rd of this year the Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar was held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in College Park. Over 100 motivated personnel attended the outstanding event and were provided timely and topical information. Please plan on attending next year’s program on
Saturday, March 28, 2020. As in years past, OSFM experienced a few staffing changes in 2018. Deputy State Fire Marshal John Nelson was promoted to Deputy Chief and currently is assigned as the Regional Commander for the Southern Regional Office. Deputy State Fire Marshal Derek Chapman was also promoted to Deputy Chief and is proudly commanding the Northeast Regional Office. Deputy State Fire Marshal William Pennock completed his basic training at the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy and is currently assigned to the Northeast Office and Deputy State Fire Marshal Joshua Matthews completed his basic training at the Carroll County Sheriff’s Academy and is now assigned to the Southern Office along with Martin Burton who just started the Academy and we look forward to her successful completion, Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael Redding was hired as a full time Bomb Technician. A.J. Linero came on board as a Fire Protection Engineer and is assisting both the offices on the Eastern Shore. We are also happy to announce the successful completion of our 6th K9. Meet K9 Rosie, Rosie is an explosive detention K9 and is currently partnered with DSFM Matt Wrenn, Rosie makes our 2nd Explosive K9 and is added to our 4 current Accelerant Detection K9s. Please join us in supporting their success as they serve the citizens of Maryland. OSFM staff members continue to perform at high levels in 2018, the OSFM conducted a total of 844 investigations of which 651 was fire related and 152 explosive related. A total of 52 criminal cases were closed by arrest with a total of 63 individuals being arrested. The agency wide arson case closure rate of 24.6% which is well above the national average. In the OSFM jurisdictions of responsibility fires determined to be Arson was reduced by 32.3% in 2018. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments and lack of full staffing. A total of 11,688 fire and life safety inspections were completed during 2018. OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed 1,342 construction and fire protection system plans. A total of 1,022 permits and licenses, both new and renewal were processed by our administrative staff. The dedication of our personnel is evident by these numbers. It is through an Agency wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish the mission of protecting life and property from fire and explosions. A new purchase for 2018 was a FARO 3D scanner. This technology was deemed very helpful when used during the LODD incident in Howard County. The technology will allow our office to provide a 3D overview of the incidents and provide a “fly through” visual to the jury. It also will assist in measurements, scene photography, scene sketches and the potential to export the data for fire modeling. We continue to place in service new vehicles to focus on separations issues. This year we have been working on our regional bomb technicians who are also full time fire investigators. It was determined that their previous vehicles were overweight and the need to get them into 1-ton pickups was necessary. We were able to purchase 5 new F-350 pickups. Nearly 100 firefighters responded to a 3-alarm fire that started on the exterior of the structure at a Perryville condominium in April of 2018, that fire displaced 24 residents and hospitalized 3. There was no access for fire trucks to effectively position themselves on the river side of the building, therefore, the ability to have fire boats respond and strategically position themselves allowed for the
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The protection of 3 other condos in the immediate area and significantly reduce the amount of damage they suffered as a result. The building involved in the fire was considered a complete loss at an estimated $7.5 million in damages. The building was equipped with smoke and fire alarms and the building sprinkler system activated giving firefighters the time to rescue an elderly occupant trapped on the top floor. On July 23, 2018, the OSFM Major Incident Response Team, along with the ATF Baltimore, assisted the Howard County Fire Investigation Division with a weeklong examination into the Origin and Cause of a large single family structure fire that resulted in the Line of Duty Death of Lt. Nate Flynn. The fire was determined to be caused by a lightning strike next to the house and entered the structure by way of a propane supply line. As I do each year I am again asking that each of you to place more emphasis on Fire and Injury Prevention. We need to continue to take every opportunity to prevent the 911 call and to inform our communities about fire and injury prevention. Take the time now and when you go back home from the convention to network with other departments, the MSFA Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee, NFPA and the MD Life Safety.org and get those fire and injury prevention messages out into you community each and every day. Take any and all opportunities to interact with the public, not just during Fire Prevention Week, Provide fire safety information to folks in your community that are attending your fundraising events that many of you hold throughout the year. When you do have a fire incident, make it a point to get back to that area as soon as possible and talk to the people that were impacted by the event. Make sure your personnel are checking to see if smoke alarms are present on each and every response to homes within your community. Promote the 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms on every level of homes, having escape plans in place to get out an stay out and to close bedroom doors while sleeping and when evacuating in an active fire incident and immediately make that call to 911. We need to work with neighboring departments and the American Red Cross to establish teams to install smoke alarms and conduct fire safety reviews in homes located in your community which is being done in Harford County and making a significant impact. We need to continue to focus our efforts in Baltimore City, our Western Counties and counties on the Eastern Shore. Focus on those populations that continue to be impacted by fire, the very young, our elderly and those who have disabilities, all of which are factors that prevent a timely escape from a fire. Go to schools, day care facilities, senior centers, county fairs, Christmas tree lots and other locations where folks from your community will be located. Do not wait for them to call you, reach out and ask to visit and share the information and knowledge you have on preventing fires and injuries, It takes very little time, but the information you will share goes a long way in the end to saving lives. The OSFM blog site continues to be updated for your use. The site contains OSFM news and information. Fatality and burn injury reports can be completed securely on-line, local jurisdictions can also share smoke alarm saves, fire sprinkler saves, and our customers can request fire safety inspections and submit Arson Tips. I would now like to introduce Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, Gregory Der as he will announce the Regional Deputy State Fire Marshals of the Year.
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Gregory Der – Ladies and gentleman, I would ask you now to join me in honoring our Regional Deputy State Fire Marshals of the Year for 2018, Brandon M. Beall - Western Region, Christopher T. Fenzel – upper Eastern Shore Region, Cory J. Hurst- Lower Eastern Shore Region, Melisa R. Decker- Southern Region and Matthew T. Wrenn – Bomb Squad. Each of these individuals represents their peers with great devotion and distinction. Each has gone above and beyond the call of duty. They come to work every day, looking forward to the challenge of making Maryland a safer place to live, work, play and raise a family. It is important to note, that each of these Deputies have aspired to this level with the strong support of their supervisors, the administrative staff and their fellow Fire Safety Inspectors, Fire Protection Engineers and Deputy State Fire Marshals. As always, the job of the DSFM of the Year selection committee is extremely difficult and this year was definitely no exception. I want to thank all of the members that served on this committee. The letters of nomination were filled with examples of exemplary duty and customer service deserving of much more than this award provides. To each of you, I sincerely thank you for your service and devotion to duty. Let’s give them a hand! I now have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2018, James C. Robertson Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year. During 2018, this DSFM excelled in their responsibilities involving the fire marshal profession. This deputy established themselves as a dedicated worker with great attention to detail and a willingness to cooperate in any situation. This deputy has consistently demonstrated a desire to continually improve themselves through training, research, and collaborations with partners both in and outside the office. They always represent the Office of the State Fire Marshal in a positive manner and are oftentimes requested by other deputies to assist in investigations and assignments. This deputy was cited for their many achievements in 2018, such as; conducting the most investigations for the year on his team at 45 cases and completing 191 fire safety inspections. His attention to detail and persistence in complex cases led to multiple arrests in 2018 - including a case where the suspect was planting improvised explosive devices and had a history of doing so that was unknown to OSFM at the time. The investigation took this Deputy across the entire state to prepare and execute numerous search warrants, interview witnesses, and analyze evidence. Had this deputy not closed this case as efficiently and quickly as he did, there would have been a strong change of the suspect potentially building and detonating more devices. This highly respected investigator has excelled in each and every aspect of their career and is a model employee for our agency. It is my honor to present to you the recipient of the James C. Robertson Award recognizing the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year to Deputy State Fire Marshal Matthew T. Wrenn. Presentation of the citation and certificate

State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci–As my first term comes to a close, I want to thank all of you in the Maryland Fire Service for your continued support, dedication and friendship. More importantly, I want to thank all of my personnel within the OSFM for their great work over these last 6 years in helping me move the agency forward. It
could not have been accomplished if we were not all working together. Over the last 6 years we have seen many accomplishments. We have brought new technology to the agency and have changed the way we conduct our business so that we are serving our stakeholders with the highest quality of service. We celebrated 50 years of committed service to the citizens of Maryland and we continue to mourn our first line of duty death. The partnerships and relationships that we have shared over the many years have been strengthened over this period of time and we continue to cultivate new ones as we move forward. The Major Incident Response Team was re-established due to large scale incidents across the State which required our assistance. Our personnel are safer today than ever, due to the purchase of new updated vehicles, improved respiratory protection, personal protective clothing, and new air monitoring equipment; which has greatly enhanced the safety of those required to conduct fire and explosive scene investigations. Additional safety and carcinogen reduction policies have been put into place and we are working on mental health issues facing our folks to reinforce my commitment to a safer workforce. I believe the improvements made within the agency have moved us forward to make Maryland a safer place to live and work. I’ve truly enjoyed all aspects of my position and look forward to the challenges ahead. I would not be in this position if it were not for the mentoring and coaching I received over my many years in the fire service. Deputy Chief Ted Jarboe, who had over 40 years of service with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, stood as the county’s Fire Marshal for many years. I had the pleasure to serve under him as the Assistant County Fire Marshal both in the Fire Code Enforcement Section and in Fire & Explosive Investigations. Amid his many noteworthy accomplishments during his lengthy career, Chief Jarboe was instrumental in getting the Residential Sprinkler Law passed in Montgomery County. Many lives over these years have been saved due to that sprinkler law and now, by having the statewide sprinkler law in place for the last 4 years, we are saving lives all across this great State. Chief Jarboe passed away at the beginning of the year. He was a colleague to many, but I had the privilege of calling him a dear friend, one that I will truly miss. All the members of the OSFM will continue to perform their public safety mission with dedication, compassion and pride. The challenges that we face each and every day create endless opportunities. We are always seeking out those opportunities in order to better perform our mission, and with your support, continually move the Agency and the Maryland Fire Service, forward. OSFM staff members look forward to working closely with MSFA President Michael Faust and LAMSFA President Lori Denbow and their leadership teams. We wish them great success during their terms in office. As I tell you each year when we are gathered here, please continue to make fire injury prevention the most important service that your department provides in your community. Reinforce this message with your members every chance you get. Thank you for all of your support, dedication and devotion to keeping Maryland fire safe. Enjoy the rest of the convention and please have a safe trip on your return home. May the peace of the Lord continue to watch over the Jarboe family, the Cohen Family, our OSFM family, the Maryland Fire Service and the Great State of Maryland. Thank you.
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President Rick Blair – Thank you Brian for your outstanding job, program. This is the Maryland State Firemen’s Association mug for this year, it’s got my name on it, to remind you of me. You know how we are, we work together behind the scenes whether it be known or not. Over the years, myself and Mike has worked or uh Brian has worked on many things throughout the State. I’ve been on the shore with him in reference to smoke alarms, and in Western Maryland on smoke alarms and so forth. I’d like to thank you for your service. We got Dr. Delbridge here from MIEMSS, new to the area, not that new but he’s been here for a couple months. Just got his feet wet, so. All yours.

MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Delbridge – So it’s been quite some time since anyone has let me drive a firetruck so this is quite the cool podium to stand in front of, uh behind.. Ah, thank you for this opportunity to give you a brief update in what’s happening in Maryland’s EMS System. Um, I want to remind all the credential personnel that the protocol update is out there. Uh you have till July 1st to do ah update for yourself with the online training center. Uh, another recent, ah another quick reminder there are no new cardiac rescue technicians after December 31st. Those CRTs are credentialed by the National Registry Intermediate again it goes away after December 31st. So anybody who is currently in training needs to do their thing. Pass the test before that. Anyone who is currently a CRT stays credentialed for their lifetime as long as they maintain their educational requirements. Um and we have ongoing conversations still about whether to pursue advanced EMT throughout the State of Maryland. Quite frankly up until now there has not been consent widespread. Um, one of the things that ah is important for EMS is integration with the rest of the health care system. Ah, we have a long tradition of sharing data ah about Maryland’s EMS system for research projects and bona fide requests for public information. But the past couple of years we have been doing some other important things, I’ll talk briefly about them. One is the OD Map – uh the second is CRISP and the third is a new, relatively new one ESSENCE. OD map we do by a statutory requirement ah we provide data real time to the eye incident drug trafficking area which is for the Washington DC, Baltimore corridor. If Narcan is given in the field, uh it goes up on this map, law enforcement agencies can target high use drug areas um and collaborate with ah other entities to curtail drug use uh in the high traffic area. For the past several months we’ve been ah providing data to uh CRISP, the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients, the Health Information Exchange, essentially real time data from EMS reports, Ah the E-Meds report goes to the Health Information Exchange and it becomes available to other healthcare ah entities who might take care of the same patient. So if the patient shows up in a different emergency department or goes to their primary care doctor’s office those health care professionals can find out what EMS did and better appreciate the patient continuity of care. In the end when the system is fully up and running EMS clinicians in the field will be able to get the same information about the patients they’re taking care of. The map shows that every county in the state, except for one, which is about to is either currently providing data through CRISP or is embarking on the process to
make that happen. And the third thing is ESSENCE. The Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics. This is recognition that EMS is the tip of the spear, ah, can identify epidemics in the community long before the rest of the healthcare system can recognize them and we believe that we are the only State in the Country right now to do this. The data goes to the Maryland Department of Health, eventually to the CDC, but identify high risk cases where interventions early can make a big time difference. We’re all aware of the opioid crisis. EMS plays a critical role. Ah weekly across Maryland EMS clinicians ah treat approximately 275 cases of opioid overdose, uh they treat about 75 patients per week with Naloxone and subsequently don’t transport patients to the hospital. There are other ways that EMS is making a big giant difference, one is providing information through CRISP, which then goes to the health dept so that councilors can go out and look for those same patients and try to interject, so there’s not a future overdose. Um, other ways are by Naloxone that they give, uh we for the past year have been able to reimburse EMS agencies who provide Naloxone and then subsequently don’t transport a patient to the hospital, uh we can reimburse them that cost ah, through a grant that ah came through MIEMSS. And the third way is the Naloxone leave behind program. There are currently 11 jurisdictions in Maryland that leave a dose of Naloxone, ah for the patient if they don’t transport that person to the hospital, with either the patient or other family members or relatives. Ah and that is provided totally free through the Maryland Dept of Health. We’re really looking for every EMS agency in the State to eventually take that on. We are in the midst of a big communications upgrade. Ah the way EMS clinicians get in touch with uh physicians for medical consultations is EMRC relies on an antiquated, analog system that is operational across the state. We’re spending approximately 15 million dollars over the course of this year and the next to upgrade that to a digital process and connect every EMS clinician with the medical consultation that they need anywhere in the State and do it multiple times at any one time they can connect an EMS clinician to multiple resources. Um, that is ongoing work. The phase we’re in is called the Detailed Design Review we hope to approve that in the next week or so and then begin to implement the technology throughout the state that will take a year or so to do. Um, part of our effort, ah in doing that has to do with ah the Hospital Alert System of CHATS, everybody’s familiar with. These represent typical Monday afternoons, uh where a great majority of hospitals state or are declaring themselves on status yellow or red, um it’s sort of a problem since the information is supplied both from the hospital perspective in its inconsistently interpreted by EMS clinicians in the field. Um the meaning is not entirely clear but the signal is definitely clear that something is amiss. Um, so we are in the process of trying to balance the needs of hospitals and the needs of EMS clinicians in the field uh we’re relying on an obsolete software system to do all that ah and it’s time to upgrade that and be more diligent about what the hospital alert system means and how we’re supposed to interpret that information. Ah we have two legislative reports that are due this year. Ah that were required of us by the Legislator in the last session. Ah one deals with emergency department overcrowding and we are obliged to provide an update about that, including the hospital alert system.
In 2018 EMS clinicians spent about 163,000 hours waiting to transfer the care of their patient from themselves to hospital emergency department personnel. So the hospital to need overcrowding do really impact EMS and our ability to provide service to our community. The other one has to do with the reimbursement for new models of care delivery. It’s recognized that EMS care goes far beyond transporting patients to the hospital. Some of our patients are cared for and never taken to the hospital, some would be appropriate to take to someplace other than a hospital. Um and so that dove tails with an innovation by a paramedic that services EMS – ET3- Some of you may have heard, is an innovative strategy by CMS to reimburse EMS services for service that does not necessarily include taking a patient to a hospital emergency department, but that provide definitive care at the scene and overseen by qualified healthcare practitioners. Which would mean that somebody who bills CMS regularly for their care though Medicare. Um it means taking patients to someplace other than a hospital emergency department, for example an urgent care center could be an appropriate thing and it also includes a grant to 911 centers that triage calls and never send EMS personnel in the first place. So uh we’re studying all those. We are anxious for jurisdictions in Maryland to take advantage of that opportunity. It’s uh MIEMSS’s job to kinda make them fertile, there are a couple of jurisdictions that are already embarking on processes to get themselves closer to that. Montgomery County sometimes has a plan to take patients to urgent care centers, but never really implemented it. They’re now ready to get up and go here in the next couple months. And Baltimore City’s been doing this for a while, where they take patients to a stabilization center, so intoxicated patients or overdose patients, they don’t take them to the emergency department, they take them to essentially a drug detoxification facility. Um and they’ve also been working with urgent care centers with the University of Maryland Medical Center. So there are jurisdictions in Maryland that are ready to take advantage of the ET3 opportunity um and we’re looking for other ones to jump on board. Uh, we need to recognize that the emergency department is often not the right place to take the patient. Sometimes they are most appropriately cared for in an Urgent care center, some patients need to go to mental health crisis interventions centers. Like with 2% of all the Maryland deal directly with behavioral or mental health issues and the emergency department may or may not be the right place to take those patients. So, we are ah, again trying to make the ground fertile to make that happen. During the past week the EMS board approved the new universal protocol for use by all EMS clinicians in the state that enables EMS clinicians to take the patients somewhere other than hospital emergency department. And we’re in the process of making the rules for what it takes for a jurisdiction to be able to take advantage of these protocols. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to make a quick observation about how to get in trouble with the EMS board, no matter what action is taken against their certificate of license. And there are a few themes that have come up over the last couple of months that bear attention. One is, and it deals probably mostly with clinician wellness, and it has to do with excessive alcohol use or drug use. And in all of those cases what comes to the attention of the EMS Board is some legal action was taken outside with that persons EMS license in
the first place. The person gets in trouble with the law because they have a DUI or they were found guilty of drug use, taking or having drugs in their possession, those are opportunities for us to intervene and get the clinician help and take the leadership of organizations like the MSFA to be aware of those issues within the local places and pay attention to clinicians wellbeing overall that might lead them down a path that gets them in trouble that way. The other thing that has come to the attention of the EMS Board is that really a void in leadership in local EMS, fire department that involves bullying, ah often from people in positions of authority, and in any case sexual harassment or inappropriate relationships. And the EMS board has taken a very broad view of those situations and believes that those things are detrimental in maintaining a robust and tenable EMS system in the State of Maryland. So they have taken action and taken people’s licenses for those reasons. So again those are great opportunities for leadership at the local level to intervene and avoid that problem. And I’ll end by talking about the Maryland EMS Plan. It’s the EMS plan that gives the EMS board authority, if you will, it provides direction. (Inaudible) The current EMS plan was devised or developed in 2014, has 8 goals, 29 objectives, it has 122 action steps some of which have been done, many of which have never been done, but it was really a plan for MIEMSS and wasn’t really a plan for the entirety of EMS. So it’s time for a refresh. Ah, we’re deep into that. The idea is to engage the broadest possible constituency or stakeholders, uh, it is intended to be a living document with aspirational goals, very um, very thoughtfully crafted, uh the objectives of which will flow from it. Uh and it will hopefully become the discussion starter that the big guy, the thing we have been (inaudible) for quite some time. I mentioned that we’re looking for the broadest possible constituency, um if you look at the MIEMSS website MIEMSS.org, on the front page you’ll see the call for help potentially. By clicking on it you can download a form and you can put in, on that form what you think the EMS plan ought to include. I would urge folks to take this back to their people, the ones they work with and uh encourage everybody to provide input. When you do that you will see the sections that are currently being worked on and there’s nothing you have to respond to. It’s a blank slate, so you’re not editing anything, what you thing is important. Um, as time goes on during the next several months there will be more things to respond to. If you see a section that particular interests you and you want to be like knee deep involved and do something more than just provide a comment please feel free to contact us. The way is on the form. Um we’re happy to involve as many people as we possibly can. No limit, the more the merrier. With that I’ll end. Thank you very much. I appreciate your attention.

President Rick Blair – I’d like to present you this mug of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Dr. Delbridge – It’s got your name on it.

President Rick Blair – I also have a bag of contents back there.
Dr. Delbridge - Thank you very much for the opportunity.

President Blair – And next. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center report.

Senior Director Christy Spataker - Good afternoon. My name is Christy Spataker, I’m the Senior Director of Clinical Operations for the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Um, I’m pleased to be here with you to share some of our statistics and program updates. The report that I’m sharing is our fiscal year ‘19 report so that is up to date through the end of March. And by the end of March we saw over 5000 patients at the trauma center. We also saw over 1200 patients coming through our critical care resuscitation unit which is inter-hospital transport for critical care patients. And we saw about an 80% occupancy in our Lung Rescue Unit, which deals with extremely sick patients that are usually on ventilator and ECMO support. As always it is important for us to monitor our lost transfers that we have through the trauma center and our capacity and bypass hours. I’m happy to report that we have had zero bypass hours for the entire fiscal year and about 56 capacity hours meaning we ah at high intensity triage to bring patients the sickest of the sick into the trauma center. We did have about, we do have about 105 lost inter-hospital transfers to date and will be rounding out this year hopefully less than last year. You can see on the pie charts up here on the screen that we also monitor inter-hospital transfer volume from trauma and non-trauma centers and air and scene inter-hospital transports. Something that we have been really focusing on at the trauma center is looking at our length of stay. To date at the end of the fiscal year we’re probably going to be at a day and a half above budget on our length of stay. Um, we’ve definitely been looking at each case in particular for the most difficult discharges. We see the sickest of the sick patients in our trauma center and as you can imagine our post-acute partners are um are really struggling to be able to accommodate those sick patients, whether it’s a traumatic brain injury patient, a patient with behavioral health or substance abuse disorder, or our bariatric population which we are seeing more and more of. Our OR volumes we saw about 4400 cases down 100 cases at the end of quarter 3 and our clinic volume is at about 11,000 patients that we see come back to the trauma center for our outpatient clinic. We are also the hyperbaric referral center for the State of Maryland, um and to date we’ve seen about 3700 patients come through our multi chamber system. We’ve got a large majority coming from the outpatient sector as well as our inpatients that are inside our hospital that come down to the chamber. Some very critically ill on ventilator support still needing that hyperbaric oxygen treatment. Our go team was activated several times this year through quarter 3. We have 3 deployments, 2 in Cecil County and one in Baltimore City. We continue to actively train our go team to be on the ready when you need us out in the field to help support those that are injured and need time sensitive care. Organ and Tissue Donation Program is something that we’re very proud of. We’re at about 67% at the end of quarter 3, we will achieve our goal to be greater than uh 75%. We’ve had 4 new donor designations with a target of 5, which I know we will also achieve this year. We’re very proud to be internationally
recognized as the leading trauma center in the United States and are reaching far more than 52 Countries in order to provide observation opportunities for those that want to learn about trauma care and take it back to their Countries. There’s really learning from both sides, they learn from us and we learn from them and continue to have robust relationships with our observers that come through the trauma center. Our Center for Injury Prevention and Policy for fiscal year ‘19 we’ve hosted about 316 events reaching almost 20,000 attendees. Um we’re very proud of the work we have been doing in the “Stop the Bleed” Campaign, with 127 events reaching almost 6000 attendees since the start of the fiscal year. So very important for us to spread that training and education and learning about the bleed and have many volunteers through the trauma center that give their own time to do that education and this is really something that we’re proud of. Our EMS Outreach and Education Activities for the fiscal year ‘19 quarter 3 we continue to provide evening broadcasts and we partner with our colleagues to provide the advanced airway course which include simulation events or advanced airway for our EMS partners at no cost to them. We’ve also provided speakers at the Miltenberger Conference, as well as adapting our point counterpoint this year to include EMS educational opportunities. I left this slide in from our quarter 3 report that we provided to the EMS board, because I really think the sentiment better together which was our vision for our shock trauma gala this year in April we are very proud to have our partners present and to celebrate our partnership and collaboration through the state for our patients and we truly are better together and I would just really like to thank the MSFA for having us here today. Um please stop by our booth, and that concludes my report. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (inaudible)

Director Christy Spataker – I appreciate it. Thank you.

President Rick Blair – I want to remind you people tonight there’s a bingo, or a bag bingo up here starting at 1600 or 1800. Also don’t forget Jolly Rogers starting at 1800. Now we have Chaplain for the benediction.

Reverend Harry Hetz – Let us stand. Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for the many people that have dedicated so much time to this association. Father, we thank you for them and we thank you for blessing them. We thank you for the men and women that have come here to learn, gather information at this convention Lord and we just ask you bless them as well and now as we dismiss and recess for this evening, Father we ask you would watch over us whether going out or coming in. Watch over the people on the street that provide the protection to our communities. Be with those men and women, surround them with your mercy and your grace and thy divine protection. Father dismiss us now with thy peace and thy glory let us go in thy peace today. We give you praise and thanks. Amen.
President Rick Blair – We’ll start tomorrow morning at 8 o’clock voting so if possible be here just a couple of minutes early so we can get everything in order and uh, third session will open at 8:30. Recess till tomorrow morning.
President Richard Blair – I call the third session to order. Mr. Chaplain.

Reverend Harry Hetz – Grace, mercy and peace be with you this morning. I hope you all had a good evening of rest and refreshment and fellowship. Let us assume an attitude of prayer. Holy God, we thank you for these men and women that have dedicated their lives to the service of their communities. Father, we lift them up to you for your mercy and grace. Father, we lift up all those that are on the streets serving their community and the fire and police. We lift up our armed forces as well Lord and your mercy and grace would be with them. Shield, protect and guide them as they go about their duties. Be with their families as they look to return home Lord, just attend them and look over them and give them the comfort of your peace as they look for their safe return. Father, we ask for your divine blessing over our meetings today. We thank you for yesterday and the guidance you provided. We just ask that you would extend that blessing and grace today as we come together. We know that there are those that need a touch from you Lord and we just ask that your healing hand be upon those that need your mercy and grace in that area. And Father, we lift up those that are grieving or struggling and we just ask for your grace and your love to surround them, your comfort and your peace to pour out over them. Father for all these things we give you praise and thanks and we give you praise and thanks for the day that you have given us. Amen.

President Richard Blair – Now we bring out our safety Chairman for a safety message. Mike

Safety Chairman Michael LeCompte – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everybody. Hope you spend your money in town, keep our tax base down. Enjoy yourselves. Yesterday we gave a presentation real quick on what the Maryland State Highway Administration had asked for regarding their requirements through the Federal DOT on us working in or near a Maryland Highway, which would include an alley all the way up to the interstates. And my committee member Robin Hahn who’s from Cecil County standing to my right has the vest that they would prefer that we wear. A letter is going to be going out to all of the Counties as well as to every subcontractor, contractor, as well as each and every employee of the State of Maryland that this, Robin just turn around real quick, thank you. This is what they would prefer we wear. The lime green background with the orange striping so you can see it from a distance with the Scotchlite. You can turn back now, thank you. They also, the fire community out there they would prefer you have fire on it so if we have a major incident that we can identify who the people are. So this is what they would like you to be wearing. The
break away. Robin turn sideways, there’s a breakaway on here (walked away from microphone). That’s the first time I’ve ever done that. Anyway they would prefer that you always have a breakaway for the fire community and EMS, and the reason why is we were down there and got caught on something on an extrication or a rescue, or if somebody would drive by and their mirror, side mirror, would catch it that it would break away and wouldn’t drag you down the highway. So with that said, this is what the State Highway Administration wants us to start wearing. The reason why the old orange vests aren’t to be worn anymore is because when you’re driving at a high speed and we drop cones, or they drop cones, that we blend. They’ve looked at highway cameras and we start blending with the cones. And we start getting mobile and when we do that people don’t recognize who we are doing 30, 40, 60 mile an hour and they use you as a target and hit you. So this identifies us from the cone structure that we typically put out for a major incident. This is for every event, not just the major events, I want to make that clear. This doesn’t come from us on the safety committee, this comes from your State Highway Administrators and this is what they want you to wear. There were questions in the hallway yesterday, this is it. Robin, thank you. Appreciate it, thank you for everything. One last thing, this is so inexpensive, it’s so simple. We had two cardiac events where we had line of duty deaths last year in the State of Maryland. Hydration. A typical day like yesterday and the onset of today, the word onset of a cardiac event. Reading and going over this with the safety committee we have found and the medical community has found, that hydration is our best defense against a heart attack or sudden onset to a cardiac event. So when you’re out there, whether we’re at a fire or a simple motor vehicle accident which happened on 404 when we had a death, hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Those that are the officers in here enforce this. On the front of our firetrucks in Ocean City where our bumper lines are we have a compartment. Every night it gets iced down and every single night we check it to make sure that there is plenty of plain water in there so that we can hydrate. So just keep that in mind. I appreciate it. Thank you for being here. Thank you for keeping our tax base down and spending your money. And as I always say, God bless you.

Gladhill-Thompson Award - Good morning. It is always an honor for the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and it’s auxiliary to be here to sponsor the Gladhill-Thompson Award each year. Craig Harman was last year’s recipient, he could not be here today, but I’m gonna ask Wylie Donaldson from Odenton to come forward and receive Craig’s trophy. Thank you Wylie. Each year I give the honor to the outgoing President of the MSFA to name the new recipient. I’d like President Blair to come forward and do that.

President Richard Blair – Thank you. Gladhill-Thompson Award will go to Douglas R. Simpkins Jr.

Douglas R. Simpkins Jr. – Good morning. I would like to take the opportunity to thank um, my home company, Arbutus, the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association for their support and our endeavors to make the Maryland State Firemen’s
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Association the best in the Country. Ladies and gentlemen, a lot of people ahead of me have won this prestigious award and I do thank you all for this, but more importantly I would like to take this time and dedicate this beautiful trophy to someone who is no longer with us but has left us a lasting impression on every one of you and everyone back stage in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The gentleman mentored me coming in as I started to serve on the Executive Board and get more involved with the State Association. He guided me, he showed me the way and Jim Seavey, thank you buddy. We’re rolling here.

President Richard Blair – Next up is the Board of Trustees Douglas Alexander.

Board of Trustees Douglas Alexander – Good morning. Joining me on stage is the ah Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Hopefully in the next minute or two the Colburn Cup is gonna arrive with the Princess Anne Fire Department so they should be joining us here momentarily. Just a little background for you. The Colburn Cup is named in honor of Past President Dr. George W. Colburn Jr. Doctor Colburn served as the MSFA President in 1931-32 and had also served on many committees of the Association and as Chairman of the Executive Committee from 1930-31. At the 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in 1932 the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the MSFA by retiring President Colburn. The award was to be presented in the line of succession from year to year to an individual in our organization for an outstanding act of heroism or for some outstanding act for the good of the Association. The qualifications and awards are to be made by the Board of Trustees who shall act as the judges. This cup is to presented at the annual convention of the MSFA. The Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company, the home company of Past President Colburn, houses the original Colburn Cup since its retirement in 1958. They now provide the Colburn Cup each year which the recipient keeps. I will tell you that this year, ah ten years as a trustee, this was by far the hardest one we've ever had to pick., as we had a couple of really outstanding submissions this year. It was a very difficult job to pick out who was going to be presented the Colburn Cup this year. But as always we came to a consensus, and the winner of this year’s Colburn Cup is Assistant Chief Paul Callahan of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department. If Paul would make his way to the stage along with his family. I'll give you just a brief synopsis of the situation that Paul – All right let’s try another mike and see how that works. On Saturday November 17, 2018 the Devin Marie 2 fishing boat captained by Paul Callahan, the Assistant Chief of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Company was fishing in the Choptank River. At about 0925 in the morning Captain Callahan received a cell phone call from Oxford Fire Company’s Captain Matt Hull. Mr. Hull had heard a call on the emergency radio about a capsized boat in Broad creek. Captain Hull, knowing where Captain Callahan fished a lot of the time called Captain Callahan on his cell phone and advised him of the emergency. Captain Callahan advised his party to pull in all lines at once. The party reeled their lines in as quickly as possible. He started heading to the area under full throttle with radar scanning for something on the water. It was a rough
sea day, and the radar picked up two objects in the water. Upon further investigation Captain Callahan determined that one of the objects was a fishing boat not involved and headed for the second object. It was very hard to see the capsized boat but he managed to get to it at Nelson’s Point. Boat 70 from the Tilghman Fire Company was also dispatched for the rescue along with the Coast Guard. Captain Callahan’s boat the Devin Marie 2 got to the overturned boat to find 3 hunters, all brothers, one with chest waders on that were filled with water and his shotgun strapped to his shoulder was actually in the water. Two other brothers were lifted to the Devin Marie 2 by the fishing party. The job of lifting brother number one into the boat became impossible since he was wearing heavy water filled waders. He told the rescuers his vision was failing and his arms were stiff and he could not help himself. The crew on the Devin Marie 2 held him to the side of the boat until Boat 70 with lower sides and a lift arrived to get him out of the water and got him to shore for transport to the hospital. The Devin Marie 2 transported the other 2 brothers to meet the ambulance where they were transported to the hospital for observation. All 3 sustained no injuries and made a complete recovery.

If we’ve ever had an example of team work, I think this is it. So at this time I’d like to uh, no, we don’t have the cup on stage, but we present the cup to Assistant Chief Paul Callahan and Paul if you’d like to have a few words, the mike is yours.

Assistant Chief Paul Callahan—Thank you very much. I would like to say I am both honored and humbled to receive this award. November 17th of last year was a day that we were able to make an effective, actually save some lives. I will say the day is not won by the action of a single person but by the combined effort of a team. Everyone on the Devon Marie knew that day was critical for us to get the boat going, headed in the right direction, get emergency equipment, get our hands on the Halloway brothers before it was too late. I couldn’t do it by myself. Those members were Mark Ledford, Susan A Callahan, and my son Michael Callahan. Additionally, the important actions taken that day was by Matthew Hull. Matthew Hall was at the station as a senior officer when the call came in. Our fire boat was out of service and no way to respond. Matt took the initiative and being an experienced fisherman himself, knew what boats were out there, he started making phone calls. After he got ahold of me he actually worked to figure out where else the Point actually was. It’s that initiative that actually saved the day. I believe it was because of those actions we would have had at least one if not all 3 brothers die that day. I think it underscores our point about our service. Our most important asset isn’t our stations, isn’t our equipment, it’s our members. Our members who ride our equipment that actually go out and respond, that’s what makes the difference. Because of all of you is why we succeed at a service. Again, thank you for this award. I’m very humbled and very appreciative.

President Richard Blair – Up next is the Robert H. Shimer award presented by Robert “Bobby” Jacobs.

Past President Robert “Bobby” Jacobs – These tall people will drive you nuts. Morning
everyone. Um, this is the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award and I would like to identify our committee members, three of them here. C. Daniel Davis, Phil Hurlock, and Roger Steger, Joe Robinson, I don’t know if he’s in the audience or not, and myself. This year we had a total of 9 nominees um I’ll identify those individuals, and we’ll also give you a uh brief synopsis of what the award is about. That will be presented by Phil Hurlock. Uh, the nominees this year Gina Willy, from Takoma Park, Douglas R. Simpkins Jr. from Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company, Mary Lou Little from the Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg, ah, Davis W. uh David W. Lewis from the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, Steven Hollinger of the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg, Pam Ellison of the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg, James W. Dawson Jr. of George’s Creek Ambulance Service, ah Allen F. Davis Jr. of the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg and Mike Brombacker of the Upperco Volunteer Fire Company. At this time I will ask ah Mr. Hurlock if you will come forward and uh present the uh overview of Mr. Shimer and the ah the award was established ah, Past President Davis and Steger do the presentation of the awardee nomination, not the nomination but the recipient of this year’s Shimer Award. Phil.

Past President Phil Hurlock –Thank you Past President Jacobs. Good morning. I will read just a little bit of the Shimer Award. At the request of the Shimer family with the endorsement of the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association an award was established to be presented annually in recognition of the many years of faithful and dedicated service that was provided by Past President Bob Shimer to the fire rescue and emergency services in the State of Maryland. This prestigious award will recognize an individual for their achievement, activities and administrative positions that they have held within their community, County and the State. The time requirement for this award was not restricted to this past year but could have been put in for accomplishments for prior years as well. The intention of the award is to honor Past President Robert Shimer for his 37 years of community service to the State of Maryland and for the many different roles and responsibilities he held during his career. This award is a tribute to him for the recognition he earned as a member of the emergency services in the State of Maryland. His passion for the emergency services struck every one of us and his presence is surely missed. At this time Past President C. Danny Davis will announce this year’s recipient for the Robert H. Shimer Award.

Past President C. Danny Davis–Good morning. It is my pleasure to present the winner of the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award to David W. Lewis. Dave you out here?

President Richard Blair- Now we’re gonna do the Hall of Fame and the Marbery Gates Award. Ben Kurtz step forward.

Ben Kurtz – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. I’d like to introduce our members of the Hall of Fame Committee as they come forward. C. Oscar Baker past president, member emeritus. Fred Cross, Past President Timothy Jones, Bill Lay, James McGruder
Sr., John T. Ferguson, Dave Keller III, Past President Richard Smith. Ladies and gentleman the Hall of Fame was first introduced and accepted from the Executive Committee in 1979. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame you have 10 years of minimum service into a fire service, rescue squad in the State of Maryland. The categories, special service to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, service to your regional or County Association, and service to your home company and department. We had 33 applicants this year though the following 10 members will be introduced and inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2019. Our first member is Daniel O. Baker Jr. from St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue, in Calvert County. If Daniel is not here if we could have a representative from the home company please come forward to accept. Yep, okay Daniel Baker. Our next one, number two Rose Clark United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Queen Anne’s County. Our third recipient, Michael A. Davis Maryland Line Fire Protection Association and Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Baltimore County, Past President. Our fourth recipient Amos Edwin “Smoke” Joiner from Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, Kent County. Is Smoke up front somewhere? We thought he might be downstairs still. Times a wasting Smoke, anytime now. Our fifth one is Thomas Kavanaugh, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County. Is Mr. Kavanaugh in? If not if we can have a representative from Rockville to receive it? Okay, good. Thank you. Coming from the back, okay. Number six, Thomas A. Mattingly Jr. Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, St. Mary’s County. Number seven, William C. Press, Rescue Fire Company, Dorchester. Number eight, Richard Scott Smith, Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company, Carroll County. Number nine, Wayne Tome Sr. Water Witch Fire Company, Cecil County. Number ten, Clarence Webber, Western Enterprise Fire Company, Washington County. Okay, oh, no problem. Alright, we have a special categories and ah we can select up to three. These individuals may not be members of a fire department in Maryland, however they have done outstanding service to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and on Saturday we recognized one of them and we’ll recognize the other two today. Saturday we recognized Donald L. Defries, Jr, who was Chairman of the Maryland EMS Board for over 25 years and he received his ah Hall of Fame Induction Saturday at the banquet. The other category special is Allen Baldwin, Stafford County Fire Department and Rescue. Chief Baldwin has been an instructor here at the conference and convention for many years and we thank you Chief Baldwin for an outstanding job. Our next special category is Cathy Cox, Cathy from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Cathy is there running and selling tickets, uh during the Executive Committee she helps set up the ladies events and activities and she’s married to Doyle, I mean think about that. Oh my goodness. Congratulations Cathy, it should be sainthood, not just the, go give her a kiss Doyle, geez. Can we get the photo op guys? Photo op. While they are doing the photo ops, I do want to thank the Hall of Fame Committee, and it’s been especially hard this year, our Chairman who has been Chairman for many years Danny Carpenter we miss you greatly and just want to say thank you and recognize Danny for all the years of service that he did for the Hall of Fame Committee. Ladies and gentlemen, your inductees, Hall of Fame for 2019. Yes, soon as I get them all. Thank you gentlemen, you can leave
now. Thank you Cathy. All right we'll be getting ready for the ah Marbery F. Gates Award. The Marbery F. Gates is recognizing members in the fire and emergency services for 50 years of active service. This year we had 51 applicants, varying from 50 years on up through the high sixties. We are bringing the awards down here to the front, we’re not gonna have them all come up to the stage, but we want to recognize each and every individual that was nominated. You can only have one award winner, but everyone is a winner as far as the years of service that these individuals have done in the emergency service for the State of Maryland. The award is sponsored by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department in Montgomery County. Gentlemen are you ready? Sure, sure. As the nominees are read please if the individual is not here if we could have a member of their fire company or department or even their County, if the department is not here, to come forward to receive the award for that individual. Alright, here we go. Number one, Patrick R. Courtney, English Council Volunteer Firemen’s Association, 50 years of service. Joseph Paul Colonna, Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. Roger “Wayne” Copsey, Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. Paul R. Reinke Jr. Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Department, 56 years of service. John A. Purkey III, Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Department, 55 years of service. John Miller Sr., Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company, 56 years of service. Allen Brauer Sr., Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, 55 years of service, Calvin S. Stack Jr., Rescue Fire Company, 50 years of service. John Dwight Armiger, Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. Robert L. Hall Jr., Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. John Berryman Jr., Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, 56 years of service. Michael A. OrndorffSr., the Vigilant Hose Company, 53 years of service. Lawrence Gaddis, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, 55 years of service. Curtis Warfield Sr., Damascus, 50 years of service. Earl Wayne Shaw III, Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. S. Darron Long, Damascus, 50 years of service. Robert E. Gartner Jr., Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. Gary Flook, Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. Larry Pearre, Urbana Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, 50 years of service. Francis “Buddy” May, Urbana Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, 58 years of service. Chris Mattingly, Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Department, 50 years of service. Leroy Burch III, Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company, 57 years of service. William Letoureau, Jr. Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company, 54 years of service. William R. “Bill” Caldwell, William M. Singerly Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company No.1 of Elkton, 63 years of service. Richard Scott Smith, Pleasant Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company, 54 years of service. Melvin C. Starner, Pleasant Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company 53 years of service. Charles B. Miller, Pleasant Valley Community, 51 years of service. George Edward Arbaugh, Pleasant Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company, 50 years of servicing. Joseph D. Antoszewski, Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company, 51 years of service. I screwed that up didn’t I Joe, I just called on Joe. Bruce O. Allen, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, 52 years of service. Thomas W. Musgrove Sr., Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, 53 years of service. Elmer E.
Hamm, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, 52 years of service. Donald Ellis, Baden Volunteer Fire Department, 60 years of service. Dennis L. Mancha, Manchester Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder Co. Number 1, 50 years of service. Lawrence A. Pilkerton, Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, 50 years of service. Milton A. “Butch” Bloom III, Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company, with 54 years of service. Dale Kline Sr., Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, 54 years of service. Stephan D. Cox, Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company, with 51 years of service. Austin E. Umbel, Vigilant Hose, 55 years of service. John S. Hollinger, Vigilant Hose Company, 73 years of service. Robert A. Rosensteel Sr., Vigilant Hose Company, 57 years of service. Must be something special in the water up there. Harve Edward “Ed” Woods Sr., Glenn Dale Fire Association, 60 years of service. Johnie F. Roth Jr., Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department with 52 years of service. Edward T. Clopper, Funkstown Volunteer Fire Department, 60 years of service. James E. Jarboe, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, 62 years of service. Ralph E. Dahl, Manchester Fire Engine Hook and Ladder Company Number 1, 56 years of service. Richard Dell, Manchester Fire Engine Hook and Ladder Company Number 1, 51 years of service. Alvin Rinold, Manchester Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder Company Number 1, 56 years of service. Robert P. Able Jr, Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, 51 years of service. Robert Lee Trossbach, Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, 51 years of service. Ladies and gentlemen, these are all the candidates that were nominated for the Marbery F. Gates Award. Let’s give them a round of applause. At this time I’ll call on President Eric Bernard from the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department for the presentation of the Marbery F. Gates Award.

**President Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Eric Bernard**—Good morning. On behalf of the Officers and members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. We are honored to be here today to recognize these men of the Maryland Fire Service. Named after our charter member, the longest living charter member at Rockville. Marbery F. Gates. If you add the years of service these gentlemen have served here in Maryland they add up to over 3,600 years of service. Unbelievable, yes. According to the Department of Labor the average American Volunteers four hours a year. Usually in one block to a faith based or volunteer organization in their community. These gentlemen before you average four hours a day for over fifty years. It is just incredible. This award could go to anyone of them and they are all deserving. But let’s just take a quick flashback of where these gentlemen were at a minimum when they joined. So to have fifty years, you joined in 1969, now many of our members here in the audience don’t remember 1969. So we’ll have a little refresher, and there will be a test, administered by MFRI to keep your EMT exam today. The major news stories included, the Beatle’s last public performance on the roof of Apple Records. The first Concord test flight is conducted in France. And we all know that the Concord is no longer flying, yet these 51 members are still providing service. The Pontiac Firebird TransAM was the epitome of the American muscle car. It was introduced in 1969. Probably not many of our members attended but Woodstock attracted more than 350,000 rock and roll fans.
Members of a cult led by Charles Manson murdered 5 people. Chappaquiddick affair, Senator Edward Kennedy. Did you know in 1969 PBS was established. The first man is landed on the moon on the Apollo 11 mission by the United States and Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the moon. And all that is eclipsed by the volunteer service of our 51 people being recognized today. For they are heroes every day for at least 50 years. The cost of living in 1969, things were a little bit cheaper, the Dow reached a high of 800, the average cost of a new house $15,550.00, the average income $8500.00 and the average new car was $3,270.00. Unfortunately, only one member, one of our honorees can receive this award. I will read you the nomination letter. I would like to nominate this person for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup. He joined the Bel Air Fire Company on May 1, 1968. Since joining he has held all the suppression officers including Chief, the office he currently holds today, currently holds today, many years he was a top ten responder. The Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company is one of the busiest fire companies in Harford County. In 1994 he ran for Second Vice President of the MSFA and was elected, then went on to be elected First Vice President in ’95, President in ’96. During his terms in offices he traveled throughout the State of Maryland, he also spent hours traveling to neighboring States. Even though his job took him out of the State for a few years he still remained active with the MSFA holding various positions on numerous committees including the Convention Committee where he worked tirelessly backstage and is still doing that. Since returning to Maryland he has gotten very active as the Chairman of the MSFA Budget Committee, making sure the MSFA funds are spent the way they were intended. He was asked to take Chair of the MSFA Legislative Committee, he spends many hours in Annapolis working with Legislators to get bills passed or defeated for the favor of the MSFA. Richard Smith and this gentleman spent many hours working on Sprinkler Bills that would protect all first responders in the State. In 2018, he took the position of representing the MSFA on the Maryland EMS Board. He retired from MFRI recently when Steve, uh when he was at MFRI he was very instrumental in making sure that all the fire companies in Maryland were trained to the highest standards. He was always willing to answer questions or meet with an individual or company that had a problem. For all of these reasons listed and many many more, it is the belief that Stephan D. Cox is an excellent candidate and is awarded the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup for 2019. Chief. Along with the large trophy which will be displayed in Bel Air for the next year, Chief Cox is awarded his personal trophy that he may keep. We also have several proclamations. I have here a Governor’s Citation for Chief Cox’s 51 years, and actually we have two, one for Bel Air and one for Chief Cox. Let it be known because of your demonstration of high integrity and ability meriting our great trust and respect, we are most pleased to award you the Governor’s Citation in appreciation of your outstanding service to the citizens of Maryland. Chief, congratulations.

Ben Kurtz – Congratulations Steve. I want to thank the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department for sponsoring the Marbery F. Gates. Once again we ask each company and department each year to please submit for the Hall of Fame and those members
who have 50 years of active service, or more, please submit their names to be recognized at next year’s Convention and Conference. One announcement. We would like to have all Hall of Fame Inductees to please go to room 209 for a group photo, 209 for those who were inducted in today’s Hall of Fame. Thank you.

President Richard Blair—Next person we’ll have up here is Legislative Committee Update Johnie Roth.

Legislative Committee Chairman PP Johnie Roth – Good morning Mr. President. Morning delegates, members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, my name is Johnie Roth, I’m a member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Legislative Committee. With me is Co-Chairman Jimmy Malone, and Robin Shelden-Hahn, and we are here this morning to present the awards for the Legislators of the Year. Just to give you a couple of quick statistics, the Legislative Committee report is on page 55 and 57 of your program, ah we’ve traveled to approximately 2000 miles as far as, I’m sorry, 2000 miles from our home departments to get to Annapolis for the Legislative Session which was quite busy this year, and the members as well as the members of the Ladies Auxiliary logged in well over 21,000 hours representing you at the Maryland State House. There are a lot of bills that came up this year, we’re certainly expecting a lot more in the coming years. We had a lot of successes this year with cancer presumptions, as well as many of the other things we are certainly looking forward to defending the Residential Sprinkler bill that we have been very passionate about as well as many of the others. So it’s my great pleasure to introduce Jimmy Malone to introduce our recipients this year for the Legislators of the Year. Jimmy.

Legislative Committee Co-Chair Jimmy Malone – Thank you very much. Good morning every one. Good morning every one. Thank you very much. First of all I just want to take this opportunity to say what an honor it was to be the Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Committee. We worked very well. I want to thank President Walker for everything he did and then once he became Second Vice President of the Association Johnie Roth stepped in and did a tremendous job. How about a nice round of applause for Johnie Roth. Also I’d like to thank Teresa Crisman for everything that she did with our weekly bulletins so everybody, all throughout the State knew what was going on during the Legislative Session, and our unsung hero I want to thank Richard Smith who I think during the Legislative session read every single solitary Senate and House bill to make sure that we didn’t miss anything that effected the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I also want to send a special thank you to Senator Dr. Clarence Lamb for hosting the Maryland State Firemen’s Association reception in Annapolis. I also want to thank Delegate Marvin Homes from Prince George’s County for Chairing the Fire/EMS Coalition and also a very special thank you and we are blessed to have him, he is the past Chief and President of Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department in Carroll County, and he is very instrumental on the Board of Directors at Maryland Association of Counties, he is a great voice for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and I know
he’s here and I would like to send out some kudos to my good friend Commissioner
Steve Lance. Steve I know you’re out there somewhere. And now ladies and gentlemen
I’d like to go ahead and um I’d like to get into our awards. The first award I’d like to give
is she’s been in the Legislature for a very long time, she was in the House of Delegates,
she came in in 1994. I had the honor and privilege of coming in with her and then she
moved on and became a Senator. She has been very instrumental in her entire career
in the State Legislature of working on several pieces of legislation and this past year
she led the charge in working on the 911 Commission and doing everything to bring
our attention to the great job that our Fire and Police Dispatchers do all over the State
of Maryland. Anything we needed we went to her and she did a phenomenal job, so
we’d like to read the plaque.

Robin Sheldon-Hahn—The Senator William H Amos Memorial Legislative Award
presented to Senator Cheryl Kagan. In recognition of an individual’s contribution
and determination and promoting the betterment of Maryland’s Fire and Emergency
Medical Services through successful legislation and legislative process. Sponsored
and presented by the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association June the 18th,

Senator Cheryl Kagan – You can’t have a microphone near an elected official and not
expect that she wants to speak, just for a moment anyway. I’m very proud to be the
Senator for Rockville and Gaithersburg and I first just want to recognize everybody who
was acknowledged for more than 50 years of service. The sacrifices that you make in
your health, your safety, time with family is really extraordinary and makes Maryland’s
communities a better place. The 911, Next Generation 911 Commission is a labor
of love. I’ve had three people die in my district when 911 has failed and I have loved
partnering with you all. The last thing, I just want to say is that 84 people have died in
the line of duty around the Country, firefighters, and three in Maryland, and lest they
not be forgotten I want to say the names of Christopher Pryor, who died on February
25th of last year, Nathan Flynn July 23rd, and Danny Lister September 1st. May they rest
in peace and be always appreciated for the service they gave to their communities and
to the people of Maryland. Thank you for all that you do and thank you very much for
this award. I’m really grateful.

Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Jimmy Malone – The next award that we have is
a lady that represents Baltimore City. While there are no volunteers in Baltimore City
but as the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and before that as the Chairman
of the Environmental Matters Committee, she was instrumental in several pieces of
Legislation including the Sprinkler bill throughout the State of Maryland, the Move
Over Bill, the Smoke and CO alarms and making sure whenever we need bond bills
as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee that she takes great care of all of us.
Sometimes, I want everybody to know, it’s just not the good bills that get passed,
sometimes it’s killing the bad bills. She has been a supporter from day one since she’s
been in the Maryland House of Delegates and I’d like to introduce and ask to come forward.

Robin Sheldon-Hahn – Again, the Senator William H. Amos Memorial Legislative Award is presented to Delegate Maggie McIntosh in recognition of an individual’s contribution and determination in promoting the betterment of Maryland Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services through successful legislation and the legislative process. Presented by the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association June 18th, 2019. Dale Perkins President.

Delegate Maggie McIntosh– You can’t let a Senator speak and not let a Delegate speak. I want you to know, ah first of all I want to thank you for this award. It truly does mean a great deal to me and I am actually very very supportive of all the work that all of you do. The ah awards that were just given out with the numbers of years 50, 58, 60, 63 years of volunteer service is just phenomenal. And I want to thank you for what you do. I want to also just say that on Sixty Minutes this Sunday, how many of you watch Sixty Minutes and saw that special kinda segment on the firefighters of America, volunteers and professional and what you’re facing in terms of the high rates of cancer among firefighters. I want to make sure, let me just say this to the Legislative Committee, that in Maryland no firefighter whose family is affected by their inability to fight fires anymore because of cancer, I want to make sure you’re getting protected. I want to make sure our workers comp is working for you, because you are the ones that put yourselves in harm’s way and we need to make sure that we’re helping out your family in a time of need. It really struck me, that documentary, on the kinds of situations that today’s firefighters and volunteer firefighters face. Building materials aren’t the way they used to be 100 years ago. And now they’re full of carcinogenic and all sort of explosive materials that are impacting our health, your health. So let me just say we want to make sure we’re taking care of you. Uh, thank you very much and by the way ah, one of the reasons I did such a good job on the Sprinkler System and all of those things is when I was Chair of Environmental Matters I had the greatest Vice Chair in the World, his name was Jimmy Malone. Never alone with Jimmy Malone. So thank you.

Legislative Chairman Johnie Roth – Thank you very much. We have one final award, this is if you will, a special award. Ah this individual certainly uh really has no need any really introduction. Ah, we’ve had a partner, we have a lot of partners of course within Maryland State Firemen’s Association, and we have had one for quite a few years, especially in Annapolis that we’ve worked well with, and this gentleman has uh fought shoulder to shoulder with us when it’s come to cancer presumption bills anything that has to do with firefighters whether be volunteer or career. This gentleman is uh chosen to uh take a little hiatus if you will as President of the Maryland Professional Firefighters Union and we would like to recognize him this morning and if he could come forward. Michael D. Rund President of the Professional Firefighters of Maryland. Mike. Mike I’m
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Sorry we had to trick you into this because I know you thought your wife was going to receive this award today. Ah but I’d like to read what is on the plaque, it says presented to Michael D. Rund, President Professional Firefighters of Maryland, in recognition of successful term as President of the Professional Firefighters of Maryland and your many years of service during your legislative sessions in Annapolis. Presented on this 18th day of June 2019 by Richard C. Blair President. Congratulations Mike.

President Professional Firefighters of Maryland Michael D. Rund — This is a great group over here. Um, I’ve been our President for ten years, Vice President for 16 years in that time frame we have built a relationship between the career and volunteers in Annapolis that I think is arguably the best it’s ever been. Ah hand in hand, side by side, everything that I’ve done to try and benefit the firefighters, I don’t care whether your paid for it or volunteer to do it, ah it’s been my goal just to get the laws in Maryland to protect all the firefighters and I can’t thank you all enough.

Legislative Co-Chairman Jimmy Malone — And ladies and gentleman I just wanted to let you know Mike Rund was escorted by the new Chief of the Baltimore County Fire Department effective July 1st Mrs. Joanne Rund, Chief Joanne Rund. And the last award that we have today when President Walker became President this gentleman did an excellent job down for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I’m a big fan that every organization has a most valuable player and an unsung hero and this gentleman did a phenomenal job this legislative session. He has no idea what we’re doing to him today. That’s what’s so great about this. So.

Robin Sheldon-Hahn — Again the plaque will read the same, but it is presented to Legislative Committee Member Johnie Roth. Thank you for your service.

Legislative Committee Chairman Johnie Roth — Well this is, this is one of those gotcha moments. Ah, but I certainly want to say thank you number one but we’re here to serve you. Ah this is an honor, I’ll accept this on behalf of the committee, ah the Richard Smith’s that would call you at 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 in the morning from Florida every single day, telling you have you checked this bill, have you checked that bill, that sort of thing. Ah, I want to thank Chuck Walker, who stepped up with help from Steve Cox and Richard when Steve was going a different route and Richard was going to Florida. Ah, but this is a committee group, Bernie Smith, and all the ladies from the LAMSFA to come in every single day to help us out in doing all the yeoman’s work ah within the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary. So when you see one of them certainly thank one of them. We have a lot of things that we’re looking forward to this coming year, even in the off session we’ve already spoken with Michael Cox, Director of MFRI, in reference to doing, if you will, an educational realm with our Senators and Delegates ah in different parts of the State where we can actually show them what a firefighter goes through as well as doing side by side burns. So, there is a lot of things going on. We certainly welcome you to come to Annapolis anytime. Seventeen State Circle is like the little house on the prairie, it’s the little house on
the circle if you will, with the red roof, but ah we always have hot coffee and cold beverages and if you’d like a phone or a bathroom or something like that or you’d like to know what’s going on, ah the door is always open and we certainly welcome you anytime. And I thank you very much for this award, but we’re doing it for you. This is for everybody in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Thank you very much.

**President Richard Blair** – Thank you Johnie and the Legislative Committee for everything you’ve done in Annapolis this past year.

**Parliamentarian Richard Brooks** – Thank you Mr. President. The President grabbed me here he wanted me to make sure that ah this next gentleman was appropriately introduced. It is certainly someone who, for many of us who grew up in this Association, and are no longer the young people in it, ah had mentors and leaders and people who stood strong and voiced their opinions about the volunteer fire service. And I would ask, that I believe the senior Past President please come out on stage this afternoon, or this morning, please welcome C. Oscar Baker. Alright.

**President Richard Blair** – Now we’ll present the C. Oscar Baker Rookie Award.

Good morning. Over seventy-five years ago Oscar Baker walked into a firehouse for the first time. Like most of us in this room, his main goal was to learn new things, meet new people and help people along the way. When talking to Oscar he told me how important a firefighters rookie years are. During this time is when a firefighter will be molding themselves into the firefighter they will become. Whether it’s career or volunteer we are all rookies at one time. As the rookies most important, as a rookie the most important thing is to consistently be ready to learn and hone the skills you are taught from your more seasoned members of your company. Oscar is a firm believer in the fact that you are never done learning, you are always a student to this life. There will be new equipment, new ways of doing things, and we have to continue to learn as we to grow. It doesn’t stop there though, we have a bigger commitment to our stations and our community then just honing our skills, we must continue volunteering to help the next generation, whether that be flipping pancakes, calling bingo, or putting long hot hours in at your summer carnival, we need the fund raising volunteer hours as well. Oscar believes that we should all want to leave our company better than what it was when we joined as a rookie. Never stop putting forth effort to grow. Grow your knowledge, grow your station, grow your fleet, grow your membership. For it is the rookies that in seventy-five years that will look back and reminisce on the good old days and all the amazing adventures and accomplishments they had along the way in the fire service. And maybe there will be a guy just like myself able to look up to, and able to say thank you to a man like Oscar that has dedicated his life to the fire service and wants nothing more than for it to continue to survive, to thrive. So Oscar, I say thank you on behalf of all of us in this room and the members of the fire service everywhere, for your lifetime of commitment to this thing of ours. Because of you and others like you, we are here, we are here where we are today and are able to continue
to have new rookies every year. This year we had a number of great candidates for Rookie of the Year Award, and it’s not easy to choose. This year’s nominees were, Darius Barnes from the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Shaun McKeever from Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, William P. Madari from Long Green Volunteer Fire Company, Samuel Cooper from Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department, and Ethan McClure from Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company. This year’s winner of the Oscar C. Rookie of the Year Award goes to William P. Madari from the Long Green Volunteer Fire Company in Baltimore County. William if you’re here please come up. William has been a huge asset to the Long Green Volunteer Fire Department since the fall of 2017. Once completing all required training William has consistently remained at the top of the top responder. William resides close to the fire station and runs on foot to the station to answer the alarms. He is an excellent student, athlete, volunteer firefighter and soon to be United States Marine. William has enlisted and will deploy on July 8th. His goal is to become a machine gunner. William graduated from high school on May 31st with a grade point average of 3.61. He has attended, he has attained his firefighter one, firefighter 2, emergency medical responder, CPR, and required continuing education since May of 2017. He has responded to 472 calls in 2018, 62% of all calls, over 158 calls in 2019, 76% of all calls up to March 28, 2019. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and Past President C. Oscar Baker congratulate William Madari as a recipient of the 2019 C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. And now, with his birthday, his 97th birthday being this Monday, we are going to give Oscar a few secondsto say a few words.

Past President C. Oscar Baker – Let’s get this over with. Ah, it’s great to be back with you people again this year. I remember ah 40 years ago this week 1979, I came up to Presidency of this great organization, 1979, a long time ago. But it’s still not that long, I hope I have that many more years ahead of me, don’t laugh, I’m gonna fool you all. When I joined in 1941, I was issued a rubber rain coat and a pair of gum boots and that was the way it was back in those days, but I’m not gonna bore you with a whole lot of stories today, so. It’s nice to be with you and I’m gonna cut it off short and I hope to see you next year when I get to be a little bit older and you guys will be a little bit older too. All you young guys and gals out there, stick with the volunteers, we’ll be here forever. Thank you all for coming.

President Richard Blair – For all you Mac truck drivers ah who’ve brought Mac trucks down here for the show they’ll be setting up in the north lot next to ah Sunset room, lunchtime. Our next presenter J. Dino, Jay.

Deputy Director Maryland Center for School Safety J. Dino Pignataro–Good morning. I’m, yeah I knew you were out there, I’m Dino Pignataro, from the Maryland Center for School Safety. Executive Director Kate Hession sends her regards, she could not make here, she’s in Pennsylvania at a meeting up there. Anybody ever heard of the Maryland Center for School Safety, besides the booth here? Ah, that’s what I thought,
thank you. First a disclosure, none, I work for the State of Maryland, I don’t do any part time work anywhere else and I’m not trying to sell you anything. Where I come from, I’m one of you, it’s an honor for me to be on this stage with all these people who were ahead of me and a lot of people in this audience I still at 60 look up to with the experience they have and you can see I’ve been doing this a little bit. I started out in Burtonsville in 1975 I stopped riding over in Montgomery County in 2016. I got to be too busy here and with everything else going on. So I’m a life member at Burtonsville. 1993 I was asked to go to Hillandale as Chief, take over his role there and did that until 2002 and again I stopped there in Montgomery County in 2016. So I’m a life member at both of those organizations. 2002 I moved over to Queen Anne’s County and joined the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company ah, those people over there affectionately know me as a PITA, pain in the you know what. Um, I retired Montgomery County Police in 2006. I’m old enough to have rode the back step and have Pro board Firefighter 3. So that’s where I come from. Real quick cause I know you want to save time, I’m ah now a (inaudible, multiple audible files overlapped) Maryland State Department of Education cause they already had a system set up to do grants. Our staffing went from 2 of us to 14 of us now. We now have a representative in every region in the State. Um, when I was tasked to set the office up I did a one to four ratio. So every school system, every four school systems have one person to call now instead of the two of us for all points. We provide a coordinated, comprehensive strategies for school safety in Maryland. Collaborative work with local school systems, local law enforcement, you all, and your all parts gonna start increasing now and parent groups, and other groups and organizations. We provide promising practices, cause they don’t like using the words best practices, technical assistance, training, grant funding and maintaining and maximizing relationships. You’re gonna start seeing our regional people after September 1st, cause I’m gonna start asking your associations to let us come visit with the regional folks. I want that face time with my folks with you all. Our central office, we are located at the Maryland Coordination Analysis Center. The SAFEfusion center. As far as I know out of 36 school safety centers across the United States we’re the only one co-housed with SAFE fusion Center and it works great for us because when things start happening they may get word ahead of us, they’ll bring it over to us, if we start hearing it through our partners, something’s going down we’ll take it to them. One thing we don’t do is share information when it comes to students or anything like that. That’s off limits. So just letting you guys know. Ah some of the names up here you may recognize, Kate Hession, anybody that’s done any work with Emergency Management for the last several years, she came over from there as the Deputy Director at MEMA over to take over our position. Now I want to tell you, shout out to Russ Strickland, MEMA has been a great partner to work for, work with on several projects and they are continuing with us. Our regional teams, we had to by law set up a facility at Bowie State University, I’m in the process of doing that now, I go back Thursday for furniture delivery. Bowie has been great to work with. Operational date for that center, part of the center will be July 1st hopefully. Let me go through this. We offer right now, behavioral threat assessment training and we’ll go into a little bit more of that in a little bit, youth mental health first
aid, school resource officer, school security officer mandated training from the State, CPR, AED, first aid, stop the bleed for any school personnel that wish to have that. Our regional staff, these are the faces you’re gonna start seeing here regionally shortly, I’m saying September 1st and I’ll show you why in a minute. Our regional map is broken down like this, left to right across the State, I broke them all out. Our prevention/intervention section, provides promising practices in promoting positive school environments related to prevention and intervention strategies. One thing we’ve been studying or looking at anything that happens across the United States, behavioral mental health is the biggest issue and we’re pushing funding, pushing training for that. And here’s some of the uh programs we’re offering helping now with. Youth violence, your suicide prevention, substance abuse and incarceration means we’re trying to stop that school to prison pipe line that is allegedly out there. Training and Evaluation section; they are responsible for student violence, gang involvement and other unsafe acts and we’re gonna start reviewing school safety plans and come to us. Safe to Learn Act, and this is the meat and bones of why I’m here, of 2018. Every school system now has to appoint a local school system safety coordinator, a mental health coordinator. The school safety coordinator is our one to one contact with that system. One phone call we work everything out through them. Mental health coordinators are available to family, students, anyone in the school system that needs help and assistance, drive them to those services. Not figuratively but. Develop multi-disciplinary behavioral threat, again behavioral threat assessments are a key in all of this. Kids start having an issue, we want to get then before they fall off that railroad track, we want to get them back in the track, get them through school, make them productive citizens that way they’re not in the justice system. Develop and implement SRO guidelines, we put out guidelines last fall, the school systems now have to start implementing those guidelines to work within their realm. Conduct regular school safety evaluations, some of the grant money we put out to your school systems this year were for them to do these initial evaluations. They now have to report to us in a summary that report will go to Maryland State Department of Education and we’re gonna marry all that when they redo their emergency planning guidelines for school systems. And they are reporting on critical life threatening incidents. We’re providing them with a description of what we want to hear about, when something goes down in a school system we have to do a um hot wash on it with them, post incident analysis and then we have to report to the Governor and legislature within 45 days of that. Model curriculum, every it actually started yesterday, every school resource officer in the State of Maryland, and school safety employee have to go through a 40 hour class. Right now we have 2 simultaneous classes running, Prince George’s County over in Laurel, they have over 200 people in it and Anne Arundel County up in Northeast High School I believe it is close to 100 people in that. And we’re gonna run continuously through September 1st. Some of the topics in that curriculum, de-escalation, disability/diversity awareness, maintaining positive school climate, implicit bias, trauma-informed counseling, this is not your normal cop stuff, you all who have been in law enforcement should understand, any cop can do the street, it takes a special person and somebody who’s got some
empathy to be in a school system. Cause anybody who’s worked the street knows when you want to put your fingers around somebodies throats now and then, you can’t do that. What it means for local law enforcement, they’re working more collaboratively with their school systems. We’re breaking down those silos cause we have to. They are doing planning and best practices for after school and during school activities, officers on the street, as part of the adequate coverage policies that are out there, we know every school system cannot afford an SRO in every school, it's mandated to hopefully have down the road, but you look at anybody in law enforcement will tell you, nobody wants to be a cop these days. It’s hard to recruit but so that said we understand, the Legislators understood this, what are you gonna do if you don’t have an SRO in your school policies. A lot of school systems, using local law enforcement now are doing something where the beat cops are stopping in, having lunch with the kids, talking and walking the hall with the kids, that kinda thing, and they’re going out doing that. It puts an officer in the school at least part of the time. The other thing it does, it transcends out into the field and the neighborhoods cause now these kids are seeing these officers in a positive light and when they see that they go up to them and it’s not a issue quote unquote in the field. What it means for you all. You are going to start seeing more inclusion with your school systems. I’m pushing it, because you’re response to the schools on every incident also in one way, shape or form. You need to be apprised ahead of time what’s going on. That’s one reason why I want my field personnel to go to your Association meetings, start meeting with you all, start finding out what your needs are. Pre-planning/ site surveys, after this fiscal year they have to do one every year for every facility. Exercise preparation to include table top and full scale exercises. Saint Mary’s County did a great exercise several months ago, I was able to be with and observe. So just kudos to you folks down there. What can you do day to day? Be proactive, stop in, visit with the school principal, see if you can arrange for you to learn the building layout. For all your normal preplan stuff is. Contact your school system, your local safety coordinator, introduce yourselves, face time, one on one contact is what we need, not the minute you have an emergency. That’s the worst time to introduce yourself to these folks. Safe Schools Tip Line. One of the Governor’s big pushes last year was mandates to us to get a school safety, anonymous reporting tip line up and running. Our current Executive Director Kate Hession was at MEMA then, she along with um whatever her name, Mrs. Black, over at MEMA got this up and running in like 8 months. That’s the fastest time we’ve ever seen one get up and running. This tip line, you go by either an apple or an android app, website or phone call. It all goes to the MJOC cause they have a 24/7 operator system up there, we provide five contract employees for them. Anonymous reporting, no names, unless you give your name, you get a number back from the operator so they can contact you, or you contact them with any more information. Here’s the tip line information. We have a booth, we have all this information downstairs, I don’t want to keep you all too long. Our contact information, safe.schoolsmd@maryland.gov, here’s our office phone number 410-281-2335, here’s my information, see I go by Dino, the only time I heard Joseph Dino growing up was when I was in getting in trouble, so, but
email wise, official wise it’s Joseph.Pignataro@Maryland.gov. And the safe school tip line. Now, afternoon program, you saw in the program printed up had this repeated, that’s not what happening this afternoon. We have 90 minutes and this afternoon we’re going to go over a little bit of active shooter case history, the Maryland case history, two case studies, one of which was from Maryland, and then we’re gonna have a um quick practical exercise, two part exercise to show you why options based response and age appropriate are what’s being endorsed across the United States. Any questions for me? Thank you for the privilege to be up here today, I appreciate it.

Past President Johnie Roth – You know I’m a stand in, Past President, but on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association I’d like to present you Richard C. Blair’s mug we also have a bag in the back and we thank you for your presentation today. Here’s Mike Faust and he’ll take over from here.

First Vice President Michael Faust—I just ah just kinda got yelled at because we’re supposed to stay behind the stage and I was having a meeting behind the curtain but thank you all very much. I was asked to make, I don’t need a step stool to get up here, but that’s okay. Um, I was asked to make an announcement that the Maryland Fire and Rescue Services Memorial Foundation pictorial and the Wall of Honor are on display in room 208, you go out the doors in the back and on the right hand side, um, it’s an awesome display and a way that we pay tribute to those folks who lost their life in the line of duty. So please take a few minutes, walk through, take a look at the pictures and also the memorial wall. It’s an actual replica of the wall that’s in Annapolis. Thank you. I’d like to introduce Past President Johnie Roth and could Tom Collins please make your way to the front. Thank you.

Past President Johnie Roth – Thank you again. This is an addition to your programs, it’s obviously not in there. I also chair the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Cancer Support Network Committee, and this year was our fourth annual walk in Annapolis and just put a save the date if you will for next year April 26, 2020, will be our 5th annual cancer walk. It will start at the Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial, we certainly want to thank them for allowing us to kick it off there. We have to use their insurance policy. This year we lost, as you heard on Sunday, a lot of great leaders within the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And three of them in particularly that were very vocal as far as the cancer committee were of course Jim Seavey, Jackie Olsen Past President, and Flo Collins from the Ladies Auxiliary. The committee voted unanimously and we recognized two of those leaders, two of the leaders’ families at the cancer walk this past year. Ah, so I would like Tom Collins, Tom if you could make your way forward, we’d like to recognize the third recipient that we made a chair emeritus for Tom lovingly on behalf of the Cancer Committee to Mrs. Flo Collins. It’s for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association this is a special recognition is hereby bestowed upon Flo Collins as Chairman Emeritus of the cancer support committee and it was presented
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Technically on the 28th day of April 2019 by Richard C. Blair, President. And Tom please accept this and your family on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, she was truly loved and respected by our committee as well as many people within this great organization as well as the Ladies Auxiliary. And this is just a little token of our appreciation for you. We also have a photograph which was a picture that I just happened to take last year at the convention when Flo was giving her convention report, so, thank you very much for being here, we’re there for you, we love you, we support you and thank you and your family for everything that you all have done for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, especially for the Cancer Support Network. Thank you Tom.

First Vice President Michael Faust – Now I’d like to introduce Bill Dousa to present the Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award.

Bill Dousa – Good morning. We’d like to have the members of the EMS Committee if they’re here to come on up and stand with our part of our Hunt committee on the stage please. Ah the Hunt Award was established in 1991 and is administered by the MSFA EMS Committee. It’s sponsored by the Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Association. Doctor Hunt was a physician in Harford County who would leave his practice frequently to ride the ambulance. He was also the first recipient of the award. It’s considered the highest award on the Maryland EMS Provider. The primary requirements for this award are 5 years of service to a Maryland MSFA company, and EMT or above. Our first job tonight, or this morning, is to present the plaque to last year’s winner Terry Soward. Terry would you come forward please? This year we had 10 nominations for the Hunt Award. Ah, I’m gonna read out the names of the nominees, either if the nominees are here we’d like them to come forward to get their certificates, if not a member of their company or County if they would come forward please. Ah the first one is Jorga Alfaro from Takoma Park. Number two is Chris Broussard from Winfield. Number three is Eleanor Brown from Arbutus. Number four is Donald Hawkins from Havre De Grace. Number five is Nadiv Corpman from Pikesville. Number six is Jessica Myers from Mechanicsville VRS. Number seven is Justin Orendorf from Bittinger. Number eight is Jason Poteat from Glen Dale. Number nine is Jennifer Rill from Bel Air, and number ten is Eleshia Wible from Hollywood. Obviously we honor all of these people as nominees for the award, um our selection committee had a tough time making a decision ah but they did pick a winner out of these well qualified people. Ah this year’s winner has been a member of her company for 15 years, she is an ALS provider who while taking duty shift for her home company has also volunteered for her County’s advanced life support, she’s chaired numerous committees for her company and the County. She has been Chief of her squad for the past 6 years, her name is Jessica Myers. Jessica gets to take the trophy home for this year, ah she needs to bring it back to the convention for next year when she’ll get a plaque honoring her ah selection. Thank you everybody.
President Richard Blair – Up next is uh Firefighter of the Year Award, Bill Lay would you step forward?

Bill Lay – Good morning. The award this year is sponsored by Chillum-Adelphi Fire Department in memory of William E. “Rudy” Radisch. If there’s any officers from uh Chillum-Adelphi would they join us on stage? I’d like to introduce the committee, Dale Budnick, John Gatton, Melvin Helwick, Dave Kelly, Roger Mark, Bill Smith, Jim Snyder, Jeff Thompson and Jeff Ringer. The Co-Chairman is James Charvo and my name is Bill Lay. We had eight nominees this year for Firefighter of the Year, which is pretty poor for the State of Maryland as many fire departments as we have and as many Firefighter of the Year that are in each department. But we urge you to next year, to get those persons names in with the resume. The outline for Firefighter of the Year is on the website, so please get that off the website and send them in to us. Because these people around the State need to be recognized. Thank you. The nominees for Firefighter of the Year, if you’re in the audience please come up on stage, Chris Bender, Ridge Fire Department, Chris Roser Winfield Community, David Penwiler, Northeast, Daniel Wernicki, Leonardtown, Scott McNutt, Bel Air, Alex McKinna of Vigilant Hose Company, Joshua Brotherton, Vigilant Hose Company, Harry Curtis, Glyndon Fire Company. The person we honor this year is a kinda behind the scenes person, he ah rather not get the credit, he’d rather somebody else to do it. He’s very instrumental and he’s served on the Board of Directors in his Fire Department, he’s been responsible for getting a lot of equipment on his own, hose, nozzle, breathing apparatus, and so forth, he’s instrumented a safety program as a result of a tow truck driver getting killed on a call in Cecil County, he ah he’s instrumental in taking under his wing the young members coming into the fire department, and many other things that are behind the scenes to operate a fire department. This year’s recipient of the William E. “Rudy” Radisch Memorial Award goes to David Michael Penwiler Northeast.

President Richard Blair – Next presentation will be ah Special Recognition from Mitch Vocke Chairman of ah Ways and Means Committee. Mitch.

Chairman Ways and Means Committee Mitch Vocke – Thank you President Blair. This is going to be hard for me, I’ll get through it. March 15:2019, we lost, Joppa/Magnolia lost Past President, Past Chief, Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Association lost a Past President, Past Treasurer. Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association lost a Past President and a current Past Treasurer at the time, and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association lost the Ways and Means Committee Chairman. Lou Jonske was appointed by President Worthington in June of 2002 as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Lou Jonske was appointed by President Worthington in June of 2002 as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Under Lou’s direction he conducted very successful raffles for 17 years as Chairman. At that was largely due to his ability to engage people one on one. If you were here you didn’t get past the front door, you know what I’m talking about. I do want to go one encounter that happened at Sunfest, cause we were SpringFest and SunFest probably for the last 14 years. I’m gonna keep it clean because I know Lou is
working with the big chief right now. He's trying to sell him tickets. He's already got the one measly dollar, he's working on the special of buy 5 and get 5 free so I don't want to jeopardize that sale for him. He has four ways that he engages people, especially down at Sunfest and Springfest. It's what are you carrying, what did you buy and what do you have in your hand? What's printed on your hat? What is printed on your t-shirt? If that didn't work it was simply hey you, and it worked. You could hear him say, hey Maryland man, and for Ron Siarnicki, hey squealers fan, I mean Steelers fan, hey Penn State guy, hey Salisbury Mom, that's how he worked. So this one day at Sunfest, I was at the front counter, happened to look to my left here comes a guy up he's got his t-shirt on, Dirty Dick's Bar and Grill, you know Lou's voice, you can hear it a mile away, I'm going this isn't going to be good, and before I could distract Lou so he didn't see it, too late. Trouble is, when he yelled he didn't say bar and grill. That was an issue. Half of us were on the ground crying from laughing so hard and the other half were trying to get out of the back of the tent. Not Anna, Anna's counting tickets in the back all you hear her say is "Lou", that's all it took, he settled down. The guy bought 20 tickets that day. At the conclusion of my Ways and Means report at Friendsville Executive Committee meeting in April I asked President Blair um to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee to appoint Lou as Chairman Emeritus of the MSFA Ways and Means Committee. With President, Vice President Faust and Vice President Walker in unison standing they made the recommendation and it passed with a unanimous vote in probably 5 seconds. If the government would only work like that. So Bill Lay at this time would you please escort Anna Jonske up here to receive her plaque from President Blair. Also from Vice President Faust and from Vice President Walker.

President Richard Blair—Next up we'll have the Scholarship Committee. Dale Fishack Jr.

Dale Fishack Jr. – Good morning. It gives me pleasure to announce our scholarship recipients for this school year, but before we do that I would like to thank those who support the uh funding for our scholarships. First is the member companies of the MSFA, a portion of your dues goes towards supporting the scholarships, so thank you to each and every member company that ah pays their dues each year. Second is the MSFA Foundation and the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, and then our supporting partners from the Maryland Committee on Trauma Clara Leelee and Jim Brown. Next from Shock Trauma Tara Carleson and Carla Herisode, and finally support from Delmarva Power Linda Burrs and from Pepco Pete Peters. Thank you for all your support for the funding for the scholarship Committee recipients. Now for the ones that are all awaiting to see if they got a scholarship. First scholarship is being awarded to a member of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, this student is attending UMBC, they are being supported this year by the MSFA, the MSFA Foundation and the Maryland Committee on Trauma. They are being awarded an amount of $2500.00 for the year, Nata Corman. Next student comes from the Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company also attending UMBC, being supported by the MSFA, the MSFA Foundation and Delmarva Power,
receiving the amount of $2000.00 of support, this student was unable to be with us ah today, due to work commitment and schooling commitment Steven Sage. The next student comes from West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department, also attending UMBC and being supported by the MSFA, the MSFA Foundation and the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary and Shock Trauma. The student is being supported in the amount of $3000.00 and again this student was unable to be with us today due to a prior commitment, Brian Huber. The next student comes from the Arbutus Fire Department also attending UMBC. Being supported by the MSFA, MSFA Foundation, Pepco Power, being supported in the amount of $2500.00 also unable to be with us today Hailey Mayers. Next, coming from the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, also attending UMBC, being supported by the MSFA, MSFA Foundation, Maryland Committee on Trauma, supported in the amount of $3000.00 Samuel Friedman. The next student being supported comes from Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department, attending UMBC, being supported by MSFA, MSFA Foundation, Delmarva Power, in the amount of $3000.00 Nathan Sarasitee. And the final student being supported this year comes from West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department, attending Anne Arundel Community College, being supported by the MSFA, MSFA Foundation, Pepco Power in the amount of $2000.00 Justin Pollard. Congratulations to all of our supported students this year. We wish you well in the upcoming school year and we hope to see you around the fire stations volunteering while you’re taking time away from school.

President Richard Blair — Next up is uh the Fire Prevention Awards. Silver Spring Award. Burton Brenner.

Burton Brenner—Good morning. Presidents, Officers, Delegates, distinguished guests, firefighters, emergency medical personnel. Everyone from their respective fire companies and rescue squads across the this great Nation of Maryland, in the State of Maryland, woo, the President and the Board of Trustees of the 104 year old Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and its membership welcomes you to this 127th Annual Maryland State Convention and Firemen’s Association again. I have the honor of addressing this convention recognizing the auxiliary members of the Maryland State Fire and Rescue Departments. The men and women as firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, IV techs, and auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the citizens of our great State of Maryland. The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence was born from the efforts of those who have come before, some still here to guide us, and those who have gone from our physical midst and yet are remembered today for their contribution of fire prevention over the years. It recognizes the highest achievement in the field of fire prevention as judged by one’s peers. We strive to do so much in the State, it’s ah, it’s a difficult task all year long. The Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department has been recognized by Montgomery County and we’ve installed over 1200 smoke detectors to residents of Silver Spring as part of our Life Safety Unit activities in 2018 and 2017. In addition we installed CO2 detectors and safe awake units to our needy residents. The funds remain available through a government grant

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we applied for. In theory Silver Spring could have applied for the trophy, but that would be a conflict of interest. In addition, the Gaithersburg Volunteer Fire Department has participated with our installations in order to create their own life safety unit. The Silver Spring Trophy singles out an outstanding member of a fire department or rescue squad who deserves individual recognition for the efforts in the year 2018 in fire prevention excellence. We recognize these efforts and fresh new innovative ideas which bring credit to the fire service, respect to the fire company and give honor to our State Association. For excellence in the field of fire prevention for the year 2018 it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention the winner of the Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence from Charles County Thomas H. Swain La Plata Volunteer Fire Department. Special thanks to the fire prevention committee and the Maryland State Fire Marshal, his staff and its committee for selecting today’s fire prevention winner. I want you all to think about it and let’s get a larger number of applicants for next year’s fire prevention program for Silver Spring.

President Richard Blair – Next up is Teresa Crisman from Fire Prevention.

Teresa Crisman—Good morning everybody. We have two speakers today that I think it’s really really important before we do the awards and I have an update from the NFPA. Um the last two, three days I’ve actually been in San Antonio, Texas representing the State of Maryland at the NFPA Conference and um committee members vote. And I thought it was really important to attend that because one they announce many programs for us, updates and a voice from Maryland needs to be there. So I came in this morning, at 5:30 this morning to Ocean City and um I guess Kenny Bush left last night to go for his process so I’ll have some updates later but there’s two people that I really want to introduce to do our speaking today. And I thought it was important to bring them back. Um one is Mike Furman as you’ve seen him before he has Flash Max; the other thing I have here is um the person that’s very um, I don’t know the right words um, a while ago we met Sher Grogg, um from a very devastating and tragic situation and um she is the sister of, the sister to um Don Pyle who lost his wife and himself and his 4 grandkids in Annapolis. And today I don’t want that message to ever to be forgotten because we take those issues and we try to make our communities better and I would ask that you please listen and please enjoy this in a sense to get some messages and welcome Sher and um Mike.

Mike Furman – Welcome Maryland fire department family. How’s everybody doing today? Mike Furman, I’m from LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department. I am a life member and I’ve been there since 1986 and I’m also a Fairfax County uh firefighter. When I first put pen to paper back in October of 2014 to bring my Flash Max fire safety superhero, my vision was for this to be just a simple Facebook page with periodic posts on home fire safety. Well since then the character and program has grown into an entire life safety outreach program um where I travel the region and now the Country and um engage with the community outreach effort to teach kids and families about home fire
safety. Um some of the main important values that I teach are practicing a home fire escape plan, having working smoke alarms on every level of your home and sleeping with your bedroom door closed at night. About a year and a half ago I was introduced to a lady who really needs no introduction in the fire safety scene, uh Sher Grogg and she and I have since then become very good friends and now work collaboratively in the efforts for ah home fire prevention as well as home fire sprinkler systems. And it gives me great pleasure at this point to introduce, uh my friend Sher Grogg, uh she’s with common voices um fire safety advocates for a fire safe America and she’ll tell you her very compelling story. Please.

Sher Grogg—Hi everybody. I have to learn how to use this clicker, kind of a scary thing I gotta tell you. But um yeah this is, I’m Sher Grogg and um my brother and his wife and uh their 4 grandchildren passed away in a fire that you probably read about or watched on TV. Um, I’m best introduced by telling you my story with a video. So I’m gonna start with that if I can figure out how to do it. There we go.

VIDEO – I stand outside the gates of my brother’s dream home. It was a magical place where friends and family gathered and all were welcome with open arms and made to feel at home. He called it the castle, but it was really a place of fairytales, where lasting memories remain and good times were had with Don and Sandy. The doors of these gates and this incredible home were always wide open until January 19, 2015. I will carry that cold dark day with me always. The hole in my heart is everlasting. The day before my brother and sister in law had celebrated with their 4 adorable grandchildren. They had continued the magic of medieval times and brought them home for a much cherished sleep over. I’ll always remember that phone call, my brother’s house was on fire. At first the thought that they hadn’t escaped didn’t occur to me. Don and Sandy would have stopped at nothing to save their precious grandchildren’s lives. The house was filled with full length windows, balconies with doors off of bedrooms, smoke detectors were state of the art and connected to the alarm system, the house was built like a veritable fortress. But no one made it out alive. In the days since, I’ve learned from the experts fire is fast. When the firefighters arrived, flames were already shooting through the roof and the top half of the front door. The interior of the great room, where the fire had started, was an inferno that they could not enter. Flashover, a word I had never before heard, but will fight against till my dying day, occurred in my brother’s house before the firefighters arrived. When a home fire grows and spreads at a certain point it leads to flashover, the point at which everything combustible in the room ignites and the room bursts into flames. No one survives flashover, it can happen in fewer than 3 minutes. Under 3 minutes from the time of ignition. This gives no one a chance to escape. The house was only 11 years old, like new, it did have working smoke alarms. If it had been protected with fire sprinklers this story might have had a different ending. The sprinklers were not in the residential building code when they built their home. They didn’t give it any thought. The world is a much darker place without the life of my brother, sister in law and their 4 beautiful grandchildren. If you are building a new
Sher Grogg – Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much. Yeah, so, so since that happened and now you know my situation and my story, um, I’ve been on a mission to help other families avoid going through the tragedy and the pain that we went through. Um, I actually, let me just click one, I think thank you sorry I, this is the first time I’ve done this. Um yeah so basically in the beginning the house was smoldering and we were stuck outside the gates, we couldn’t go in, the whole family couldn’t go in. For two days the house smoldered and no one could go in, no firefighters, no one at all, nobody could even go in and investigate or recover our family. Um, I kept praying for a miracle that they weren’t in there but they were. And um, and it continued to smolder, ah like I said for two days and we uh just comforted each other outside the gate where people would bring flowers and stuffed animals and things for the kids which was so touching for all of us. And we were supported with all these organizations which really helped my family bear what was unbearable. Um, I just want to tell you how much, how touching it is to be dealt with, with compassion and to be educated in a compassionate way. We had no idea about how fires worked or what a flashover was or any of those things and we were given that information um while we were waiting for what happened. Um every night at 5:00 or actually at 4:00 we were briefed before the news went on at 5:00 and the rest of the world what was going on. Um, they found bodies day by day over the next 8 days since the fire and that was horrifying to us. We actually didn’t want to know who they found because, until they were all found, because we didn’t want to know who was still out there. Um, this is just to show you how fast the fire was and I mean when the neighbor looked out the of her room, her window at 3:31 there were flames shooting through the roof of the house and the smoke detectors had only gone off at 3:28, so that was 3 minutes later, it looked like this when she looked out the window. That’s how fast the fire was and that’s how, I want to let people know just how, it is so devastating and it, you can’t necessarily live through it and you can’t when there’s flashover, you can’t live through it. Um, which again is something that surprised us because my family was totally fit and there’s no way that they would have let those children pass away or, there’s just no way they would have let them die. Um, actually this is the recovery scene, it was totally devastation, they had to go through the debris, it was very uh, hard for the people that were sifting through and trying to find the remains and trying to help us determine what actually happened. Um we would see them leaving, crying when we were walking up and it was really hard for them. Um it was even harder for us when we found out where everyone was. Cause we were hoping that it was actually a gas explosion or a gas something um that they had all been in their bed. But unfortunately I found out that my brother was in the great room where the fire originated with the tree um fighting the fire. So he actually was right in the middle of it all. Um, surpassingly I was given his ring, his wedding ring which he was wearing that day, which is actually a a miracle and I wear it every day cause it gives me strength and that’s what keeps me going to um educate people and to talk to you. The kids actually though, were actually in their
bedrooms, um so we’re hoping that they were still asleep, we’ll never know and Sandy had gone to get them and made it into the first bedroom, so we know that she was trying to get the kids out. We had always thought my brother always told me when I talked to him about fire sprinklers that they would be able to pump water into his house, as you can see he lived on a little peninsula and was surrounded by water, so we thought that they’d pump water to the house, he thought that anyway. And um he also thought that they would pump it from his pool and that they would pump it from the um hydrant, but the hydrant was 4000 feet away so it took a while to get that water. Unfortunately we did not realize how fast fire was and by the time the water got there, and they did end up using it, it was way too late, way too late. Um, basically these are the positive things um that helped us believe that they lived in a fortress and nothing really would happen to them. And they did have state of the art smoke detectors, which were alarmed immediately to the fire station and everyone was alerted so no time was lost, but they didn’t have sprinklers and because they didn’t have sprinklers they didn’t have a chance. Um the negative facts were that um it was a 15 foot Christmas tree in their home and it was dry. So it ignited in the middle of the night with an electrical fire and they were all spread out, sleeping in different rooms, impossible to get together, uh because they didn’t have an escape plan and you’ve heard Mike say, you know we we both us are promoting smoke detectors, practice a fire escape plan and um get fire sprinklers in your home if you can. Education is the most important mission I’m on right now. Just to let people know that they’re maybe as ignorant as I was, not because they’re dumb, but because they just don’t know and they are not in this field, just don’t know how fast fire is. Uh, I’m on a mission to let people know so that they don’t have to suffer like me. Smoke alarms, as you know really help. Escape planning, there’s only 1/3 of Americans that actually practice their escape plan and have one. Everyone else, maybe thinks about it and whatever during um fire prevention week and um then put them away and discard it. I know we had one, we never practiced it. I will admit that. And now that’s not the case. Um, I’m currently with a group called Common Voices which has really helped me have a voice and to effect some legislation and some other things that I’m trying to do to make a change. And to hopefully get fire sprinklers to be mandatory in every State, cause I really think that would really be huge because the bottom line is people don’t allow for them because they don’t know, they don’t know the risk of fire and they don’t know how important it is. Common Voices is a group of advocates like me who have lost people and we go to legislation and we go to Capitol Hill and we try to campaign for fire sprinklers. Um we took them the fire sprinkler facts, none of which I knew, but the fact is that you know, basically they save lives, that’s the bottom line. Um, there are so many fire sprinkler myths all of which my brother believed and convinced me, uh he thought when I burnt some toast all the sprinklers would go off in his house and ruin his furniture. I mean things like that are things that people think in the world that don’t know. Um this was basically what happened, this was the great room at where the actual fire occurred. And it was an electrical problem. Um, what I do now too is campaigning for Christmas tree safety, so that people have instructions on how to care for their trees when they are in their homes and to dispose of them right
away. I have a flyer that I’m distributing and I’m hoping you can help me distribute it. It’s actually gonna be on our website, the Common Voices website which is fireadvocates.com. Um and basically you can print them out with your fire station’s name on them and distribute them to people during the holidays so that they know to take their tree down right away and how to handle it while it’s there. This is a picture of Don and Sandy who we lost and basically my campaign on the Christmas tree safety is dedicated to them. Now um these are the children that we lost and thankfully due to Mike, oh it wasn’t supposed to advance like that, sorry, Mike with Flash Max, thank you, um we have a character that is, he dedicated, he created and dedicated to the the children that we lost and um Winkler the Sprinkler, which is his character, um, we have the initials of each of the children. So I want to introduce you to Mike and he’ll tell you a little about the project that we’re working on collaboratively and how you can use it to educate people. Mike, oh not Mike, It’s Flash Max. Hey.

Beginning of presentation by Flash Max not caught on microphone. I can tell every single one of you in this room that the real fire safety super hero up on this stage is to my right, your left, Mrs. Sher Grogg, not all super heroes wear capes. Okay let’s have some fun shall we? Not caught on microphone. Thank you sir. Winkler, the fire sprinkler is dedicated to the memories of the Boone children. Wesley, Alexis, Katelyn and Charlotte. I’ll just give this to you Sher. And if you look closely, you can see in the design the first letter of the initials of each children’s, of each child’s name. The “W” for Wesley, the “A” for Alexis, the “K” for Katelyn and then the smile a “C” for Charlotte. So their voices will always be heard in the push for home fires sprinklers.

Sher Grogg– It really makes my family, the mothers and the fathers of those children so happy to know that um their children will be remembered um and hopefully they will save some lives through Winkler the Sprinkler and um they are supporting these coloring books and they have them in their homes. Oh actually, yeah we actually are distributing coloring books today for free in booth 1022 in hall “C” hall “D”. D hall, thanks. In the “D” Hall, if you’d like any and you can order them for your fire department if you’d like as well which we love to see them distributed during fire prevention week. They teach you about fire sprinklers, and what the value is of fire sprinklers so they teach children in a non-threatening way um how to handle a fire in their home. And how sprinklers save them.

Flash Max – Thank you very much for your time today ladies and gentlemen. Please come by and check out our booth and come by and get a copy of Winkler the Fire Sprinkler coloring book. Have a great time in Ocean City and a safe trip home.

President Richard Blair – I’d like to present you with our cup and our bag full of nice surprises. This is on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and myself. Your service to the fire service (inaudible) Thank you. Flash, thank you. Let’s step over here and get a picture real quick.
Teresa Crisman – So right now I’m gonna go over some updates with you all real quick. Um, my report does appear in the convention book and I have no idea what page it’s on cause I haven’t seen the convention book yet and um I can honestly tell you that watching the pictures from facebook has been kinda hard so, it was fun to see everything going on. So uh this year’s updates are uh not as long as years past but there’s a lot of reoccurrence in some of them but the bigger message. So at the end I’m gonna show a special video that I want everybody to watch and I’m gonna ask any of the ambassadors that are in to be a part of our awards section, so just stay tight. So this year um under NFPA updates we have NFPA 1300 which is the Community Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction um Standard, um we are actually in the process of reviewing that and as a State we will get a copy and I’m trying to work out getting some more so everybody can see it. They are going to be very limited, but we’re going to work with the committee and uh if you’re interested please let me know cause I want some other feedback, cause it’s not just prevention in community risk reduction it’s a lot of other scopes that you have to look at. So if you’re a chief officer I would really like that opportunity for you to be a part of this. This is the message for this year, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape” Plan, Practice your Escape, why home escape planning and practice matters. Um, again that will be October 6 – 12, 2019. Very colorful, it’s on the main page. Again, if you go to NFPA all the resources for community education is completely free, downloadable and they have the gifs and everything that you can put on your computers to your facebook or your twitter or any type of account for social media. Um, please use this, it’s all ready to go, all you have to do is go into that section, pull off the code and apply it to any social media event that you’re using. There’s a couple of other things, it’s kinda hard to see this but these are the logos that you’d be able to use on your social media, you just literally go into the code generator, scan it ah copy it, paste it and then you can use it wherever you need it. Give it to your local newspapers, ask them to put things into a segment, if you can, you now have that ability to put it on your department’s website and just have that ability to get as much information out there as possible. These are some of the other things that they have created, part of this, there social media gifs that you can actually pull, um some are interactive and they let you go through this series, so they really really thought out a well processed plan for everything that you need to facilitate any fire prevention program that you’re having in your community. And under the toolkit, um there are things here that um, press releases, um, there like a cheeseball press releases you can easily put all your information in, it has the areas where you just fill it in, and then save it and then you can use it for wherever you need it. They have um, the talking points, ah what you would need to talk about specific issues. You have proclamations, if you’re City or County, State um does a proclamation program and then it actually also gives you um ah fund raising ideas. They added that a couple of years ago and that ability like you know put a can somewhere and then you have links that you can actually put on your Facebook page because now you can generate ah revenue from that also. Just finding ways to make fire prevention affordable. And the other part is um to make the plan they have a um interactive section where you can map it out, having
the meeting place, the smoke alarms and the 911 system. It just gives you more talking points to give to you. Then to Vision 20/20. Uh, I was not able to open everything that she just generated for us, but again going back to the most important about Vision 20/20, it’s all again free information, free ideas, free ways if you’re trying to make a door hanger the resource pool generator gives you the ability. They always say just 3 simple messages is what you really need for you community. Um it’s in English and Spanish, and they just added some more languages and if you need another language that you’re not seeing safekids.org has every language, I think Cindy, possible um I actually do something for the State Department every month, um took a phone call a couple, about a year ago and I go to Hyattsville and do a sanctuary city program for Iraqi, Serbia, Afghanistan, um places in Africa and um Turkey well some of those people can’t be in the same room together because of where they are coming from, the conflicts, so literally what it would take like a 10-15 minute presentation usually sometimes takes 2 hours cause you’re dealing with a translator. Well sometimes not having those tip sheets and safe kids did that for us, they went back and made fire prevention tip sheets in all the different languages. So if you have that community coming to you, there’s a great generator for that. And I’d like to plug Cindy, cause Cindy is our State Rep. for um Safe Kids and myself, there’s 11 communities, 11 Counties or communities, that are part of it and we’re all trying to help each other so don’t be afraid to reach out to one of us. And again Community Risk Reduction it’s everybody’s. Some people don’t want to call it that, some people are still calling it Fire Prevention, it doesn’t matter. It’s that message that your able to give your community, that’s the most important function that I think is the most things. You know a lot of the departments are going to um community risk reduction and they are saying at my department that that’s now my title, but I’m still, doesn’t matter. It’s educating our communities, our people, and plus it’s educating ourselves cause there’s a lot of times I’ll go somewhere in the firemen are like do we have to do this again, well yes, we do, because when I’m standing here and it’s important and if you don’t I’ll either tell your mother, your sister, your brother or father because I think it’s important because we have to be there for our community and honestly I really don’t care, I think that message needs to be there. And if you just ingrain your department to focus on that message because we have to train ourselves at times, you know. I don’t have the classes in fire or anything, I have fire prevention, I have inspections, I have all those different things but I don’t have the firefighting classes, so that limits me. That’s why you need all the people in your organization to bring their skills to that that event, that you get the best information out there. In the essentials of community risk reduction there’s 4 modules that you can actually go online and learn from, and you’ll receive certificates. It’s community risk reduction module 1, module 2 is fire and burn prevention, module 3 is preventing home injuries, module 4 is achieving model performances and it’s talking about data and learning data. And there’s one thing that I really have to say and this was said 3 times in the last 2 days. The information that your firemen are putting in to your calls is really, really important because one time you’ll be able to generate data from that and it will tell you where your risks are. That’s the most important. So when that guy is trying to
speed through that report, cause he doesn’t want to do it, you know what, you gotta do it. Take the time and please have people do that, cause ultimately there’s agencies within the State that will capture that and if we don’t give the right information we’re just hurting ourselves. And under IFSTA, there is training and programs, free of charge, you go online, I said this last year and I really hope that you all are doing this, under the essentials program all these things are there. There’s so many classes that you can take and certificates for continuing education. Please go to the generator and do that. And under the Fire Administration, as we know, it’s 45 years this year is their anniversary, and they did talk about um America burning the other day and about their anniversary coming up also, they are reinventing, um their looking at that. So really NFPA 1300, which is community risk reduction, is addressing those issues of America burning because the messages some change, but some don’t. So it’s really important to revisit that. They’re gonna plan on doing that this year. So I do bring greetings on behalf of Tonya Hoover, I saw her yesterday and she um said you’re in my back yard and I still haven’t come to Convention, so maybe she’ll come next year, I don’t know. But last year they reported that almost over 3000 people in this Country died with 16,000 people injured a year. So really, we’re trying to do as much as possible with the Fire Marshal’s office, with our committee and with you all. Um, our committee I think is one of the hardest working committees for the State, which makes me really proud because you know we try to bring as much information to you all as possible. Um, there’s times when I get phone calls and I I don’t care, I will answer every phone call and every request that comes out there because if that’s what you need, that’s what you get. I, I don’t shy away from anything, I guess, um I always tell people I’ll sleep when I’m dead, you know because I think helping you guys is the most important thing, a part of my job, my job here and my job in the County because it’s that one simple conversation that you can spark with somebody that can lead to a better outcome for something. So just please do whatever you need and um it’s there for ya. And them uh, I’m gonna push on Maryland weekend next year. Um, next year we’ve already set the class, ah a request has been submitted to Mike Weller at the um NFA and we requested Juvenile Fire Setter Interventional Specialist One. And um we’re also be looking at the wildland firefighter wooing process, you know I don’t know how to say it, wooing process um that was a request also. So those 2 classes are being submitted and then wooing 1 and interventional specialist 1 will be next year and the following year that’ll be 2. So that just gives you more resources in your tool kit. And um, I don’t know when Maryland weekend is next year, it’s February, but you know, usually sometime then. So we’ll figure it out and now I would like to go to the awards. So if there are any ambassadors in the room could you please come up? Come on out guys. As you know there are several classes that come into um fire prevention and um we have a lot of great programs out there so we have year round and we have single program classes. We have class 1 which has, both programs meet the following jurisdictions, Class 1 is 0-1500 in population, Class 2 is 1501 to 2500, Class 3 is 2501-5000, Class 4 is 5001 -10,000, Class 5 is 10,001 or more volunteer personnel, Class 6 is 10,001 or more career personnel, and Class 7 is County Fire Prevention
committees. From this the following classes have won. Year round program for more than one project, Class 1 the entries included Ridge Volunteer Fire Department so our first place winner is Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Class 2 year round projects included Cobb Island and Benedict Volunteer Fire Department. The first place is Cobb Island with second place going to Benedict Volunteer Fire Department. Is anybody from Cobb or Benedict? That Will, good job. I threatened him, if he did not submit a um project this year I was going to find him in the staffing office and make him submit it. Class 3 included the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Service and the first place is Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue. Class 4 is the Level Volunteer Fire Company for first place. Class 5 included LaPlata, Mechanicsville and Bay District. First place was the LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, second place was Mechanicsville and third place is Bay District. All of $5.00. So the single project Class 1, there were no entries received. Class 2 entries included Hughesville, they got first place. Class 3 was Potomac Fire Company, first place. Class 4 included the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, first place. And Class 5 included LaPlata, Mechanicsville and Bay District. First place was LaPlata, second place was Mechanicsville and third place was Bay District. K, so um with the overall section we give um money. And that has to be ???, um I have to put the paperwork in so that money will be forwarded onto you all, but um I was a little late getting, I didn’t want to wake up, so um I think I’ll do. Benedict here? Anybody? Doyle, I’m missing something, but we’ll work on that later. Um, ninth place overall was Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, so eighth place goes to LaPlata, seventh place is Ridge, sixth place is Benedict, fifth place is Bay District, fourth place is Level, third place is Mechanicsville, second place is Hughesville, um okay and then um overall is Cobb Island. The um overall gets $200.00, second place gets $100.00, third place gets $75.00, fourth place gets $75.00, fifth place gets $ 50.00, sixth place gets $50.00, seventh place gets $50.00, eighth place gets $50.00, ninth place $50.00 tenth place $50.00. There’s two places for tenth place we have to figure out where that stuff is, but we’ll get that to you guys and um I greatly appreciate all the support that you here. I try to do for you guys, we’re here for ya. So I’d like to again introduce the ambassadors, if they’ll come up and introduce themselves. Hello, my name is Annie McCollough and I am 2019/2020 MSFA Miss Fire Prevention. Hello everyone, my name is Madalyn Patrick and I am MSFA First Runner Up and I’m from Cecil County. Hello, my name is Jocelyn Furman and I am MSFA for Southern Maryland. Again, we’re all here for you guys so please, please, please um call us if you need us. Um, we greatly appreciate all the support that you give the committee, to the Presidents, thank you very much. President Blair again thank you for allowing us to um be a part of the MSFA and being a part of you know helping make sure that the citizens of the State are protected and um to Fire Marshal Geraci, uh, I don’t know where he is, but um you know we really try to do our very, very best to um help him and his office. We have, um we have fatalities in this State that are preventable and I ask that you all please go back to your communities, find those hidden hazards, and try to make that respective change. So thank you.
President Richard Blair – Next up is uh Zembower Awards. Leon.

Leon – Thank you Mr. President. The training Committee every year has the privilege to award the company that does the most training each year with their students, their hours and these awards are given by the Zembower Memorial ah the awards given by the Zembower family and with us to today we have Mrs. Zembower, um assisting me in giving these awards is Phil Hurlock, Director of MFRI Mike Cox, and Mr. Charlie Simpson. Uh we acknowledge that Karen Layton from MFRI, she puts together our statistics for the award and at this time we would like to have last year’s award uh New Market District Volunteer Fire Department to come forward to receive their trophy from last year. Anybody from New Market? So this year fourth runner up with 154 members, total student hours of training was 9,543, average training hours per student 61.96, Bethesda Chase, Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Montgomery County, come forward. Third runner up 48 members, 3,091 training hours, an average training hours per student was 64.40, Independent Hose Company Number 1 from Frederick. Second runner up, 43 members, 4,087, average training hours per student 95.05 was New Market. First runner up with 16 members, 1558 training hours, average training hours per student was 97.38 was Graceham Volunteers. And the winner of this year’s Zembower members was 43 members, 5404, average training hours was 125.67 hours goes to the United Steam Fire Company 3 in Frederick.

President Richard Blair – Please leave that table there for a second. Please bring that table back. Up next is uh Emkey Cadet Award. Mr. Richard Brooks, Steve Cox.

Richard Brooks – Thank you Mr. President. It’s a pleasure to be here ah on behalf of Ed Emkey. I don’t think there’s anything that I would prefer more to do than honor Ed Emkey. I hope there are many of you here who remember Ed, we’ll recognize him today for his service in the juniors and the cadet programs but Ed when he served as Sergeant At Arms here at this convention for decades. Is there anybody here that remembers Ed doing those things? Thank you. Thank you. So one of his vocations was to promote youth in the fire service and he did that at the English Council Volunteer Fire Department. And the way he did it was not only to muster the children and make it a core of their activity program but he swept the State to make sure there were people who supported him. At the time I was an instructor at the Fire Academy in Baltimore County and he would regularly muster the kids and bring them on their bus and come to the training center where we would put them through evolutions. Ah and they would have an absolute blast. Ah at one point um many of us were made honorary members of the juniors, it’s something that’s on my shelf and I cherish. As well as Past President Cox, and one of the things that happened along the way was, you know, Ed would guarantee participation because he said you know that life honorary member is only on loan. Don’t ever let us down. Steve stood up at that point and gave them a fire, gave them a Seagrave fire engine if I remember, beautiful Seagrave fire engine so that the kids had a fire engine of their own. He kinda put his in life, his was in bronze, so that
was a great thing and we enjoyed that. This award is given in memory of Ed Emkey, ah the, the cadets of the State put projects forth to compete for this and we want to begin with last year’s recipients and invite anyone from the Williamsport Volunteer Fire and Emergency ah Medical Services to come forward and collect your trophy from the past year. Please come on stage, there they are. Come on up here. Here ya go Steve. He’s exactly what we’re talking about. Look at this fine group of young people all in uniform, hats on the side, they know how to walk, they know how to represent the fire departments. It doesn’t get any better than this. Ladies and gentlemen from Williamsport Volunteer Fire Past President Steve Cox is bestowing on you your trophy for you to take home. You’ve enjoyed the, the trophy for a year ah at your fire station in Williamsport. Congratulations for that and we return to you your project which won you the honor to appear on stage. Let’s have a big hand. Congratulations. Well done. Alright, so the standard was set. We needed the cadets to step up and compete this year and we have the chosen recipients. It’s a pleasure to bring, bring to the stage this year’s recipient for the Ed Emkey Cadet of the Year Award and that is the Upperco Volunteer Fire Company juniors. Obviously the young men and women of Upperco accepted the standard and they’re in their uniforms, ties, dress shirts. Looks good to be from Upperco. I had the pleasure of presiding at Upperco when they combined companies a couple of years ago, it was an absolute treat, what a class act to bring two fire companies together as one. So here they are again. President Cox is bestowing the honor of the trophy and I’m gonna pass this off to ah to the adults and this the check for $500.00 that go with it, so while the pictures are being taken let’s have a big hand for the junior fire company of Upperco! The future of the fire service. Life is good.

President Richard Blair – Thank you cadets. Next award we’ll do here on stage is uh ninety years of age and more. Doyle Cox presenting.

Secretary Doyle Cox – Thank you Mr. President. As many of you know several years ago we started recognizing individuals that are at least ninety years of age. And uh, a lot of these have 70, 80 years of service. So ah you know real quick. Certificates of appreciation will be presented to Mr. Kennedy Abell, from ah Leonardtown Fire Department, ninety years of age, 72 years of service. Anyone from Leonardtown, coming up, okay. I apologize, I cannot see. Also, next one would be Ruth Gosnell of Winfield Community Fire Department, ninety years of age, 72 years of service. Anyone from Leonardtown, coming up, okay. I apologize, I cannot see. Also, next one would be Ruth Buckingham, Winfield Community 94 years, 54 years of service. Irm Kim, Westside Volunteer Fire Department 90 years of service, and 24 years of a I’m sorry, 90 years of age, 24 years of service. I know, rushing, trying to get ahead. Mr. DamTabler, Goodwill Fire Company, 94 years of age, 72 years of service, is Dam around? If many of you, I don’t know if many of you know him Dam is still very active, he is a, ah reporter for one of ah the local newspapers in ah Queen Anne’s County, not around, okay. Sterling Siss, Graceham Volunteer Fire Company 93 years of age, 26 years of service. Anyone coming up from Graceham? Right there. Glen Dawbeck, Easton Volunteer Fire Department, 91 years of age, 49 years of ah service.
Was somebody from Easton, ah here he is. And also the last one from ah Easton would be Leonard Rieck 102 years of age, 75 years of service. And unfortunately, ah this gentleman passed away earlier this year and uh is no longer with us, so these are the individuals and I encourage each and every one of you if you need to get a certificate anytime please go online, submit it and we can take care of the service. Thank you.


Chairman Safety Committee Michael LeCompte–Yes sir. Good morning again. I, I wanna say that, before we get started that we received seven nominations for this award, uh they were from Baltimore County, Cecil County, Worchester County, Montgomery County, ah Frederick County. Every one of these people have been typically in the fire service for 35 to 50 years and when you read what people said about them it was very, very touching. With that said, every one of these fellas up here have made a huge difference in the State of Maryland for what they have done to keep people from getting hurt. I’m like a, has been, I came in behind it, but I can’t say enough about what they do. Uh, the gentleman over here have all either been on the safety committee or they support the safety committee of the State Firemen’s Association and we had several nominations ah the first one is a dear friend of mine, he’s actually a ah he’s the Vice Chairman of the Safety Committee, Mario J. Belfa, I’m not gonna read, I know about these people, Mario was Past President of the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, he has served in the insurance industry here in the State of Maryland for 30 years, he actually has been a firefighter since he was 10 years old in Baltimore which is commendable, which I guess as a cadet or whatever he did, he probably rode a bicycle and chased the fire truck, but whatever he did he did it. And he has been integral throughout the State of Maryland working with the Workers Comp Insurance vendors to proactively push safety, correct safety in the individual fire departments in every County in the State and Mario has gone out of the State and done things and he has been a huge supporter of direct intervention. Which when you have a problem in your departments, he’s written safety programs, he’s made the safety programs work in the department and in my heart he has done what he can to reduce losses throughout the State. The next recipient that was, was another friend Eddy or Edgar Carmine, Eddy is from Snow Hill Fire Department, you’ve probably seen him up on the screens before, he is our show boy of safety and he was big in and had a tummy on him like me and he realized he had a heart condition and he has been extremely proactive in life style balance and reducing heart attack and cardiac issues not only in our County at every department, but one, but throughout the region. He is, his job is safety here in Worchester County but he takes it beyond his employer, he goes out into the department, he knows an awful lot about lifestyle balance and how to reduce cardiac issues and he has, everybody looks at Eddy when we talk about health. He’s actually been involved with doing State wide proactive, including on TV, um what we do to reduce heart attacks here in the State and it’s all directed towards our, hopefully
our firefighters when he’s having interventions with fire departments. And this has gone on to the families, um how many pounds total roughly? How many? Documented 2,143 pounds have been lost because of his activity. Thank you. The next one is also a dear friend from Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department, he served in Frederick County in the emergency services. He did a lot on the job, but more importantly, our friend, and most of us know him, he’s been in the fire service 50 years Chip Jewell. Ah, Clarence “Chip” Jewell writes articles every single quarter in some type of fire publication mainly the, ah Trumpet, but he also helps fire departments individually with issues involving safety programs. He did this way before the insurance industry got involved in it in what they call Risk Control or Loss Management. Chip has helped work with departments write good quality programs, the bottom line is Chip Jewell is responsible for an awful lot of loss reduction in the fire service in the State of Maryland because of his proactivity, his big heart and him caring about other people. The next one is Chief Paul Sullivan Jr., Paul is the current President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, he likes combat. He has done about everything you can do in safety. And he decided to become a Baltimore City paramedic, and he works in West Baltimore, God bless him, but Paul takes it further, he takes what he sees in the battleground, out in the streets of West Baltimore, and he brings it back to the career and the volunteer communities. Talk about the opioid situation, talking about what he’s sees day after day, face to face with death, with seeing people on the precipice coming back and forth all the time with their dependency problems and how it effects them individually. Most of the time death, but how it impacts the department when you have to tell someone that’s dependent on something and how it effects the families and the first responders. More importantly, we can’t stop ‘em doing drugs but often times we see bad things and if you had to turn to anybody here right now that’s in the battlefield I would say Paul Sullivan Jr. has seen it, done it, even though he’s the youngest of the group, he is the man who knows what’s happening out there. Paul goes not only, in the State of Maryland we have a safety conference every year here in Ocean City, but Paul also goes throughout the entire United States, like some of these other gentlemen and he proactively pushes what is going on with the opioid epidemic and the residual problems that occurs with first responders seeing it over and over again. So and it’s not getting better, it’s getting worse, God bless America, but it’s getting worse. Paul does this most of the time on his own, after he sees it all day and he’s been out doing it for the betterment of the fire service. The next one is, and these are most all health related, is another dear friend is Johnie Roth Jr who is with the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department. He was with Bethesda Chevy Chase Fire Department, I guess he’s still a member, and he took it upon himself, with what he’s seen with Jimmy Seavey the other day and what he’s seen with his family on a personal note. Johnie realized that we’ve got to do something proactively to not only support a reactive situation, but proactive. What we’ve gotta do to integrate cancer before it happens and when it happens, and what happens when that person, as often times dies, to support the family. So Johnie has taken it on his own with the cancer walk in Annapolis, with doing numerous bags that we’ve gotten when we’ve registered here, what he’s done throughout the State, but
more importantly, what Johnie’s done for the people. So, anyway these gentlemen were nominated for the award, this next gentleman, the good looking one in the middle with the blue tie has been in the fire service for 50, how long sir? Fifty-three years, that’s longer than, no not Johnie, but Chip how many years? Fifty, alright dude, you got us beat. Ah anyway, this gentleman is Mr. Tony Lee Bennett. Tony is from Aberdeen, which is in Cecil County, Harford County, ah I know, I’m messing with him, Harford County, but they were responding to a call in Cecilton, Maryland which is in the most southern part of Cecil County, and they had a man that was entrapped in an auger, it was an agricultural accident, one morning. So Tony decided they called for the trench rescue team and they called for the big heavy duty rescue truck of Aberdeen Fire Department, which is a long way away. Tony was driving this unit, which was in excess of 80,000 pounds loaded. They were on Maryland route 40, ah going east bound to go southbound on probably 213, and ah they were traveling at 62 in a 55 and they went over a hill before they got to the C&D Canal and the front tire completely blew out, the rim dropped to the road. I got this long dissertation that his friends wrote up about him to get this award, but the bottom line is this man’s previous knowledge of driving fire trucks and other trucks, non-fire related, he realized he had to do something really, really quick. So as the truck dropped the tire actually went into the battery case into the compartment of the ah chassis of the truck, he was able to take the truck, go off to the left, go down into the median strip, go into the mud, with the truck as it had completely dropped and get it up against a guard rail and kept it from turning over. And ironically, Tony did this and no one got hurt, the truck was damaged, they were responding in a pumper a couple weeks later, Tony was not in the front, he was not driving obviously, but ironically, the same front tire on the engine blew out and low and behold they were able to do the same thing similar to it, with Tony in the back probably yelling at them what to do instantly and they saved that engine from being destroyed and those firefighters from being thrown out or hurt. What really helped them in this issue is a couple things proactively, one is they all had their seat belts on, food for thought guys, the second thing that they did was they had seven year old tires on these apparatus that are super heavy and they went back and looked at all their tires on their trucks and if they’re five years or older they get replaced. We’ve got a sign down there and we looked at it from what happened over in um in Southern Maryland a couple of years ago we said replace them every seven years, but after what happened with these people in Aberdeen Fire Department, they decided uh uh we’re gonna do them every five years. So with that and sincere knowledge of this gentleman, and I know what it’s like driving a fire truck 40 years he was able to keep these fireman from being killed. Had they gone another mile or so down the road they would have been going over the bridge of the C&D Canal and with an 80,000 plus rescue truck and being sitting up high Lord knows what would have happened. They would have probably lost the whole, lost everybody. But anyway, things were taken care of. So I am proud to say this year our nominee for and we picked this person for the award, and just so you guys know this, every one of these men up here deserve it, but most of these men serve proactively on the Maryland State’s Safety Committee for the State Firemen’s Association, we are not
allowed to get the award. And I think it’s kinda good that we don’t get the award because we could write our own script. Cause these guys are so proactive, but we can’t get the award and I apologize to all of you, but Tony really deserves this award that would have died had he not done what he did probably. So with that said, let’s give Tony a big hand. Tony where’s that trophy? John Bender, he’s a retired engineer with the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s office who also serves on the Safety Committee, recommended this gentleman for this award immediately, and this happened 2 years ago, we took it in stride, but this gentleman deserves it. Thank you sir for what you did, ah the other gentleman, when I call your name, Marty O. James, Melfa Kingsville Volunteer Fire Department for recognition of, as being nominated for the Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety Award and your excellence in firefighter/EMS safety. Ah, you ah have the ribbon for him? You have the ribbon for, alright ah don’t (inaudible) on me, I have something else for you. Ah, my good friend Edgar Carmen, Eddy Carmen, Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Worchester County, Maryland in recognition of your nomination for the Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety Award for your excellence in firefighter and EMS safety. Next one is a dear friend and good old Western Maryland, and Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Clarence “Chip” Jewell, everybody knows Chip because if you don’t know him, you read about him, he likes to write articles and he’s a smart man. Again in recognition for your nomination of this award for your excellence in everything you do for the Maryland State firefighters. The next one is a dear friend to everybody in the fire service, he’s currently the President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, he’s from the Middle River Volunteer Fire Department on the east side of Baltimore County, he does a phenomenal job, I can’t wait to ask this man to be a speaker cause he calls it the way it is, like I do and I like that. He’s done a lot for people as a first responder, Mr. Paul Sullivan Jr. And this last guy is doing so much for the talk about cancer, proactively and reactively, it touches my heart, I almost died of cancer last year. Johnie F. Roth Jr. Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County. And the last one is your ribbon and your ah whatever it is, pin? Uniform. Thanks guys. Oh last one, my good friend over here from Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, the recipient last year, another gentleman that has done so much in the State of Maryland and does write articles, how old are you, eighty what? Seventy-five, from Montgomery County, Maryland and it’s got Ridge on here is that correct? I thought it was Tacoma Park, they like to mess with me, any way, Ah Jim Jarboe has been proactively for probably 30 or 40 years pushing safety throughout the State of Maryland with the State firemen and Montgomery County Fire Service, and everybody else. He writes articles, he still does to this day, you see little things in different ah publications and um Jim received the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award last year and this is his plaque for one year of proactive activity even after he got the award. Alright guys, be safe out there. Thank you.

President Richard Blair - Okay, up next is uh the John E. “Sunny” Rose Memorial Training Award Scholarship.
Bob Rose - Good afternoon. Alright, I had a long speech. Seriously though, I’m Bob Rose from the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company. It’s my pleasure to present the John E. “Sunny” Rose, Jr. Memorial Training Award. Sonny was my brother, was well known across the state as a MFRI instructor, and a mentor to many other instructors. Um, this award is presented to the individual documenting the most hours of emergency service training for the award year. First, I’d like to thank my home company of Odenton Volunteer Fire Company for sponsoring the award in my brother’s memory. I’d also like to thank the Training Committee and Chair Leon Fleming for administering the award selection process. The award winner for 2018 is Chris Banick, of Odenton, so yes it stays home this year. Chris could not be here today. Accepting the award for Chris will be Chief Emeritus Wylie Donaldson from the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company. While he’s making his way up here I just want to read a little quote um from “Sunny” that I recorded in the hospital um the day before he passed. It’s engraved on the trophy. It says I hope that something that I taught will enable someone to save a life. I would like to think that that’s been true many times over. Thank you. Thank you very much.

President Richard Blair—Up next is the Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award. Mike Cox please from MRFL.

MRFI Director Mike Cox – Thank you Mr. President. It’s an honor and a privilege to be here today along with our two Assistant Directors from MFRI Mr. Pat Marlett and Steve Cox as well as Assistant Chief Eric Peterson from the Ocean City Fire Department who’s here representing the MSFPQB. Ah the Francis L Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award was first established in 1977. It was originally awarded annually by the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors. Today the award is now presented jointly by MRFL and the MFSPQB. This year’s recipient has had a long and distinguished career in EMS/fire/rescue services. Ah this instructor began his career in Emergency Services Field at age 16, back in 1972 as a volunteer at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. He’s a life member of that organization serving more than 47 years and has held the positions of Chief, President, and Chief Engineer. In 1986 he went to become a career um member of the BWI/Thurgood Marshall Fire Department, where he served more than 28 years retiring as Deputy Chief in that organization. He has taught in , uh started his career at MRFL back in January of 1994, and over his 25 years with the institute he has taught hundreds of classes, varying in length and totally more than 11,000 instructional hours. He’s taught in Maryland, Virginia, Florida, New Jersey, California, and the District of Columbia as well as internationally in places such as Japan, Spain, Cuba and Portugal. In fact I think it’s important to note that 2 stints that he did, ah one in Cuba and one in California was eight weeks and twenty-six weeks respectively. What really makes this instructor remarkable is that he not only does help and teach but he also helps numerous other instructors develop programs. He’s been involved in the development of the Fire Officer 1, Fire Officer 2, Fire Officer 3 and 4, pumps, Safety Officer and Health and Safety Officer Programs at the Institute. When he’s not teaching he frequently can be found helping other instructors around the Institute whether it’s
with other teaching programs or doing curriculum development. His dedication and commitment to the Emergency Services is really unbelievable, his is ah makes him a perfect candidate for and deserving of the Francis L. Brannigan Award. So, without further ado, I want to ask Chief Harmon to come up and ah receive this award.

President Richard Blair – Up next is the Election Judge, Rick Hemphill.

Election Judge Rick Hemphill – Thank you Mr. President. Here is the report of the election Judges for 2019. There were a total of 369 companies in good standing as recorded by the Secretary. The Credentials Committee reports that 269 of those were registered at this Convention. A total of 20 Past Presidents were also registered. The following Officers were unopposed and a vote was cast by unanimous ballot by the Office of the Secretary except for the Office of Secretary and that ballot was cast by the President. President Mike Faust, First Vice President Charles Walker, Second Vice President Joel McCrea, Secretary Doyle E. Cox, Treasurer Ronald Siarnicki, Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Election for Trustee, Trustee Doug Alexander received 590 votes, Thomas Mattingly received 400 votes, the winner Doug Alexander. This year we had three proposed bylaws changes the results of the voting were as follows: Bylaws Question 1-842 votes cast for, 98 against, that amendment passed. Question number 2-702 votes for 226 against, that amendment also passed. On Question number 3-556 votes for, 374 votes against that amendment failed. This concludes the report of the Election Judges. Thank you Mr. President.

President Richard Blair – Just for your information ah Maryland Fire and Rescue Services Memorial Foundation has a Wall of Honor next door here in room 208, please visit it. And ah Joint Installation of Officers will be held here tonight at 6, 1800. And we will reconvene tomorrow morning at 9 o’clock. This, we got ah the Chaplains ah John Long right now.

Chaplain John Long–Let us pray. Almighty God we thank you for your wisdom and guidance in this election process. Father, we just ask that you be with those Officers as they’re installed this evening. Father we thank you for those who have served this past year. Father, be with us now as we socialize and fellowship together and be with us as we’re still in training sessions. Give them wisdom and knowledge to share with those students. We ask this all in your name.

President Richard Blair – Thank you John. We have prayer breakfast tomorrow morning here at 7:30, right over to my left here. Also, um we’ll reconvene tomorrow morning at 9 o’clock. This session is closed.
Richard Brooks – Good evening. Lovely. Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen it’s a pleasure to be with you here this evening. It’s always an honor to serve as Master of Ceremonies. If I don’t know you, my name is Richard Brooks. It’s a pleasure to serve in this capacity for you this evening. I have to deliver a message that I wish I didn’t have to, but we need to set the stage for tonight. We are going to be absent our President, Rick Blair. As many of you know, some of you I’m sure don’t, Mrs. Blair took a spill in convention hall yesterday. The doctor has, the doctor today has insisted that he have a MRI. That’s going on, I believe, as we speak. So Mr. and Mrs. Blair will be absent. Of course, family first, that’s the most important thing, and he is taking care of family business. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers as we continue on with our responsibilities here this evening. I’ll ask now that we begin with the outgoing President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, begin her walk this evening and it’s a pleasure to introduce the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President Marcia Roth of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Montgomery County; Escorted by her husband Johnie F. Roth Jr. Thank you both, lovely to see you here on stage. Ladies and gentlemen it’s a pleasure to welcome all the Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association tonight. I’d ask you to please welcome the Past Presidents that we will recognize and are seated down below. We have Joyce Thorne 1996-1997; Joan Cumberland 1998-1999; Robin Sheldon-Hahn 2004-2005; Louise Hetz 2008-2009; backstage assisting me this evening is Teresa Ann Crisman 2011-2012; Sherry Soaper 2012-2013 and Ann Price-Davis 2014-2015. It’s now a great pleasure to introduce the appointed and elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary and the MSFA. Please welcome first the Conference Co-Chairs for this year, Christine and Michael Deckerd; they are from the Level Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary in Harford County and they’re pages this evening are Josh Deckerd, or the Deckerd dudes. Thanks guys. Next we have the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Member Charlie Abrecht of the Junior Fire Company No. 2 of Frederick County escorted by his granddaughter Charlie Hadji-Abrecht. Nice. Executive Committee Member Ronald A. Block of the Cape Saint Claire Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County. The Bessie Marshall Co-Chairs Past President Patricia Deamond 2006-2007, of the Northeast Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary in Cecil County and Co-Chair Past President Kathy Knipple 2009-2010 of the Junior Fire Company No. 2, Frederick County, her escort is Warren Main, page Brenda Harrison, and Past President Darby Byrd 2015-2016. Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearer, Barbara Sue Nelson 2016-2017 Seventh District Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, St. Mary’s County, escorted by her husband,
Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice President Rebecca “Becky” Wathen of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, St. Mary’s County, escorted by her husband, Johnny, page Debbie Fairfax, Past President Leona Gatton 1985-1986. MSFA Trustee Doug Alexander of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County. MSFA Chief Chaplain Reverend John F. Long Jr. of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County. MSFA Treasurer Ronald J. Siarnicki of the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Queen Anne’s County, escorted by firefighter Sierra Hawkins. MSFA Secretary Doyle Cox of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, Calvert County, escorted by his wife Cathy. MSFA Second Vice President Joel McCrea of the Long Green Volunteer Fire Department, Baltimore County escorted by his wife, Barbara. Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President Donna Struntz of the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Alleghany County, escorted by her daughter, Samantha Morgan, page granddaughter, Payton Morgan, and Past President Sandy Lutz 2010-2011. MSFA First Vice President Chuck Walker of the Chillum Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s County, escorted by his wife, Sharon. Ladies and gentlemen will you please stand. Our official party is gathered in the back of the room. It is now my pleasure to introduce the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President for 2019-2020, Lori Denbow. Lori is from the Level Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Harford County. She is escorted by her husband, Jeff and her Dad, Nolan Gallion Sr., page is her daughter, Charlotte Denbow and her sister Denise Caudel, her Past President is Sharon Worthington 1995-1996 along with her family members. And now it’s a pleasure to introduce to you the Maryland State Firemen’s Association President for 2019-2020, President Michael Faust of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, Queen Anne’s County, escorted by his wife Stacey and his mother Faye Williams. Ladies and gentlemen please remain standing if you are able for the presentation of the Colors followed by our National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Honor Guard Commander, at your discretion. Our National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance this evening will be offered by our President Macia Roth. Madam President.

President Marcia Roth singing National Anthem and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Brooks – I’ll now ask our Deacon Reverend Charlie Barnhardt to please offer this evenings invocation.

Deacon Charlie Barnhardt – Before I ask the benediction tonight we want to remember some people in our prayers. We want to remember Kenny Turnage, he’s on the Ocean City staff here and died unexpectedly, I believe it was yesterday, 34 years old and he leaves a wife and 2 children, 5 and 9 years old. And we also want to remember some special people from Carroll County. We want to remember, I believe its Bill Hilldebrand, and if I’m mistaken on the last name I apologize. And Past President of Carroll County LS, LS Emergency Services Association, Linda Lookingbill, and I’ll be returning home tomorrow night to do her memorial service at seven o’clock. Let us pray. Gracious
Heavenly Father we give thanks for another great day in this wonderful place. And Father we ask your blessing to be upon everyone, everywhere who has either just a small part or a huge part in this convention. And we thank you for the work this year of our Presidents. We ask you to be with Rosalyn as she goes through her MRI. Be with our President Rick as he’s with her. Guide the doctors and nurses as they look after her. And Father we also ask you to be with those new Officers who will be installed in a few moments. We ask you to be with our new Presidents Mike and Lori, and we ask you to be with all Officers who are going to be installed tonight and tomorrow. And Father, we ask you, as we celebrate another year, be with us as we continue to serve the citizens of this great State. In these things we ask in Your gracious name. Amen.

Richard Brooks – Before I make this last request, I’m going to do this because we can never do this with them in front of us. We always do this when they cross through the door and their planning their exit. But first of all I would like to acknowledge the outstanding service of the Harford County Fire and EMS Service Honor Guard. And I don’t know what we would do without the Pipes and Drums that muster every year to come together and explode into this room. Would you please acknowledge all of the components of the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Greater Baltimore, Delmarva, Harford County, Southern Maryland, and we really appreciate all of you that outstanding service. The sound is great. Honor Guard Commander, at your discretion. Let ‘em hear it. Please be seated everyone. And I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge our President Marcia Roth for her rendition of the National Anthem and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you so much. As well as the member of our Chaplain Corp, the ever present Deacon Charlie Barnhardt, let’s thank him as well. Okay, we made it. You know I tell the Miss. Fire Preventions, yesterday, you know, once we’re all here and seated you can take that deep breath. You can as well, right, you guys can do whatever you want. You guys can rest and relax. It’s nice to have you all here, you look wonderful. I don’t know where the blue thing came from, I’m liking that, I gotta tell ya. Was that you? Okay. That definitely, with my blue eyes, that is a very favorable look. Thank you all for doing that. Alright we need to move onto our business. Ladies and gentlemen it’s a pleasure, I’m gonna ask her to come back to the podium again to take her final remarks. Please welcome to the podium the President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Marcia Roth.

President Marcia Roth – Thank you Richard. Well, it’s so hard to believe the past 11 years of traveling up the LAMSFA chairs has come to an end. I have had a wonderful time attending events and making new friends and treasuring every moment. I have made friendships along the way that I hope will last for a lifetime. I must admit that I have had my difficulties along the way, as everyone else. I am looking forward to some down time and spending some quality time with my family. I am very grateful to those who have helped me along the way, have stood by my side and supported me. You all know who you are. I have said it too often, but I wish to thank my husband Johnie for his love and support and willingness to travel with me. I thank my biggest supporter,
my son Eric. Thank you also to my daughter Rachel and her family. Thank you to
my home auxiliary and fire department family from Sandy Spring, the Montgomery
County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Auxiliary. A special thank you to
three LAMSFA Presidents from Montgomery County for mentoring me: Peggy Webb,
Loretta Hall and especially Louise Dell, and I’ve got her with me tonight because I have
been given her Past President’s pin. I would not have considered this ride if it was not
for those ladies. I especially want to thank Pat Deamond for being there when I needed
her assistance and guidance and all of the other Past Presidents that I have leaned on.
This has not been an easy year. I have tried to do the best job I could. I hope that I have
lived up to your expectations. I want to thank Rick Blair for a good year. I wish the new
officers all the best in the rest of your journey. I know Lori and Mike will have a great
year and will be leaders I know they can be. Have a wonderful rest of your evening.
Thank you for coming and have safe travels home. Love you all.

Richard Brooks – Thank you Madam President. Before you go too far, I want to invite
Shirley Musgrove of the Sandy Springs Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to
come forward. They have a presentation for you.

Shirley Musgrove – Good Evening; all of us here represent the Sandy Spring Volunteer
Fire Department Auxiliary. Marcia, when you started this journey, you took the leap
that not many of us would try. You did it girl, you did it. We’re proud of you. We are so
proud of what you have accomplished this past year. We know that during your journey
that you’ve had really great experiences, but not without some tough struggles. All and
all we know it was worth it, you know it. Marcia, you never gave up, you kept on going
like the energizer bunny. We gave, you gave all of yourself during this. We are so glad
that you got to follow your dream and had this experience that you will carry for the
rest of your life. Now it’s time to pass that baton to the next in line. But SSVFD or Sandy
Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary would like to present you with this ring so
that you will always have something to remind you of these (lost audio). Please accept
this ring from us with honor, respect and (lost audio).

President Marcia Roth – What they gave me was my Past President’s ring.

Richard Brooks – It’s a little bit of improv, I caught her off guard. But this is the time
when we recognize the President for the last time. This is a lady who has traveled the
State, she has been at it, I always say 13 years because I admire all the ladies who start
and work their way to the top. This lady has overcome adversity, she has continued as
a family person, supporting her children and her husband, and her husband her. And
that has been wonderful. We acknowledge an outstanding year and a fine outstanding
lady who filled the office of President. Would you join me in seconding that? And now
is the time for the changing of the guard. I’d ask our installing officer Past President
Sharon Worthington assisted by Past President Vivian Morgan-Boyd to install the
Ladies Auxiliary Officers.
Past President Vivian Morgan Boyd – Ladies and gentlemen, not only is Sharon, Past President Sharon Worthington a Past President but she is also the cousin of Lori Denbow.

Past President Sharon Worthington – First off, I would like to thank Lori for the privilege and the honor that you have given me tonight. As Lori has spent many years in the Fire Service, I’ve had the privilege to install her a number of times at our home company, Level. I installed her when she was our County President in Harford County, and I am so blessed and thankful that you asked me tonight to install you tonight. If you all understand the duties of the office to which you have been elected and you are willing to accept that responsibility I will ask that you stand, please raise your right hand and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine. I Sharon Worthington, do solemnly promise to fulfill, the duties of the office, to which I have been elected, and to uphold the constitution, and bylaws of the Ladies, Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, to the best of my ability, I will preserve and maintain all, records and properties, entrusted to my care, and turn same over, to my duly elected successor, at the termination of my term of office, so help me God. Ladies I declare you the duly installed officers for the 2019-2020 year. God bless you and travel with you and may you keep a smile on your face and enjoy every moment of it.

Richard Brooks – Thank you. Okay. We’re gonna now ask Past President Marcia Roth to come forward as well as Vivian Boyd, Past President. Marcia, we have brought everything here for you to bestow upon the President. The Seal, the shadow box and the gavel. If we could have President Denbow please come forward to receive these trappings. I knew better than to go that far, I took the top off.

Past President Vivian Boyd – Marcia, I have the honor of bestowing the Past President’s all those years of service culminate to this wonderful pin. Lost audio. We want to welcome you to the Past Presidents. I know you don’t want to pin it on that dress. (Lost Audio) Thank you.

Richard Brooks – Glad we could overcome the strength of the bubble wrap this evening. Had a little bit of concern there for the antiques and the bubble wrap and the tape? Which one was going to win out? Okay, but we won that. Madam President, Lori would you come forward because you have something you have to pass on or a gift to Marcia.

President Lori Denbow – Marcia, on behalf of the officers and committee chairs we have a few items to present you for an outstanding eleven, twelve years of service that you gave to the Ladies Auxiliary and I know that you will not be going very far.

Richard Brooks – Thank you ladies. Now we’ll move to the other side of the stage and we will install the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And to perform that function I’ll invite the Past President, Mark Bilger to the stage to install the Officers.
Past President Mark Bilger – Good evening everyone. If the Officers would please stand. If you would raise your right hand, say your name where I say mine. I Mark Bilger, do promise and swear, to uphold the constitution and bylaws, of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, I further promise and swear, to perform the duties, to the office to which I have been elected, and to maintain, all records, properties, monies, entrusted to my care, and turn the same over, to my duly elected successor, at the completion of my term. Congratulations. These are your Officers.

Richard Brooks – Congratulations gentlemen. Please be seated. Mr. President before you sit down if you would gather Madam President and the two of you take center stage please. Ladies and gentlemen please welcome our leadership for the next year Michael Faust and Lori Denbow, Presidents. And if you would now escort Madam President over here once you’re done with pictures. Would you escort the fine lady over here? Ladies and gentlemen, remarks from our new President Lori Denbow.

President Lori Denbow – Good evening everyone. It is with great pride that I stand before you as the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Many years ago, before I started up the chairs I didn’t think I had what it takes, took to go up the offices and certainly didn’t think I have, what it was to become the President of this great organization. I have you, the members and my family to thank for allowing me to achieve this amazing reality. Thank you for being here for our installation. Special thanks to my husband Jeff and daughter Charlotte for their love and support. My Dad and the rest of my family for being here to escort me in. Please stand, my family. And also, Level Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary and members if they could also stand. In closing I’ll leave you with the words of Walt Disney; “All dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them”. Thank you.

Richard Brooks – I guess we’re going to do this for the next twelve months. Alright we have some presentations for you Madam President. I’m gonna invite President Bonnie Hayden of the Harford County Ladies Auxiliary to please come forward and make that presentation and if there are others of you in the audience that have scheduled presentations please come up at this time. Bonnie. Hold on Sandy’s got it. Okay. Is that the County Executive? It is. Usually he runs, like I couldn’t tell. He was taking his time. Ladies and gentlemen please welcome the Harford County Executive the Honorable Barry Glassman. Alright so I can take a personal point here. Your now being, um inundated with the family. Alright this is the Level Volunteer Fire Company, the Gallion family, and the County Executive who is the product of Level as they begin their presentation here.

Lori, on behalf of the Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association I want to present to you, to start off, this five hundred dollar check to help you on your way. Thank you darlin’.

Richard Brooks – Next is the Ladies Auxiliary President from Level Karen Lopes.
Karen Lopes – I’m as short as Lori so I have to get up here too. Lori, Level’s Ladies Auxiliary is very proud of your accomplishments over the last thirteen years. As a small token of our appreciation, please accept this gift as our thank you for doing your Level best. And we broughtCharlotte up here because she travels all over the place with you, so we thought (Lost Audio)

Richard Brooks – We’re trying to decide which one the husband and wife are going to go first back here. But we’re going to begin with the Fire Chief of Level Nolan Gallion, Jr.

Fire Chief Gallion – As Rick stated I’m the Fire Chief of the Company. Lori is also my sister and we are very proud of her. Her mother would be very proud of her too. She left this earth about twenty years ago, but I know she’s here tonight and she just loved Ocean City, so I know she’s here with us. Our family does have a gift for her and I don’t know if Mike’s going to present it. I’m really proud of my brother-in-law, Mike too. I see him over there on the Auxiliary side and he got the memo with the blue. I don’t know what to say about that.

Mike Denbow – Lori, you made a comment just a few minutes ago about not knowing if you had what it takes to make it to this pinnacle of the thirteen chairs, that absolutely was instilled in you many many years ago by your Mom, your Dad and the rest of your family that’s here, out there as well and those that aren’t here as represented by the cardinal. Here’s a gift for you.

Richard Brooks – I would have loved to have introduced that guy because he’s the retired Assistant Chief from our agency and it doesn’t surprise me that Mike Deckerd does whatever is requested, which is why he is kinda co-chair, right. It does not surprise me at all. Thank you Mike. Next we’ll move to Madam President Sandy Gallion.

Sandy Gallion – I’m gonna wear two hats tonight. First of all, as mentioned earlier, Bonnie Hayden, Bonnie is the President of the Harford County Ladies Auxiliary; I wear the hat of Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary for Harford County. And tonight the Harford County ladies would like to give Lori a check for five hundred dollars for her expenses to help out a little bit. On behalf of the Level Volunteer Fire Company, the Board of Directors, the Officers, the Presidents and the Chiefs, we’re very proud of Lori and all that she’s accomplished. It’s a long way up the chairs and it’s been a sacrifice on her part. I had to follow everybody else, this is not fair, especially the tears. As Nolan said, her Mother would be very proud of her today, just as we are, and because of all that she has done and will continued to sacrifice for this auxiliary we’re very proud to offer you a credit card to use for your expenses throughout your travels with (Lost Audio)

Richard Brooks – Thank you Sandy. And the name should sound familiar to you, but this gentleman is the Senator from Harford County, Jason Gallion, District 35 for a presentation.
Senator Gallion – Greetings. I also represent Cecil County. We don’t want to forget Cecil. I’m Harford and Cecil, but this is like a Gallion family Christmas morning here with all this presents and, I’ll tell you this is great. I offer greeting from the Maryland State Senate. First off we have a proclamation from the three Harford County Senators, Bob Casley, JB Jennings and myself. And we also have a very special resolution on behalf of the entire State Senate congratulating you and it’s signed by President Mike Miller. Now real quick, I’m only going to give these to you if you promise not to tell any stories on me from like twenty years ago at the Firemen’s Convention. Because you got a lot. But, Lori’s my cousin. The Fire Company’s very proud of her as everybody mentioned, your family is very proud of you. We know how hard you worked as the very special name of our family. I know about ten or fifteen years ago, your niece Michelle, was the State Miss. Fire Prevention and this is that same feeling. So congratulations, we’re proud of your family, couldn’t be happier for you. So God bless you and thank you for your service.

Richard Brooks – And next it’s a pleasure to bring to the podium a gentleman who started his days in public safety and public service at the Level Volunteer Fire Company and I can tell you that this is the person you want as your leader and your County Executive to support the fire service because he understands it. From the start to the end. Please welcome the County Executive Barry Glassman.

County Executive Barry Glassman – Thank you Richard, it’s good to be here. It’s an honor and a privilege to stand before the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary. Uh Lori, Harford County, we are so proud of ya. And I don’t want the folks out there, and many of you know this, but in Level we all are kinda related, so it’s scary sometimes. Sometimes I have to explain it three or four times to folks. There like well how are you related to the Gallions? How are you related? But we are so, so proud of Lori. I know that she will follow in the footsteps of our other Presidents from Level. My great Aunt Margaret Worthington who was a great President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Sharon Worthington and now Lori Denbow. And so I know tonight, Charlotte’s looking down, I know Mr. Nolan is proud, but I know everyone that is gone before you, is proud that you’re representing Harford County and Level. Level village, it’s a small little place. I always tell folks the most notable thing probably is it’s spelled the same way forwards as it is backwards. But we’ve done a lot of good things in Level so I’m proud of ya. If you get a chance you’ll find out why former President Charlie Reilly used to call it the center of the State, it’s right there in the middle and I’d like to say that’s where all the good things start. So Lori, on behalf of Harford County, God Bless ya and thank ya and good luck this year.

Richard Brooks – Thank you all and all the members of the Level Fire Company and the County Executive for taking the time to be here to honor Lori. Next I will ask the Senior Vice President Donna Struntz to come forward and speak on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary officers. I take that back, Madam Past President is telling me there are other things back here. Stand by please.
Past President Sharon Worthington – I’m gonna take Lori back to the past for a minute. First here’s a card. This is a little gift to go along with her suitcase. And I’m a person that believes that things that you cherish should be shared with other people. Well twenty-four years ago, when I was President, this was the gift that I got for people and I still have a few of them. It has the Ladies Auxiliary on it. You’re going to have a few rainy days now and then, you have to. But the two most important things were things that were given to me that I’d like to pass on to her. When I went up through the chairs the gold helmet that Lori was given tonight in the shadow box that was something that our ladies auxiliary officers and presidents looked forward to wearing, but you were scared to death of it. Because if you lost it, you didn’t know what to do, so two years before I became President they put it in a shadow box. But there was a special lady Edna Sprout whom many of you remember who gave me a pin that I wore as President. It has the little helmet on it, it has a cross, reminding you where your strength comes from. I hope, leaving it in my jewelry box doesn’t mean much, but passing it on to somebody else who has this great honor means a lot to me. So I hope you will cherish it like I have. And as I was going up the chairs, many more years ago than the twenty-four, I found this little pin somewhere and I bought several of them. It says we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. And it’s a little fire truck with company 1 on it, which is our company number. So I have one and you have one. And I want to pass that on to you too.

Richard Brooks – Sharon, thank you, Madam Past President for that. Yeah, you can go sit down because now I’m going to call again Senior Vice President Donna Struntz to come forward to speak on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Senior Vice President Donna Struntz – Good evening ladies and gentlemen, Madam President. On behalf of myself and our fellow officers we would like to extend our congratulations to you on your installation night as our new President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We look forward to working with you and your leadership and guidance in moving the LAMSFA forward into the year ahead. We pledge to be united as one cohesive group with you and we know that you have every ability to do every duty that is expected of you. We have watched you grow, not only in your abilities as an officer but in your personal life as we have watched Charlotte grow into your mini. Someday soon this organization will see a second Gallion coming up, and that’s going to be your Charlotte and I pray to God that someday you’ll be pinning your daughter with a Past Presidents pin. Thank you Lori for your leadership.

Richard Brooks – Thank you Madam Senior Vice President. Okay. We’re ready to shift over to the other side of the aisle now and here we go. Ladies and gentlemen it’s a pleasure to introduce the MSFA President Michael Faust for his welcoming remarks.
President Mike Faust – I got to get used to this too I guess. I think so, I think it’s up there high enough. Good evening everybody. I’d like to thank all of you for being here this evening. This is a very special moment for me. I came here, I think the first time, I think in 1986 and I saw these banners up on the wall and I thought that would be something cool that I’d like to do sometime. Didn’t know how to go about it and here I am thirty-three years later. I just wanted to say a few things that I’m proud of and first I’m proud of my family. I am proud of my wife for things she has accomplished and how she’s helped me raise four great young men. I am proud of the four young men especially three of those that have either served our Country or are currently serving our Country. I’m proud of you guys. I’m proud to be a fourth generation firefighter and follow the footsteps of my great grandfather, my grandfather, my Uncle who’s here this evening, thanks for coming Uncle Rob, and I’m proud that my son Logan is our towns first fifth generation firefighter. I’m proud to serve the citizens of Sudlersville in Queen Anne’s County with my brother Bill, and my cousin Malcolm. I’m proud to be a member of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company and for the support of the men and women who are here with me this evening. If you guys wouldn’t mind standing up? I am so honored and humbled to have such a great group of people come and support me. Thank you all very much. Actually it cost me money this morning, I took some of the younger members to breakfast and man they can eat. I am proud to have served the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the past two years as your second Vice President and as your First Vice President. And I’m honored to have made so many friends in this association along the way. Some truly, truly great people. Now for the most relevant thing, I’m truly proud to be the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association this year. I do not take this position lightly. I have several things I’d like to accomplish and with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary, also the Officers behind me, Chuck and Joel I look forward to working with you guys to get those things done. But the first thing and most important thing is improving communication between the officers of this association and the members and with our partners. It is something that is paramount to the success of this organization. I’d also like to pledge my support to Chuck and Joel. These three years have gone by extremely quickly and there’s a lot that I’m sure you guys want to do and I’m here to help. I promise you I will do all I can to make that happen. Ladies I look forward to working with all of you as well. Congratulations Lori. There’s a big difference in our height, but you make up for it in your dedication and I truly am looking forward to working with you and Donna and the rest of the ladies. So thank you very much. To everyone from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; Thank you for your confidence in me and your support and I look forward to working with all of you this year. And now it’s time for us to get to work. Thank you all very much.

Richard Brooks – Ah, that worked pretty well. I like that, thank you, that’s much better. Thank you Mr. President and I would like to invite the President’s family up, Stacey, if you would come forward, oh there you are. Just come on up, we’ll do a couple things while you’re getting here. I’m gonna ask Robbie Blackiston to please come
forward as he has some presentations to make as well. And uh, first while they get organized I’m gonna invite our Senator, Senator Jason Gallion, who is here to represent the Legislature and pass on some certificates to you. Senator.

**Senator Jason Gallion** – Congratulations. I saw that Delegate Mckay was in the audience. Is there anybody from the General Assembly here could you please join me Delegate to help present. This is a proclamation from the Maryland General Assembly and I’ll have the two Delegates come and if they’d like. Delegate Mike McKay and Delegate Wyatt (?). On behalf of the Maryland General Assembly, we offer our congratulations and wish you the best on the upcoming year. Congratulations.

**Richard Brooks** – Thank you gentlemen. Thanks for helping us out this evening. Nice to see you here. Now I’m gonna ask Stacey Faust, the first Lady to come forward. She’s gonna speak for the family.

**Stacy Faust** – It’s hard to surprise Mike, it really is, so we had to think really hard about a gift that we want to give to show how much we love him and support him. But I can tell you right now only one person here has molded him into the man that I married and she was there when he took his first breath and so I’m glad. And because of that he is where he is today working for you. So Mike, on behalf of the family the top gift from your son. And the second gift. That one was made by our son.

**Richard Brooks** – Alright, thank you Faust Family. Wonderful. Thank all of you and specifically Cody for his outstanding service to our Country. Logan as well. Sorry, Logan as well. Alright, I’m gonna ask Tom Flint to please come out because you get the nice things. Right? What do you call it, the swag.

**Tom Flint** – Good evening. I’d like to recognize our incoming Presidents. (Mumbled Audio) Both Presidents come forward. We have honored them with a personalized tag for their own vehicle. Congratulations.

**Richard Brooks** – I always hold my breath before I ask this question. Are there any other presentations that I have missed? Everybody understand? Thank you. Well for the two of you we have reached the end of this installation night. It is now in your hands to guide our organizations forward. I’m confident that you’re gonna make progress, do new and exciting things and go for us where we need to be. That will be outstanding. And we do so in a proper frame of mind. Alright, I’m gonna invite Deacon Charlie Barnhardt to come forward for a special blessing.

**Deacon Charlie Barnhardt** – Hey you two, come here. Wow. You seem a little taller on the radio. There ya go. Well every, yeah get the paper out. Every year I try to think of something you can take with you as I give you a special blessing of Godspeed and travel blessings and everything. So tonight I’m going to pick on you. Michael will get his throughout the year. Are you familiar with the game show “The Price is Right”? Are
you really? My way? Well, let me tell you something folks, (Lost Audio) Drew Carey (Lost Audio) behind the scenes. (Lost Audio) have always(Lost Audio). So guess what I do tonight? You were elected President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I just simply want to say Lori, you’ve just won a brand new car! It’s not a fib, I had to do it, I had to do it. I thought you’d like that. Michael, you get your car, though why don’t you come over on this side? Here, we’ll give you a little room and ah let me give you guys a special blessing like I do every year. Let us pray. Heavenly Father for these two individuals that will lead our Associations in this new year we give you thanks for the abundant blessings that you have given to both of them to work with everyone, everywhere in this great State. It’s been said before, from the shore here in Ocean City to the mountains of Garrett County may these two individuals, Lori and Mike, have travel mercies, enjoy their year even though it will be a lot of hard work and continue to be with us as we all serve and back up not only our President but also all of our other Officers. Father, we thank you for this night. We give thanks to God for everything that you do for us. Be with these two wonderful people as they serve our Association. Be with us as we serve. (Lost Audio) Amen.

Richard Brooks – Please remember there is a reception this evening that you’re all welcome to. It’s at the 33rd Street Doubletree on the 5th floor. There will be no receiving line but we would ask that you all remain seated until our official party has exited the convention center. And now I take great personal pleasure in introducing the Ladies Auxiliary Vice-Chaplain Holly Trego for our final benediction. Madam Vice-Chaplain.

Vice-Chaplain Holly Trego – Good evening everyone. Lord Jesus to whom nothing is new or strange for you know all things, we ask for Your gracious guidance as we assume the responsibilities of our new offices. Keep us humble in our successes, cheerful in the face of failure, determined in spite of difficulties and honest in all of our dealings. Bless our work and use us in our new office to be a blessing for others. Hear us, Lord Jesus, for you are our real leader and we your servants. Amen.

President Michael Faust – Good morning everyone. It is my pleasure to call to order the fourth session of the 127th convention in Ocean City and I’d like to ask Chaplain Frank Roth to come forward this morning for the prayer.

Chaplain Franklin Roth – Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father we thank you for this day and the opportunities you give us every day to serve others. We thank you Lord for this convention as we have gathered together we pray that you would bless us each one. Please continue to bless us throughout this State. Keep us safe, keep us within your will. Father we ask that you would just continue to be with us, guide us and direct us. Thank you for the opportunity to serve where you gave your all and reached out to others, help us to do the same. Thank you for this day and thank you for this association. We ask these things in Jesus’ name.

President Michal Faust – Now I’d like Safety Chairman Mike LeCompte to come forward for a short safety message.

Safety Committee Chairman Michael LeCompte – I’m gonna get him back. I like it. Hey good morning everybody. We’re winding down. I’ll make this real quick. I’ll make you happy. On that list that’s out there you probably see signage all through the building. We’ve gotten right to the identity of what’s killing our firefighters and again its heart attacks about 50%. You’ve heard it all through the convention. The best thing you can do is know what stress means. For instance pulling large diameter hose, know when to stop, know when to ask for help. That’s causing what we call onset. Keeping hydrated with this water. This is the most powerful thing. When you talk to a physician they tell you keep hydrated, keep hydrated, keep hydrated because it causes physiological problems in our bodies, our potassium goes down and we we have a heart attack. And that’s what’s out in the fire ground that’s what’s killing us. Plus being exposed to the sun is humidity. Even on an accident scene we start putting all our gear on, things go bad and I and the people that are with Queen Anne’s/ Hillsboro fire department in Caroline County can attest to that. The other ones cancer. Very very simple, wear personal protective equipment if you can smell it or it can get on you it can kill you. And that’s the way you need to train your new firefighters. Do not breathe it. Everything that the buildings are made of today and the composites in the cars are all different and often times they have over a hundred different chemicals and additives and that is what’s causing a lot of these cancers. Plus what we do in our own personal lives, smoking and all like that, quit it. The other ones motor vehicle accidents. To be directly to the point, driving too fast.
The young firefighters driving too fast, trying to get to a firehouse and standing in the roadway. As I said yesterday and the day before, roads are designed for vehicles. They’re not designed for us. I talked to the Fire Chief from Manchester in New York, he’s had 7 different incidents involving people striking it, striking their vehicles and he was telling me what they do is they shut everything down first. They get everybody stopped. They’re opposing stopped down the road, they send a secondary police car down the road to let people know, like you do in traffic zones and then what they turn around and do is they let cars start to move. Once they get in place, just like going to a house fire, they get everything lined up and then they start letting the cars go. What they found that does is, by stopping the cars and they have to run up and stop and then they take off, they’re gently going by the scene and it’s reduced their accidents. So just a little tip to the trade, doesn’t cost anything. And the last one is falling through and falling from elevation. Basement fires are extremely dangerous. The Fire Chief from Wilmington Delaware can attest to that. He lost 3 firefighters 2 years ago. They didn’t know that the ah the floor had been compromised and it was an older building. The bottom line is 3 firefighters died from it and what happened over in Howard County, God bless him. But again, when you go to these fires with the new composites and the way the buildings are being built nowadays and that was way over a million dollar home we found out what happened so be careful of that. Let it go, that’s why we have insurance. I’m in the insurance business, let it go. That’s what it’s there for, don’t, don’t let one of your firefighters go out here and be killed. So with that hopefully you’re going to enjoy the parade today, we’ve been down there setting up and thank you guys for visiting our town. See you.

President Michael Faust – Please bear with us for one second. Excuse me ladies and gentlemen it’s my honor to introduce the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. While they are making their way to the stage it’s my honor to introduce my counterpart, my partner-in-crime, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Lori Denbow.

President LAMSFA Lori Denbow – Thanks. Good morning everyone. Is there anybody out there? Good morning everyone. Thank you, that’s a lot better. I’d like to introduce you to my Officers this year. First is one of my conference Co-Chairs my sister Christin Deckard. My Bessie Marshall Co-Chairs, Past President Cathy Knipple and Past President Patricia Deamond. My Color Bearers Barbara Sue Nelson, Robin Shorb, Guard Kay Trego, Historian Jennifer Johnson, Vice Chaplain Holly Trego, Chaplain Joan Kramer, Corresponding Secretary Sherry Steffen, Financial Secretary Jean Main, Treasurer Kristi Grinder, Recording Secretary Malea Daughton, Junior Vice President Becky Wathen and Senior Vice President Donna Struntz. We’re looking forward to working with the MSFA this year and have a good rest of your convention. Thank you.

President Michael Faust – Time to get to work, right? Now head back to work, there you go. They don’t need any escorts, they’re fine. Next. Now I’d like uh to, I guess I’d like to I don’t know. I’d like to invite up Secretary Doyle Cox for some remarks.
Secretary Doyle Cox – Thank you Mr. President. Usually at this time uh any correspondence we read it, there will be no correspondence for the Association at this time. Also, uh resolutions for approval, ah we have no ah rev resolute, yeah get it out of there, we have no resolutions. We’ve changed the procedures to, we’ve ah gone to certificates so at this time that is the portion of the report.

President Michael Faust – Could Mark Bilger please come to the podium? It’s my honor to introduce Past President Rick Blair for his remarks.

Past President Rick Blair – Thank you Mr. President. It’s been an honor and a privilege serving the State of Maryland and the citizens of the State of Maryland as well as the Officers and ah members of every Fire Company and EMS Company across the State. I had the honor of working with a lot of intelligent people, especially the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Every one of those Officers have stepped up to the plate this year. Actually I’m winging this. Left my notes in the car again, but uh these guys and ladies has really did a lot for this State Association this past year. Things has been shaken up a little bit, just as well as Trumps shaking up the Country. You know we will be changing some things that we do over the next couple years and you will see the outcome which will be better for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and that, that’s pretty much everything I have to say but I’d like to personally thank people in the audience today for their support. Being here makes a difference. Thank you.

Past President Mark Bilger – It’s my honor to stand here today representing Past President Tom Mattingly and I’m here to provide Past President Rick Blair with his badge, ring and pocket bullion and welcome him into the fold of the Past Presidents.

President Michael Faust – Now it’s my pleasure to introduce our main program presentation today being presented by Ray O’Brocki, CBO, Manager-Fire Service Relations Program, Administrator-Construction Fire Safety Coalition, The American Wood Council.

Presenter Ray O’Brocki – Good morning. My name is Ray O’Brocki for those who don’t know me. Before I became the Manager of Fire Service Relations for the American Wood Council I was in the Baltimore City Fire Department for 23 years, I was the Fire Marshall for Baltimore City, I retired as the Assistant Fire Chief and I went to work for the City of Rockville for a couple years as their Chief Building Official but I have experience as a fire official and fire code official and building official, but now with the American Wood Council. The American Wood Council basically briefly is an industry group that represents the wood and timber industry we deal with the codes of standards. We’re not the marketing wing of the wood industry, we deal with codes and standards. We basically write chapter 23 in the International Building Code. We also promote green building standards and environmental regulation. So I’m here to talk about tall mass timber, tall mass timber buildings that are coming in the 2021 edition of the IBC and for shock effect this would allow wood buildings built up to 18
stories. So when I first heard that I thought, you crazy, and I’m sure some of you in the crowd think, are you crazy? So I’m gonna go through what the code proposals are but tall mass timber is nothing new to our society. These are some examples of tall heavy timber buildings that exist. Two of them there in British Columbia, one is in Dallas. They are huge dimensional sawn lumber cross sections that are the floors and primary usually surrounded with non-combustible masonry walls. The product that makes mass timber buildings possible, the heavy timber is solid pieces of lumbar that are sawn. Cross laminated timber or is a new product. It’s a change in wood construction, it allows mass timber to be built to the heights that I’m gonna talk about today. It’s not necessarily a new product, it actually, the first patent for cross laminated timber was given in France in 1985. In 1992-3 you see the first buildings of cross, made out of cross laminated timber go up. There were new environmental regulations in the 2000s which caused an explosion of CLT, CLT is cross laminated timber, buildings in the UK. The way cross laminated timber is manufactured is that you have 2 by solid lumber pressed together in a lamination is adhered from a center panel out symmetrically. So there is always an odd number of lamination, 5 or 7 or 9. Um right here is a picture of the tests. These um, this test was conducted at the ATF lab. I’m going to show just 1 or 2 videos. I usually show all 5 of them, but for time sake I’m just gonna show 2. This was built at the ATF lab in Prince George’s County Maryland uh and what you see up there is a slab of mass timber. The mass timber slabs can be as wide as 12 or 20 feet or as long as 80 feet but nobody would make them 80 feet cause you couldn’t transport them that one is particularly is 40 feet long and weighs 3 tons. I say weighs 3 tons because after the fire test they actually took this apart. They repurposed it and gave it to Yale for some architectural students to actually build residential housing. I add this photo, you can see the guy on the top to see the scale of mass timber compared to say the average human guy. For those who are familiar with pre-con precast concrete construction where you have these concrete panels that are manufactured off site and brought on site, that’s what mass timer is. It is panelized construction that is manufactured off site and brought onsite. The one thing that I do want to talk about is the difference between tall mass timber or even mass timber construction and what most of us are used to which is lightweight wood construction. The fires you’ve seen on television on the news and on the internet where you see a podium that was built, there was one in Prince George’s County that went up, there was one in Rockville, um this is not mass timber construction. This is lightweight wood construction. On the far left you’ll see an example of lightweight wood, the middle one is post and beam which would be traditional heavy timber and then to the right is mass timber panelized and to give you a real picture, a real life picture, that’s the difference. On the right is light conventional light frame wood and the left is panelized mass timber. One of the biggest differences is the weight the surface area ratio. Mass timber is solid, dense, these panels can be anywhere from 7-20 inches thick, there’s no concealed spaces there is there is no stud cavities if you look down this hallway you see stud cavities, concealed spaces, once the gyp board is put up and mass timber construction you don’t have this. The solid wood is essentially the difference between putting
kindling in a campfire or trying to light a log this big on fire for those who’ve ever gone camping. So why were some of these codes necessary, why did it come about and a lot of people think that it was the wood industry that said hey we want to build this product so we’re gonna push for these code changes. It actually was building officials driven by the green building movement. The green building movement in Europe sorta came across the Atlantic and took hold here and they wanted to build newer and greener buildings. At the time when these codes were first proposed the American Wood Council had zero dues-paying members that even made CLT. We were asked to be brought into this as technical advisors because of our knowledge of wood products, wood construction. The building officials said hey, these buildings are being proposed and we don’t know what to do with them because there’s nothing in the code about it allows for mass timber, but in Chapter 1 of the IBC you can build under alternative methods and materials so if a builder can demonstrate to a building official that this type of construction is equally safe as something in the code they can build it. And that’s totally within the discretion of the building official and the fire service really unless you’re in the development review process has no part in that. So building officials said we want to get everybody involved in the process. We need some codes to guide us on what we should approve and what we shouldn’t. And as an example of some of these buildings were not even proposed but were built. Here is carbon 12, this is in Portland Oregon, it is 8 stories of mass timber construction. It is an apartment building on floors 2-7 and it is I’m sorry stories 2-8 it is the tallest mass timber building in North America right now. It has retail there as well on the first floor and apartments above it. There’s also the T3 building in Minneapolis Minnesota. This is 7 stories, it’s an office building with retail on the first level. And as we speak, and keep in mind the codes that I’m gonna talk about aren’t, they’re not going to be published until 2021 in the IBC and then for some states they probably won’t even be adopted until 2023 or 24 although some states are adopting early. They’re being proposed right now in Milwaukee and in Cleveland. I have an office building in Cleveland, I have apartments in Milwaukee I also know of Nashville, Charlottesville, and Newark, New Jersey all have proposed mass timber buildings coming. This is one, this is the tallest building in the world mass timber, it’s 18 stories of mass timber, it’s called Bock Commons on the University of British Columbia, it is student housing, it 18 stories and I talked to the Chief up there Baumer Kearney, who’s now retired, and his safety officer and they thought this is insanity to build an 18 story wood building. They had no idea the difference between mass timber and light frame as I’ve demonstrated but once they got into the process, learned the science of all wood buildings, you had the safety officers that was actually quoted in fire engineering magazine in 2008 that said man I, I thought this was crazy and now once I’ve gotten into it I can’t believe how safely these can be built. I actually asked the Chief for a tour of the building and he said sure you can come up but it’s not really going to be much to look at because all of the CLT, all of the wood construction is covered under layers of gypsum board and it’s gonna look like any other 18 story building. So how did this come about? The building officials went to the ICC and asked them to perform an ad hoc committee. An ad hoc committee,
a consensus committee, sixteen people they had 1 person from the wood industry, 1 from steel, concrete, gypsum. A lot of fire engineers, um fire protections engineers, building officials um and they formed into working groups and the working groups each were assigned different problems and or different issues and they were to explore the science of all wood buildings to deem whether they would be feasible or not and then develop codes that would govern the building of these structures. This is just the make-up of the ad hoc committee, ah building fire officials, uh engineers and architects, like I said there was only 1 representative from the wood industry of the 16 votes. Um, there was a local fire marshal out of Northern Virginia John Wasler, Ashonda Crane from the IAFF he was a banker in Cleveland, there Steve DiGiovanni who was the Chief Fire Plans Examiner for Clark County Nevada among others, but it was a consensus committee. So they set up performance measures for themselves and the performance measures during their deliberations was we could have no collapse under reasonable fire scenarios without the aid of an automatic fire sprinkler system. That was performance criteria one. Performance criteria two was these buildings cannot create an unusual amount of radiant heat that are going to effect the exposures around them. Criteria three is there could be no unusual response from a building of tall mass timber from radiant heat from an exposure that’s on fire. You also, there has to be no unusual fire department access issues. A lot of time during construction the fire service has a very difficult time fighting a fire. Usually in construction fires access is a problem, ah water supply is a problem early notification is a problem, this was going to solve the access. He also wanted tenability of the tenants to be able to escape, firefighter attack tenability, so you need egress and ingress and you need highly reliable and redundant fire protection systems. After months of deliberation, actually two years of deliberation, the ad hoc committee deemed that their set of 14 proposals met these criteria. But to get there, they had to do fire testing so the fire working group of the whole wood ad hoc committee developed a series of fire tests that were conducted at the ATF and it was supervised by the Forest Products Lab. They were looking to measure or evaluate or assess the egress tenability for the tenants along with firefighter attack tenability, but they also were looking to inform the code development process. They learned and you will see the different types of construction are informed by the 5 tests. I’m gonna show the videos because of time I’m only gonna show 2 of the 5 tests but I’m gonna describe all 5 of them. So the ad hoc committee created the fire test scenario, they created the test compartment. So what we have here is a 2 story structure, a 1 bedroom layout on each structure, you have a kitchen and a living room that’s 15 by 30, you have a bedroom that’s 15 by 30, you have a wrap- around corridor and a stairwell. Okay on this scenario they have ah they took a survey there was a Canadian survey taken of household furnishings so they took this survey it’s about fire loading, how much fire load it would take and they took the mean average of that study, added one standard deviation for you statistics majors out there and they came up with 570 mega jules per meter squared, that’s the fire load for tall mass timber building in this test. Five hundred and seventy mega jules per meter squared, the square doesn’t mean much to people that aren’t engineers, it is equivalent of 3 to 4 hundred gallons of gasoline. So these are
heavily fire loaded units. Ah, they also put 20 pounds per square foot on the roof, there is a 20 minute compartment door and a 90 minute corridor. So from the compartment to the corridors is a 20 minute door which is up to code and 90 minute door for the stairwell. Now this is to simulate a high rise but the stairwell isn’t pressurized like you would see in certain tall buildings. This is a rough drawing, rough sketch of the compartment, the ceiling height was 9 feet. This was a 5 ply CLT that means there was 5 layers of wood adhered together. And each lamination was approximately an inch and a third, the entire thing was about seven inches thick. Ah it used a polyurethane adhesive and um you see the wrap around corridor. These were the furnishings. You had a living room, well this is actually some of the furnishings for some of the tests, ah if you look in the upper left hand corner you see a concealed space but they put gyp board within the concealed space because you cannot have any combustible concealed spaces. In the kitchen they didn’t put appliances in there just because it was deemed that they wouldn’t contribute anything to the fire and they were a big time added expense and they did have all the utility penetration, plumbing and electrical, mechanical. They didn’t hook up the utilities but they had had the penetrations and they had them sealed per the IBC and then in the lower right hand corner you can see the living room even with all the cheap furniture we bought from Ikea there’s about five grand worth of furniture that was purchased for each test and it was modern furnishings. It’s not like the old legacy furnishings were cotton and wood and performed fairly decently in a fire, these were new modern batta foams, plastics, things that ignite and just go up, total heat release rate is off the charts. But even with all that they still had to add wood cribbing and and one of our guys donated his code book, he sacrificed gladly, gladly offered them up. Um so this is just more of the furnishings you see. They actually added OSB oriented strand board to the floor to simulate a combustible floor. So in the first test you had all of the CLT covered, all of the wood was covered with new layers of type X gypsum board, okay now this test was gonna be in a non sprinklered compartment so there would be no sprinkler activation. So I’m not gonna show test one because test 2 kind of proceeds the same way. So they ignite the cabinet on fire, the room flashes over, the living room flashes over in about 12 minutes, the bedroom flashes over about 17 minutes, it goes to the decay phase, the 20 minute door actually lasts about 7 minutes. So the bottom two pictures are after the fire, they let this burn itself out. There was no firefighter intervention that you’ll see in test 2 and that’s those 2 lower pictures if you can see them, that’s not after it was overhauled. The fire was so intense that it actually consumed all the contents of room, of the compartment and the metal stud wall covered with a half inch of gypsum, that’s how intense it was. Now in test 2 they exposed 30 % of the ceilings. The original plan was not to expose any of the tall mass timber, any of the CLT, but the design community said aesthetically we want to be able to expose some of it. So they had test 2 that exposed 30 %. Start the video here, so I’ll just narrate through the video. All the test fires were started the same way. They were with a can of gasoline in a cabinet with gasoline . You see the ATF firefighters go in and light off the cabinet. There were 420 channels of data collected during these tests. They measured everything. Ah, I don’t know that you can see cause
the screens aren’t that big, the ATF had never built a test compartment as big as this. It’s the biggest fire they’ve ever had, they were worried that we were gonna cook their hood up they actually had these deluge nozzles on tripods and they were gonna hit a board if it got too bad, yeah, but after the first test they realized it wasn’t gonna. Tests 1, 2 and 3 simulate the unlikely scenario of a total sprinkler failure, combined with no response from the fire department, combined with these big open portals in the front. A real apartment obviously is not going to have a 10 foot wide by 8 foot high opening in the front. But this wasn’t really to test reality, what it was was to really put CLT through the paces, they wanted to really test it and overtop of the 30 % of the exposed ceilings they loaded it with water barrels to put extra load on top of where the CLT would be exposed. So you see you have flashover in the living room right at about 13 minutes. The one camera you can see at the bedroom the bed starting to off gas. Now on the lower left hand screen you see the corridor door, there’s no smoke, next to it is the, I mean the stairwell door, the corridor see some smoke in there but the door is still in place, maybe a little bit of flame impingement but the doors still in place 20 minute door. You’re approaching flashover and now the bedroom, and now flashover. And flashover for laboratory purposes is 600 degrees centigrade 1 foot from the ceiling, so it’s about 1135 degrees one foot from the ceiling. Being in the fire service you look and say that’s flashed over but laboratory folks they wanted a specific measurement. So now it’s starting to enter the decay phase, that 20 minute door is still hanging in there at 38 minutes. The door will actually last almost an hour before it actually falls out of place and by the time it falls out of place the well into the decay phase and there’s no flame or impingement into the hallway what so ever.. The door falls out at about 1 hour and by this time the fire is almost burned itself out. This has 2 layers type X gypsum board with 30% of the ceiling exposed. So here are the pictures after the fact. You see the flashover in both rooms, the decay phase and then the lower center and right picture is the ceiling, where the CLT ceiling was exposed there’s a char there and that was expected and on the issue of char, wood generally speaking as a rule of thumb chars at about 1½ inches per hour. So they pull the gypsum board off of the CLT and as you can see it’s clean except in the area, you look by the guy with the white helmet ah the CLT ceiling is charred just in the area that it was exposed in. This is a cross section of that ceiling that we chopped, and remember I told you that it was a 5 ply CLT, 5 layers, count down from the top – 1,2,3,4 the fire burned for 3 hours, was not extinguished by the fire department, was not extinguished by an extinguisher you know sprinkler system and it didn’t quite get to the first bond lie ah bond line of the first ply and you can see where it goes up, you can, that is where the gypsum board ended and the exposed CLT began. So test 3, tests 1,2 and 3 all went almost identically same way, they all burned for about 3 hours, burned themselves out. This test we exposed 40% of the walls to expose walls to flashover, after 8 days it was very predictable. Um the one thing about test 3 and I have an event log of the group is that the door to the hallway was installed improperly, that 20 minute door only lasted about 15 minutes and that just goes to show you how important workmanship is and inspections are, but even then it still kept the fire from igniting the hallway. This is test 4, this is probably the
most accurate test. This is where the sprinkler system works. Ah all the wood, all the CLT is fully exposed to test 4 and 5. No gypsum board off except the kitchen and the bathroom where it’s required by the code. This is probably the least vexing of all the tests because it doesn’t get going the minute it breaks out of the cabinet a sprinkler head ignites and put it out or activates and puts it out. So in this test not only do they expose all the CLT they actually leave all the doors open to see if it gets in the hall way. And in this test, the flashing you see is just a visual alarm, if the audio was on you would hear the fire alarm going off, and the only reason he even took 2 minutes to put it out is because it was started in a cabinet. The fire had to break out of the cabinet before the sprinkler head would even activate. And there’s glazing on the front of the compartment. That’s 1,2,3 were open portals cause they wanted the ventilation for a high energy fire, they really wanted to put CLT through the paces and this one they put up glazing which doesn’t allow that big gulp of air in there. So the fire never gets going before it is extinguished in less than 3 minutes by the sprinkler head. In test 5 we actually delayed the sprinkler response. So that’s pretty much it for test 4, though as you’ll see all the CLT was exposed, the fire never got going to even char or even smoke stain any of it and in the lower right hand picture you see that the fire damage is contained exclusively to the cabinet and the surrounding area. Really held to the point if not area of origin, you have smoke with fire sprinkler system worked as it usually does about 92% effective and extinguished the fire. Test 5 there is a delayed sprinkler response. But what we do here is we simulate the scenario where the sprinkler system fails and we have to wait 20 minutes for the fire department to come and to hook up to the FPC and charge that sprinkler system. And the windows are glazed, all of the CLT is exposed. In fact one of the ATF firefighters gets impatient and a minute fifteen knocked out one of the glass panes to get it to go. One of the things that this group wanted to see is hey if this fire gets a head start will the sprinkler system still be effective in putting it out? The bedroom actually, I mean the living room actually reaches flashover and then the bedroom, most of it before the sprinkler system is initiated after 20 minutes. The one thing about the ATF fire test, test 1, 2 and 3 is there was no sprinkler involvement or firefighter intervention, those fires got really intense and they had huge amounts of ventilation. Ah I took a course on arson investigation in Blanco, Georgia where they actually had 2 burn cells side by side. It was a fire investigation course and somebody forgot to close the door on the one that was lit off by natural stuff in the room and the door with gasoline was closed. The door where the gasoline wasn’t used was burned more thoroughly because the door was left open and had ventilation. This fire as soon as it hits 20 minutes, boom, sprinkler actives, it overcomes the fire condition and and extinguishes the fire. But in the first 3 fires they were so intense, there are only a few labs in the Country that could have handled them. ATF being one of them. The one fire was recorded at twenty-three megawatt, the largest fire by far in ATF history. Twenty-three megawatt put it in any kind of perspective for you is if you stand next to a really intense camp fire that maybe you could stand there for 5 minutes that would be about 500 kilowatt, 23 megawatts is about 50 times stronger than that. So this is with the delayed sprinklers, you had all the CLT exposed, you had
a combustible floor. This is the event log. So the thing to notice about this log is test 1, 2 and 3 flashover occurred about 13 minutes very consistently. So it didn’t matter how much CLT or what CLT was exposed but it was a ceiling, the walls or no CLT, ah flashover occurred in the living room around the same time. In the bedroom it was even more consistent at right around 17 minutes. So what that would lead us to believe is is that the amount of CLT exposed really did not alter or effect flashover conditions. It basically is the contents of the room that effect flashover more than the construction of the building and since the contents of the room were consistent in every test flashover in the living room and bedroom were. Now when it comes to flame in the hallway tests 1 and 2 were fairly consistent, test 3 was significantly less because that door failed earlier. The tests that were allowed to run their courses that’s tests 1, 2 and 3 and you see that they do um in three hours they’re stopped and then in tests 4 and 5 where there is sprinkler intervention it just tells you when they activate and usually about 30 seconds after they have activation they put fire out. So these bytes, these tests rather, are in a report you can get through the USDA and this is the website if you want to see these videos for yourself that is the is the the uh website on the AWC website there’s also another website. So the tall wood ad hoc committee actually came up with 14 proposals, it created 3 new construction types. This is the first time in the history of the building code that 3 types of constructions were added. Type 4A, Type 4B, Type 4C, until then type 4 was simply heavy timber. It changes definitions, comes up with height and area, there’s provisions for fire safety during construction, and also for exterior wall non-combustible covering. This is type 4A, this is the one everybody talks about, the 18 story, though under type 4A construction this is the tallest it can be up to 270 feet, 18 story, it has to be fully sprinklered, a full 13 system doesn’t matter even if it’s apartments, no 13R systems for the sprinkler folks out there, 13 systems full, um you’re gonna get all the best timber, all of it has to be covered with with 3 layers of 5/8 type x gypsum board. Now if you remember test 1 it was all covered with just 2 layers, this requires 3 layer. They sort of wanted to be more conservative than with (inaudible). So the primary frame and floor has a 3 hour fire- resistance rating and if you know your fire- resistance rating tables in the IBC type 1A which is a non-combustible protective that the most conservative type of construction out there is also 3 hour. So you got a steel or concrete protected building with that can be built to an unlimited height, they have a 3 hour fire resistant rating of 3 hours type 4A has a 3 hour fire resistance rating. The difference is in concrete and steel, if you sprinkler those you can knock that down to 2 hours, in type 4A there is no sprinkler, it has to be sprinklered and it has 3 hour fire resistance. Now the, part of that 3 hours 2/3rds has to come from non-combustible protection so each gypsum board, each type x gypsum board will give you 40 minutes. That’s where you get your 3 boards or you 4 boards gives you 40 minutes each, 120 minutes of protection or the CLP. The stair towers have to be non-combustible so you’re gonna have to have a CMU elevator shaft, towers, uh, there can’t be any concealed spaces that are combustible so if you have a concealed space you have to put at least 1 layer of gypsum board to protect that and the floor topping has them also be non-combustible so you need 1 inch of SFA concrete. That
is I don’t really see a lot of these buildings being built, the markets simply not there for these buildings, but I’m sure there’ll be a show pony somewhere in the Country because it’s a whole lot cheaper to make a 18 story wood building and say we have the tallest mass timber building in the world than to try to get the tallest building in the world. Um and on the subject of cost there seems to be this myth that this is being pushed because these buildings are cheaper than steel and concrete, that is not true. There’s only a few manufacturers of CLT in the country, but these buildings actually cost more. There’s other reasons why people build them other than just cost. Now that cost may go down as manufacture goes up but for the time being these are more expensive than steel and concrete buildings. Now type 4B construction this can go as high as 12 stories. Remember type A was 18 this is type B 12 stories, you can expose 20% of the ceiling in the test we saw it was 30% of the ceiling but they are only gonna be allowed to expose 20% of the ceiling or 40% of the walls. The, it does have to be fully sprinklered, 13 system, you have to have a primary frame floor fire resistance rating of 2 hours. If you go back to that chart I was telling you about type 1A is 3 hours which is non-combustible protected, you have type 1B which is non-combustible, not protected. That has a 2 hour rating for the floor and the primary frame just like type 4B. Um, you can have a mass timber stair tower but none of it can be exposed, it has to be covered with gyp board and you can have, you can have concealed spaces but once again they have to be protected with gyp board, no combustible concealed spaces and the floor topping also has to be non-combustible. Now the last type of construction that was added was type 4C. The maximum height is 85 feet and the maximum stories is 9 stories. I don’t know how you fit 9 stories in 85 feet, if you can do that great for you um but you can’t go over 85 feet and there’s no podium exception, you can’t put a concrete podium in and then go 9 stories above that if it’s over 85 feet. You can have all the mass timber exposed inside, uh it has to be sprinklered, yes full 13 system, the floor and the primary frame 2 hour fire resistance rating, just like 4B, just like type 2B construction, and the floor topping does not have to be non-combustible but it does have to meet flammability of flame spread requirements that are in section 804 of the IBC. So this is just demonstrating that you want to expose the ceiling in type 4B you can but you can’t enclose it or you have to put gyp board over it. And that’s the same with jaffs and hoistways and not have any of the exposed CLT in a concealed space. Now here’s what I talked about the robust and redundant fire protection features. After 9/11 the IBC said you know what, we need a more reliable water supply for super tall buildings. So if you build a building, regardless of the construction type, over 420 feet you have to have a redundant water supply. That means 2 fire pumps, 2 water supplies from 2 different mains. That is triggered at 420 feet for non-combustible buildings. With tall mass timber buildings that same redundant water supply requirement is triggered at 120 feet. The minute you go over 120 feet, 2 fire pumps, 2 water mains. There’s also, they learned from the fire test that you need to seal the mass timber, there has to be sealing, you don’t want any of the hot air and gases getting behind the CLT, it has to be installed correctly and sealed, and it has to be inspected. And the owner, and I’ll talk about this a little bit, the owner has to visually inspect all of the pacifier
protection features, keep an inventory and report it to the building or fire official every year. So this is a requirement I think should happen in all tall buildings, not just tall mass timber buildings, the minute the fire department issues their use and occupancy permit then in come Verizon and in come Comcast and they start making swiss cheese of the firewalls and swiss cheese of the fire barriers. What this says is the owner is responsible to keep an inventory of all fire protections features, passive and active and have a 3rd party certify that every year. What they were worried about in the ad hoc committee is that I buy my condo in a type 4A building and I’m on the 18th floor and I say I paid all this money for a CLT building, I want to see it, so I pull the gyp board off after I get my CFO and that would negate the fire protection features obviously. So they said, this is a way we can ensure that the gyp board stays in place, so it would be a part of any lease agreement, it would be a part of any HOA agreement that they would have to allow inspectors, 3rd party inspectors once a year to come in and do this. This is really not new, right now buildings have 3rd parties do their sprinklers, 3rd parties do their alarms, they certify them, they have reports to pass onto the fire inspector every year. And on the note of the CLT and non-protection, non-combustible protection is in the areas that they’re exposed in type 4B and C it still has to meet that 2 hour fire resistance rating. That means you expose any of it, you have to upsize the whole panel to accommodate that fire resistance rating. So the exterior wall assembly, this is just a detail of that. Now the one thing you have to know is during the deliberations of the tall wood ad hoc committee, there occurred a fire in London called Grenfell Towers. Anybody remember Grenfell Towers? It was a high rise building, it was actually made of steel but it killed like 70 some people because the exterior wall covering had a combustible foam insulation in it, so the ad hoc committee was really mindful of exterior wall fires but they said we don’t care if it’s type 4A, type 4B or type 4C we don’t care how much CLT you expose on the inside, you cannot expose any on the outside and in fact you have to have a layer of gyp board at a non-combustible exterior cladding, or that. It also bolstered a lot of fire safety during construction. Construction fires during the same area, taken off they’re on television a lot so what it says is that you have to clad the building inside and out as it goes up with non-combustible material. So if you have a type 4A, you have to have the 3 layers of gyp board going on as it goes up. So as soon as you hit floor 5 or one inside and out has to have a non-combustible cladding and then as you go up it goes up. Same with type 2 and type 3 even though you don’t have to apply the interior with gyp board you do have to do the exterior as it goes up. I actually think that would be a good code requirement for all buildings. Another requirement is that the standpipe has to go up with the building. So as the building goes up, the standpipe goes up with the building. Ah the water supply has to be approved by the Fire Chief, it contains the wording to fire official. And all the stairs vertical chaffs have to be protected as the building goes up. All the penetrations, the group penetrations have to be sealed as the building goes up. So I’ve gone through this fairly quickly, I use the work shop that I give on this topic usually anywhere from 90 minutes to 2 hours. I had about 30 to 40 minutes here. Ah if you want to learn more about mass timber you can go to Woodaware.info has a section on mass timber, it has
links to the fire tests I talked about, the report that I talked about goes into the codes and standards a little deeper than I did. I’m trying to give you just a 30,000 foot view of the changes that are coming. Um, on there it also talks about other wood products, things that aren’t mass timber and we have power points on there for fire service instructors that may want to learn about I-joice and firefighter safety or structural composite lumber things of that nature. This is an article, this is a link to an article I did for firehouse magazine last year. It goes more in depth to the code proposals. Back then they weren’t, they were just proposals. They were accepted and voted on and approved in January of this year. Ah and I did another article for fire engineering magazine. I’ve given this talk around the Country to a lot of fire service groups and I’ve heard returns but I try to pick the top 5 or six questions that I’m most frequently asked and put those into an article. It also talks about the proposed changes that are coming for 2021. This is my contact information, ah if you know anyone that we go free of charge and provide live training to the fire service groups and building officials around the Country. I do construction fire safety based on NFP 241, I do NFPA 1623 incident planning and fire suppression considerations in large area constructions sites. And I do this presentation on audience members as well as any presentation on any engineer wood product. Ah does anybody have any questions? I’ll be around after the fact if not I thank you for your attention. They told me to stand by.

President Michael Faust – A couple of small gifts for you, ah one is our Convention mug as a thank you, and you are the first official presenter to receive my 2019-2020 challenge coin. Good morning again. Time for the remarks of the new Officers and I guess it starts with me. Um I am super excited to be the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Something I’ve thought about since 1986 when I came here for my first convention. I saw those signs on the wall and I don’t remember who was running for office at that time, I will know soon but um I wondered how you could do that and what steps it took to get to that, that position. It’s just something that always interested me and um I’m truly honored to be to represent this organization. Hopefully I’ll make you all proud, make my family proud. Um, I was honored to have about 30-35 members from my fire company spend the week down here with me um who support me and I’m humbled by that and then we’ve got several more guys that brought down every fire truck for my station to be in the parade. Um, today after I get off the tram, I’m going to go back and ride with my Company on a very special piece of apparatus for me. Um, I’m a fourth generation firefighter and my great-grandfather was our town’s first Fire Chief. A little over a year and a half ago and I wish the gentleman was here with us today but a little over a year and a half ago a very kind gentleman named Michael French from Hampton Virginia, um on a phone call with me gave us back our 1927 American LeFrance. So um, I’m gonna get to ride through the parade today on the piece that was my great-grandfather’s truck and I’m honored to do so. I’d like to take a minute to thank all the Past Presidents for their support over the last couple years, the Officers I’ve worked with, the Executive Committee members, um especially Robbie Blackiston who will be the Chairman of the committee. A great young
man, great leader in our fire company I’m sure will be a great leader for the Executive Committee. Again, I’m truly honored to be here. I’m looking forward to working with First Vice President Chuck Walker, and Second Vice President Joel McCrea. I think we’ll make a very formidable team and when you add us in with the ladies’ Presidents I think we’ll have a great impact on this organization. Thank you all for being here today. Thank you for your support. I’m just a phone call away and if you’ll uh excuse me it’s time to get to work. Next up is First Vice President Chuck Walker.

First Vice President Chuck Walker – Good morning everyone. Ah this is truly an honor to stand before you as the First Vice President in this organization. Uh, three months ago is not this is not what I had planned in mind. I was on the Legislative Committee in Annapolis, um I was asked if I would take on this responsibility and given that appointment. I do not regret it for one minute. Uh I thank you and all your member companies for their support, their kind words, uh the guidance of the Past Presidents, the guidance of everybody who has anything to do with the MSFA to help me through the last 3 months to get here. I look, thoroughly look forward to working with Mike, um we’ve had long talks for the last 2 months as you can imagine on things that we’d like to do in the future. Uh, things to uh things to accomplish between now and next year. We’re gonna do everything that we can to accomplish those feats um and as Mike’ll tell you he’s gonna do everything to help Joel and myself to uh get set up for our uh years going forward. I look forward to serving you again next year and further this year next year and ah once again I thank you for your support. And I want to make a quote, I was not here Monday as you know, most of you know I wasn’t here I was ill and my uh my good friend Past President Frank Underwood made a statement to somebody and it didn’t get made and Frank, Frank always says uh Chuck leads from the heart we don’t know whose heart it is but he always leads from the heart. With that, thank you very much.

President Michael Faust – I just want to let you guys know when Chuck was asked to step up, there were several people who put their names in the hat but from that day on I think Chuck and I have spoken just about every day planning, talked about committees, things we want to get accomplished, as my job is to support him and Joel because this time goes by, I heard it from the President before I started, it’s so true, time goes by so fast. So I told Joel and Chuck that I’m here to support them, I certainly will but again he and I we spent a lot of time it’s been also with Kate Tomanelli, our Executive Director um on the things that we want to get done. So Chuck, thanks I’m looking forward to working with you. Next up is our newly elected um Second Vice President. Um we didn’t talk to him because we didn’t know if he’s going to get in, but his conversations have started immediately when he us when he came on board so Joel your time for your comments.

Second Vice President Joel McCrea – Thank you Mike and good morning everyone. It’s indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to represent you as the Second Vice
President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I look forward to working with President Faust, First Vice President Walker, and all the Officers of the MSFA, members to the Executive Committee, the many hard working communities and our partners to represent you. Getting to this point is truly a team effort. First and foremost, I thank my wife, Barb, who agreed to take this journey with me. She has been my strength and encouragement. She is also my coach and my advisor and I thank you for being my partner in this adventure and in life. I love you dear. I would also like to thank the Long Green Volunteer Fire Company and the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association for their support. Special thanks to John McDowell and Dougie Simpkins who have been with me every step of the way. I have also been fortunate to have a Past President in my County to guide me and encourage me so Bernie Smith, I thank you. Also special thanks to Rick Eyre, Lew Harvey and Buddy Staigerwald for their help and support. And even before I knew that I was ready to take on this responsibility, I was fortunate to have very dear friends who believed in me enough and encouraged me to run for this office. It is with my deepest appreciation and gratitude that I thank Stu Carter, Wayne Tome, Past President Carl Edelin and his wife Eileen. And I look forward to traveling around the State and talking to and listening to each and every one of you. Thank you.

President Michael Faust – Next uh I’d like to invite up hold on, one second, oh I need to invite Secretary Doyle Cox to the podium. I’m sorry I don’t don’t know him.

Secretary Doyle Cox – Thank you Mr. President. First of all um it’s a great honor to serve you in the previous years as Secretary and it’s gonna be an honor to serve you again as your Secretary especially to ah well the new officers will work with them along with my ah staff of Assistant Secretaries. So again if you need anything please make contact with us and we will provide you with the information that we have. Thank you ever so much.

President Michael Faust – Now it’s ah really my pleasure to introduce to you our new ah Fire Prevention Ambassadors, I believe is the correct term, from uh, Annie McCullough and first runner up Madelyn Patrick.

Miss. Fire Prevention Annie McCullough – Good morning. As Mike said I’m Annie McCullough I’m Harford or MSFA Miss Fire Prevention for 2019-2020 from Harford County. Um I would like to thank you all for being here today and I hope you enjoy your stay in Ocean City and I hope to see you all in the parade as I go through. Thank you.

Miss Fire Prevention First Runner-Up Madelyn Patrick – Hello everyone. As Mike said my name is Madelyn Patrick and I am the First Runner-Up for MSFA. I can’t wait to represent you guys. It’s gonna be a blast and I can’t wait to see you guys in the future.

President Michael Faust – Would the members of the Executive Committee please join me on stage? Ladies and gentlemen it is sincerely my honor to introduce to
you the 2019-2020 Executive Committee. I’m a start closest to me. Mr. Bob Phillips, Charlie Albrecht, Dan Stevens, Tim Dayton, that can’t be Doug Simpkins wearing like casual clothes, okay, Wayne Tome Sr. Charlie Simpson, Ron Block, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee Lee Lutz and Chairman of the Executive Committee from Sudlersville Robbie Blackiston. Gentleman I’ve said before we have a lot of work to do. You guys are great, I’ve worked with every one of you in the past. Really an honor to have you guys from the Executive Committee for me, I appreciate the big a big responsibility and thank you all very, very much. I look forward to your guidance and again I’m here just give me a call if you need anything. Thank you gentlemen. Next up we’re going to swear in our appointed officers and those that weren’t with us last evening. Assistant Secretary uh Gene Aaron, Assistant Secretary Shirley Copado and Assistant Secretary Michelle Malin. Hurry up. Assistant Treasurers Fred Cross, not sure I know him either, um Wylie Donaldson, Bobby Jacobs, yes sir, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobby Aaron, Chaplains Fred Bahr, Deacon Charles Barnhart, Reverend Harry Hetz, Reverend Marvin Jackson, Franklin Roth, Rabbi Chesky Tennenbaum, Calvin “Pete” Walbert, Attorney Michael Farlow and Assistant Attorney Bruce Poole, Parliamentarians Richard Brooks, Kenneth Bush, and Chip Jewell. And I’d like to invite to the podium Past President Mark Bilger for to swear in the Officers.

Past President Mark Bilger — Please raise your right hand, state your name where I state mine. I Mark Bilger do promise and swear to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I further promise and swear to perform the duties to the office to which I’ve been appointed. I will protect and maintain all monies, equipment and property entrusted to my care and turn the same over to my duly elected successor at the completion of my term. Congratulations, these are you new appointed Officers.

President Michael Faust — I’d like to invite Past President Gene Worthington for a couple remarks.

Past President Gene Worthington — Good morning. Officers, delegates and members of the MSFA it is my honor to stand before you to announce and endorse the candidacy of my friend Ben Kurtz for the office of Second Vice President at next year’s Convention. Now I cannot think of a better person to introduce than Ben for this office. Ben has all the credentials to assume this office starting with his home company the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company having joined in 1972 and serving 30 years as an officer. The Harford County Volunteer Fire/EMS Association serving as a Trustee, Vice President and President. The Harford/Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association serving as a Vice President and President respectively and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association serving on the Executive Committee for 12 years and as a Chairman for two different Presidents. For the past 5 years he has been your Trustee. Now he desires to serve the Association in a different manner. Ben will be committed to performing his duties to this office to the best of his ability. As we travel this coming year to the various
meetings you will learn of his credentials to hold this most prestigious office. He looks forward to meeting each and every one of you. Thank you.

Trustee Ben Kurtz – Thank you Gene. Good morning. I do wish to announce that I am a candidate for the year 2020 as Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. As I did when I was a Trustee candidate, I will travel around the State, to your County and Regional Associations to not only meet and greet but also to listen to your concerns. The biggest thing we have to communicate between your home company, your home department, your home County Association, Regional Association and relay the issues and concerns back to the MSFA. I will also promise to work with our Officers, not only our incoming President that we have this year with Mike Faust but Chuck Walker as First Vice and Joel McCrea as our Second Vice President. I cannot wait to meet and greet with you. Thank you for your time, have a good day. Thank you.

President Michael Faust – And for the final report of this session there’s a couple of business things to take care of after that, but for the final report is Ron Siarnicki our Convention Chairman.

Convention Chairman / Treasurer Ron Siarnicki – Good morning. I hope that everybody’s been enjoying themselves here at the beach. A little bit of a Convention report. This year we’ve ah tried a few things differently with the website. Really wanted to push out the information about the seminars, registration for exhibits and other activities and it’s shown that it’s been a very successful. We had ah the most amount of exhibitors registered this year than we’ve had in many many years, we sold out A, B and D halls which is a good thing because those exhibitors pay the expenses for the Convention. But we’re very excited to see that work out for everybody. Plus our student numbers are up dramatically for our seminars and our HOT training. We think that that information being pushed out through social media has really made a difference. Our numbers at Jolly Roger were up, we’re almost to 1500 people at the Jolly Roger event Monday night. Prayer breakfast this morning was well attended and of course we’ve got ah to see what the apparatus will be like today with the parade. Right now the weather forecast is it should hold off till we get through the parade but there’s another round of storms coming in for late afternoon and evening. I guess we’ve just gotta deal with that as we go. It’s been a pleasure serving as your Convention Chair, we’ve got a lot of more ideas, the laser light show this year was a new added addition to try and spice up the opening ceremonies. We’ll be hosting a Convention critique right near the end of this month or right after the 4th of July holiday. Somewhere in there to try and get ideas, any suggestions you have please, there are some critique forms floating around, they were in the registration packets send them to me, email us, any of the Convention committee part of the Steering Committee group, the co-chairs or vice-chairs, give them a holler let them know your ideas. So as the Chairman of the convention you know that there’s a lot of work that goes into this. I often get credit
for that, the truth of the matter is that one heck of a team, I could not do what I do without the work of all of those people that make up the Convention committee. I want to thank them personally for their efforts because they work hard all year to bring you this outstanding event. Having Kevin Quinn here speak this year was something we thought would be a nice touch as the former Chairman and now the Vice Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council and Kevin said to me at dinner the other night that he’s attended almost every State’s Convention that’s out there and by far the MSFA Convention is one of the premier ones and if not the only one that still does a week-long of activities the most he’s seen has been 4 days and so we’re trying to continue the traditions of the Maryland State Fire Service. We’re trying to give you an outstanding week of activities here at the beach, but we’re also trying to make sure that this Association stays vibrant, alive and moves forward as we deal with the issues relative to our fire service communities. So we’re going to try to do our part as well. I want to thank you for your support, all your help but I hope that you enjoy the rest of your time here in Ocean City. Thank you.

President Michael Faust – Ladies and gentlemen I’ve been coming to this Convention just for a few years compared to some people, but this man puts on a heck of a show, he and his team do a fantastic job. I didn’t realize how busy they were, how much work goes into this during the Convention, before the Convention, after. There was an issue last night that I think a couple of our Hall of Fame people, Past Presidents and Trustees had to take care of an issue for us all night. The work these guys do is incredible. I don’t think they get near enough recognition for it although we try, but Ron thank you very much for all you do for this Association, especially for the Convention. I really truly appreciate everybody else should as well. Thank you sir, Thank you. I was just uh told I need to invite up to the podium Past President Danny Davis for some remarks.

Past President Danny Davis – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. It is my pleasure to stand before you this morning to announce the candidacy for the Board of Trustees Thomas A Mattingly Jr. Tommy was a candidate this year, you have he has been around to various organizations, he will be at your meetings this coming year, so take the time to meet with him, learn his ideas and concerns and you’ll see how passionate he is to fulfill the position of trustee. Tommy.

Thomas Mattingly Jr. – Thank you Danny. Good morning everyone, I’m here to announce my candidacy for the Board of Trustees for the 2020 Convention. I look forward to an opportunity to work with the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, the Board of Trustees, but most of all you, the member companies and individuals of this great Association. I look forward to seeing you all over the next year and ah back here again in Ocean City. Thank you.

President Michael Faust – Next I would just like to ask if there is any unfinished or old business that needs to be addressed at this Convention. Any old business or unfinished business? No old business, hearing none, new business? There any new
business that needs to be brought before this Association? Call again for new business? Hearing none I believe we are ready for Mitch and the $10,000.00 raffle. Mitch and Anna, come on up, I’m so sorry.

**Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke** – Good morning. It’s that time when we make somebody a little richer. Ah report of the Ways and Means Committee can be found on the page 85 of the program and that is the complete report for the 2017-2018 raffle. For the current raffle right now we’ve brought in $46,855.00 and there will be a little bit more because we were selling tickets five minutes ago down stairs. They’ve they’ve now arrived. That’s about $9000.00 less than last year. Ah we know we had issues at Spring Fest because we had a rainy Sunday, but at Sun Fest we did $7,710.00 and Spring Fest was $4,536.00. I will have a final report at the Executive Committee tomorrow morning. We had a very successful raffle due to the dedication and support of the entire committee and I want to thank all of them and I cannot do it individually because I’m gonna miss somebody that’s not fair, but I sincerely appreciate all the help that they gave us, especially the crews that go to Ocean City and work Sun Fest and Spring Fest. They are 13 plus hour days that we spend down there in all kinds of weather because we’re open rain or shine. And I do have next year’s tickets already as I always do. They’re down in the financial office so as soon as we conclude this session anyone who wants them please come down. And Doug Simpkins, I know if you’re I can’t see if you’re here you’re Baltimore County tickets are already assigned, they’re in a whole box just for you. You’re welcome in the back row. Okay, it’s time to get on with the raffle so let’s see who wins the money. Yep. Mike would like to speak first.

**President Michael Faust** – I know a lot of you guys don’t know what goes on behind the scenes. Pretty crowded back here and Miss Anna I didn’t see you standing behind Mitch, I apologize for that. Um, I might get a earful over here but the Convention hasn’t seemed the same, um we miss Lou greatly. I know the committee does, I know Mitch does, hearing me pull him over and ask for a dollar I truly truly miss it. Um, you guys did a fantastic, he was such an inspirational person when it came to this raffle and I want to thank you and um he’s absolutely, I know he said it about people all the time, they’re going to be missed, that man was missed this year and I just wanna thank you for being here and your help with this. Thank you.

**Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke** – Sounds like we need some WD-40. You only need that and duct tape, that’s the only 2 things you need. Put these on, I know how they write. Well I can tell you it’s a Fire Company, a second year in a row got 10,000 Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Mount Rainier. That’s why the fire companies need to buy their tickets. That helps us too because we don’t have to take the tax out on the fire companies. Michelle Carey 410-255-5030, it looks like it could be a fire company sale with a ticket number. That was for $2500.00. Mark Dixon 443-480-3820 that will be for $1500.00, third place. Janet Bliss 301-349-4621 and that will be for 4th place for $1000.00. Okay, we get another fire company in the mix, 5th place
$750.00 Potomac Fire Company No 2. I like labels, 6\textsuperscript{th} place for $500.00 is Heather Haller, Poolesville, Md. Seventh place $250.00 is Danielle (Danuta) Walters 908-475-8407. Ah, another fire company at number 8, $100.00. And let’s see Huntington Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. And we’ll keep the streak going for 9\textsuperscript{th} place $100.00 Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company. And the $100.00 winner and the final prize in our raffle this year is Michele Amereihn, 410-913-1482. I want to thank everyone who did buy tickets, if anyone is here we’ll be in the financial office, give us a little bit of time and we’ll get the checks in and again I have tickets downstairs for next year’s raffle. Thank you.

**President Michael Faust** – Hey Mitch I’ll see you tomorrow morning but I’ll buy $100.00 worth of tickets tomorrow from you.

**Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke** – Yes I forget we automatically, the President starts the raffle off next year so he’ll have his first $100.00 in.

**President Michael Faust** – Thank you all very very much, I appreciate it. Thank you ladies. Well I guess we have reached the end of the presentation or session today. Please I’d like to take just a couple quick minutes to tell you again how truly honored I am to be the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I hope you all join us at the parade. Um one thing that is key and I think paramount to the success of this organization is communication. That’s what I’ve been trying to work on for the last 2 years and I’ll continue to work on through this year. Again I’ve got a great working relationship with our Executive Director and Chuck Walker. Spent many hours with Joel McCrea. I think we’re going to make a formidable team. I look forward to like I said serving this organization for um the next year and beyond, but I’m just a phone call away. If there’s something important going on at in your County your County Association please reach out and let us know we’ll do our best to get to all the Associations as we as I’ve been trying to do for the last few years. I’ll continue to do that, but I don’t want to miss anything important, if I can so please reach out, send me an email, send an email to Kate or Doyle and let me know that you’d like one of the Presidents or myself to be at this function. So again I look forward to this coming year. I’ll see ya all between now, but I’ll see you at the beach next year. Thank you all for coming. Have a wonderful day and please be safe. Take care. I’m sorry, I missed the benediction. I did not entertain a motion, sorry I messed up twice now. Oh no, I did not I only wrapped it once, oh so I guess that’s right. Sir would you please come up and give the benediction. I apologize. Thank you very much. Do I get a car?

**Deacon Charles Barnhart** – No. Get out. Let’s rise for prayer. Gracious God, we thank you for this time you’ve given us to be here in Convention, and you know the time goes a little fast I guess when you get older. But Father we ask that we have a good parade today and bless those who will be participating also bless those who are healing from injuries. Those who have died we ask your blessing to be upon them. And now Lord, as we go back to our respective fire companies to do the work that we need to do for
the protection of life and property, we ask your blessing to be upon each individual person. And Father, give us traveling mercies from this great place we call Ocean City back to our homes, back to our work and back to the things that we need to do as fire persons and auxiliary persons for this great State. Again, we thank you for this Convention and all the people who put a lot of work into these last several days. Be with us until we meet again and may the blessings of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. Amen. Can I bang the gavel? Can I make a motion? Okay make the motion, do what you gotta do.

President Michael Faust – I will entertain a motion for adjournment.

Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke – So moved.


President Michael Faust – Thank you sir.

Deacon Charles Barnhart – Let me get out of the way.

President Michael Faust – Will you get out of the way?

Deacon Charles Barnhart – Yes

President Michael Faust – I’m in trouble, I have to say another prayer tonight for telling him to step down. All those in favor say aye, opposed? Aye’s have it.
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Vice President’s Faust, and Walker, Officers, Chairman Hemphill, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored and Special Guest, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates.

I would like to welcome each of you to Ocean City for the 127th Annual Maryland State Fireman’s Association Convention and Conference. It is with great honor to be standing here this morning especially in front of my brothers and sisters, and to those that have served and supported the fire service in Maryland, thank you. To the ones that are on the frontlines as an active Firefighter, Rescue or an Emergency Medical Services Provider, today I want to say thank you for your service. I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to have one of the greatest opportunities that anyone could have ever have in their lifetime.

Before we get started today I would like to recognize my wife Roslyn who has supported me through this past year and a few other outstanding people. These folks have supported me and have been by my side through hell and high water over the last three years. These men and women have taken time from their families to travel around this State of Maryland with me. They all have stood tall and by my side for the last three years not complaining once while I was visiting and representing the MSFA. These same people have traveled with me on many different events throughout the year supporting you and your companies.

Now I would like to give a big thank you to the following companies for their support over the last three years. The Officers and Memberships of Western Enterprise Fire Company, The Officers and Membership of the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company The Clear Spring Ambulance Service and very special thanks to my brothers and sisters from the rest of the Member Companies of Washington County and to the Officers of the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. Thank you to each one of you for your dedication and support.

As many of you may already know this has been a very trying year for me and the officers of the MSFA. The MSFA officers offer our sincere condolences to the companies and the families who have lost a member and a loved one. The MSFA has also been affected with the loss of MSFA Past President Jacqueline M. Olson, 2013-2014, and Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Janet H. Pfeiffer 1993-1994. And the loss of a number of the MSFA Committee Chairman’s during the year and key members who have always worked very hard every day behind the scenes over the years. These people will be forever greatly missed. Each one listed below all have been a vital part of this organization and have helped to keep moving this organization forward throughout the years. These dedicated people and each of you are the ones that make this association successful as it is today.
The following members listed below will always be remembered by each one of us here today in our own special way. May each one of these special people rest in peace forever.

EMERGENCY MEDICA SERVICES
Patricia A. Osburn, North Beach VFD - LODD May 26, 2019

FIREFIGHTER
Nathan E. Flynn, Howard County Dept. Fire and Rescue Services - LODD July 23, 2019

FIREFIGHTER
Daniel L. Lister, Queen Anne-Hillsboro V.F.C. – LODD September 1, 2019

MSFA Past President 2013-14
Jacqueline M. Olson, Chairman Emeritus Cancer Committee

LAMSFA Past President 1993-94
Janet H. Pfeiffer

Joseph A. Cooper, Assistant Secretary Emeritus

Clarence D. Carpenter III, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Graton C. Echols, Executive Chairman 1996-97

James P. Seavey Sr., Executive Chairman 2007-08 & 2015-16 Emeritus Cancer Committee

Charles W. Wills, Chairman Emeritus of the EMS Committee

Troy A. Odendhal, MEMA FSPG

Dale L. Hill, Legislative Committee Chairman

Louis J. Jonske, Chairman Emeritus of the Ways and Means Committee

Edwin F. Thurston, Fire Prevention Committee Secretary Emeritus

Anne F. (Flo) Collins, LAMSFA Convention Chair

On June 2, 2019, the Maryland Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services personnel honored these five Emergency Services Members in Annapolis, who have died as a result of a LODD. Their names were all added to the Maryland Fallen Hero Memorial Wall of Honor in Annapolis. May they all rest in peace.
EMERGENCY MEDICA SERVICES - Patricia A. Osburn, North Beach V. F. D. - LODD – May 26, 2018

FIREFIGHTER - Nathan E. Flynn, Howard County Dept. Fire and Rescue Services - LODD –July 23, 2018

FIREFIGHTER - Daniel L. Lister, Queen Anne-Hillsboro V.F.C. – LODD - September 1, 2018

FIREFIGHTER - Stewart W. Godwin, North East V.F.C.   LODD - December 9, 1963

FIREFIGHTER - Jesse W. McCullough, Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Dept. – LODD – October 9, 2018

The 2019 MSFA legislative Committee had begun working very hard in Annapolis since early last year. The MSFA was able to secure its annual operating budget early as well the Legislative Committee sent out a questioner a month and an half before the primaries last year. The MSFA was seeking to gain the support from each of the new and old members that were running for office in Annapolis and answered all questions from the Delegate’s and Senator’s they had asked. There were a number of sitting delegates that had been elected to the senate.

There was a total of 15 newly elected Senators starting out this year and 30 new members were added to the House of Delegates. The MSFA started reaching out to each person running for office. Each received seven questions on issues surrounding the key issues that would have been beneficial to the fire and EMS systems. The legislative group was trying to get additional support for the volunteers from each newly elected person that was seeking a seat in Annapolis. On the day before the last session the MSFA lost a great supporter and member of Maryland House of Delegates, Speaker Mike Busch, who passed away the day before the 2019 Session ended.  I respected him tremendously. He was fair and honorable and was deeply committed to the House of Delegates, his constituents, his family, and the State of Maryland. He will be missed.

I sent a letter to the Governor and met with the Governors Chief Legislative Officer requesting an increase in the Volunteer Assistants Funding and requesting it to be increased to 60 million dollars over the course of time. The fund is already funded at 20 million. The MSFA was attempting to add another 20 million this year and building the remaining fund up to 60 million in the following years. The fire service would then have a self-sustaining system. Plus, I have asked the Governors Legislative Officer to look into ways under the tax incentive program model for the state to allow Volunteer Fire and EMS Companies to have accessibility to family health insurance for active volunteer fire and rescue personnel. If you are interested in seeing their replies of your district you can find their responses on the MSFA front web page. Not all of the 141
delegates and the 47 senator Candidates Responded to the questionnaire. Please go to the website to review their answers.

What I am aware of is MFRI will receive $150,000 for renovations to the Western Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in Cresaptown. Both Allegany and Washington Counties will receive a portion of the 9.68 Million the state set aside to support rural broadband internet access for across the state.

The Governor’s budget funded our shared priorities with HB 231/SB 161 – Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Service is another bill the Governor introduced that would have increased to $10,000, the value of the State income tax subtraction modification for qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services. Unfortunately, this bill did not move forward.

House Bill 166/Senate Bill 280 - Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage (Fight for Fifteen) – this bill increases the minimum wage in Maryland to $15 per hour on an incremental basis over the course of 5 years for employers with 15 or more employees, and over 6 ½ years for employers with 14 or less employees. The rates and effective dates are as follows: Businesses with 15+ Employees Businesses with 14 or Less Employees January 1, 2020 $11.00 $11.00 January 1, 2021 $11.75 $11.60 January 1, 2022 $12.50 $12.20 January 1, 2023 $13.25 $12.80 January 1, 2024 $14.00 $13.40 January 1, 2025 $15.00 $14.00 January 1, 2026 N/A $14.60 July 1, 2026 N/A $15.00 The Governor veto the legislation, Unfortunately, the General Assembly overrode the Governor’s veto and this minimum wage increase will go into effect next year.

I had requested an additional $200,000.00 increase in our Appropriations Administrative Fund for the coming year. This fund would have been utilized to assist with the dissemination of critical data and information among all our member departments, Fire Prevention and Community Risk Reduction Efforts on a statewide basis through the individual volunteer departments and cover the additional administrative costs of managing the Association. Costs for these programs continue to escalate and a modest increase would assist greatly in ensuring that all critical needs are met.

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Most of you who attend the executive board meetings of the MSFA know we have added a new position last year within our organization. Accordingly, we have requested the state to maintain the current MSFA level of funding. It is our belief that since the creation of this salaried Executive Consultant for the MSFA it has shown that the creation of this position has already greatly benefited the MSFA and all our state agency partners.

However, it has also shown MSFA that there is a serious need for an additional full-time contractual recruiter person to handle the day to day operations for a statewide recruitment and retention coordinator and one part time person to maintain and handle
the electronic correspondence. The MSFA has applied for a FEMA Grant to help offset and assist with this. However, the grant will most likely only cover 50% of the cost. I asked the Governor for support on assisting the MSFA with the other 50% of the cost.

With the untimely death of Legislative Committee Chairman Dale Hill, I and the MSFA Officers agreed to move Vice Chairman Charles (Chuck) Walker into the position as the Legislative Chairman to fill the vacancy created by Chairman Dale L. Hill and placed James (Jimmy) Malone as the Vice Chairman of 17 State Circle. Since that time Chuck and the Legislative Committee Members have reviewed a total of 1051 Senate Bills and 1430 House Bills. They kept a close watch on 68 of those bills that had some type of a positive effect on the fire service. Out of those 68 bills, not counting the local jurisdictional bills, 15 have passed and are waiting on the governor to sign.

Just after the August 12th Executive Board Meeting that was held in Hagerstown, at the Western Enterprise Fire Co. I formed a taskforce and appointed a number of members from around the state and five members from the executive board in order to review what was happening with the EMS System and see if we could do something for a quick fix of the system here in the state.

The MSFA EMS taskforce held a number of meetings together over the last year while gathering information from our partners from around the state and the region. I along with the Past Second Vice President of the MSFA, Richard (Dick) Devore, met with MFRI Director, Michael E. Cox Jr. and the Assistant Director of MFRI, Larry Preston to review and look at additional options and some new information that was gathered by MFRI at a meeting from outside the state plus what they were able come up within the Western Maryland Region.

I requested a meeting with the EMS Taskforce Committee in Ocean City to inform them of the progress and to discuss the finding from our previous meetings with MFRI. The three MSFA Presidents and the EMS Committee Chairman and the members of the executive board who serves on the Training and EMS Committee and those from the EMS Taskforce Committee were present. I just want to inform you MIEMSS was informed and aware of what was going on and what was happening at this point and that they would be brought completely into the loop of what the finding we’re and what was happening within the committee on the training side. Currently to date MFRI has started four pilot NREMT Programs that are looking towards the positive side and MFRI will be adding two more of NREMT classes shortly after the MSFA Convention they have been scheduled to start on or about July 2nd.

I had the opportunity to be a part of the review committee and set on the review panel on April 16, 2019 at MIEMSS. MIEMSS had received a total of (13) thirteen nominations this year for the Maryland’s Star of Life Award. After a dozen judges from all parts of the state had time to review and go over all 13 nominations it was decided that Star
of Life Award would be presented to the following 11 Eleven Volunteer Firefighters & EMR’s Members and their Boat Captain of the Tylerton Fire Determent that is on Smith Island 10 miles out from the coastline in open waters. There is only two ways to get to Smith Island for an emergency it is only by a Boat or by Trooper 4 and the closest town is Crisfield, MD.

Crisfield has a dock at the point of the mainland which is in Somerset County, MD. It’s within my own opinion that each one of these people put their lives in grave danger under the treacherous weather conditions on that night of July 21, 2018 at 10:30 PM with a easterly sustained winds of 30 knots and wind gust of over 40 mph. and upwards of a foot to two feet of water already covering the roads on the Smith island.

The fire boat was only way that they could get the patient off the island for the much needed medical attention and treatment. The emergency crew loaded their patient into a boat without thinking of their own safety and welfare for a very rough 10-mile trip to the dock in Crisfield Md. It took the crew a good hour to travel through the rough waters to get their patient to an awaiting ambulance. After arriving at the hospital, the patient was immediately sent to the Cath Lab where she received three stents shortly after arriving in order for her to have a chance to survive. The responding crew headed back out to Smith Island at around midnight only to be forced back to the mainland until 5:00 a.m.

The following Individuals were awarded the Maryland Star of Life Award in Annapolis this May, EMT Dana Insley, Fire Chief Lindsey Bradshaw, Vol. FF Brian Corbin, FF Casey Corbin FF John Laird, Boat Captain Larry Laird, FF Margaret, FF Alan Smith, FF Lee Smith, FF Daniel Smith, FF Dennis Clary and Vol. FF Ronnie Corbin. Each one of you put your own safety at risk on that night to help someone in need. We thank you for your service with going above and beyond the line of duty.

MIEMSS had also received nominations of Five Children that were Awards Recipients and did receive them in May in Annapolis. I have asked Mr. Jim Brown to check with MIEMSS to see if MIEMSS would allow him to make few short videos clips of these events that a few of the recipients were involved in to be available to the counties for educational purposes for children.

I have appointed a number of committees over this past year. One of these committees will be dealing directly with OSHA. This committee is being led by Chip Jewell. Chip was appointed as the chairman to review and work with the National Advisory Committee on Occupation Safety and Health along with a small group of eight individuals to review the final regulator language and start following up on the OSHA changes that is being induced. Chip has informed me that there is already 4-page consciences documents the state has now. Chip has also reported back that he has met with personal from OSHA, The Office of Budget Management (federal), and the Small Business Administrative to
discuss this new 41 Page Document and the impact of the proposed regulations would have on the fire service in the State of Maryland as we see it today.

I had requested Jonathan Dayton of the MSFA Data Systems Committee in January, to work on and draw up a Social Media Code of Conduct Policy for the MSFA with Guidelines. A copy of the Code and Guidelines was presented at the February 10, 2019 MSFA Executive Board Meeting in Snow Hill and tabled until the April 7, 2019 Executive Board Meeting which was held in Friendsville Md. where the Executive Board voted to except the policy and approved it as part of the SOG’s of the MSFA.

As most of you may or are unaware that the MSFA has many partners that work side by side with us throughout the year. The MSFA works with a number of larger organizations and many small groups from around and within the State of Maryland throughout the years. Over the years one of our partnering organizations has been the University of Maryland Medical System. Little more than two years ago I was able to secure a seat for the MSFA President to sit at the table and be an active partner of the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. I would like to offer the MSFA's congratulations to Mr. John Ashworth on becoming the Interim President and CEO, of the University of Maryland Medical Systems and thank you for all your hard work and the support that you have shown to the MSFA over the years.

I had the great honor to have the opportunities of serving on a number of Selection Committee’s from MIEMSS and MFRI review panels that reviewed many applications and being involved in the interviews for the New MIEMSS Executive Director Position and Assistant Director of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute and the Replacement of our State EMS Medical Director. MIEMSS has now hired both a New Executive Director and a New State EMS Medical Director for MIEMSS. The Governor has appointed Clay B. Stamp as the New Chairman of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board. The New MIEMSS Executive Directors name is Dr. Theodore R. Delbridge, and the New State EMS Medical Directors name is Dr. Timothy Chizmar MD. He had replaced Dr. Alcorta as the Medial Director. If you get the chance and see or get to talk with either one of these Doctors this week at the MSFA Convention, please congratulate and welcome them here to the State of Maryland.

Respectfully,
Richard C. Blair, President

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

To the Officers, Members, and those attending the 127th Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference in Ocean City, MD. Welcome to the beach and I hope we have an enjoyable and productive convention.
First, I’d like to take a moment to thank my family for their support over the last two years. I could not have done this without you. I would like to especially thank my wife, Stacey Faust, for going with me to a lot of functions this past year. I would like to thank Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee Robbie Blackiston for agreeing to take on this role and all that comes with it. It is no easy task and you have done a great job especially when you were asked to run meetings in the Chairman’s absence.

To the Officers and Members of my home company, Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company and Auxiliary, thank you for your support as well. What you are doing for me this year at the convention is humbling and appreciated. Thanks to President Blair, Second Vice President Walker, and all the elected and appointed Officers of the MSFA. Once again you have proven to be a tremendous help to me. I appreciate all that you do for me personally and the Association.

Also, thanks to those chairing and serving on the various committees. Every committee is important but there are a few that I feel need a little special recognition.

The Legislative Committee led by Chuck Walker, Jimmy Malone, and Johnie Roth were in Annapolis every day that the State Legislators are in session and even more. They are there working for the Members of the MSFA and the citizens of Maryland and it is appreciated. I would like to especially thank Richard Smith. Although he was in Florida most of the session, he read every bill and called out those that needed special attention. His presence was still felt in Annapolis because the various legislators asked for him often and told me to listen to his suggestions. Thank you!

To the ladies working alongside the MSFA Committee members your work does not go unnoticed and we could not do it without you. Thank you!

Next, I would like to recognize and thank a few other committees including the VCAF, Finance, Safety, Fire Prevention & Life Safety, Training, Fire Prevention, and Recruitment & Retention committees. I have attended several meetings of these committees and most people do not know what these committees do to educate, train, and protect our members and the citizens we protect. I encourage members to attend committee meetings when they are in your area. You could learn a lot, but you might also have a fresh perspective that could benefit all of us so please go when you can.

To our partner agencies, thank you for your support and efforts this past year. First and foremost, the NREMT pilot program is a great step towards addressing the main issue we have had for several years. Although the results are still yet to be seen, I think what we have done so far is a very positive step and it is appreciated. I still don’t believe the average person that lives in Maryland has any idea of all of the behind-the-scenes work done by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and our partners.
To the Officers and Members of the LAMSFA, thank you for all you do. I truly enjoyed
the time I spent with President Marcia Roth, Senior VP (and my partner) Lori Denbow,
and Junior VP Donna Struntz. I am looking forward to working with Lori and her
Officers in 2019-2020. I am sure there is a lot we will accomplish together so let’s
get this year started.

I think we had a great year, but a better year is on the horizon. Communication is the
key to leading an organization of this size and, if elected President, I will do just that.
Leading this great organization has been a goal since my first convention 30+ years
ago and I am honored to even be considered for President. I look forward to continuing
to work with the MSFA and the dedicated Officers that lead this organization.

In closing I would be remiss for not acknowledging the four leaders of this organization
we lost this year. Although a lot of great people left us this year, these four stand out
to me.

Dale Hill - Although I barely had the chance to work with Dale, I was looking forward to
working with him in Annapolis. We were poised to do great things when we lost him.

Past President Danny Carpenter- Danny was a dedicated leader of this organization
for many years. He was involved with a lot of the business of this association and
served or chaired a variety of committees. He was always willing to lend an ear or
offer a suggestion. He will be missed.

Jim Seavey- Jim was a person I respected for his experience, passion, and dedication
to the members of this association, but it didn’t stop there. He worked to protect
firefighters across the country. He was a mentor for me and many others. The impact
he had on the fire service will be felt for years.

Past President Jackie Olson - Jackie was a close personal friend to both Stacey and
me. She did more for this organization than most people know. She and I met the night
before she passed to discuss the things, she wanted to do to assist me in my year
as President. I was stunned when I heard the news of her passing. She was the first
female President of this Association and really wanted to be more involved in 2019-
2020. She left behind a great legacy. Jay, Tyler, and the rest of her family should be
very proud of all she accomplished.

May they all rest in peace!
Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Faust, First Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Thanks to President Blair for appointing me to fill this office and to the Officers and
Executive Committee members who voted in favor of me.

Since being appointed to fill the position of the 2nd Vice President on March 14, 2019 by President Blair I have traveled roughly 1,500 miles throughout the state.

I’ve attended 8 County Association meetings, the Executive Committee meeting in Friendsville, the Southern Maryland Volunteer Fire Association convention held in Ridge, and numerous days in Annapolis to finish out the Legislative session.

I look forward to helping the new President coming in June towards moving this Association forward in the next year. I will be running for the office of First Vice President for 2019-2020.

Thank you for your support
Charles Walker, Second Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Presidents Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guest. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Secretary this past year, working with the elected and appointed officers. The continuous support, cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. The relationship that exists between the Secretary’s Office, the President’s, Treasurer, Financial Secretary’s Office and the Executive Committee are a vital part of the overall success of our Association.

The members of the Secretaries Office have attended all of the Executive Committee that were scheduled by the President. The Executive Committee Meetings were held at the following locations and dates listed below. All correspondence and business from those meetings were duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

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This year, we lost two outstanding individuals. Mr. Joseph H. Cooper, Assistant
Secretary Emeritus, who served this association many years as an Assistant Secretary and as Secretary. Ms. Jackie Olson, PP (2013-14) who was also an Assistant Secretary and Secretary before she was elected President. Each one of these individuals played a major role in the leadership of this Association. Both will be missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks Assistant Secretary Shirley Copado and Michelle Malin for their tireless efforts in recording and transcribing the minutes of our Executive Committee meetings. Also, to each for the many hours of transcribing and editing the proceedings of the 126th Annual Convention and Conference.

Congratulations to Gene Aaron who was appointed in February as an Assistant Secretary. His responsibilities will include the Secretary’s Desk at each Executive Committee meeting as well as assisting with the daily calendar on the web page.

A Special Thanks goes to the many other individuals that have stepped up and assisted when needed throughout the year, without your assistance, the office would not have been able to provide the service that was requested.

As in the previous years I receive a tremendous amount of assistance and support in preparing the mail outs and other responsibilities of the Secretary’s Office from my wife Cathy. I would like to thank her for all of the help and support she provides.

The Secretary’s Office has supplied many companies and departments with certificates of recognition for their anniversaries as well as certificates to individuals on their many accomplishments.

The Secretary’s Office will continue to work with the Convention Committee in preparing and distribution of the Convention Information packet mailout. This year the first mail out was completed in November 2018 and the second one was mailed in April 2019. An additional mail out of the proposed By-Laws amendment was also completed in April 2019.

As your Secretary, I will continue to travel around the state representing the Association and the Office of the Secretary at meetings and other related functions.

Our Association membership now consists of 374 member organizations. The membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association now consists of: 351 Active fire, rescue, ambulance and ALS departments; 21 Associate members; and 2 Sustaining members. As reported last years on the members credentials, the Total Number of Responding Volunteers and Non-Responding Volunteers were a total of 15,816 Responding Volunteers and 14,086 Non-Responding Volunteers for a total of 29,902 volunteers.
Thanks to all for allowing me to serve as the Secretary of this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, P.P., Secretary

REPORT OF THE M.S.F.A. FINANCE TEAM

President Blair, Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

On behalf of the Finance Team for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), representing the Office of the Financial Secretary, Office of the Treasurer and the Budget Committee, we would like to extend to all in attendance at the 127th Annual Convention sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable experience here in Ocean City. As we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, let us not forget the long hours and many miles our officers have expended all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

Over this past year, the Finance Team has worked very hard to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of managing the finances of this Association. As elected and appointed officers, we are appreciative of the opportunity to serve the organization and assist in its growth. While growth is critical to our survivability as an organization, the challenge of ensuring the financial stability of the MSFA must be on the forefront of our efforts and work products. Having gone through some tough times in the past, we have progressed well with the revamping of our organizational financial matters helping to build a stronger financial plan for all of us.

Fortunately, we have made great progress in a variety of areas involving our finances and have seen a significantly positive approach to managing the funds of this Association. The Appropriations Fund, Widows and Orphans Relief Fund and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Program (VCAF) are moving along quite well and as we work to increase the resources allocated to these accounts, we need to ensure our expenditures and accounting are in line with all applicable policies. We continue to accomplish this and through regular team meetings, continue to move our Association forward. You can be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that the best interests of the MSFA are represented in every decision that is made.

As work related to the awarding of the Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant to the MSFA comes to an end, we can look back at lessons learned along the way and the great progress we made in bringing new members to our fire service organizations. Our thanks to all the people who helped us accomplish all of this and, of course, to the Fire Act Grant Program for providing these funds.
Over the past couple of years, you have heard mention of the MSFA Financial Team on numerous occasions and it is imperative that you know that as a direct result of our team efforts the MSFA is in a much more solid financial status than we were just a couple of years ago. The Financial Team will continue to work on addressing every fiscal issue we, as an organization, face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to us.

Our efforts have supported the vital work performed by the Strategic Planning Committee and the efforts of our newly hired Executive Director. The team has been interacting with both almost on a daily basis. This makes for good planning, and execution of critical functions to support the MSFA and our Member Companies. We are committed to doing just that. Looking to the future will continue to bring new challenges and we must be prepared to think critically when considering every action, we take. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbi Aaron, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer’s; Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross and Wylie Donaldson along with Budget Chair and Past President Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Richard Smith, and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Carl Edelin. Past President Bobby Balta and Trustee Ben Kurtz are all committed to maintaining a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility in this office. Each has helped make a real difference to the end result and for that, we can all be grateful.

Additionally, it has been a pleasure working with the Board of Trustees whose charge it is to support the families of our lost and injured brothers and sisters. The Trustees have worked hard to bring additional resources to the forefront for our families and assisting them is both rewarding and the right thing to do. As a team, we would be remiss if we did not extend thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Rick Hemphill, always supported our efforts and helped to manage the financial affairs of our organization. We would not be where we are today without their help, guidance and support.

We look forward to another year of hard work to ensure that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purpose of this great Association. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful. Thanks again and remember to “Be Safe” in all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Finance Team
Greetings from the Chaplains’ Corps of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, it is our prayer that the wisdom and grace of our heavenly Father be witnessed throughout our association. That he would guide and direct all the leaders and actions of this association.

As I write this report, I am reminded of all the many people who are no longer with us. Some of these folks contributed some, and some contributed greatly to the success of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue services here in Maryland. I personally miss some of those folks who have been a great support of the MSFA Chaplain Corps. May their families find peace and comfort from their grief.

I would like to recognize a few people who work so hard to put together the Chaplain events at the convention. As has been the custom our Sunday morning worship service is put together by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart, with the help of Ellen Martin (organist), Dave Miller (trumpet), and Sandy Miller for putting the bulletin together. Working hard for us every year on the Memorial Service are Chaplain Harry Hetz, Elaine Huttenloch, our MIESS partners Jim Brown, and Brian Slack for putting the power point together, and Gail Koster who assembles the memorial book, along with the stage crew and the pipe and drum corps.

Psalm 121
A song of ascents. 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Sometimes we don’t acknowledge where our skills and abilities come from. Daily we need to take time in our day to remember to thank God for giving us the will and abilities to help save a life or some property. God is Great.

When you are down, where do you seek help? Does your company/department have a Chaplain? Chaplaincy isn’t just about the spiritual care of an individual, rather it’s a holistic, all-encompassing support service that a person provides to another. Chaplains come beside a person to offer friendship and care, leading when the moment feels too dark and hard, and always, always coming behind to comfort, encourage, and support. Chaplains offer a lot of prayers, yes, but it also involves words of affirmation and mostly a silent presence – a presence that communicates strength and courage and conveys the message that the individual is not alone.
Again this year the number of firefighters ending their lives outnumbers the Line of Duty Deaths. If you don’t have a fire chaplain and want to start a chaplaincy program reach out to one of us and we will be glad to help you start one.

In closing I pray that you would find it in your heart to seek God on a daily basis. Your skills and abilities have been given to you from God and you are an instrument of God to help his people in their time of need. I pray that God will keep you safe and protect you from harm.

Chief Chaplain
John F. Long, Jr.

REPORT OF THE MSFA TRUSTEES

Presidents, Officers, Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests to the 127th annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty (30) widows/widowers, three (3) dependent children, and seven (7) line of duty injury claims. This year we approved one (1) line of duty death claim. There were no claims for education assistance from any dependent children.

We are saddened to report one (1) line of duty death this year. Please keep the family of Patricia Osburn in your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember that the Trustees are always ready to assist with preparing a claim for line of duty deaths or injuries. Look under the Board of Trustees on the MSFA website (www.msfa.org) for the Procedural Manual for filing a claim for LODD or LODI. All forms are there that you will need to file a claim.

This past fall the Trustees lost our chairman, C. Danny Carpenter. Danny was a very dedicated and loyal Trustee for many years. His loss has been difficult to recover from. We ask that you continue to keep Danny’s family in your thoughts and prayers.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Trustees for their dedicated service.

Vice Chair Ben Kurtz       Trustee Terry Thompson
Secretary Jeff Thompson       Trustee Jeff Clements

Thank you for the privilege to serve the Volunteer Fire service of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Alexander, Chair
President Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year. Our committee along with the financial team continues to make positive changes in the financial management of this organization.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer’s Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure the income and expenditures of the association continue to be managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. The budget committee would like to thank the Executive Committee for providing latitude to the budget committee to monitor expenditures and move funds from one budget item to another as long as the bottom line of the approved budget remains the same. These actions provide the budget committee and the financial team flexibility to serve the association. The budget committee as part of the “Financial Team” continue to improve communications be responsive to those we serve.

The Budget Request Forms continues to provide beneficial information and is very helpful. After the Budget and Revenue Committee reviews the requests and approves the submitted budget, the committee is advised of their approved budget. Through this process committees have been extremely prudent with spending and have monitored their budgeted and stay within the established amounts.

The Budget and Revenue Committee continues to watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. All officers and committees are commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

As expenditures of this Association continue to increase, it becomes increasingly problematic to balance the income versus expenses and requires complete cooperation, prudent spending, and communications from all officers and committees. The Committee would like to thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this Association in the coming year.

Finally, the Budget Committee would like to thank Governor Hogan for his support in maintaining the State Appropriations this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman
President Blair, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 127th Annual Convention and Conference to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The mission of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Cancer Support Network took on an important and welcome addition to the committee by partnering with the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It is important to recognize this partnership as it expands our roll within the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services of the State of Maryland.

This year we have continued our role that was established in 2011 by MSFA Past President David Lewis on initiating a Cancer Support Network Committee within the MSFA as something that could benefit our members and their families that are dealing with cancer, cancer survivors and the behind the scene caregivers.

Our Committee suffered a great loss this year by losing three key leaders over the years within our own committee and organization. Chairman and Chief James P. Seavey, Sr., MSFA Past President Jacqueline Olson, and LAMSFA Convention Chairperson Emeritus Flo Collins. These three individuals gave their all to this committee and this organization while suffering with this horrible disease and have given us the strength to move forward which is exactly what they would have wanted us to do.

This year the Cancer Support Committee has met several times and has formulated planning for our future while continuing to keep our core tasks in tact. We have and will continue to distribute Cancer Bags of Hope to our Volunteer, Career, and family members that are dealing with Cancer all through the State of Maryland. We have bags for male and female, and any member of the Cancer Support Network Committee may obtain pediatric patients bags from any of the Maryland State Presidents, their County Representative on the MSFA Executive Board. These bags are free of charge and contain items that are helpful to the recipients as they go for their treatments. For accountability purposes the MSFA requests only the name, type of cancer, and the department and location in the state. No information will be distributed outside the MSFA. Many of the items in these bags of Hope have been knitted, crocheted, or donated by individual members and companies within the State of Maryland. The committee members send a heartfelt THANK YOU to those members that have and continue to donate those items.

This year the committee revamped our site on the MSFA website and will be adding new items and information in the future. The MSFA Cancer Support Network Committee has a NEW Facebook page and it is our intention to be more active in the social media network and provide tips on preventive ways to protect you. We will have new and interesting ideas on a monthly basis, and will be a monthly give a way in the future.
Also this year the storage of cancer bag supplies has been relocated to a central facility in Crofton, Maryland thanks to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

This year the 4th Annual Cancer Support Network 5K walk is April 28th in Annapolis, Maryland and is coming along with a little different look and the walk route has been reconfigured due to the construction near the State House for the next couple of years. Credit must be given to MSFA Past President Bernard Smith who gave the idea of walk to the current chairman. Each year the walk has continued to grow with new members and sponsors and has made this committee self-supportive and strong enough to fulfill our mission. Each year the walk is usually planned for the first weekend in April and begins at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Service Foundation Memorial.

Throughout the year our committee members have attended association and department meetings distributing information and bags of Hope and have also held fundraising raffles of Pink Cancer Fire Truck Banks, Stuffed Hope Bears, and Challenge Coins to raise monies for our work. Our MSFA Financial Secretary has reported that our income since July 2018 has netted $5,184 to date, which includes these years Cancer Walk.

The MSFA Cancer Support Network Committee will have a booth at the 127th Annual Convention and Conference and will showcase our new backdrop and display table as well as distributing copies of pertinent information and reports on Firefighters and Cancer. We will also have a limited number of the Lavender Ribbon Report “BEST PRACTICES for Preventing Firefighter Cancer”. (Special thanks to Mary Seavey) This report is also available on the MSFA webpage and can be downloaded and reprinted.

Finally, the Chairman of this committee has requested the MSFA Attorney to present and draw up paperwork for making the MSFA Cancer Network a 501.c3 charity to allow our donors an opportunity to claim their donations for tax purposes. More to come about this endeavor in future reports.

This is truly an active MSFA/LAMSFA Committee that serves YOU the members and our actions would not have been possible without their time and efforts. Thank You

Respectfully submitted,
MSFA PP Johnie Roth, Chairman
LAMSFA PP Darby Byrd Vice Chairperson
LAMSFA Liaison Joan Pruitt
LAMSFA President Marcia Roth
LAMSFA PP Teresa Crisman
LAMSFA Junior Vice President Donna Struntz
MSFA Executive Committee Member Ron Block
Kelly Otta
REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

MSFA President Blair and LAMSFA President Roth, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the emergency services organizations that make up the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: I bring you greetings from the MSFA Convention Committee.

With the efforts of many dedicated individuals, the 127th Annual Convention and Conference is being provided for the enjoyment and information gathering of the entire Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services community and their families.

This past year has seen many dedicated individuals putting in a great deal of hours planning and developing the weeklong events and activities that will be a part of our annual gathering. The Roland E. Powell Convention and Conference Center is a tremendous facility in which to hold our convention and conference. The Steering Committee, the various working groups such as: Exhibits, Program, Program Book, Parade, Social Activities, Logistics, Security and many more feel confident that you will most surely enjoy, learn, and take something back to your communities from this year’s Convention and Conference.

Unfortunately, we lost two critical team members with the passing of Past President Jackie Olson and LAMSFA Liaison Flo Collins. Both ladies contributed greatly to the overall success of the convention, they will be missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and friends as we remember the impact they made on all our lives.

Our Convention and Conference will again launch the weeklong activities with the Joint Officers Banquet that will be held at the Clarion Hotel. Each year the Banquet Committee does an outstanding job in planning this event and makes it a fitting start to our annual
gathering. Our Presidents, Officers and invited guests will gather to commemorate the productive efforts of the association this past year.

The Education and Hands-On Training Seminars will stimulate new thought processes and tone up some skills to better enable you to serve your departments and citizens in a most professional manner. Thanks to the members of the Program Committee, MFRI, MIEMSS, Shock Trauma and the Ocean City FOOLS for making some of the best educational opportunities available to our association membership.

The “MSFA Joint Memorial Service” proves to be another moving and most important part of the overall Convention and Conference. Our Chaplin Corp and many others are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program where we will recognize many of our fellow fire service members who have passed since our last gathering. In addition, special tributes and Line-of-Duty Death recognitions will be provided.

The most up-to-date informational programs will be featured on the main convention floor to allow you to build on your skills, knowledge, and contacts for the betterment of the emergency services personnel of our state. Thank you to all members of the Program Committee for your efforts.

Each year our exhibits bring some of the most innovative apparatus, equipment and services available on the market today and through our convention you are able to visit more suppliers during the week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet the technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions. We owe a “thank you” to all the exhibitors for supporting our Convention and Conference. Thanks to the Exhibits Committee for another year of outstanding service and dedication.

There will again be many family oriented social events peppered throughout the week to include:
Sunday Morning Worship Service, Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market, Miss Fire Prevention Contest, A Night at Jolly Roger Amusement Park, Prayer Breakfast, Purse and Bag Bingo, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, Special Events at Splash Mountain Park, MSFA Night at the Boardwalk Pier Amusement Park, Antique Fire Truck Rally, OC FOOLS Block Party, Eagles Landing Golf Tournament, and much more. These events require a lot of coordination, planning, logistics and hard work. Thanks to the entire team who helped to bring these special events to our association attendees and their families.

The parade on Wednesday requires many hours of preparation and work. The Parade Committee will be in place to make sure that it fulfills everyone’s expectations as we again travel up Baltimore Avenue starting at 15th Street. Lineup will again be at the
inlet parking lot. A special thanks to the Ocean City Fire Service, the Transportation Department, Police Department and Public Works Department for there long hours and hard work in producing the parade.

The Convention Committee extends a special thank you to Mayor Meehan for all his cooperation and assistance throughout the year in helping to make everything happen for a successful Convention and Conference. Thanks also to the Ocean City Council, City Manager, Ocean City Police Department, Ocean City Department of Public Works, Ocean City Department of Transportation, and to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication.

We could not put on this Convention and Conference without the splendid year-round cooperation of the Town of Ocean City and we thank their residents and business community for supporting us.

The Convention Committee would also like to thank the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department, the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Maryland Military Department, MEMA, MFRI, MIEMSS, State Fire Marshal’s Office, Maryland State Police, and the Governor’s Office for all of the assistance, cooperation, and work in planning and producing our Convention and Conference.

My personal thanks to the steering committee special liaisons: Susan Proels, Tom Collins, William Hawkins, Doyle Cox, John Denver, Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Johnie Roth, Mark Bilger, and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration (Co-Chair Past President Danny Davis, Vice-Chair Randy Smith); Exhibits (Co-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Vice-Chair Past President Rodger Steger); Finance (Co-Chair Past President Robert Jacobs, Vice-Chair Past President Fred Cross); Production (Co-Chair Past President Tommy Mattingly, Vice-Chair Bill Hildebrand); and Program (Co-Chair Ken Bush, Vice-Chair Ben Kurtz). This convention would not occur without their leadership and dedication to the MSFA.

So many additional individuals work tirelessly to pull everything together and I thank each and every one of them: Bill Barnard, Tim Thomas, Bobbi Aaron, Robert Rose, Jason Bloom, Chris May, Bill Faust, Danny McGown, Gary Jones, Robbie Blackiston, Jennifer McClelland, Jimmy Atchison, Joseph P. Walters, Ill, Ken Bush, Gary L. Krichbaum, Michael D. Clark, Pete Piringer, Ron Howlin, Scott Svoboda, Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Kevin Reilly, Laura and Harve Woods, Richard Snader, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Wood, Alan Doubleday, Sherrie Sauer, Barbara Evans, Chris and Lisa Tona, Rose and Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy and Joy Hinton, Mike and Terri Levasseur, Brad and Jenna Childress, Kent and Donna Whalen, Doug Guare, Ron Watkins, Steven
Scheinin, Past Presidents Worthington and Cumberland and Ladies Past President Teresa Crisman, Ladies Past President Fran Crisman, Dennie Mattingly, Tom Mattingly, Jr., Ginny Wilhite, Shirley Copado, Tony and Terry Clark, Pat Neil, Skip and Rory Stokes, Kim and Pat Dempsey, Tim and Donna Clark, Richard Brooks, Bob Ryan, PGFD Fire Chief Ben Barksdale, Rose Davis, Anna Jonske, along with Mitch and Darlene Vocke and their entire raffle crew. They are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center, backstage and logistics areas. Mike LaCompte, Chaplain Long, Chaplain Hetz, the Chaplain’s Office, Rick Hemphill and the entire Registration Team, Joe Ward, and Director Mike Cox at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci along with Jim Brown and Dr. Theodore Delbridge, Deputy Director Pat Gainer of MIEMSS, Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Pipes & Drums and all the Honor Guard members, Past President Dave and Gloria Lewis, Sandy Jacobs, for all events during the week along with the UCVFD Team. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Proels, MSFA Staffer Lynn Hawkins and MSFA Executive Director Kate Tomanelli for all they do all year long in support of the convention activities and the MSFA, as a whole.

YOUR Convention Committee hopes that you and your families will enjoy your stay in Ocean City. We also hope that you will learn from the many events and displays during the Convention and Conference and take that knowledge back to your communities to improve the safety and well-being of every citizen of our great state.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Chairman and working with a great team of individuals on the Convention Committee. We are already talking about things we would like to do next year to make the convention even better. Be Safe and Enjoy the Beach!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EVENTS & MARKETING COMMITTEE

President Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, officers, members, and guests, It is with heavy heart that I begin this report by noting the passing of Jackie Olson in December. Past President Olson was an integral part of the Marketing and Events Committee. Her hard work, organizational skills, and people skills contributed greatly to this committee’s efforts on behalf of the MSFA. We will continue in her memory, but her smiling face and willing attitude will be sorely missed.

The Events & Marketing Committee had a busy and successful year. The Committee supported the MSFA, several of its committees, our partner agencies, and our membership throughout the year.

The Committee supported the Association and its Legislative Committee by hosting
booths at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference, the Summer and Winter Conferences of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO), and by assisting at the MSFA Legislative Reception in Annapolis. At these events, we have the opportunity to meet face to face with Municipal, County, State, and even Federal elected and appointed officials.

The Committee continues to work in support of the various initiatives involved with the SAFER Grant.

The Committee sponsored an Ocean City Hotel Motel and Restaurant Association (OCHMRA) dinner in December. As a sponsor, we distributed Convention information to all of the attendees. The Committee also hosted a booth at the OCHMRA Trade Show in March. During this event we distributed Convention Sponsorship Information.

The Committee will host a booth at the Maryland Emergency Managers Association (MDEMA) Symposium. Our member departments work hand in hand on a daily basis with Emergency Managers in their local jurisdictions. Any effort we can make to build these relationships will serve our member departments well.

The Committee will also host a booth at EMS Care in Ocean City in support of our EMS providers statewide.

The Committee would like to thank President Blair and Vice Presidents Faust and Walker for their help and support. The Committee would also like to recognize the efforts of Past Presidents Cross, and Roth as well as MSFA Executive Director Kate Tomanelli for their hard work this year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Denver, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

We would first like to thank President Rick Blair for his support and appointment of this committee. The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee has worked very hard to keep current on the trends and demands for prevention efforts to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and its member companies. We look forward to working with President Foust this coming year.

This year we held meetings in the following locations:

- Prince George’s County
  Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building
This past year we have strived to bring the best in education to the departments with resources and tools made available on the website. Allowing us to add and update or portion of the website has become valuable resource. We have continued to add pertinent educational materials for use by our member companies. In all there are over 19 tip sheets for review. They are found of the top of the FPLS Committee section of the MSFA website. Please go to our committee page and see what we have done to support you as a member company.

As always this committee has great people to help support the efforts and our many messages, I would like to thank Vice Chairs, Dave Reid and Holley Trego and Secretary Daria Brown thank you for dedicated work in the world of Fire Prevention and Life Safety for this state.

Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci I would like to thank you for all of the support that you have given towards the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee of the state this past year. Our committee is always ready to serve you and support the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal. Thank you for always being with us and being beside us when we find ways to educate the residents of this great state. Thank you, Fire Marshal, for all that you do.

To the sub-committee members, I must thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the programs we work on. To Cyndy, Lori, Bridgett, Debbie and Robin and Susan, thank you for leading the charge in your respective programs for the committee. Your work is very important, and I cannot say thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the committee. This group could not function without your efforts and time to getting valuable information to the MSFA membership.

To Allison and Brieanne, You both did a great job and your travels and efforts are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on a successful year. I would like to thank the many other Fire Prevention Ambassadors for your years as we go around the state is very important to see the upcoming ambassadors helping spread the efforts of our messages. Congratulations for all that you do.

To LAMSFA Chairman Rose Pandolfini and to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland
State Firemen’s Association thank you for your continued support and efforts also in spreading the word of prevention to the state.

The members of the MSFA Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee each of us bring a very valued interest in Fire Prevention and Life Safety. This committee is at its ready to support the needs of the members of this state. We have many valuable tools to support a department’s needs when it comes to implementing programs. Please contact any of us when your department needs the many items that we are proud to support you with. We are only a phone call away.

Respectfully,
Teresa Ann Crisman, Chairman
Dave Reid, Vice Chairman
Holly Trego, Vice Chairman
Daria Brown, Secretary

REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

President Blair, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 127th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Numerous nominations were received for the Hall of Fame induction and for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

A complete set of rules for the Hall of Fame and the Marbery F. Gates Award were mailed out to each member company/department as well as being on the Maryland State Firemen’s Association web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book. A complete list of previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each company, department, squad review your membership rolls for members 50 years of active service or longer to be nominated for Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

In addition, members who have done outstanding work serving the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, your regional, and or county association as well as your company, department, squad.

Members of the committee:
C. Dan Carpenter III, Chair
Ben Kurtz, Vice Chair
C. Oscar Baker, Member Emeritus
Fred Cross, PP
John T. Ferguson
Timothy Jones
Dave Keller III, PP
Bill Lay
Richard Smith
James Magruder Sr.
The committee and I would like to thank President Blair for his commitment to the committee and for the opportunity to serve this great Association.

Respectfully Submitted;
Ben Kurtz, Vice-Chairman

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Mr. President, Committee Members, Madame President, Vice Presidents and Guests.
This has been a busy year for the Historical and Archives Committee.

This past fall it was decided to move the storage from Baltimore to the Crofton area in Bowie. This was done and we now have two weather-controlled units on ground level. This has made it easier to access when needed. We also have twice the storage which has proven well, and we are now purchasing more shelves and are storing some assets for the Ladies Auxiliary and memorial foundation at our location.

As of this time I would like to report that the Firefighters room has a new display cabinet and our committee is working with the University of Maryland and Marriott Corporation to restore the room.

I want to express my many thanks to the members of the Historical and Archives Committee for their invaluable help throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Clarence “Chip” Jewell, Chair

REPORT OF THE 17 STATE CIRCLE COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Committee Members, Vice Presidents and Guests, At this time I want to report that the window that has been cracked for many years has been replaced with another pane of glass and the handrail that has been rusting for a while is repaired, The sprinkler system that has been an ongoing project is still an ongoing project.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank J. Underwood, Chair

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The 439th session of the Maryland General Assembly began on January 9, 2019 with almost one third of the General Assembly being newly elected. When the session ended on April 8, 2019 at midnight the committee had sorted through 1051 Senate bills and 1430 House bills. The committee followed 68 of those bills having to do with the Fire Service or were of interest to the Fire Service.
Governor Hogan introduced 2 bills for the Fire Service in the beginning of the session. SB161/HB231 was introduced to increase the tax subtraction credit to Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical members, but did not make it out of committee. SB160/HB233 was introduced dealing with Workers Compensation- Medical Presumptions. This bill passed in the Senate but did not in the House. However, HB595, which was identical to HB233, was also a Medical Presumption bill passed and will be awaiting the Governor’s signature. This was a year for medical type bills to pass in Annapolis.

I would like to thank the following people for their hard work and dedication to the Legislative Committee this year. First to my Vice Chair James E. Malone Jr. for your countless dedication to the MSFA and its members. To Johnie Roth, Randy Smith, Harve and Laura Woods, Bernie Smith and Richard Smith especially for your morning calls from Florida. I greatly appreciate all of the hard work and long hours watching all of the bills.

And I would be remised if I did not thank the LAMSFA Ladies Auxiliary members who staff the office daily during session; Carene Housenfluck, Marian Nicholson, Jane Huffman, Teresa Ann Crisman, Elaine Huttenloch and a special thank you to Rosa Maher for stepping in when Elaine was dealing with some health issues.

I wish to also thank President Blair for the appointment for this committee and allowing me to chair this past year.

Please find the following bills that will be enacted into legislation for this coming year.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Walker, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

President Blair, Officers, Executive Committee, Guest, and Legislative Branch Director Walker. On behalf of the members of the committee we continue to work for the Officers of the MSFA. Since the last Executive Committee meeting the Officers and MSFA member have attended three out of state events.

Fire Service Leaders Urged to Reject AAA Cost Reporting Plan
Recently, the American Ambulance Association (AAA) reached out to local fire and emergency service leaders asking them to sign on to a newly proposed national EMS cost reporting system. The leaders of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association (Metro Chiefs) ask that fire service leaders not sign on to this effort.

This year, Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (PL. 115-123). This legislation contained a provision which restored the Medicare Ambulance Add-On Payments (Add-On Payments). It also required the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop a data collection system to gather information on the costs of
providing emergency medical services (EMS) throughout the nation. Our organizations support the use of cost surveying by CMS to reform the Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule and potentially demonstrate the value of permitting reimbursement for alternative EMS delivery models such as treat-and-release and transportation to alternative destinations.

The IAFC, IAFF, and Metro Chiefs have developed a fire-based EMS cost reporting work group to provide recommendations for CMS’ new cost surveying system. We intend to recommend that CMS adopt a system similar to the cost reporting system utilized by more than 1,000 fire departments across nearly a dozen states as part of the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program.

They ask that fire service leaders support the IAFC-IAFF-Metro Chiefs effort. We urge all state and local fire service leaders to reject overtures to sign on to the AAA alternative effort that may be harmful to fire-based EMS agencies. The IAFC, IAFF and Metro Chiefs look forward to presenting CMS with a proposal to help EMS agencies, including fire departments, finally be fully reimbursed for the services that they provide our nation’s Medicare patient.


In a letter received by MSFA President Rick Blair from Congressman John K. Delaney that he filed legislation to improve mental health care and address the tragic problem of suicide, which is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.

As of now emergency room practitioners record suicidal and self-harm behaviors using standard medical data processes, in line with federal privacy requirements and safeguards. This takes years for these reports to be compiled. Congressman Delaney legislation addresses this problem by creating a pilot program to fund near real time data sharing, in accordance with existing privacy protections.

This new pilot program would increase coordination between local care providers, prevention experts and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and create a path for faster data sharing. This potentially could help save lives, if caregivers and medical professionals see a link between self-harm ideation and other risk factors that show up in the data. For too long we have neglected mental health care in this country and nearly every family has been impacted. The Suicide Prevention Analytics Act is a step in the right direction, but we still have a lot of work to do.

Congressional Fire Services Caucus Select a new Co-Chair.
The leadership of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus has selected Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK) to serve as a co-chair. Senator Murkowski assumes the position following the recent passing of Senator John McCain (AZ), a founding co-chair of the Fire Caucus.
Since joining the Senate in 2002, Senator Murkowski has been a tireless advocate for the nation’s fire and emergency services. Throughout her career, she has supported the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs. She fought for the reauthorization of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act and was the lead co-sponsor of the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act.

With this being an election year and the holiday season coming on there hasn’t been a lot going on at the Federal level at this time. With the changes from the elections and with other member of Congress not returning the Caucus has lost a large number of its members and we have a lot of work to do to bring it back to be the largest caucus on the hill.

It was a pleasure to have Sean Carroll from the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) joining us to day to provide information on what is happening on Capitol Hill and what legislation will be forth coming in the 116th Congress reference to the fire and EMS services. With Sean support along with Dave Finger of the NVFC and Evan of the IAFC I follow any Federal Legislation that may have an impact on the Fire and EMS. We are early into this year’s session I am shore that Sean has some good information to share with us. We need to continue the MSFA support to CFSI as they are the voice on the hill for the emergency services.

**SIRENACT CREATING RURAL EMS GRANT PROGRAM PASSES CONGRESS, H.R. 2, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018**

On December 12, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 369-47 to pass H.R. 2, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (commonly referred to as the “Farm Bill”). H.R. 2 includes language from the SIREN Act, a bill that creates a grant program within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for rural EMS agencies.

The Senate passed H.R. 2 87-13 on December 11, and the bill went to President Trump to be signed into law. The SIREN Act reauthorizes the Rural EMS Training and Equipment Assistance Program at $20 million per year through FY 2023. Eligible entities include local and tribal government EMS agencies, as well as nonprofit EMS agencies, that are located in and/or serve residents of rural areas. Funds can be used to train/educate personnel, obtain/maintain licenses and certifications, acquire EMS equipment (including PPE), recruit and retain personnel, or develop new methods for educating emergency health care providers through the use of technology. Individual awards will be capped at $200,000 and grantees will be required to put up a 10 percent local match. By passing the SIREN Act this create a new Rural EMS Training and Equipment Assistance Program at HHS which will allow agencies to obtain critically-needed resources.”
H. R. 451 DON’T BREAK UP THE T-BAND ACT
JANUARY 10, 2019 - Introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. To repeal the section of the Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 that requires the Federal Communications Commission to reallocate and auction the T-Band spectrum. The legislation repeals the T-Band auction requirement and ensures local first responders in the affected municipalities will continue to have the ability to communicate during emergency operations.

H.R. 806 PORTABLE FUEL CONTAINER SAFETY ACT
The legislation requires the addition of flame mitigation devices to consumer-grade portable fuel containers. Performance standards to protect against portable fuel container explosions near open flames or other ignition sources.

H.R. 1241 VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION ACT
Benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders. 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. 1327 & S. 546 NEVER FORGET THE HEROES:
The legislation fully funds and permanently reauthorizes the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund. To extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1646 HELPING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OVERCOME (HERO) ACT
The legislation provides funding for peer counseling programs for public safety officers and collects data on post-traumatic stress among public safety officers to assist in developing best practices and improve measures to recognize, prevent, and treat mental health issues among public safety officers.

S. 803 RESTORING INVESTMENTS IN IMPROVEMENTS ACT
A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore incentives for investments in qualified improvement property. The legislation is to restores the incentives for investments in Qualified Improvement Properties, include fire protection systems, that were intended to be included in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 (P.L. 115-97).

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Cumberland, Jr. PP, Chairperson
C. Daniel Davis, Jr., PP, Vice Chairperson
Eric Bernard
Harve “Ed” Woods, Sr.
Laura Woods
REPORT OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

President Blair, Vice-President Faust, Vice President DeVore, Delegates and Guests. The Incentive Programs Committee was established as a “Standing Committee” in 1995 with two objectives. Oversee the Counties Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) and collect the points reports from each County to submit to the Maryland Comptroller’s office for the Maryland Income Tax Incentive Program.

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)
Twenty (22) Counties and two (2) municipalities now administer programs. All counties are requested to keep the Committee informed of any programs established or any changes to their existing program. This program is an award program for a members’ years of service in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS or Rescue service. Those Counties paying their members an incentive vary as to the amount. This is a County funded program and is not transferable from County to County. A summary sheet of existing LOSAP incentive payments can be found on the website in the Incentive Programs Committee Section. All payments for LOSAP is taxable by the IRS however is not taxable by the State of Maryland.

Tax Incentive Program (TIP)
The Maryland Income Tax Incentive Program was established in 1996 offering those active members in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS and Rescue service the ability to deduct a certain amount of money from their gross state income if they qualify by earning points thru their County LOSAP or Points program. The amount they can deduct for 2018 is $4,750.00. The amount they can deduct for 2019 will increase by $250.00 to $5,000.00. The amount will continue to increase as follows: $1000.00 ($6,000.00) for 2020, $500.00 ($6,500.00) for 2021 and $500.00 ($7,000.) for 2022. Qualified members may take this deduction by submitting form MSFA-P2.2 with their Maryland Tax Return. (Be sure to use the form with the current deductible amount and revision date.) The revised form for 2019 will be placed on the website during August this year.

The program requires that a member earn at least 50 points in at least 2 categories per year for any 3 out of the last 10 calendar years. If a member has not achieved at least 25 years of service, one of those years must have been earned during the taxable year (in this case that would be 2018). If a member has achieved 25 or more years of service, it only requires any 3 years out of the last 10 years. The rule for members achieving 25 or more years of qualified service HAS NOT CHANGED. They must still have at least 3 qualifying years out of the last 10 years.

Everyone must have at least 36 full months of service in order to qualify. For the year 2018 a member must have a date of membership on or before January 1, 2016. For the year 2017, 12296 members qualified for the tax incentive. Reports are still being gathered for 2018 and when complete you will be able to view the total count of
members by County on the MSFA website. That report will be available later this year.

The Committee is very aware as to the importance of protecting a members’ personal identifiable information such as social security numbers. The reports we collect must contain the social security number of the person earning the tax incentive as this is the only way the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office can match the members’ tax form with our report. We send a total report of all members that qualify to the Maryland State Controller’s office each year. With that said we have developed a secure website that the Points Coordinators will upload their yearly reports to protecting this data.

The TIP program is a Statewide program and points can be transferred from County to County via form MSFA-P2.3 (10/97) found on the MSFA website.

If the Committee can be of help or answer any questions on either the LOSAP or TIP programs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miscellaneous
I would also like to thank President Blair for his support this past year. Many thanks to Rick Hemphill for maintaining the secure website for gathering the Points Coordinators reports. Last I thank the Committee and the individual County Points Coordinators for their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stuart W. Carter, Chairman

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Joan Robison, Chairman Emeritus
Ken Bush Stacey Faust Donald Lee Howard David W. Lewis (PP)
Gary Crampton Rick Hemphill Michael A LeCompte Craig A. Moe

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Anne Arundel – Dave Lewis Kent – Lee Meyers
Baltimore – Stu Carter Montgomery – Ruthie Wills
Calvert – Wayne Hardesty Prince George’s – Joan Robinson
Caroline – Kelly Schanken Queen Anne’s – Tracey Johnston
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Cecil – Sandy Davidson Somerset – Lisa Evans
Charles – Danny Spalding Talbot – Ken Bush
Dorchester – Barbara Aaron Washington – Skip Menzies
Frederick – Nicky Burris Wicomico – Michael W. Farlow
Garrett – Sharon Paugh Worcester – John Fisher
Harford – Joseph Rutherford MSFA Ladies Auxiliary – Ann McGill
REPORT OF THE MEMA FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL GROUP COMMITTEE

The committee for the year has held one training this year in the SEOC at MEMA and been asked to man the Fire and Emergency Services SCF position in the SEOC when Hurricane Florence threaten Maryland. The committee members all have WebEOC accounts and participate in the monthly WebEOC drills.

Since we are not called upon that often we will try to have atleast one meeting a year at MEMA in the SEOC to stay familiar with its layout and procedures. At the present time, MEMA is just again taking a look at the Fire and Emergency Services State Coordinating Function (SCF), of which a large portion is Search and Rescue, whether flood, swiftwater, or land. The committee works with the Metro Chiefs, Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, and Maryland DNR to man the SCF. We may not be the ones in the SEOC but when called upon we need to be ready. There is a Conops for the SCF and hopefully a playbook will be developed to guide whomever is assigned through the Process. Once the Playbook is developed, we will review it.

MEMA will be reworking the resource board in WebEOC for fire and rescue assets and once done the committee will look at revising the survey that was used for the current inventory and gather updated information. Hopefully the committee can work closely with MEMA to keep that information updated.

We are always in search of additional MSFA members to support the activities of the committee. A key qualification for all committee members is to be able to staff, either in person or virtually, the Fire and Emergency Services section of the SEOC during activations. The SEOC is located at Camp Frettard in Reisterstown, Maryland.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Hildebrand, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MARYLAND FIRE RESCUE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation is saddened by the passing of Vice Chairman Bob Ringle, Bob has held that position since the first meeting. His wisdom and experience is greatly missed as we conduct business. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

After ten years it’s time for a change at leadership within the Foundation. Due to Bob’s passing and the need to fill that position, I felt it was time for a change of my position also. I am proud to announce our new leadership team. Dennis Beard will assume the role as chair, Rod Devilbliss as vice chair, Sharon Owen will continue as Secretary and Michelle Malin will be our new Treasurer. Congratulations to each and I know they will do a fine job.
As you read this, we will have just concluded our annual ceremony. Unfortunately, we have added several names to the wall, our prayers continue to be with those families. Thanks to our committee who do an outstanding job each year in making this a memorable event for all.

Again, we want to thank the convention committee for allowing us to set up our display at the front entrance to convention hall. Certainly, this is the premier location and we welcome all as they enter the facility. We appreciate the great partnership we have with the MSFA. We are again having several fund-raising events during convention week and we look forward to seeing you at those.

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of over 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening, biggest crowd ever I believe. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. We need your support as always to make this event a success. Please sponsor a table and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dancing and recognition. We look forward to seeing you there as this year as we head back to the shore.

The Foundation always recognizes the organizations that make up our group. Their commitment and dedication continues with outstanding support. We also would like to recognize our member companies who also continue to support the Foundation and we cannot forget our folks who regularly attend the meetings and support the activities of the memorial. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation.

The Foundation has hosted several events over the past year at the site and yes, we have denied several events who desired to use for various rallies. This is a memorial park for those who gave the ultimate and should be reserved for that purpose. The Foundation enjoyed another banner year with many accomplishments. Teresa Crisman took on a project that we have been trying to get done for many years, this being an app display at the site that takes you directly into our website.

However, with all the good, we still need your help with some fundraising efforts. We are asking that a member company or county association sponsor an event with the Foundation receiving the benefits.

We always want to remind you that we are still selling bricks and other items so please stop by our display at convention and say hello and yes purchase an item. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to again thank the MSFA for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. See you at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington, Chairman
President Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention. This year, it has truly been an honor to work with the various committees and members of the MSFA who have continually assisted MFRI in providing state-of-the-art training programs to emergency services providers and agencies throughout our great state. MFRI provided a vast array of programs to prepare first responders to mitigate the countless incidents they face on a daily basis.

The following is a synopsis of our educational programs over the past year:

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**Total Students by Discipline**

- Fire: 7,401
- EMS: 6,029
- ALS: 1,934
- Rescue: 2,625
- Management: 5,773
- Hazardous Materials: 2,188
- Specialty: 3,409
- Company Drills: 2,022
- Seminars: 1,906
- Simulation Center: 2,930

We made exceptional strides in enhancing our EMT training program with the assistance of the MSFA and other emergency services partners. By fall 2019, we will have established Pearson VUE test centers to host the NREMT cognition examination at our headquarters, as well as, at our six regional training centers.

I would like to thank MSFA members for their unwavering commitment to improve and provide outstanding fire and emergency services to residents and visitors of our great state. I look forward to our continued partnership in successfully making the Maryland fire, EMS and rescue services the best it can be.

Respectively Submitted,
Michael E. Cox Jr., MS, CFO, EFO, NRP
Executive Director, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
President Blair, Vice President’s Faust and Walker, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA): It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2018 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s Annual Report. I hope it is useful to the Association and the fire service community, to highlight our activities this past year and moreover, to strengthen the relationship that exists between our two organizations. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we wish you a most successful 127th Annual Convention.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) has been hard at work this past year to bring programs and services to the American Fire Service Community. Through the efforts of a great Staff, supportive Board of Directors and a contingent of dedicated contractors and volunteers, we have been able to meet our organizational responsibilities. Much success has been reached this past year and highlights are listed.

Fire Hero Family Network - The Fire Hero Family Network is a group of family members of fallen firefighters who provide peer support to newly bereaved families. Members of the Foundation’s Fire Hero Family Network provided emotional support and grief information to the surviving family members of 103 fallen firefighters in 2018. Matches are made based on similarities between the newly bereaved family members. For example, widows who were pregnant when their firefighter died were matched with widows from previous years who had been pregnant when their firefighter died.

Fire Hero Family Conference - The Fire Hero Family Conference was held in Blue Ash, Ohio, April 8 – 10, 2018. Workshops offered a proactive approach to help navigate the grieving process and strategies that could be incorporated into daily life.

Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters - The loss of a parent affects children throughout their childhood. Campers, ages 4-18, participated in the 2018 Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters in Johnsonburg, New Jersey, June 29 – July 1, 2018. In addition to traditional camp fun, campers shared their stories of loss and its impact on their lives. They built connections and self-confidence, learned coping skills, and processed their own grief. Campers let us know the best part of camp is feeling like they are a part of a community, making lasting friendships, and learning coping skills.

Young Adults Retreat - The Young Adults Retreat was held in Warrenton, Virginia, August 2 – 4, 2018. The retreat gives young people strategies to develop lifelong resiliency, and helpful life skills for coping and learning to be your own best friend.
Spouses and Partners Retreat – This retreat was held in Columbia, Maryland, December 6 – 9, 2018. Participants learned how to integrate their past life with their present, strengthen their sense of self, and develop goals for living a resilient life.

Fire Hero Family Tree Lighting - The Foundation was happy to have over 150 attendees at the 2018 Fire Hero Family Tree Lighting in Emmitsburg, to honor and remember all firefighters during the holidays!

Scholarships – With the Sarbanes Scholarship Program, the Foundation offers financial assistance for post-secondary education and training to spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Eighty (80) scholarships were awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year.

37th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend – At the 2018 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, the families of the fallen were welcomed during a special dinner by the Foundation and other Fire Hero Families whose loved ones had been honored in previous years. The following day, they met in special groups based on their relationship to the firefighter and learned about the NFFF services. Fire Hero Families also made luminaries, memory boxes, and Christmas ornaments to honor and remember their firefighters. On Saturday evening, everyone gathered on the grounds of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial for the annual Candlelight Service. A bronze plaque bearing the names of the fallen was officially added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Simultaneously nationwide, in a profound display of sympathy and support, more than 150 fire departments and buildings and landmarks lighted in red for Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters. Additionally, hundreds of churches, fire departments and community groups around the country participated in Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters by tolling a bell in honor of the fallen and their loved ones. Firefighters were honored at the National Memorial Service held on Sunday. Each family received a folded flag that had flown above the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the U.S. Capitol, plus a special badge and a rose.

Project Roll Call - The program identifies and honors firefighters who died in the line of duty prior to 1981 when the National Memorial was established. Project Roll Call provides an avenue for fire service families and departments to submit a profile of their loved one or colleague who made the ultimate sacrifice prior to 1981. In 2018, we continued to collect biographies and photos to honor these heroes on our website. A special section of our Walk of Honor® was dedicated on June 11, 2016, and to date, thousands of bricks have been placed to honor these firefighters. The Foundation continues to work with state fire service organizations to purchase and place these bricks.

Fire Service Programs - Fire Service Programs are responsible for providing training and education to the nation’s firefighters. These offerings are aimed at reducing the
incidence of preventable line-of-duty deaths in the fire service. Programs are based on the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. They are delivered through a combination of instructor-led and online learning opportunities. Instructor-led programs are provided by Everyone Goes Home® Advocates, while online training can be found at the Fire Hero Learning Network (fhln.net) platform. In addition, our Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) assist fire departments when a line-of-duty death occurs and the Taking Care of Our Own® program provides a template for how a fire department can best prepare for a tragedy. Each of these missions is carried out by a dedicated group of staff and volunteer Advocates who are committed to reducing preventable line-of-duty deaths.

Everyone Goes Home® Advocates – The Everyone Goes Home® Advocates come from all disciplines and ranks of the fire service. They deliver training programs and serve as the day-to-day face of the Everyone Goes Home® program. The cadre of over 150 dedicated members are available to answer questions or provide training as needed to reinforce our mission to reduce preventable line-of-duty deaths and injuries. In 2018, we saw the culmination of a dedicated effort to elevate the Everyone Goes Home® message in the State of Florida.

Through the enthusiastic work of our Florida Advocate Mary Ellen Harper, the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (BFST), the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Advocate Manager Rick Best, a stronger partnership has been forged between the Florida fire service and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Our training programs are now part of the Florida State fire training curriculum and a concerted recruitment effort is underway to increase the number of advocates and instructors in the state. We are excited about the partnership with Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training and the opportunity to reach the entire Florida fire service. We intend to use this same model to increase awareness and messaging in other states as we update existing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and establish new partnerships with other states.

Firefighter Life Safety Initiative 8 – This initiative utilizes available technology wherever it can produce higher levels of health and safety. The research, development, dissemination, and consistent use of new technologies will be key to achieving significant reductions in preventable line-of-duty injuries and fatalities. We have assembled an advisory panel of subject matter experts, researchers, and fire service leaders to guide our efforts related to Firefighter Life Safety Initiative 8. This panel met for the first time in November in Chicago and identified five key areas as their focus. They will meet again in the spring to plan the next major national technology-related event, to be held September 24 - 26, 2019, in Philadelphia.

Firefighter Life Safety Initiative 11 - In May 2018, we brought together a group of subject matter experts in Columbus, Ohio, to review the current status of response policies
across the United States. Attendees identified a need for standardization, noting that one of the causal factors often cited in preventable line-of-duty deaths is the lack of a policy or procedure in place or the failure to follow an existing policy. They encouraged the development of a NFPA standard that will organize and bring structure to response policies within fire departments and jurisdictions from across the nation. Following up on a recommendation from the Columbus meeting, representatives of the major fire service constituency organizations met in October to explore joint advocacy for such a national response policy standard. They concurred with the Columbus group, and proposed development of a guide that will reference relevant NFPA standards and highlight best practices from progressive departments and response coalitions.

Everyone Goes Home® in the Wildland - The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is actively engaged in bringing the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives to all firefighters who respond in the wildland and wildland-urban interface environments. This includes not only the personnel from national, state, and local natural resource agencies that we normally think of as “wildland firefighters,” but also responders from career and volunteer departments with wildland fire responsibilities. In September, we released the summary report from a 2017-2018 needs assessment, which called for the wildland and structural communities to unite. The ability of “blue shirts” and “yellow shirts” to work together and better understand each other’s training, tactics, and mission will result in safer operations. We have taken the lead in facilitating this interaction, supported by the Wildland Firefighter Foundation (WFF). WFF has proved to be a key partner in promoting Everyone Goes Home® to the wildland community through their media channels, and among crews on the fireline. A partnership with the Wildland Firefighter Foundation helps to bring the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives to the wildland firefighter community. In 2018, Everyone Goes Home® in the Wildland focused on building broader engagement, awareness, and credibility within the wildland community. Foundation leaders attended two significant conferences of the International Association of Wildland Fire and presented to the Wildland Fire Leadership Council in Washington, DC. Related articles were also published in the major wildland fire journals. Everyone Goes Home® Advocates with wildland firefighting experience and expertise are helping us expand our audience by presenting at trade shows and events. We will continue to adapt existing training and resources to increase their relevancy within the wildland community. Other related future efforts include addressing risk assessment in the wildland and developing an introductory training for the Fire Hero Learning Network that will provide structural firefighters with the basic knowledge they need to stay safe when responding to wildland fire.

Firefighter Training and Education – Within the Fire Hero Learning Network, we have been working to assure that the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives are in as many National Fire Protection Association training standards as possible. We accomplish this by sponsoring membership to the various Technical Committees with standard oversight. To date, we have representation on technical committees that oversee 20
training and operational standards. A program evaluation was completed for the Taking Care of Our Own® program. The evaluation included a review by a group of subject matter experts to ensure program relevance and information was still on point with the Foundation principles. The updated presentation has been rolled out and is receiving positive feedback from attendees. A new instructor-led program was added in 2018. Attributes of Leading is a 7-hour delivery using a combination of short video vignettes and instructor facilitated discussion. The program focuses on six core leadership qualities that are discussed in small group settings like an officer development class or firehouse kitchen table.

Local Assistance State Team Program - These teams provide critical services and support to families and departments who have suffered a line-of-duty-death. The Foundation trains fire departments to prepare for a line-of-duty death through the Taking Care of Our Own® (TCOOO) program and provides immediate support to departments and families of fallen firefighters by the Local Assistance State Team (LAST) program. The LAST program is funded by the Department of Justice (DOJ) – Bureau of Justice Assistance. The program’s primary mission is to assist families and departments in preparing Public Safety Officers’ Benefits (PSOB) claims after a line-of-duty death. While the principal focus is to oversee the accurate and timely submission of these claims, the program also offers immediate logistical, administrative and emotional support after a fatality. Support may include funeral and memorial service planning, logistical assistance with benefits administration, and connect surviving co-workers and immediate families with behavioral health resources. The LAST participated in the implementation of the new automated PSOB 2.0 submission process which is a secure web-based system, completely paperless. This user-friendly system makes it easier to submit the PSOB claim, track its progress, make inquiries regarding benefits and receive communications from the PSOB office. The system has eliminated many documents that had been required with each claim submission making it much easier to submit. Training was provided to all Local Assistance State Teams on the new PSOB web-based system at two regional training classes to ensure all members are prepared to assist families and departments in submitting the PSOB claims. The national PSOB office Director participated in all training sessions across the country.

Walk of Honor® - During 2018, 578 bricks were placed into the Walk of Honor® bringing the total of engraved bricks to more than 14,600. To help sustain the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, bricks can be ordered in honor of fallen firefighters or to commemorate a significant event in the life of a firefighter still serving their community, such as a promotion, retirement, birthday or holiday gift. Members often purchase bricks in honor of their departments or co-workers.

Foundation Marketing - Effective communication is vital to fulfilling the Foundation’s mission. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation continues to find new ways to build our relationships and reach a broader audience both in and outside of the fire
service. Our social media presence continues to expand through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn and Pinterest. We provided live coverage of several events through Facebook Live, including our Fire Hero Family Tree Lighting. We continue to distribute our online quarterly newsletter, The Foundation Trumpet, to provide up-to-date Foundation news and events to our subscribers. The Marketing team attended several trade shows, fundraisers, and meetings, reaching out to thousands around the country, distributing our marketing materials, and working with the media. During the 2018 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, our Marketing and Communications team was once again joined by an outstanding group of volunteers. The Candlelight and Memorial Services were livestreamed through VISTA Worldlink’s generous donation of equipment, facilities and expertise. Comcast also provided technical assistance and equipment. These donations allowed for media outlets, fire departments and individuals across the world to share these memorable events. Working closely with major landmarks, buildings, fire departments and churches across the country, allowed for our Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters and Bells Across America to once again help us honor our fallen heroes during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.

Stair Climbs and Golf Tournaments—These fundraisers continue to support the mission of the Foundation. Regional stair climbs continue to support the FDNY Counseling Services Unit and the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. And the golf tournaments continue to support the Foundation.

Events & Campaigns - Our trade show events included Stop, Drop, Rock ‘n’ Roll at FDIC and Boot Scootin’ Boogie during Firehouse Expo. The Foundation partnered with Carry the Load to raise awareness and funds over the Memorial Day weekend. We returned to Dover International Speedway for The Second Annual Smoke House. Dedicated volunteers also held 51 fundraising events around the country. In 2018, we continued to partner with companies who support the mission of the Foundation.

I am pleased to submit this annual report and encourage all of you to consider getting involved with one or more of our programs. The Board and Staff of the Foundation appreciate all the support we have received from the Maryland Fire Service and we hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 5-6, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE MARYLAND DIRECTORS INTO THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) serves as the voice of the volunteer fire, emergency medical, and rescue services at the national level and provides resources,
programs, training, and advocacy to help departments and boots-on-the-ground responders thrive. The board of directors is comprised of representatives from 49 state fire service organizations (only Hawaii does not participate). Representing the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as Directors to the NVFC are David Lewis and Eric Bernard.

The Maryland Directors to the NVFC are active with the following committee assignments:

David Lewis: Health, Safety and Training Committee
Homeland Security – Vice Chair
Recruitment and Retention
Standards and Codes

Eric Bernard: Volunteer Advocacy
Homeland Security
Membership and Awards

The NVFC board of directors meet twice a year to conduct Council business, steer the direction of the organization, and address matters of importance to the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. Since our last convention, the Maryland Directors were present for the Fall meeting in Bismark, ND, and the spring meeting in Alexandria, VA. Some of the important initiatives being addressed by the NVFC include:

- Continued funding of the AFG, FP&S, and SAFER grant programs
- Represent the voice of the volunteer on national level committees and code development councils
- Increased awareness of mental wellness through the Yellow Ribbon Report
- Adopting cancer prevention measures through the Lavender Ribbon Report
- Enhancing the support to diversity and inclusivity so that everyone is treated equally
- Providing tools for volunteer recruitment and retention through the Make Me a Firefighter Campaign
- Delivering on-line training opportunities via the NVFC virtual classroom
- Access to a national speaker’s network to provide subject matter experts to speak at conventions and conferences

The entire National Volunteer Fire Council joins with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in mourning the loss of James Seavey Sr. following his passing in September 2018. Jimmy was very active with the NVFC, the IAFC, and countless other organizations and his loss is being felt nationwide across America’s fire service. The NVFC honored Jimmy’s lifetime of commitment and service by establishing a new award, the “Chief James P. Seavey Sr. Health and Wellness Leadership Award.”
was a vital part of many of the NVFC health and wellness initiatives and it is only fitting that he be recognized through this award in his honor. NVFC was pleased to present this award for the first time to Jimmy’s long-time companion, Chief Brian McQueen, who partnered with Jimmy on the NVFC and IAFC/VCOS cancer prevention initiatives. Both Jimmy and Brian were commonly referred to as the NVFC’s “cancer dudes” and were principal authors in the IAFC/VCOS and NVFC joint publication of the Lavender Ribbon Report.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Wylie Donaldson, Odenton VFC, for his selection for the NVFC’s Lifetime Achievement Award. This national level recognition is highly competitive and recognizes an individual who has dedicated a lifetime of service and leadership to the volunteer emergency services system. I am sure that each of you would agree that Wylie is most fitting of this award. Please join us in congratulating Wylie on this prestigious and most deserving award.

Lastly, we must not forget the “All State Membership Program” that is available to all fire rescue personnel in the State of Maryland. There are considerable benefits of NVFC membership that include a $10,000 AD&D insurance policy, free training opportunities through the NVFC virtual training network, and sponsorship in other member benefit programs (such as the NVFC Training Summit). The MSFA continues to provide one-half of the $18 dues for membership annually in the NVFC through this program. Departments that currently have members in this program are urged to continue funding through the MSFA partnership. Learn more about the NVFC by stopping by the booth in the convention exhibit hall and consider joining today.

Report submitted by:
David Lewis and Eric Bernard
Maryland Directors to the NVFC

REPORT OF THE OUT OF STATE EVENTS COMMITTEE

The list of the dates of other state conferences and conventions that the MSFA usually attend and the best day to be at the meeting.

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association
July 31, 2019 to Aug 3, 2019, in Berkeley Spring, WV. President Council meeting Friday Aug 2, 2019 starting at 9 AM.

Virginia State Firefighters Association & Auxiliary
August 7, 2019 to August 9, 2019 in Hampton Road, VA. Wednesday August 7, 2019 is the Memorial Service, Thursday August 8, 2019 is the Opening ceremony & Introduction of guest. Starting at 8 AM
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West Virginia State Firemen’s Association
August 14, 2019 to August 17, 2019, at Charlestown, WV., at the Hollywood Casino
Thursday August 15, 2019 is the opening session and business meeting starting at 8 AM.

Firemen’s Association State New York
August 9, 2019 to August 12, 2019, in Syracuse, New York. Holiday Inn Syracuse, NY.

Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association
September 11 to 13 2019 Dover Downs Casino Thursday September 12, 2019 Opening Ceremony and Business meeting Friday September 13, 2019 - Memorial Service and Luncheon
(Times: 8:30 AM Registration, Memorial 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Reception & Luncheon

Firemen’s Association of the State of Pennsylvania
September 26, 2019 & September 27, 2019, Rehersburg Fire Department, and Pa.
Thursday September 26, 2019 is the opening session and business meeting.

Can you give me a list of the days that you would like to attend and who would be attending representing the MSFA so I can let them know so they can pre-register us?

Thank you,
Bob Cumberland
Frank Underwood
Gene Worthington
Davis Lewis

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE

President Blair, Vice President’s Faust and Walker, and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Executive Committee. The Presidential Vehicle Committee ordered, received, and placed in service a new Police Interceptor Utility KSA from Hertrich Fleet Services, Milford Del using the state contract for $28,587.00. That vehicle was issued to First Vice President Faust at the Ladies Auxiliary Spring Conference on April 6, 2019.

Other vehicles in the fleet have been reassigned accord to the positions the Officer will hold after convention. All vehicles have been appropriately registered with the MVA. MSFA 3 has been assigned to the Executive Director. All radio upgrades were completed during reassignments.
The Presidential Vehicle Committee has worked with the LAMSFA and Past President Roth in ordering a Dodge Durango to be purchased by Johnnie and Marsha Roth. The vehicle will become a part of the MSFA fleet and assigned to the LAMSFA President. The LAMSFA will be responsible for all expenses for the LAMSFA President’s vehicle.

The Presidents Vehicle Committee has completed the Vehicle Use Policy, Standard Operating Procedure (SOP No: A004), and LAMSFA Vehicle Policy. The Committee has been working to identify all assets, vehicles, trailers etc., location and use.

The Presidential Vehicle Committee has worked closely with the Presidents to ensure that our fleet provides reliable and safe transportation for our officers. Each vehicle receives routine maintenance as well as repair in a timely manner of an unexpected occurrence. Because of the committee’s inspections, regular maintenance, and low mileage a recommendation was made and approved by the Executive Committee not to purchase a new vehicle this year.

This year, at convention the new Second Vice President will move into the vehicle currently used by President Blair identified as MSFA 2.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

REPORT OF THE REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION COMMITTEE

President Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, members of the Executive Committee, members and guests, the Reaching the Next Generation Committee looks forward to introducing the first class and launching its inaugural program at this 2019 Convention. The mission of the Committee is to increase the awareness of the MSFA among the volunteer members and to cultivate future leaders. By informing the membership of the components represented in the MSFA Mission Statement – how we Share, Promote, Advocate and Represent, and the various ways these activities are performed at the State, County, Station and individual level, we will elevate their interest and inspire them to become “involved.”

This involvement can develop at several levels – serving on a committee, becoming a trainer or branch manager, spreading the word at their company and their county association, becoming an MSFA officer, assisting in the operation of the Association. The Committee created a mentoring program, a “Leadership Academy”, to show members how they can become involved, the benefits of their participation and how these efforts impact the state, county and local department levels. The Academy “class” will include one individual from each County to participate in this year-long course. The program will consist of monthly webinar presentations by the MSFA partner organizations or MSFA Committees, such as legislative activities, MSP
Aviation and Shock Trauma, and quarterly in-person presentations coordinated with the Executive Committee meetings. The year will start and conclude at the MSFA Convention.

This program is designed to evolve during the year and from year-to-year based on input from the participants and from you, and from developments in the Volunteer Fire/EMS Service. We look forward to providing an effective program – informing and inspiring - and appreciate your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Block, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

True is our mission of the overall fire service, is to attempt the preservation of lives, property and our environment. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Safety Committee does everything in their power to support the preservation of our most valuable asset........that of each member of the fire community, throughout Maryland!

During the past year, we have had six formal three-hour meetings. Attendance of our Safety Committee members is at 79% average attendance. for all of our six meetings. Members of this committee travel from all sectors of the state and return with what is our statewide current issues, updated regulations and specific safety information for each county. We attempt to apply what is causing previous national and statewide losses, identifying the causation and try to offer ways to educate our firefighters and EMS in the reduction of loss trends. A typical safety meeting educational packet for our attending committee, often exceeds 20 pages and can be distributed for all counties and departments use, if needed?

The Maryland State Highway Administration, along with the MSFA Safety Committee organized a statewide awareness day, with a presentation and a demonstration on the many dangers that are presented along our statewide highways. The November 13th event about roadway safety of all of our responders and workers who are exposed to vehicular danger, was supported at the event by our regional news media, who gave us statewide coverage. The event was held outside of the M & T Football Stadium and strongly supported by the Baltimore City and County Fire and Law enforcement departments, as well as our statewide providers. The event was recorded for television public safety commercial on our safety issues involving, “Slow Down - Move Over!” Traffic Incident Management safety classes are still being offered and supported for all who are exposed to roadway dangers, throughout every region of our state and monitored by MD-DOT-CHART.
The Delmarva Safety Association and the MSFA teamed up again this year to offer the Delmarva Safety Training Conference in Ocean City on April 8 and 9th. This regional safety training event had a total of 170 in attendance, from all over the region. Many of the instructors for the classes, are current members of the MSFA Safety and Risk Management committees. They spoke on our current major safety issues and how to protect ourselves from harm. The MSFA/MFCA-SAFER Grant issued, supported this event and resulted with firefighter attendance from around the entire state!

Heart Attacks are still leading, in most deaths caused, by our nation’s firefighters! Members of the Safety Committee are still asking each department in Maryland, to have each active member go and get a baseline detailed medical physical examination. The exam could possibly detect a potential medical issue that could result in a death! The examination and proactive treatment has saved many lives!

Cancer causes and issues with detection of existing cancer, has been addressed and advertised to the fire /EMS community, through the proactive efforts of the MSFA Cancer Awareness and Safety Committees. We also have been supported in our awareness effort, by the National Volunteer Fire Council and the National Fire Academy. Cancer prevention and detection is being addressed strongly in our fire community. At the 2019 MSFA convention, the Safety Committee will have produced new exhibits, that will be displayed throughout the convention center. The banners will address what is causing most of our current Firefighter - “Line of Duty Deaths!”

RESPECT LIFE! BE SAFE!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. LeCompte, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) COMMITTEE

President Blair, Vice Presidents Faust and Walker, Chairman Hemphill, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 127th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The MSFA Search and Rescue Committee joins with our fire service family in remembering the passing of Jim Seavey, long standing SAR Committee member and a leader not only in water rescue services, but in many aspects of the fire service. We give thanks for his service and offer condolences to his family and Montgomery County comrades.
SAR Committee plan and goals:

- Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.
  - Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues.
  - I would encourage departments with any questions related to search and rescue to contact a member of the SAR Committee. We are here to serve the member companies and can most likely use the expertise of the committee members in addressing any concerns. We are frequently consulted by departments for information on equipment and training and welcome such contacts.
- Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA and…
- Monitor the field of technical SAR and work on positioning the MSFA and member companies to respond to any changes in a way that promotes the work of the MSFA.
  - MSFA organizational representative to the ASTM F-32 Committee on Search and Rescue.
  - MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR).
- Serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF#9 matters.
  - The Maryland Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue (SFSAR) Response System is operational. This document is largely based on the Whitepaper written by Vice-Chair Berna and is endorsed by the MSFA. Participation in the Maryland SFSAR system is voluntary, and jurisdictions are not required to adopt the outlined typing and credentialing standards for their swift water/flood rescue team(s) unless they wish to be rostered at MEMA as a state-recognized resource eligible for state-wide deployment.

These assets are encouraged to begin their internal self-assessment pending further notification to arrange review of their validation paperwork and possible site visit. Additional planning is pending with MEMA, MSFA, and MFCA representatives to determine the exact process to receive, review, and register team validations.

MSFA SAR Committee members will be involved in the regional outreach to known assets to encourage validation and rostering under this new system. We will specifically be reaching out to the MFSA member companies that operate Type III Swiftwater/Flood Teams that did not attend this validation meeting. It is the intent of MEMA to have as many assets as possible validated.
MEMA SEOC/ESF#9 Requests:

**Hurricane Florence** gave us an opportunity to flex that plan in a real-world event, that thankfully did not have the expected impact on Maryland. SAR Committee Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Berna, and Resource Management Branch Director Hildebrand all participated in planning activities related to this storm beginning on September 10, 2018 through September 25, 2018. These activities included participating in conference calls, planning meetings, resource determination, and maintain- ing situational awareness.

In the early stages of planning the storm was predicted to have a major impact on Maryland with the National Weather Service stating the potential for “statewide catastrophic flooding”. This prediction led to requests from essentially every jurisdiction for additional water rescue assets. To address this overwhelming request an effort was started to establish SAR Task Forces to be placed in each MEMA region. A task force would consist of structural collapse, swift water rescue, flood evacuation, high clearance vehicles, helicopter rescue, and incident support/ management components in a scalable configuration using typed/credentialed/vetted resources. As we began to resource this plan several internal deployment hurdles were faced, and it soon became evident that Maryland would require EMAC assistance to meet the requests of local jurisdictions. Fortunately, the storm path changed, and we did not have to stand up this level of resourcing. Our planning did allow for Maryland to then answer EMAC requests with swift water and helicopter rescue teams deployed out of state.

Many lessons were learned in this deployment and my after-action report notes that have been submitted to MEMA. Please note that these are my observations and may have ready resolution, however I felt that there was an impact on our planning from these issues. Two major examples that I would like clarified in improvement planning is the ability of MEMA to pre-deploy resources on a shared regional basis and how does that affect the MEMAC tenets for reimbursements, and the ability of the MD Department of the Military to fully resource such a statewide deployment.

May 2018 Ellicott City Flooding: Chair Johnson was activated by MEMA during initial response phase to coordinate with the MJOC on deployed water rescue assets and pending requests. Virtually staffed SEOC Emergency Services (Fire) Desk, confirmed actual deployed resources with jurisdictional representatives, provided two situational reports on deployed resources, and coordinated mobilization/response/staging of water rescue assets from Allegany and Somerset counties. Maintained situational awareness until decision was made to transition from rescue and resources were released later that evening.

Potential flooding events May to July 2018: Contacted by MEMA for situational awareness of possible responses during several warning periods. Maintained
situational awareness via MEMA WebEOC and NWS products. Communicated with local jurisdictions as needed. No deployments outside of mutual aid needed.

I again want to emphasize that we want to hear about any SAR resource that a member company operates that may meet the NIMS Typing requirements. Even a Type III or Type IV resource is valuable to have in the resource matrix. Committee members can assist you with review of the NIMS typing and compliance planning as needed.

I would personally urge each department providing technical search and/or rescue services to pursue Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications where applicable) certifications for their members in the following areas as applicable to the type of service you provide: Structural Collapse Technical Rescuer, Rope Technical Rescuer, Surface Water Technical Rescuer, Vehicle and Machinery Technical Rescuer, Confined Space Technical Rescuer, Trench Technical Rescuer, Fire/Rescue Boat Crew Mate I, II, and Motor Vessel Operator. By having these in place you will be on your way to demonstrating required competencies in the field of SAR response. Information on all of these programs is available thru MFRI.

The Committee would like to thank President Blair and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. The Committee looks forward to continuing its’ work with each of you and others in the coming year.

Submitted for the Service by,
Todd “Scuba” Johnson, Chair

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS AND NFPA REVIEW COMMITTEE

For the past year, it has once again been my honor to serve as the Chair of the MSFA Standards and NFPA Review Committee. This Committee plays a critical role in the review and adoption of standards which directly impact the safety and survivability of firefighters and first responders throughout the State.

The Standards Committee continues to monitor the promulgation and passage of new and revised Codes and Standards of the National Fire Protection Association and other model code organizations in order to determine possible effects on fire service operations in Maryland, and will stand ready to report any such effects to the Executive Committee and MSFA membership. The 2019 editions of revised NFPA Codes and Standards are currently being reviewed for issuance by the NFPA Membership at the June 20, 2019 Technical Session of the Association in San Antonio, Texas for approval by the Standards Council at the August meeting of that Council. The Standards Committee will review these changes to the NFPA documents to determine any direct impact on fire service operations in Maryland.
In addition, this Committee will review the process of the adoption of revisions to the State Fire Prevention Code and report any impacts to member departments through the Executive Committee of the MSFA. It should be noted that revisions to the State Fire Prevention Code are scheduled to be adopted at some time during the 2019 calendar year.

The model building codes have now included provisions to permit the construction of tall buildings of laminated heavy timber construction. This could result in buildings as high as 180 ft. or 20 stories constructed of combustible materials being approved for construction in the 2021 edition of the International Building Code. The International Building Code is currently used in every jurisdiction in Maryland. This Committee will continue to monitor the progress of the acceptance of this construction type and possible impacts of fire suppression activities in buildings of these construction classification.

Another important responsibility of this Committee is to provide guidance and advice to the governing bodies of this Association and to its member companies. During the past year, the MSFA Standards Committee did respond to several requests from various sources regarding issues related to the application of recognized standards and guidelines to the organization and operations of member companies of this Association. The Standards Committee remains ready to serve as a source of information regarding these standards as they relate to the emergency service operations by members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The primary goal of this Committee for 2020 and beyond is to continue to review and monitor current MSFA Bylaws to coordinate these requirements with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While this coordination with current NFPA Standards will continue, it is understood that many local conditions will require modification to the national standards in order to provide an adequate level of cost-effective services. All of these issues will be considered as a part of the MSFA Standards Committee review and recommendation of proposed regulations, with the prime consideration for the safety of the emergency responders of this State and the citizens that they are committed to protect.

The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members. It is my personal commitment to continue the fine efforts and tradition of this Committee that has been long established. If anyone has any questions or comments that they wish to bring before the Standards Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Bush, Chair
President Blair, Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 127th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Fireman’s Association, it is my pleasure to present the report of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee (SPSC) for the 2018-2019 year. Thank you, President Blair, it has been my honor and privilege to serve you, all the officers and members of this great Association. The SPSC has had a year of many challenges while making progress in stabilizing and moving the association forward for the future. The SPSC has held four meetings since the Convention closed on June 20, 2018 in Ocean City and has participated in the MSFA Leadership Summit on October 12, 2018.

Our first meeting was held on August 16, 2018 in the new MSFA office in Crofton. Our goals and objectives for the 2018-2019 year were discussed along with the plans proposed by the President for the upcoming year. Most importantly we emphasized the importance of improving the Association communications by getting our website and social media continuing progress. We discussed the legislatives issues, budget needs, the benefits of a planning/leadership summit. Considerations of the needs and potentials for more staffing was discussed.

The MSFA Leadership conducted a Leadership Summit on October 12 – 14, 2018 National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg. The SPSC participated in the many strategies were developed to continue to move our Association forward and better prepare for the changes in the future. Five specific recommendations were developed at the Summit to move the Association forward, they are:

- Obtaining a SAFER Grant for:
  - Funding a full-time Recruitment and Retention Coordinator and six part-time regional Retention and Recruitment Coordinators.
  - Funding for a part time Strategic Planner.
- Developing a Leadership Academy
- Creating a Mentorship Program
- Improving Communications
- Expanding the Strategic Plan

Our second meeting was held November 12, 2018 at the MSFA office in Crofton. We discussed the progress with the new MSFA website and how it will work with the recruitment and retention program. We continued monitoring the 2014 SAFER Grant and the progress of its objectives. We reviewed the five recommendations from the recent Leadership Summit and made plans for a presentation to the Executive Committee. Action items to be presented at the December Executive Committee included:
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- A proposal for the approval of a full-time R&R Coordinator and part-time Regional Positions.
- A proposal for the approval of a part-time Strategic Planner Position.
- A proposal for the change of the Constitution and Bylaws to remove the Statistical and Recruitment Committee from Standing Committees of the Association.

Our third regular meeting was held January 22, 2019 at the MSFA office in Crofton. We continued our review of the 2014 SAFER Grant progress and status of the new 2019 SAFER Grant. We updated our proposal for the new staffing positions approved by the Executive Committee. We worked with the Budget Committee Chair on proposals for the FY2020 Budget.

Our fourth regular meeting was held March 27, 2019 at the MSFA office in Crofton. The Committee reviewed the 2019 SAFER Grant application information and the status of the 2014 SAFER Grant. The Executive Director advised the Grant pending at FEMA would cover the Statistical Planner and only four Recruitment and Retention Regional Coordinators. The new MSFA website is progressing and may be partially up and running in May. Chuck Walker the newly appointed 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the MSFA Legislative Committee updated the Committee on the status of legislation affecting the MSFA. Chuck introduced Lee Lutz who will be taking Chuck’s place on the Executive Committee. Plans for the August Leadership Summit were discussed with ideas for future objectives presented.

Many thanks to Executive Director Kate Tomanelli and Executive Consultant Skip Mahan for all their assistance and the many hours contributed. Thanks to Michelle Malin our Assistant Secretary for her work with keeping a record of our activities.

Best wishes Vice Chair Rick Hemphill as he moves forward. Most importantly for all their hard work and diligence, I would like to thank my 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Steering Committee:

Vice Chairman: Richard Hemphill
Timothy Dayton
Robbie Blackiston
President: Richard Blair
Past President: Mark Bilger
1st Vice President: Mike Faust
Budget Chairman: Steve Cox, PP
2nd Vice President: Dick DeVore
Secretary: Doyle Cox, PP
Executive Director: Kate Tomanelli (Ex. Officio)
Treasurer: Ron Siarnicki

Respectfully submitted,
Charles J. Simpson, Jr., Chairman

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REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

The training committee has met at several locations throughout the state in the past year. Our meeting not only include representatives from the MSFA, but from various state agencies. Those represented include MFRI, MFCA, MIEMSS, MEMA, MFSPQB, recruitment and retention committee, High school program, and the EMS committee. The group has shared lots of valuable information, and resources.

We have planned the 2019 and 2020 Maryland weekend at the National Fire Academy. This was a successful weekend with 263 in attendance for the event this year. Thanks to Todd Dychee for assisting in obtaining the programs for the last two years.

We worked with Joe Ward from MFRI in planning the MFSA convention seminars. Thank you, Joe, for your valuable assistance and information.

The committee has monitored our ten-year plan, adding or deleting programs as necessary. Any resources or additional training programs are welcomed and may be submitted to the training committee.

Our training committee calendar, which is overseen by Co-chair Scott Wood, and MFCA Tim Delahanty, has proven to be effective for scheduling training throughout the state. Thank you, gentlemen, for your hard work.

MIEMSS representative Phil Hurlock retired in 2018. He always had valuable information, and guidance, from MIEMSS to our committee. I Thank him for being a great representative and have requested President Blair to have him remain on the committee.

I want to personally thank my co-chair Scot Wood for his time, travel, advise and effort in making my job easier. I also want to thank the dedicated committee member who have traveled the state to attend meetings and add the valuable input.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Fleming, Chair

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

This has been a busy year for the Transportation Committee but a very productive one as well. Along with the 2018 Recertification process, the new logo tag design was placed in production and distribution was started. The procedures have changed since last year and there appears to be some confusion as to the process to obtain the new tag.
Here are the procedures now in place:
Upon the receipt of the 2018 recertification print-out and fees the new logo tag is requested from MDOT. A certification form must be printed for each person in the company, MDOT will not accept the station print-out. MDOT receives the request electronically from the committee and issues the request to have the plates produced.

Production of the tag is limited to a certain number each month: therefore, it could take some time to get the new tag out to the member. There is no fee for the new logo tag.

Any Past President that would like to replace their old tag, must contact Chairman Flint. The fee charges by MDOT to produce the tag is $20.00. The original fee was $25.00 but after speaking with an MDOT official it was lower to $20.00. The process is known as “Replating”. MDOT must stop the production of the standard tag and make the special tag with the proper year.

A member must renew their current tag upon receiving the notice from MDOT. A member does not have to do anything to obtain the new tag All the requests for a new tag are done by the committee. The new logo tag, stickers and registration will be mailed to the member as they are produced. The member can retain the old tag. Do Not return to MDOT. Any problems should be addressed to the County Coordinator or Chairman Flint

This year “2018” is the recertification year for member companies. This means that anyone who has a MSFA logo tag must pay a fee of $5.00. The printouts for all Counties listing the member companies and individuals was sent out in late April. To date the committee has collected from member companies $18,000 in recertification fees.

There are still companies that have not returned the fees or print-out. Letters will be going out to the County Coordinators with the names of the delinquent companies and asking them to contact and collect the fees.

MSFA Transportation Procedural Manual is being updated. The delay was due to finalizing the information for the new logo tag. Distribution to County Coordinators will be in June.

Johnie Roth, the coordinator for Montgomery County resigned his position and Elmer Hamm is now the new Montgomery County Coordinator. Charlie Wills, the coordinator for Charles County died and his son Mike Wills agreed to take over Charles County. Both new coordinators have been given instructions on their responsibilities. Johnie Roth and Charlie Wills were great assets to the committee, and they will be missed. I extend sincere appreciate to them for their years of service to the MSFA.
We continue to have a good working relationship with the MDOT. All officials have worked with us diligently to implement the new logo tag.

Our MDOT Representative, Larue Sauer, and her staff continue to give us excellent service and we are very grateful for their support.

I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. I wish to extend a special thank you to William Frazier, Dorothy Schultz, LA-MSFA Liaison, Carol Flint, and Past President Frank Underwood for their assistance and support.

I wish to extend my thanks to President Blair for the appointment to serve the MSFA as Chair of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE

The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) Committee continued simplifying the Loan and Grant Application process. During the Fiscal Year 2019 focusing on the goals and the benefits provided by the Fund. The committee met 3 times during the year to receive, approved and process seven (7) loan applications totaling $2,276,915.68 between July 2018 and April 2019. The committee obtained MSFA Executive Committee and Maryland Board of Public Works (Governor Larry Hogan, Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, and Comptroller Peter Franchot) approval for these Loans, which guaranteed the company projects.

The approved Loans for the following companies the most affordable way to purchase, replace or improve equipment and or facilities.

- Fairmount Volunteer Fire Company
  Tanker Loan of $187,764.00
- Eldorado – Brookview Volunteer Fire Company
  Turn Out Gear Loan of $8,814.68
- Kentland Volunteer Fire Department
  Engine Loan of $300,000.00
- Water Witch Fire Company
  Engine Loan of $228,000.00
- Madison Volunteer Fire Company
  Rescue Engine Loan of $242,112.00
- Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co. Inc.
  Engine Tanker Loan of $387,225.00
In closing I would like to thank the VCAF committee member for all the work they have done in the past year to approve the applications received. This is a dedicated group of individuals who embrace change and work selflessly to serve the member companies of the Association and to provide financial assistance and guidance. THANK YOU.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Antoszewski, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE $10,000 RAFFLE**

President Blair, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2018 raffle, which was conducted from June 2017 through June 2018, yielded a total of $56,744.00. The expenses totaled $23,684.00 which left a profit of $33,060.00.

Counter sales at the 2018 convention produced $7,465.00 and the remaining $49,279.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold $13,337 worth of chances. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with $19,955.00.

171 out of 359 (48%) MSFA member companies did not participate in the raffle. The following list by county represents the percentage of companies that did return money:

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Howard       33%
Kent         42%
Montgomery   78%
Prince Georges 44%
Queen Anne’s 66%
Somerset     0%
St. Mary’s   71%
Talbot       50%
Washington   34%
Wicomico     0%
Worcester    21%

The committee would like to thank the county coordinators, member companies, ladies’ auxiliaries, and special individuals who have worked very hard to make the raffle a success.
The returns by county were:

- Allegany: $2,390.00
- Anne Arundel: $2,754.00
- Baltimore: $2,136.00
- Calvert: $885.00
- Caroline: $200.00
- Carroll: $2,995.00
- Cecil: $1,785.00
- Calvert: $885.00
- Carroll: $200.00
- Carroll: $2,995.00
- Frederick: $1,672.00
- Garrett: $451.00
- Harford: $19,955.00
- Howard: $265.00
- Kent: $398.00
- Montgomery: $3,088.00
- Prince Georges: $2,496.00
- Queen Anne’s: $950.00
- Somerset: $0.00
- Talbot: $305.00
- Washington: $855.00
- Wicomico: $50.00
- Worcester: $200.00

Expenses for 2017-2018 Raffle

- Prize Money: $16,800.00
- Printing: $3,132.00
- OC Springfest Fees: $1,000.00
- OC Sunfest Fees: $1,000.00
- Darlington Apple Fest: $75.00
- Raffle License (Worcester Co): $25.00
- New Banners: $636.00
- Tent Rentals: $1,016.00
- Total Expenses: $23,684.00

Total Sales: $56,744.00
Total Expenses: $23,684.00
Total Profit: $33,060.00

Prize Winners for 2017-2018 Raffle

1st: $10,000 Madison VFC – Madison, MD
2nd: $2,500 Midland VFC – Midland, MD
3rd: $1,500 Christopher Gregory – Hanover, MD
4th: $1,000 Glyndon VFC – Glyndon, MD
5th: $750 Jenn Rill – Bel Air, MD
6th: $500 Stockton VFC – Stockton, MD
7th: $250 Paul Santoni – Ocean City, MD
8th: $100 June Furlong – Chincoteague, VA
9th: $100 Karen Hipple – Chincoteague, VA
10th: $100 Valerie Sharp – Westminster, MD
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The committee would like to congratulate all the winners and thank them for their support. We would like to also thank the MSFA & LAMSFA officers and members who helped with the raffle. Without you, we could not have had such a successful year.

The committee has had a very busy year with the 2018-2019 raffle. We have attended the Harford County Farm Fair, the Darlington Apple Fest, and Ocean City’s Sunfest and Springfest.

The committee would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, informative, and safe conference and convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Jonske, Chairman
Anna Jonske, LAMSFA Co-Chairman
Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman

REPORT OF THE WILLS FOR HEROES COMMITTEE

The committee stands ready, willing and able to write your will. All you need to do to have a will written without any cost or obligation or “red tape” is to go the MSFA website, click on committees, click on wills for heroes, download and complete the forms and send them to the committee to have your will written. During this past year, the committee received multiple inquiries, but did not write a single will! The committee urges all to avail themselves of this valuable benefit. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully
Roger N. Powell, PP, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At last year’s MSFA Ocean City Convention and Conference, the position of Executive Director was announced. This would be the first full-time position created for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and it was my honor and privilege to be selected to fill that role. Having a consistent point of contact for the organization as well as a fixed office location has allowed the MSFA to increase its visibility, accessibility, and communication across the State.

Over the past 11 months, I have had the opportunity to attend many county association meetings, state events and conferences, as well as partner meetings and training seminars. I have been fortunate to have been able to meet and speak with many national, state and local fire service leaders regarding such important issues as fire and life safety, recruitment and retention, organizational management, and the overall needs of our Maryland departments.
With the 2014 SAFER grant in full swing when I came on board, it was important for the Executive Director to be the direct line to our vendors and contractors, as well as the Maryland Fire Chiefs, to ensure that the grant funds would be allocated and spent in a timely manner, all in the best interest of both organizations. Many projects and training classes were offered over the course of the grant period and I am pleased to say that we will be finishing the grant strong with many tools and resources now available to our member departments including the new state recruitment website, www.marylandvolunteers.org, a brand new convention website that allows us to transition many of the processes for the convention onto an online platform, as well as a revamped msfa.org website that is more user-friendly. There are also many recruitment videos available for departments to use as well as a ten-part recruiter training series and customizable marketing materials.

I am excited as we enter this next year with our sights set on a new, combined-effort SAFER grant that will help us to continue offering valuable training opportunities as well as recruitment and retention efforts throughout the state with additional recruitment staff. The future also holds many new opportunities for the role of Executive Director to continue to develop into a necessary and vital part of the MSFA.

I want to thank all of the members of the MSFA leadership as well as its committee members that have supported me this past year and I look forward to all that lies ahead. I am also grateful for the support and guidance from our many partners as I continue to focus on strengthening our relationships and fostering an increased line of communication.

Special thanks to President Rick Blair, 1st Vice President Mike Faust, and 2nd Vice President Chuck Walker for allowing me to develop this position in a way that benefits the organization and I look forward to working alongside you all in the coming year.

Respectfully,
Kate Tomanelli, Executive Director


ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 50, 109 N. South Street, Accident, MD 21520; Garrett County. Telephone: 301-746-8800; E-mail accidentvfd@verizon.net; Organized: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1947. President: Adam Bach, Vice President:, Secretary: Shanon Saturday, , Chaplain:, Chief:. Delegates: Tim Simmons. Alternates: NONE LISTED.

ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 226, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607; Prince George’s County. Telephone 301-283-2730; Organized: 1932. President: Glenn Sherman; Vice President: Sara Porter; Secretary: Julie Hill; Treasurer: Dalene Grimsley; Chaplain:; Chief: Joshua Carlson. Delegates: Sara Porter, Christopher Maggi, Darlene Grinsley, John Porter III. Alternates: NONE LISTED.


ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC.  790 Potomac Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County. Telephone: 301-733-3334; Website: www.antietamfirecompany.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1818. President: Ron Horn, Vice President: Chuck Cunningham; Secretary: Jamie Barkdoll, Treasurer: Robert Daveler, Chaplain: Robert McGhee; Chief: James Sprecher Jr. Delegates: James Sprecher Jr., Corey Sprecher, Jeff Snyder, Travis Barkdoll, Corey Jamison. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019

ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 5200 Southwestern Boulevard, Arbutus, MD 21227; Baltimore County. Telephone 410-242-6601 Fax 410-242-6962; E-mail: cao350@bcvfa.org; Website: www.arbutusvfd.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: John McDowell, Vice President: Steven Gower, Secretary: Heather Wilderson, Treasurer: Christopher Brocato, Chaplain: Stephen Owens, Chief: Norman Simpkins Jr. Delegates: John McDowell, Joseph Antoszewski, Lewis Harvey III, Douglas Simpkins Jr, Jeffery Hohrein. Alternates: None Listed


ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 2380 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD 21054; Anne Arundel County. Telephone 301-261-0060; E-mail arundelvfd@ccconline.net Website: www.arundelfire.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Kathleen D. Gross, Vice President: Peter Ferrigno, Secretary: Sara Hilt, Treasurer: Gregory Hintz, Chaplain: Laura Woods, Chief: J. David Ayers. Delegates: Carene Housenfluck, Marian Nicholson, Peter Ferrigno, Kathleen Gross, Robert Cochenour. Alternates: Jenifer Benevicz, Sara Hilt.


BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 359, 15010 Baltimore Pike, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-4170; E-mail: co4@allconet.org; Organized:1947; Chartered:1947; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Gary Carpenter, Vice President: Colvin Athey, Secretary: Lisa Hout, Treasurer: Steven Hout, Chaplain: Jim Kasecamp, Chief: Sam Wilson. Delegates: Gary Carpenter, Sam Wilson, Steven Hout, Lisa Hout, Barbara Demoss. Alternates: Jonathan Dayton, Addy Dayton, Beverly Collins, Linda Carpenter, Brandon Kelly.
BARTON HOSE CO. NO.1, INC. – PO Box 252, 19200 Legislation Road, Barton, MD 21521; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2138; Organized: 1919; Chartered: 1947. President: Kevin Bowman, Vice President: Joseph Langham, Secretary: John Shuhart, Treasurer: John Shuhart; Chaplain: Stanley Broadwater, Chief: Kevin Rounds. Delegates: John Shuhart, Robert Rounds, Kevin Rounds, Brysen Rounds, Brendon Rounds. Alternates: Stanley Broadwater, Gene Foutz.

BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1440, (Station 3 - 46900 Shangri-la Drive,) California, MD 20619; St. Mary’s County; Telephone 301-737-0654 Fax 301-737-0353; E-mail bdvfd@bdvfd.org, Website: www.bdvfd.org; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Wayne Johnson, Vice President: Richard Sullivan, Secretary: Tom Eno, Treasurer: Andy Waikart, Chaplain: Keith Fairfax, Chief: Robert Wahrenbrock. Delegates: Wayne Johnson, Richard Sullivan, Robert Wahrenbrock, Tom Eno, Jason Adams. Alternates: Keith Fairfax, Pat Stanley, Melvin Tennyson, Bruce Theden, Steve Stockwell.

BEDFORD ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 13200 Bedford Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-3670; E-mail; stevestrappercoop@yahoo.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Tim Growden, Vice President: Bob Grabenstein, Secretary: Diane Schade, Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter, Chief: Ralph Collins. Delegates: Tim Growden, Mike Helmstetter, Jennifer Crippen, Derek Crippen, Debbie Helmstettler. Alternates: None.

BEL AIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 109 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4400; Website: www.bavfc.org. Organized: 1890; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Joe Rutherford, Vice President: Tony Coale, Secretary: John Gallagher, Treasurer: Russell Eyre, Chaplain: Tim Kick, Chief: Steve Cox. Delegates: Rusty Eyre, Mike Lochary, Gary Kadolph, Nancy Cox. Alternates: NONE LISTED.

BEL ALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 9765 Bel Alton-Newtown Road, Bel Alton, MD 20611; Charles County; Telephone: 301-932-6973; Fax: 301-932-1115; Website: www.bavfd.org; Organized:1962; Chartered:1962; Joined MSFA:1963. President: John H. Hackley, Jr., Vice President: Jeff Goldsmith, Secretary: Katie Hayes, Treasurer: James Hoover Thompson, Chaplain: James Best, Chief: Jeff Hammett. Delegates: John H. Hackley Jr.,Jeff Goldsmith, James Hoover Thompson, Katie Hayes, Jeff Hammett. Alternates: Alexis Frye Jr, Joshua Gragan, Billy Robertson, Bo Black, David Williams.

BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 831, 4911 Prince George’s Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-937-3160; Website: beltsvillevfd.com; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1947. President: Margie Dickey, Vice President: Billy McNeel, Secretary: Janice Gardiner, Treasurer: Mikel Butler, Chaplain: Michael Schaffer, Chief: Mike Adams. Delegates: Rev. Harry Hetz, Margie Dickey, Billy McNeel, Tony McCall, Janice Gardiner. Alternates: Kenny Reising, Brian Hart, Mike Adams, Steve Flora, Steve Corbin.


BETHESDA FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 30384, 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20824; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-652-5602; Website: www.bethesdafire.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Michael Kay, Vice President: Nat Finkelstein, Secretary: Josh Perelman, Treasurer: Grant Davies, Chaplain: Chief: Lawrence J. Gaddis. Delegates: Lawrence J. Gaddis, Michael Kay, Nathan Finkelstein, Virginia Miller, Ted Rosen. Alternates: NONE LISTED.

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC. - 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-656-5423, FAX: 301-656-6523; E-mail: ned.sherbume@bccrs.org; Website www.bccrs.org; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1945. President: Kenneth B. Holden, Vice President: John Bentivoglio, Secretary: Ashley Donovan, Treasurer: N/A, Chaplain: N/A; Chief: Edward Sherburne. Delegates: Kenneth Holden, George Giebel, Kathleen Donahoe, David Dwyer, Edward Sherburne. Alternates: Robert Kretzmer, Anthony Veith, Robert Rinaudot, Walter Gold, W Jenkins.

BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610; Kent County; Telephone 410-348-5678 Fax 410-348-5600; Website: www.bvfc5.org; Organized: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Bud Campbell, Vice President: Kip Mathews, Secretary: Carrie Nicholson; Treasurer: Amanda Clark, Chaplain: Bill Carroll; Chief: Dan Menchy. Delegates: Bud Campbell, Dan Menchy, Jason Owens, Amanda Clark, Kip Matthews. Alternates: Monica Matthews, Louis Mancuso.
BISHOPVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO. Box 350, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD 21813; Worcester County; Telephone 410-352-5757 Fax 410-352-5482; Website: www.bishopville900.com; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1939; Joined MSFA: 1939. CREDENTIALS NOT SUBMITTED FOR 2019.


BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P. O. Box 348, 4213 Edmonton Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710-0001; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-864-4415 FAX: 301-779-0272; Website: www.bv9fd.com; Organized: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Gary Katz, Jr., Vice President: Jason Brynes, Secretary: Chris Eccles, Treasurer: Donnie Wells, Chaplain: Rodgers Reinhart, Chief: David Sumner. Delegates: Gary Katz Jr, Jason Byrnes, Vince Pickel, Donnie Wells, Dave Summer. Alternates: James Wendt, Chris Eccles, Mike Ruggier, Tom Flint, Dawn Reamy.


BORDEN SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC. - 19303 Shaft Road, SW., Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-1535; Email: co17@alconet.org Website: www.shaftfire.com; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. President: Roger Bennett; Vice President: Jesse Jeffries; Secretary: Andrea Bennett; Treasurer: Michael Murphy; Chief: Scott Yates; Chaplain: Troy Hartman. Delegates: Rober Bennett, Jesse Jeffries, Scott Yates, Andrea Bennett, Samantha Bennett. Alternates: Bryan Miller, Jeff Pfister, Janelle Kniereim, Troy Hartman.

BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 6710 Laurel Bowie Road #990, Bowie, MD 20718; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-809-0122, FAX: 301-809-0123; E-mail: info@bowievfd.org; Website: bowievfd.org; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: James Bigony, Vice President: Mark Stegmeier, Secretary: Gary Blanton, Treasurer: John Cole, Chaplain: Chief: Jonathan Howard Sr. Delegates: J.R. Bigony, Gary Blanton, Chris St. John, Glenn Locker, Ed Manuel. Alternates: Buddy Gormley, Mary Santa Bigony, Michelle Goodier.


BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 156, 1500 Volunteer Drive, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-8300; Website: bvfd5.org; Organized: 1893; Chartered: 1894; Joined MSFA: 1910. President: Todd Webber, Vice President: Steve Shook, Secretary: Robin Bell, Treasurer: Kevin Myers, Chaplain: Chief: George Clary Jr. Delegates: Kevin Myers, Clarence Webber, Steve Welch, Charles Dabbs, Todd Webber. Alternates: George Houser, Dominique Beacht, Corey Kirkpatrick, Kim Boswell, Chris Eckstine.


BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 215, 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20866; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-4715, Fax; E-mail: newmanlen@aol.com Website: bvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Tamera G. Bulla, Vice President: Chester Cadogan, Secretary: N/A, Treasurer: N/A, Chaplain: N/A, Chief: N/A. Delegates: Gary Jones, Michael Bulla. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.
BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 75, 15019 Falls Road, Butler, MD 21023; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7913 Fax: 410-771-4103; E-mail cao490@bcvfa.org; Website: butlervfd.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1958. President: Cary Rutledge, Vice President: Danny Wilhlem, Secretary: Dave Kane, Treasurer: Wayne Hackley, Chaplain: N/A, Chief: Captain Matthew Underwood. Delegates: Cary Rutledge, Dave Kane, Matthew Underwood, Wayne Hackley, Todd Rutledge. Alternates: None Listed 2019

CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 41, 8001 River Road, Cabin John, MD 20817; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-365-2225 Fax; E-mail: firefighter@cjpvfd.org Website: cjpvfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Michael Harting, Vice President: Robert Roller, Secretary: William Pack, Treasurer: James Fones, Chaplain: Paul Sterling, Chief: Corinne Piccardi. Delegates: Robert McDonald, Mary Seavey, Betsy Higgins, Satchel Kornfeld. Alternates: Christina Mage, Mary Morgal.

CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, INC – 55 Security Blvd., Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-0411; E-mail: chief10@calvertals.net Website: calvertals.net; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2001; Charter: 1989. President: Stacy Clas, Vice President: N/A, Secretary: Amy Freeman, Treasurer: Barb Fenwick, Chief: Christopher Shannon. Delegates: Shirley Millette, Amy Freeman, Sara Jura, Shannon Stockton, Stacy Clas. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.

CAPE ST. CLAIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1411 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis, MD 21409; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-757-3434; E-mail: webmaster@cscvfc.org Website: cscvfc.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA: 1957. President: Joe Poist, Vice President: Alyssa Cherry, Secretary: Randi Beavers, Treasurer: George Ryan, Chaplain: N/A, Chief: Drew Mutch. Delegates: Ron Block, Jim Mekins, Carol Mekins, Bob Seibel III. Jim Mekins, John Randolph. Alternates: Joe Poist, Randi Beavers.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-883-7705. See Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Capitol Heights, MD.


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CHARLES COUNTY MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, INC. – PO Box 366, 17 Billingsley Road, White Plains, MD 20695; Charles County; Telephone 301-645-7707 Fax; Website: ccmedicunit.org; Organized: 1978; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1983. President: Madison Brady, Vice President: Gary Gertz, Secretary: Connie Robertson, Treasurer: Janet Siviter, Chief: Janet Siviter. Delegates: Mike Thrift. Alternates: None Listed 2019


CHESTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 296, 211 Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-3434. President: David Eason Sr, Vice President: Michael Carey, Secretary: Cindy Morris, Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney, Chaplain: Leon Frezion, Chief: John Darling. Delegates: John Darling, Jeffrey H. Thompson, Donald Hodges Sr., William Hildebrand. Alternates: Edwin Joyner.

CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. -12020 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7781 Fax: 410-252-6111; E-mail: larryg500@comcast.net, Website: www.chestnutridgefire.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA: 1962. President: Larry Getlan, Vice President: Daniel Burton, Secretary: Cynthia Glace, Treasurer: Harry Kakel, Chaplain, Chief: Daniel Uddeme. Delegates: Fred Cross, Larry Getlan, Dan Uddeme, Dan Burton. Alternates: Gentry Fitzpatrick, Scott Weiner, Scott Cohen, Adam Harrison, Adam Harrison.

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CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. STATION 34 – 7833 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-434-3435 Fax: Website: 34box.com; Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Louise M. Davis, Vice President: Charles Emery, Secretary: Emma Williams, Treasurer: John Guyton, Chaplain, Chief: Charles Aldridge. Delegates: Louise Davis, Charles Aldridge, Charles Walker, John Guyton, Barry Lohr. Alternates: Don VanLeuven, Emma Williams, Ashley Johnson.

CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 16, 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-330-2070; Fax:, E-mail: jlewissccvfc@yahoo.com. President: Stephanie McWilliams, Vice President: Jamie Willey, Secretary: Jeff Lewis, Treasurer: Russell Hurley Sr., Chaplain: Michael Wheatley, Chief: Zach White. Delegates: Barbara Steiner. Alternates: Samuel Temple.


CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4 FREDERICK MD, INC. – PO Box 3855, 15 South Court Street, Frederick, MD 21705; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1713 Fax; Organized:1926; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA:1927. President: Robert Jacobs, Vice President: David Keller III, Secretary: Vicky Keller, Treasurer: Matt Elden, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: John Elden. Delegates: Robert Jacobs, David Keller III, Vicky Keller, Mike Buck, Jeff Wisner. Alternates: Bill Nichols, Timothy Ganley.

CLARYSVILLE FIRE COMPANY, INC.- 16304 Clarysville Road, SW, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone:301-689-3828; E-mail: co14@allconet.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered:1942. No credentials were submitted for 2019.

CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone: 301-842-3775 Fax: 301-842-3794; Email: chief4reid@myactv.net; Website: clearspringfire.net; Organized;1935; Chartered:1935; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Robert Downs, Vice President: Todd Welch, Secretary: Stacey Schlotterbeck, Treasurer: Charles Mundey, Chaplain: Tom Grosh, Chief: Michael Reid. Delegates: Robert Downs, Greg Mariotti, Charles Mundey, Stacey Schlotterbeck, Mark Schlotterbeck. Alternates: None listed 2019.

CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 9025 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-868-1333 Fax:301-868-1330; E-mail: rmason3275@gmail.com, Website: clintonvfd.org; Organized: 1936; Chartered:1937; Joined MSFA:1937. President: Jerry Spence, Vice President: Scott Kaiser, Secretary: Sally Brown, Treasurer: Jim Ruby, Chaplain, Chief: Renaldo Mason. Delegates: Jerry Spence, Scott Kaiser, Sally Brown, Bob McGhee, Chad Hasselberger. Alternates: Renaldo Mason, Theresa Kaiser, Lisa Faunce, Michelle Desperes, John Rivera.


COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 344. 11210 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-527-1634 Fax;; Email: treasure@cvfa.org; Website: cvfc.org; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Andrew Rosenblum, Vice President: Michael Holland, Secretary: Greg Primrose, Treasurer: John Dixon, Chaplain;: Chief: Kevin Roberts. Delegates: Kathy Milby, John Milby, Lawrence Gribble, Kenneth Cole, Jack Roberts. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.

COLLEGE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 8115 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-901-9112; Fax;; E-mail: webmaster@cpvfd.org Website: cpvfd.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Pete Piringer, Vice President: Vacant, Secretary: Matt Chibbaro, Treasurer: Bob Ryan, Chaplain;: Chief: William Corrigan. Delegates: Robert Ryan, Pete Piringer, Bill Corrigan,Carl Cimino, Matt Chibbaro. Alternates: None listed 2019.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 248, 309 S. Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD 21090; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-859-0244; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1928. President: Joseph Delisle, Vice President: Jean Reese, Secretary: Jason Pippen, Treasurer: Joseph Delisle, Chief: Vacant, Chaplain: Vacant. Delegates: Joseph Delisle, Jean Reese, Jason Pippen. Alternates: JG Delisle, David Reese.
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BOWLEY’S QUARTERS & VICINITY, INC. - 900 Bowley’s Quarters Road, Middle River, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-335-8820, Fax: 410-335-6440; Email: jmheinz210@gmail.com; Website: bqvolunteers.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1946; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Louis Hartman, Vice President: Stephanie Fairley, Secretary: Bernie Eckert III, Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic Jr., Chaplain: Joyce Elder, Chief: Shannon Stallings. Delegates: Jerry Cusic, Paul J. Cusic, Stephanie Fairley Shannon Stallings, Louis Hartmann. Alternates: John Hammen, Matthew Fairley, John Heinz, Max King, Bernie Eckert III.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON, INC. – P. O. Box 55, 185 Sassafras Street, Millington, MD 21651; Kent County; Telephone: 410-928-3171; Fax: ; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1923; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Richard McIntyre, Vice President: Jessica Bennett, Secretary: Jeremy Rothwell, Treasurer: Paige Hickman, Chief: Dillion Bennett. Delegates: Claude Morales. Alternates: RK McIntyre.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE, MD INC. – P.O. Box 776, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD 21903; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-642-2647 Fax; E-mail: jajonesey@yahoo.com; Website: pyfd616.com; Organized: 1923; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Karen Reinhart, Vice President: John Jones, Secretary: Kristie Calaman, Treasurer: Dale K. Deweese, Chaplain: Sue Hornbarger, Chief: Ray Ryan III. Delegates: Terri Grove, Charles Thomas, Karen Jones, Raymond Ryan III, Rowland Anderson Jr. Alternates: John Jones, Daniel Skip Mahan.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN, INC. – PO Box 699, 300 Joseph Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-658-5115 Fax; E-mail: risingsunpresident8@gmail.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921. President: William Eyler, Vice President: Stacy Zachry, Secretary: Brook Haines, Treasurer: Susan Wehry, Chaplain: Adam Haines, Chief: Donald Wehry. Delegates: Karl Reichenbach, Larry Underwood, Ken Morris, Stacy Zachry, Donald Wehry. Alternates: William Eyler, Lynne Eyler.


COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. DISTRICT No. 12 – PO Box 31, 18002 Tilghman Road, Fairplay, MD 21733; Washington County; Telephone: 301-582-0099; Email: fairplay12@earthlink.net; Organized: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Jeb S. Eckstine, Vice President: Roy Lescalleet, Secretary: Kim VanMetre, Treasurer: Tracy McCleary, Chaplain: Robert Fraley, Chief: Cory Lescalleet. Delegates: Mark Kopp, Scott Frey, Darrin Eichelberger, Chad Clipp, Kevin Clipp. Alternates: Robert Asper, Edward Asper, Robert Gordon, Mary Lee Kendle, Steve Mitchell.

CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 187,12502 Corrigan Drive, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-7418, Fax: 240-362-7047; Organized: 1939. President: Brandon Cobb, Vice President: Josh VanMeter, Secretary: Megan Cobb, Treasurer: Megan Cobb, Chief: James VanMeter. Delegates: None submitted 2019..

CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 13109 Warrior Drive, SW, Cresaptown, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1111, Fax: 301-729-1820; Email: ccage@atlanticbb.net Website: cresaptownvfd.com; Organized:1932; Chartered:1933. President: Patrick Reid, Vice President: William McElvie, Secretary: Sheri Rotruck, Treasurer: Susan Clark-Cecil, Chaplain: Calvin Walbert, Chief: Christopher Cage. Delegates: Christopher Cage, Patrick Reid, Calvin “Pete” Walbert, Don Reid, Susan Clark-Cecil. Alternates: Sara Cage.


DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 114, 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1350; Organized:1946; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA:1948. President: Dale Browning, Vice President: Ray Mudd, Secretary: Rebecca Lancaster, Treasurer: Becky Lare, Chaplain: Robin Howard, Chief: Russell Lancaster. Delegates: Dale Browning, Gayle Moreland, Robin Howard, Doug Howard, Bernard Phipps. Alternates: Ray Mudd, Vicki Browning, Shonna Rohr, Heida Mudd, Karen Browning George.


DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314-0015; (near)Harford County; Telephone: 717-456-7133 Fax.; Website: deltacardiffvfc.com; Organized: 1898; Chartered:1910; Joined MSFA:1942. President: Dennis Emmel, Vice President: Laura Taylor, Secretary: Maxine Moul, Treasurer: Lori Robbins, Chaplain: Gale Parthree, Chief: Jeffrey Griffith. Delegates: Dennis Emmel, Jeffrey Griffith, Laura Taylor. Alternates: James Williams.

DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 400 South Fifth Avenue, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-479-2121, Fax.; Organized: 1892; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1927, Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Todd Berneski, Vice President: Lester Branson, Secretary: Samantha Gill, Treasurer: Ron Weiber, Chief: Scott Sefton. Delegates: Todd Berneski, Seth Gill, Samantha Gill. Alternates: None listed.

DENTSVILLE VOLUNTEER EMS & AUXILIARY INC – PO Box 109, 12135 Charles Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-392-0050; Website: dvems.org; Organized: 1998. President: Robin Windsor, Vice President: Megan Lima, Secretary: Tina Fisher, Treasurer: Darby Byrd, Chaplain:, Chief: Mark Kaufmann. Delegates: Darby Byrd. Alternates: None Listed.


DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 5900 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-883-7726; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Kirk V. Ingram, Vice President: Tim Titcomb, Secretary: Olivia Turpin, Treasurer: Leslie Davis, Chaplain, Chief: Jamaal Brooks. Delegates: Kirk V. Ingram, Jamaal Brooks, Tim Titcomb, Leslie Davis, Thomas Stommel. Alternates: Mark Jackson, Dan Gorman, Olivia Turpin, Clifton Moody, Lashon Pettie.

DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone: 301-855-8895; Email:billrector@dunkirk5.com, Website: dunkirk5.com; Organized:1974; Chartered: 1975. President: Richard Peterson, Vice President: Thomas Smith, Secretary: Brianna Stream, Treasurer: Leroy Gooding, Chaplain:, Chief: Toby Sealey. Delegates:, Howard Kelly, Randy Smith, Karl Holzberger, Donald Gibson, Tommy Howes. Alternates: Toby Sealey, Todd Ward, Zach Adams, Richard Peterson, Tommy Smith.

EARLIEG HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 547, 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-647-1990, Fax: 410-647-9463; E-mail: 2002theend@gmail.com Website: www.ehvfc.org; Organized:1918; Chartered:1918; Joined MSFA: 1923. President: Joe Angyelof, Vice President: Michael Sohn, Secretary: Paul Demasky, Treasurer: Victor Henderson, Chaplain: Keith Zucco, Chief: Dave Crawford. Delegates: Joe Angyelof, Dave Crawford, Chuck Austin, Rob Reed. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.

EASTERN GARRETT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 401 Finzel Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-689-8388, Fax:301-689-9554; E-mail: kitisd@yahoo.com; Organized:1967; Joined MSFA: 1974; Chartered:1967; Joined MSFA: 1967. President: James Raley, Vice President: Nicholas Wiland, Secretary: Penny Lewis, Treasurer: Charon Clark, Chaplain: David Kitis, Chief: Timothy Clark. Delegates: James Raley, Tim Clark, Charon Clark, James Heward, Lynn Heward. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-822-4848, Fax: 410-822-1970; E-mail: eastonvfd@goeaston.net, Website: eastonvfd.org; Organized:1808; Chartered:1917; Joined MSFA:1914. President: Tim Knotts, Vice President: Rick Stacey, Secretary: Rebecca A. Caldwell, Treasurer: Chris Hash, Chaplain: Drew Jensen, Chief: Sonny Jones. Delegates: Barry Slaughter, Lyle Fuller, Rose Miles, Don Abbatiello, Chris Hash. Alternates: None listed 2019.

EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403-0332; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-6133; Organized:1886; Chartered:1930; Joined MSFA:1930. President: Gary Mathis, Vice President: Lee Downing, Secretary: Jennifer Edens, Treasurer: Carolyn Richards, Chaplain: Raymond Sims, Chief: VACANT. Delegates: Lee Downing, Gary Mathis, Jennifer Edens. Alternates: Kethleen Peddigree, Raymond Sims, Carolyn Richards.

ELDORADO-BROOKVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 5752 Rhodesdale- Eldorado Road, Eldorado, MD 21659; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-463-4229; Email: kma6070@yahoo.com; Organized:1947; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1950. President: Jason Barns, Vice President: Vance Monroe, Secretary: Brenda Cole, Treasurer: Amy Norman, Chaplain: Jimmy Cole, Chief: Brad Murphy. Delegates: Jimmy Cole, Robert Murphy, Brad Murphy, Jason Barns. Alternates: Justin Murphy, Debbie Wheedleton, Vance Monroe.


ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 237, 14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Website: www.evfc.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: David Christner, Vice President: Donald Shriner, Secretary: Denoma Stallings, Treasurer: Rob Johnson, Chaplain: Jennifer Christner, Chief: Edward Williams. Delegates: Donald Shriner, Dave Christner, Austin Christner. Alternates: None listed 2019.

ELLICOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS’ ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO Box 296, 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21041; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-2602, Fax: 410-313-2671; Website: ellicottcityvfa.com; Organized: 1888; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Dario Broccolino, Vice President: Dawn Bintz, Secretary: Mary Jo Lombardo, Treasurer: John Lombardo, Chaplain: Chief: Erik Deklau. Delegates: Scott Wood, Craig Ralston, Kathleen Ralston, Margery Sayers, William Rosebrough. Alternates: Tim Deklau, Robin Zevotek.


EMMITSBURG VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC. – 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-447-6626, Fax: 301-447-3887; Website: emmitsburgems.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1988. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED FOR 2019


ESSEX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1449 Sussex Road, Essex, MD 21221; Telephone: 410-877-0329; Website: essexvfc.org; E-mail: co510@bcvfa.org. President: Anthony Schield, Vice President: Nicholas Eck, Secretary: Rebecca Schield, Treasurer: Frank Wisniewski, Chief: John Alban Jr. Delegates: Anthony Schield, John Alban Jr, John Alban III, Nicholas Eck, Zach Utbig. Alternates: Zack Williams, William Stump, Marcus Allen, Jequione Ford, Kyle White.
EWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 44, 3994 Smith Island Road, Ewell, MD 21824; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-425-5521; Organized: 1957; Chartered: 1957. No Credentials submitted for 2019.

FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 27407 Fairmount Road, Upper Fairmount, MD 21871; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2888; E-mail: taylorwirt@gmail.com; Organized: 1999; Chartered: 1999; Joined MSFA: 1999. President: Roger Olsen, Vice President: Wayne Bozman, Secretary: Linda Heller, Treasurer: Sue Nevins, Chaplain: Charles Bagley, Chief: Frank Lusk. Delegates: Linda Heller, Linda Wirt. Alternates: None listed 2019.

FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE CO., - PO Box 141, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4890; Fax: 410-638-4889; E-mail: chief@fvfac.org, Website: fvfac.org; Organized: 1974; Pres: Christopher Gibbons, Vice President: Robert Griffith, Secretary: Rachel Brush, Treasurer: Craig Ruff, Chief: David Williams. Delegates: Hobart Howell, Christopher Gibbons, Ed Benesch, Cathy Pilachowski, Mark Pilachowski. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

FEDERALSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 99, 219 S. University Avenue, Federalsburg, MD 21632; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-754-7400; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1921. President: Douglas Ramey Jr, Vice President: Kenneth Trader, Secretary: Susie Trader, Treasurer: Craig Ruff, Chief: Steve Cox. Delegates: Douglas Ramey Jr, Kevin Mowbrau, Wendell Merrick, Ken Trader, Susan Trader. Alternates: Mike Robinson.

FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 4 Broadview Boulevard South, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-761-2131, Fax: 410-768-0487; Website: www.fvfc34.org; Organized: 1946; Pres: John F. Long Jr, Vice President: Emory Webb, Secretary: Stephanie Evans, Treasurer: Craig A. Bidinger, Chaplain: John Long Jr, Chief: Jay Olson. Delegates: Jay Olson, John Long Jr, Stephanie Evans, Timothy Doegen, Cliff Odendhal. Alternates: Tyler Olson, Sherri Odendhal, Clifton Odendhal, Kimberly Kerschner, Tyler Bowman.

FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-7215; E-mail: fpmarlett@mfri.org; Website: fdvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Mi Ji Kim, Vice President: Carol Ann Stevens, Secretary: Edward Zepp IV, Treasurer: Roy Ferguson, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Patrick Marlatt. Delegates: Ron Price, Wendy Norwitz, Pat Puglisi, Aaron Brent, Brittany Jones, Aaron Brent. Alternates: None listed.

FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 4623, 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: 301-797-0843; Fax: 301-791-3154; Website: engineone.org; Organized: 1815; Chartered: 1823; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: David Stevens, Vice President: Pamela Stevens, Secretary: Raymond Lushbaugh, Treasurer: Gerald Saum, Chaplain: Blain Snyder, Chief: Capt. Warren Royce. Delegates: Blain Snyder, David Stevens, Gerald Saum, Pamela Stevens, Lisa Saum. Alternates: Heather Myers, Patricia Lushbaugh, Raymond Lushbaugh.


FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, Inc. - 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-736-7170, Fax:; E-mail:chief5876@gmail.com; Organized:1931; Chartered:1931; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Jennifer Johnson, Vice President: William Honeycutt, Secretary: Jennifer Breen, Treasurer: Paul Thorne Jr., Chaplain: Alice O’Daniel, Chief: Keith O’Daniel. Delegates: Jennifer Johnson, , Mark Worth, Keith O’Daniel, Alice O’Daniel, Jennifer Breen,. Alternates: Bill Honeycutt, Jeff Thorne, Paul Thorne, Jr., Robert Wilhite Allison Worth.


FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE –PO Box 75, 86 West Main Street, Frostburg MD 21532-0075; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-876-9155, E-mail: faas53@yahoo.com; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2005. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED FOR 2019.

FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC. – PO Box 461, 310 Allegany Street, Frostburg, MD 21532-0461; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-5898; Fax: 301-689-2938. E-mail ebladen@frostburgfd.com; Organized: 1878; Chartered: 1878; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: William Price, Vice President: Ronald Dugan, Secretary: Emily A. Bladen, Treasurer: Dayne Lancaster, Chaplain: Harry W. Foor, Chief: Joseph Hoffman. Delegates: Joseph Hoffman, Ronald Dugan, J. Matthew McMorran II, Dayne Lancaster, Thomas Bevan. Alternates: William Price, Emily Bladen, Joseph Brumage, Harry Foor, Connor Woodring.

FUNKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 670, 2 South Westside Avenue, Funkstown, MD 21734; Washington County; Telephone: 301-790-0090, Fax: 301-739-5244; E-mail: dfraley@funkstownfireco.org; Website: funkstownfireco.org; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1931. President: Gary Farrell, Vice President: Joey Royce, Secretary: Judith Ann Bowers, Treasurer: Linda Kendle, Chaplain: Dan Fraley, Chief: Eric Fraley. Delegates: Christine Kline, Edward Clopper, Eric Fraley, David Fraley. Alternates: None listed for 2019.

GAITHERSBURG-WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-0663, Fax: 301-948-6836; E-mail: kvk2@juno.com; Website: gwgvd.org; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Steve Hayes, Vice President: Angela Blom, Secretary: Kimberly Pellack, Treasurer: Garry Walker, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Ken Knopp. Delegates: Garry Walker, Chris Carlson, Angelica Kania, Kevin Hunt, Cameron Faison. Alternates: Debra Grandy, Steve Hayes, Angela Blom, Kenneth Knopp, Robert Harding.


GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 174, 954 Main Street, Galesville, MD 20765-0174; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1521. President: Nathaniel C. Scotten IV, Vice President: Raymond Hardesty Sr, Secretary: Gladys Sears, Treasurer: Albert P. Bembe, Chief: Raymond Hardesty. Delegates: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Raymond Hardesty Sr, Terry McAllister, Ronald Wood, Matthew Zang. Alternates: Carol Sherbert.

GAMBER & COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 3838 Niner Road, Finksburg, MD 21048; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-3456 Fax: 410-795-0208; E-mail: info@gambervfd.org Website: gambervfd.org; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964; Joined MSFA: 1967. President: Michael Franklin, Vice President: Dale Bollinger, Secretary: Jeannie Green, Treasurer: Susan Sullivan, Chaplain: Art Frotton, Chief: Charlie Green Jr. Delegates: Michael Franklin, Dale Bollinger, Charlie Green, William Leppert, Emily Franklin. Alternates: Frank Smith, Shawn Chenoweth.


GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 25, 2739 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2128, Fax: E-mail:info@girdletree.org Website: www.girdletree.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Joan Merritt, Vice President: Rub Scaenes, Secretary: Raye Ellen Thomas, Treasurer: Jeff McMahon, Chaplain: Ralph Carman, Chief: Joe Truitt. Delegates: Virgil Dukes, Kenny Dukes, Joan Merritt, Mike Bradford, Jepp McHahon. Alternates: None Listed.

GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1268, 15 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 443-790-8074; E-mail: gdicus@verizon.net Website: gbvfd.org; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1923. President: Thomas Nevin, Vice President: Patrick Reilly, Secretary: Vacant, Treasurer: Paul Cogswell, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Robert Galante. Delegates: Thomas Nevin Jr, Paul McGinnis, Robert Galante, Tori Hagedorn. Alternates: Barbara Stumpf, Brady Hagedorn, Billy Hagedorn Patrick.


GLYNDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 3671, 4812 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD 21071; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-833-1262, Fax: 410-833-1262; Website: GVFD40.org; Organized: 1904; Chartered: 1904. President: Susan Bollinger, Vice President: Paul Wilhelm, Secretary: Richard Cole, Treasurer: Doug Wolfenden, Chaplain: Joan Wolfenden, Chief: Charles Stinchcomb. Delegates: Susan Bollinger, Frank J. Corasaniti II, Jamie Lloyd, Crystal Wilhelm, Chuckie Stinchcomb. Alternates: Daniel Bollinger.

GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 35, 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro, MD 21636; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-6196; E-mail goldsborofirecompany@yahoo; Website: goldsboro700.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Joel T. McGinnes III, Vice President: Ron Dixon, Secretary: Shelly Gray, Treasurer: Jody Luckett, Chaplain: Pastor Doug Morley, Chief: Julius Bartz Jr. Delegates: J T Bartz, Bryan Cahall, Wayne Durham, Jack Reed, Shelly Gray. Alternates: Chrissy Bartz, Courtney Morean, Amanda Squires, Wilbur Levingood, David Wothers.

GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 212 Broadway Street, Centreville, MD 21617; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-758-1422; E-mail: aaronslabs@verizon.net; Organized 1889, Chartered 1889. President: Raymond C. Aaron Sr., Vice President: TJ Palmatary, Secretary: Lisa Davis, Treasurer: John Cvach, Chaplain: Rev Petit, Chief: Chris Tucker. Delegates: Floyd Kauffman, Dan Tabler. Alternates: None Listed.


GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-1600 Fax:; E-mail:co120@gc911.org; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Dan Tichnell, Vice President: Nathan Tichnell, Secretary: Jennifer Landis, Treasurer: Sue Steyer, Chaplain: Ruff Neel, Chief: Johnny Mayne. Delegates: Johnny Mayne, Dan Tichnell, Sue Steyer, John Moreland. Alternates: None Listed.

GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #18, INC. – PO Box 181, 14026 Graceham Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-2000, Fax: 301-271-2401; E-mail: electronicaddictions@msn.com; Joined MSFA: 1963 President: Gary Keller, Vice President: Louis Powell Jr, Secretary: Jean Main, Treasurer: Sterling Seiss, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Valaria Kilby. Delegates: Valaria Kirby, Louis Powell Jr, Hilary Blake, Warren Main, Brian Boller. Alternates: Chuck Farkas, Nancy Keller, Michelle Powell, Brandy Wetzelm Shawn Wetzel.
GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 248, 178 Springs Road, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5200, Fax: 301-895-3720; E-mail: steve.smith.em2@gmail.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Stephen Smith, Vice President: Keith Durst, Secretary: Menno Yoder, Treasurer: Herman Yoder, Chaplain: Raymond D. Yoder, Chief: Duane Stein. Delegates: John Vought, Anthony Bittinger, Keith Durst, Todd Dyche, Steve Miller. Alternates: Stephen Smith, Brandon Downton, Bob Downton, Jerry Orner, Greg Trumpower.

GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4128 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-827-8100, Fax: 410-827-4496; Website: www.gvfd2.com, E-mail: tsheahan02@aol.com; Organized: 1958; Chartered: MSFA: 1960. President: Matt Coursey, Vice President: Charlie Palmer, Secretary: Kierstin Nelson, Treasurer: Phyllis Black, Chaplain: Alex Newton, Chief: Jason Anthony. Delegates: Troy Tilghman, Jason Anthony, Matt Coursey. Alternates: Mike Balsoma, Wyatt Bosser.

GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1804; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-345-7000, Fax: 301-345-2235; E-mail: t.ray@verizon.net Website: engine35.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Brian Rudy, Vice President: Anthony Sluder, Secretary: Wayne L. Lewis, Treasurer: Lawrence E. Hughes, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Thomas Ray. Delegates: Wayne Lewis, Lawrence E. Hughes, Ashley R. Kozlowski, Gregory Gigliotti, Thomas Ray. Alternates: None Listed.

GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 307, 116 North Main Street, Greensboro, MD 21639; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-8420; E-mail: rcovert67@comcast.net Website: greensborovfc.com; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927. President: Chris Hammer, Vice President: Frank Starkey, Secretary: Jim Bruce, Treasurer: Vacant, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Shawn Starkey. Delegates: Jim Bruce, Danny Bruce. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

GUARDIAN HOSE COMPANY, INC. – 21 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-3413, Fax: 301-271-4990; E-mail: guardianhose@verizon.net Website: guardianhose.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1934. President: Wayne Stackhouse, Vice President: Terry Frushour, Secretary: Lori Brown, Treasurer: Chad Brown, Chaplain: James Hamrick, Chief: Chris Kinnaird. Delegates: Clarence White, Terry Frushour. Alternates: Chris Kinnaird, Chad Brown.

HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC. – P.O. Box 231, 1341 North Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-4280, Fax: 410-239-0523; Website: hampsteadvfd.org; Organized: 1899; Chartered: 1900. President: Richard Zaykoski, Vice President: Jeff Lowe, Secretary: Gary Wheeler, Treasurer: Andrew Martin, Chaplain: Susan Fleming, Chief: Nick Thompson. Delegates: Gary Wheeler, Gerald Lynott, Leon Fleming, Susan Fleming, Jeff Lowe,. Alternates: Edgar Stagner, Connor Risner.

HANCOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-7739, Fax: 301-678-7755; Website: www.hancockfire5.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928. President: Ricky Rowe, Vice President: Thomas Leach, Secretary: Graham Snow, Treasurer: Mike Stewart, Chaplain: Graham Snow, Chief: Robert Hoopengardner. Delegates: Michael Deloof, Greg Yost, Ricky Rowe. Alternates: Ben Hoopengardner, Jordan Leach.

HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 6 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-6774, Fax: 301-678-5399, E-mail: washcofp53@gmail.com; Chartered: 1969; Joined MSFA: 1998. President: Scott Buskirk, Vice President: Ernie Truax, Secretary: Beth Buskirk, Treasurer: Debbie Cohill, Chaplain: Debbie Cohill, Chief: Stephen Barnhart. Delegates: Stephen Barnhart, Ernie Truax, Mary Barnhart, Leah Keffer, Courtney Fleegle. Alternates: None listed 2019.


HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 300, 200 South Main Street, Hebron, MD 21803; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-3037, Fax:410-749-0511; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1937. President: Greg Howard, Vice President: Dennis Hook, Secretary: Kyle Cole, Treasurer: Jon Blake, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Mike Carbaugh. Delegates: Greg Howard, Mike Carbaugh, David Beach, Don Beach, Dean Beach. Alternates: Kyle Cole Jonathan Blake, Zack Dehn, Jason, Dennis Hook.
HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, Inc. – 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD 21032; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-923-3990; Website: hhvfd.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA: 1926. President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. Delegates:. Alternates: No Credentials submitted for 2019.

HEREFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO Box 262, 901 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1935, Fax: 410-887-1935; E-mail: info@herefordemsrescue.org; Website: hvaa.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Paul Tice, Vice President: Lauren Waldorf, Secretary: Victoria Schwatka, Treasurer: Nancy Aiken, Chaplain: Dave Crow, Chief: Daniel Burke. Delegates: Hope Bilger, Richard Bilger Sr, Paul Tice, Daniel Burke, Darlene Jones. Alternates: David Crow, John Fausto, Liz Cole, Paul Demme, Walt Meyers.


HILLANDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-434-2400; E-mail: hvfdmail@yahoo.com Website: hvfd.org; Organized: 1941; Chartered: 1941; Joined MSFA: 1941. President: Russell S. Hartung, Vice President: John G. Bork, Secretary: Betty J. Phifer, Treasurer: Earl Clime, Chaplain, Chief: Mike McAdams. Delegates: None submitted 2019. Alternates:.


HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3311; Email: hivfc@safe.quik.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 196. President: Mark Flowers, Vice President: Cindy Paul, Secretary: Teresa Flowers, Treasurer: Rosemary Dean, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Rick Yinger. Delegates: Rick Yinger, Tina Yinger, Mark Flowers, Rosemary Dean, Teresa Flowers. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637; Charles County; Telephone: 301-274-4488, Fax: 301-274-9729; E-mail jrose@hvfdems.org Website:www.hvfdems.org Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: James Harris, Vice President: Chris Cole, Secretary: Thomas Hoffman, Treasurer: Patty Therres, Chief: Scott Herbert. Delegates: James Harris, Mike Roberts, Beverly Jarboe, Scott Herbert, Chris Cole. Alternates: Patty Therres, Tim Goff Sr.

HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 482, 4030 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-3331, Fax: 410-535-4438; E-mail president@hvfd6.org Website: www.hvfd6.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered:1972. President: Jason Jones, Vice President: Charles Hardesty, Secretary: Christine Carson, Treasurer: Jeff Burroughs, Chaplain: Larry Patin, Chief: Michael Clark Jr. Delegates: Charles Hardesty, Michael Clark Jr, Robert Small, Timothy Clark, Michael Montgomery Sr. Alternates: Christine Carson, Brian Thrasher, Paul Robison, Robert Osbourn, Michael Lanier.

HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 178, 300 Charles Street, Hurlock, MD 21643; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3110, Fax 410-943-4355; Website: Hurlock.firedept@comcast.net; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Marlon Parker, Vice President: Frank Trego, Secretary: Lauren Cole, Treasurer: Ward Higgins II, Chaplain, Chief: Jason Trego. Delegates: Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, Mark Tull, Marlon Parker, Jerry Rhue. Alternates: None listed.

HYATTSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 25801 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-831-8499, Fax: 301-831-8901; E-mail: hyattstownfire@yahoo.com Website: hyattstownvfd.org; Organized: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Doug Edwards, Vice President: Scotty Testerman, Secretary: Kenneth Day, Treasurer: James Bullock, Chaplain: Karen Keibler, Chief: Jeffreyy Gross. Delegates/Alternates None listed 2019.

HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-927-5770, Fax: 301-699-8947, E-mail: hyattsvilleq1@yahoo.com Website: www.hvfd.com; Organized: 1888. President: Thomas Falcone, Vice President: David Iannone & Kevin King, Secretary: Nova Johns, Treasurer: Jon Hoerner, Chaplain, Chief: Mitch Kannery. Delegates: Andy Levy, Mike Albertson, Stephen Hulick, Ryan Pidgeon. Alternates: Kevin King, Josh Wortman, Jon Strope, Thomas Falcone.
HYDE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1449 Sussex Road, Essex, MD 21221. Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0329. President:; Vice President:; Secretary:; Treasurer:; Chaplain:; Chief, Delegates/Alternates: NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED 2019.

INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY #2, INC. – PO Box 1884, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD 21404; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-1116; E-mail: rchambers@chamberscontracting.com; Organized: 1838; Chartered: 1838. President: Reginald B. Chambers III, Vice President: Thomas M. Newquist Sr., Secretary: James D. Powell, Treasurer: George D. Clark III, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Thomas Newquist Sr, William Hollidayoke. Alternates: George D. Clark III.

INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. No. 1, INC. - 310 Baughman Lane, Frederick, MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1720; E-mail: crhandley@verizon.net; Website: ihc#1.org; Organized: 1818; Chartered: 1839; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Jeffrey Scire, Vice President: Charles Handley, Secretary: Kayla Sharrow, Treasurer: George D. Clark III, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Clarence Rinehart, Walt Cramer, Virginia Rinehart, Nancy Burgess. Alternates: None Listed 2019.


INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. - 4095 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: 301-753-9400; Fax: 301-753-6130; Website:ihvfd@aol.com; Organized:1948; Chartered:1975; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: Richard Bowie, Vice President: Donald Chappell, Secretary: Molly Valentine, Treasurer: Larry Johnson, Chaplain: MikeO’Neil, Chief: Jeffrey Williams. Delegates: Richard Bowie, Jeffrey Williams, Mike O’Neil, Wayne Higdon. Alternates: None Listed 2019.


JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 578, 4603A Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-473-5150, Fax:; E-mail: aclakin20@comcast.net; Website: jvfc20.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1970. President: David Remsburg, Vice President: Ronald Ahalt, Secretary: Ashley Crum, Treasurer: Susan Corun, Chaplain: George Guard, Chief: Thomas Lakin. Delegates: Thomas Lakin, David Remsburg, Lesle Hainline, Michael Ambrose, Ronald Ahalt. Alternates: Michael Rimel, Mark Lakin, James Lakin, Richard Zecher, David Snyder.


KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –11993 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5340 Fax: Email:cchazmatchick@gmail.com; Website: kennedyvillevfc.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1961. President: Danny Quinn, Vice President: John Krastal, Secretary: Patti Scott, Treasurer: April Frank, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: James Price Jr. Delegates: Mark Dixon, Danny Quinn, James Price, Patti Scott, April Frank. Alternates: John Krastal, Beverly Price.
KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 10620 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-929-8000 Fax: 301-929-8008, E-mail: firechief@kvfd.org, Website: kvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1925; Joined MSFA: 1923. President: Lynn Tantardini, Vice President: Jennifer Balser, Secretary: Catherine Laws, Treasurer: David Breitman, Chaplain: Tom Claxton, Chief: Jayme M. Heflin. Delegates: Lynn Tantardini, Jayme Heflin. Alternates: Arthur Hawkins.


KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 65, 11601 Bellvue Avenue, Kingsville, MD 21087; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5773 Fax; Website: kvfc.com; E-mail: swfth2o48@aol.com Organic: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1957. President: Robert Chaney, Vice President: Dr, Stephen Belkoff, Secretary: Scott Taylor, Treasurer: Victoria Clayton, Chaplain: Ronald Cassert Sr., Chief: Captain Donald Coster. Delegates: Robert Chaney, Kelly Berkeridge, Mario Melfa, Jeff Weer, John Cooke. Alternates: Justine Ragaini, Don Caster, Terry Berkeridge.

KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 438, 249 East Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD 21538; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-616-3007; E-mail: paugh@ymail.com Website: kvfd70.org; Organized: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Sharon Paugh, Vice President: Jim Armstrong., Secretary: Missi Nesselrodt, Treasurer: Ronnie Bray Jr., Chaplain: Kirsten Welch, Chief: Shawn Nesselrodt. Delegates: Sharon Paugh, Missi Nesselrodt, Justin Nesselrodt, Kirsten Welch, Shawn Nesselrodt. Alternates: Jim Armstrong, Richard Armstrong Sr.
LA PLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 728, 911 Washington Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646-0728; Charles County; Telephone: 301-934-9201 Fax:301-934-4217; E-mail: president@laplatafiredepartment.com Website: laplatafiredepartment.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Matthew Gilroy, Vice President: Travis Yates, Secretary: Beth Gilroy, Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy, Chaplain: Joseph Gardiner Jr, Chief: Jason Moore. Delegates: Matthew Gilroy, William A. Frazier, Lynn D. Gilroy, Stephan Shahan, Tommy Swann. Alternates: Beth Gilroy, Travis Yates, Joe Gardiner, Ron Talley, Ronnie Spittle.

LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1057, 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-2401; E-mail: achall20@aol.com Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1941. Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Jerry White, Vice President: Jesse Wright, Secretary: Tina Wright, Treasurer: Debbie Kartub, Chaplain: Bob Bedford, Chief: Joseph Larsen Sr. Delegates: Jane Huffman, Joseph Larsen Sr. Alternates: None Listed.


LANSDOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION #1, INC. – PO Box 7374, 140 LaVern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1472; E-mail: cao360@bcvfa.org Website www.lansdownefvd.com; Organized: 1902. President: Edward Lindsay, Vice President: John Schneckenburger, Secretary: Lori Jackson, Treasurer: Vacant, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Michael Kratochvil. Delegates: Edward Lindsay, Michael Kratochvil, John Purkey, Bernard Smith, Larry Riley Jr. Alternates: None listed 2019.

LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC. – PO Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20725; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-776-3600, Fax.; E-mail: chief@laurelvfd.org Website: www.laurelvfd.org; Organized: 1902; Chartered: 1902; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Victor Whipple, Vice President: Robert Grant, Secretary: Mike Sellner, Treasurer: Rosa Maher, Chaplain: Rev Warrent Litchfield, Chief: Travis Pearcy. Delegates: Joseph Robison, Victor Whipple, Robert Grant, Craig Moe, Travis Pearcy. Alternates: Tommy Scaggs, Rosa Maher, Brian Lau, Kevin Frost, Brian Trader.
LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 1278, 14910 Bowie Road, Laurel, MD 20708; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-604-5055, Fax; E-mail: julie.winstead@laurelrescue.org, Website: laurelrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952; Joined MSFA: 1978. President: Rafael Gibson, Vice President: Brook Walton, Secretary: Vacant, Treasurer: Rich Sein, Chaplain, Vacant, Chief: Stefan Livingston. Delegates: Julie Winstead, Anne Doyle, Scott Globerman. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0871; E-mail: reichert2@yahoo.com; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933. President: Edward Kidwell, Vice President: Kimberly Pryor, Secretary: Kimberly C. Reichert, Treasurer: James Brant Jr, Chaplain: Matthew Rumphrey, Chief: Ryan N. Reichert. Delegates: Jr Kimberly Pryor, Daniel Carr. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

LAVALE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 3343, 977 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-4458 Fax:301-729-8191; E-mail: scott.p.whetsell@lavalerescue.org Website: lavalerescue.org; Organized: 1969; Chartered. President: Dianne Shoemaker, Vice President: Timothy Thomas, Secretary: Kristina Whetsell, Treasurer: Scott C. Whetsell, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Pamela DeVore. Delegates: Dianne Shoemaker, Timothy Thomas, Pamela DeVore, Scott Whetsell, Kristina Whetsell. Alternates: None listed 2019.

LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-4717; Fax: E-mail: mje717@gmail.com, Website: ldvfd.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952, Joined MSFA: 1958. President: Michael Eanes, Vice President: Wilson Russ, Secretary: Chris Whittington, Treasurer: Murphy Richards, Chaplain: Clark Beall, Chief: Stanley Sutton Jr. Delegates: Gregory Albrecht. Alternates: None listed 2019.


LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 50, 22733 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-475-8996, Fax: 301-475-5850; E-mail: tjrmattingly@lvd1.org, Website: lvd1.org; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Gary Bell Sr, Vice President: Keith Watts, Secretary: Kevin Mattingly, Treasurer: George Kalnasy Jr, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Bell. Delegates: Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly Jr, Thomas A. Trossbach, Carl B. Scully, Kevin Mattingly. Alternates: Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr, William Watts, Jerry Abell, Robert Abell, Robert Lee Trossbach.
LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 299, 22855 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-475-8509, Fax: 301-475-1825; E-mail: president@lvrs.org, Website: lvrs.org; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 19. President: Peter Woodburn, Vice President: Eric Gass, Secretary: Melissa Persaini, Treasurer: Jaime Weber, Chaplain: Michael Overs, Chief: Kevin Steckowski. Delegates: Mary Della Trossbach, David Wright, Amy Smith, Jaime Weber, Lisa Cooksey. Alternates: Mary Cox, Shirley Copado, Donna Whites.


LEWISTOWN DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-9988, Fax: 301-898-8770; Website: lewistownfire.org; Organized: 1970. President: Scott Stonesifer; Vice President: Vicky Martin; Secretary: Karen Stull; Treasurer: Lena Stull; Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Wayne Watcher Jr. Delegates: Vicky Martin, Donald Martin, Wayne Wachter Jr. Stonesifer. Alternates: Mike Stull, Beth Wachter.

LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 339, 21685 FDR Boulvard, Lexington Park, MD 20653; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-862-3331; Email: president@lpvrs.org Website: lpvrs.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Pat Davidson, Vice President: Stacey Phillips, Secretary: David Miedzinski, Treasurer: Tracey Byrne, Chaplain: Greg Sylver, Chief: Shawn Davidson. Delegates: Melissa Gould. Alternates: None listed 2019.

LIBERTY ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 10010 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0651; E-mail: president@lrvfc.org, Website: lrvc.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Mirla Martin, Vice President: Jack Ross, Secretary: Nicole Jones, Treasurer: Lee Jones, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Bernard Habersham. Delegates: Mirla Martin, Bernard Habersham, Les Jones, Nicole Jones, Terrie Bixler. Alternates: Mary Zufall-Turner, Chantel Charles Jack Ross.

LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 33, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, MD 21762; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-9193; E-mail: daniel.p.more@gmail.com; Organized:1964; Chartered:1964; Joined MSFA: 1967. President: Clarence Chip Jewell, Vice President: Mark Vassallo, Secretary: Yvonne Harrison, Treasurer: Richard Hemp, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Philip Chip Stevens. Delegates: Chip Jewell, Mike Naill, Doug Welsh, John Lowman, Artie Pruitt. Alternates: Ken Rippeon, Nick Rippeon, Joan Pruitt, Matt Ritter, Tim Slane.
LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21102-3125; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-374-2197, Fax.; Website: lineborovfd.org; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1919; Joined MSFA: 1915. President: John Krebs IV, Vice President: Joey Lankford, Secretary: Pat Nevius, Treasurer: Jessica Jaworski, Chaplain: Donald Fair II, Chief: Kevin Kidd. Delegates: Marianne Warehime, Matt Burgan, Nathan Saurusaitis, Donald Fair II. Alternates: Linda Saurusaitis, Joey Lankford, Jessica Jaworski, Pat Nevius, Matt Haney.


LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Road, Lisbon, MD 21797; Howard County; Telephone: 410-489-4646; Fax.; E-mail: dws8364@gmail.com; Website: lisbonvfc.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Curtis Lowrey, Vice President: Donald Bowman, Secretary: Christopher Bowman, Treasurer: Simone Rockstroh, Chaplain: Lisa Bandel, Chief: Carey McIntosh. Delegates: Eric McIntosh, Carey McIntosh, Tommy Esworthy, Paul Atwill James Fleming. Alternates: None listed 2019.

LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1499, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-6235; E-mail mpepper@pepupinc.com; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1963. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED FOR 2019

LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 4009, 4506 Long Green Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-592-8337, Fax.; Website: lgvfc.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930. President: Daniel Galloway, Vice President: Richard Eyre, Secretary: Katherine Eyre, Treasurer: Tracy Stolins, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Ronald Harrison Sr. Delegates: Richard Eyre, Joel McCrea, Greg Stolins, Amy Eyre, Barbara McCrea. Alternates: Ronald Harrison Sr, Sharon Eyre, Katie Eyre, Daniel Galloway, Bernard Maas III.

LONG MEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – 19307 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Telephone: 301-797-5504, Fax: 301-797-7585; Email: fireco27@aol.com. Website: www.longmeadowfire.com; Organized: 1970. President: Brian Pile, Vice President: John Latimer IV, Secretary: Terry Martin, Treasurer: Pat McCleary, Chaplain: Carol Mazzola, Chief: Jason Eckstine. Delegates: Joe Kroboth, Jason Eckstine, Carol Mazzola, Bill Haines, Emily Burkett. Alternates: Brian Pile, John Latimer IV.

LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 236, Westernport, MD 21562; 300 Grant Street, Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone 301-359-3311; Email: tddayton@pennswoods.net; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: William Squires, Vice President: Danny Bever, Secretary: Jim Jenkins, Treasurer: Ron Files, Chaplain: Philip Whetstone, Chief: Timothy Dayton. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Jim Jenkins, Ron Carr, Ron Files, Dave Green. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 232, 1609 Bellona Avenue, Lutherville, MD 21093; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7778, Fax: 410-252-3099; E-mail: jbkakel@comcast.net; Website: lvfc.com; Organized: 1909; Chatered: 1909. President: Michael L. Huber, Vice President: James Cahn, Secretary: Angela Majchrzak, Treasurer: Josh Kakel; Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Capt Mark Goodwin. Delegates: Michael L. Huber, James Cahn, Mark Goodwin, Casey Snider, James Handy. Alternates: Angela Majchrzak, Dante Alfone, Josh Kakel, James Handy, Joseph Murphy.


MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-2286; Organized: 1885; Chartered: 1885; Joined MSFA: 1885. President: Richard Dell, Vice President: Ewin Wagner, Secretary: Ralph Dull, Treasurer: Corrie Sander, Chaplain: Terri Lankford; Chief: Chris Horrigan. Delegates: Richard Dull, Ralph Dull, Gary Eppley, Robin Black, Chris Horrigan. Alternates: Ewin Wagner, Alviun Renoll.


MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 195, 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-952-0938; Fax: 301-952-8942; E-mail: mvfdc20@aol.com Website: marlborofire.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Jeffrey Beavers, Vice President: Jeffrey Wyvill, Secretary: Edith Rippy, Treasurer: Eric Van Tassel, Chaplain: Robert Strine, Chief: Robert Beavers. Delegates: Jeffrey Beavers, Donald Strine, Jeff Wyvill, Kevin Hodges, Robert Beavers. Alternates: James Atchison Sr, Eric Van Tassel, Julian Tucker, Kendall Wallace, Donnie Wells.

MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 400, 110 Firehouse Lane, Marydel, DE 21649, Caroline County; Telephone: 302-492-1965, Fax: 302-492-8908; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1940; Joined MSFA: 1940. President: Randy Barr, Vice President: William Lepore, Secretary: Debbie Madden, Treasurer: Les States, Chaplain: Andy Kline, Chief: Justin Madden. Delegates: Les States, Justin Madden, Randy Barr, Gary Madden, William Lepore. Alternates: Mike Bredin.


MARYLAND LINE FIRE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION – PO Box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD 21105; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1932; Fax: 410-343-0906; E-mail: co450@bcvfa.org Website: marylandlinefire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Robert Pearce, Vice President: Edward Pearce, Secretary: Carolyn Rosier, Treasurer: Jennifer Pearce, Chaplain: Gladys Pearce, Chief: Steve Pearce. Delegates: Robert Pearce, Edward Pearce, Carolyn Rosier. Alternates: John Rosier.

MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD 21767-0716; Washington County; Telephone: 301-739-8515; Fax: 301-739-8516; E-mail: mgvfc@myactv.net, Website: mgvfc.com. Organized: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Phil Ridenour, Vice President: Stephanie Garrett, Secretary: Jill Webb, Treasurer: Heather Ridenour, Chaplain: Leonard Horst, Chief: Mark Miller. Delegates: None listed 2019. Alternates: Kelly Aldridge, Floyd Aldridge, Amber Aldridge, Melissa Myers, Phil Ridenour.
MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1937, 28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-274-4432 Fax; E-mail president@mvfd.com Website www.mvfd.com; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1937. President: John Montgomery, Vice President: Dennis Bellevou/Jackson Miller, Secretary: Darelene Kleinsorgen, Treasurer: Tommy Kidwell Jr, Chaplain, Chief: Mark Trowbridge. Delegates: William Wilkerson, John Montgomery, Paul Colonna, Bobby Johnson, Harold Anderson. Alternates: Andy McWilliams, Larry Greenwell, Theresa Palmer, David Sampson, Charlie Evans.


MIDDLEBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 16634, 1913 Middleborough Road, Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-686-0214; E-mail: cao230@bcvf0326a.org; Website: www.23fire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1946. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED FOR 2019.

MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – PO Box 322, 401 Franklin Street, Middletown, MD 21769; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-371-6907, Fax.; E-mail: president@middletownvfd.org, Website: middletownvfd.org; Organized: 1895; Chartered: 1935; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Richard Keyser Sr, Vice President: Christopher Ayers, Secretary: Kimberly Kefauver, Treasurer: Linda Keyser, Chaplain: Alan Caho, Chief: Brenton Harne. Delegates: Janie E. Nalborczyk, Brenda Cobletz. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-736-4343; E-mail: mvfd27@digizen.net Website: morningsidevfd27.com. Organized: 1944, Joined MSFA: 1947. President: Michael O’Brien, Vice President: Eric Lubben, Secretary: Matthew Ward, Treasurer: Jamie Hasen, Chaplain, Les Hedrick, Chief: Michael Poetker. Delegates: Mike O’Brien, Mike Poetker, Les Hedrick, James McKnight, Eric Nellis. Alternates: Thomas A. Groom, Mark Hendley, Brandon Fitch, Ronald Oliver.


MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 533, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-264-3333, Fax: 301-264-3145; E-mail: co15@gmail.com; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Chad Robison, Vice President: Patti Carter, Secretary: Kay Cochrane, Treasurer: Paula Winebrenner, Chaplain: Lloyd Wade, Chief: Rick Robison. Delegates: Lloyd Wade, Kay Wade, Mary Kay Leighty, Wayne Leighty, Darrin Broadwater. Alternates: Lacey Robison, Chad Robison, Rick Robinson.

MOUNT VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 27440 Mt. Vernon Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 443-523-5355, Fax: 410-651-4415; Website: mtvernonvfc@live.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982; Joined MSFA: 1982. President: Joe Faber Jr, Vice President: Ruth Faber, Secretary: Dannelle Cullen, Treasurer: Dr. Cindi Pietroski, Chaplain: Joe Webster, Chief: Kevin Jones. Delegates: Danny Baltezgar, Kevin Jones, Joe Faber Jr. Alternates: None listed 2019.

MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 95, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-9817, Fax: 301-293-9828; Email: clintonmyvc08@aol.com. Website: myersvillevfc.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925; Joined MSFA: 1939. President: Carol Linton, Vice President: Ed Crutchley, Secretary: Linda Frushour, Treasurer: Ellen Crutchley, Chaplain: Glenn Lantz, Chief: Tim Linton. Delegates: Katelyn Smith, Daryl Ross-Summers, Linda Frushour, Travis Routzahn. Alternates: Mike Frushour, Harold Summers.

NECK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 954 Cooks Point Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-2434; E-mail: neckdistrictvc@gmail.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Michael McKinley, Vice President: Brian Holliday, Secretary: Donna Hurley, Treasurer: Diana Gray, Chaplain, Chief: Danny Hurley. Delegates: Danny Hurley, Brian Majors, Steve Webster, Alan Wright, Bernie Dryden. Alternates: Mike McKinley, Sarah Stevanus, Chris Ruark, Charles Lewis, Brian Holliday.

NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 925, 76 West Main Street, New Market, MD 21774; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9150 Email: phackey@frederickcountymd.gov; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA: 1957. President: Paul Hackey, Vice President: Phil Gamble, Secretary: Jessica Decker, Treasurer: Matthew Thews, Chaplain: Gary White, Chief: Benjamin Nalborczyk. Delegates: Paul Hackey, Benjamin Nalborczyk, Tanner Williamson, Shaun Jones. Alternates: none listed 2019.

NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 67, 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-0543, Fax: 301-898-5993; E-mail: trbrookfm@aol.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: George Nicholson Jr, Vice President: Sidney Sichert, Secretary: Judy Smith, Treasurer: Joseph C. Lenhart, Chaplain: Monroe Main, Chief: Darrell Johnson. Delegates: Darrell Johnson, Joseph Lenhart, Mary Lenhart, Christine Gladhill, Larry Haugh. Alternates: George Nicholson, Sandy Nicholson, Melvin Crum, Monroe Main, Bryan Pescatore.

NEW WINDSOR FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY #1, INC. – PO Box 247, 101 High Street, New Windsor, MD 21776; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-635-6373 Fax: 410-848-6711; Email: info@nwfd10.org Website: nwfd10.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. President: Rick Fritz, Vice President: Dan Wolfe, Secretary: Sarah Lowman, Treasurer: Jack Coe, Chaplain: Larry Stien, Chief: Tom Coe. Delegates: Rick Fritz, Richard Warrenfeltz, Felix Hill, Dianne Gunderson, Dale Lowman. Alternates: None listed 2019.

NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 8338 Newark Road, Newark, MD 21841; Worcester County; Telephone: 443-513-8022, Fax; E-mail: jbarbely@aol.com; Organized: 1929. President: James C. Barbely, Vice President: Nadene McCready, Secretary: Jackie Carey, Treasurer: James Scott, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Steve Orth. Delegates: Tom Henman, Jordan Hackensmith. Alternates: James Barbely.


NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 86, 8534 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20714; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-257-6564, Fax: E-mail: nbvfdpresident@gmail.com Website: northbeachfire.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Matthew Weber, Vice President: Thomas Grantham, Secretary: Tammy Davies, Treasurer: Eric Brumley, Chaplain: Faith Wilkerson, Chief: Chris Miller. Delegates: Matt Weber, Jimmy Dickerson, Eric Brumley, Chris Mills, Joey Crtenzo. Alternates: Mark Tyrell.

NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD 21901; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-8222, Fax: E-mail: admin@nefc4.com Website: nefc4.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. President: David Simmons, Vice President: Koty Wright, Secretary: Deb Kurtz, Treasurer: Valerie Combs, Chaplain: Phil Meekins, Chief: Michael Miller. Delegates: George Hollenbaugh, John Hamilton IV, Patricia Deamond, Deb Kurtz, Monica Penhollow. Alternates: David Simmons, Koty Wright.

NORTH POINT EDGEMERE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 7500 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7554; E-mail: palcher687@aol.com; Website: npevfd26.org; Organized: 1936; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Albert L. Palcher, Vice President: Shane Davies, Secretary: Patricia Pace, Treasurer: Albert L. Palcher, Chaplain: Pastor James Caris, Chief: Todd Aupperley. Delegates: James Harvey, Albert Palcher, Michael Graham, Michael Karavas, George Theodoroy. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.

NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 293, 124 Miller Street, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5520, Fax: E-mail: ngcrs@verizon.net; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Terry Spear, Vice President: William Beavers III, Secretary: Nancy Savage, Treasurer: Harold Fike, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Terry Spear. Delegates: Gary Teats, Michael Simmons, Sandra Ross. Alternates: None Listed.

OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 27, 1409 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City; MD 21843-0027; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-289-4346, Fax: 410-289-8421; E-mail: rsteger21842@gmail.com; Website: www.ocvfc.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1926. President: James Jester, Vice President: Sean Donovan, Secretary: Scott Shuster, Treasurer: Frederick Senger, Chaplain: Kevin Knowles, Chief: Moe Cropper. Delegates: Roger Steger Sr, Angelo Flavia, Reggie Bell, Jim Smith, Skip Carey. Alternates: Mike LeCompte, J. Paul Adkins, Charles Bunting, David Coleman, Jimmy Carter.


ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-674-4444 Fax: 410-672-0758; Email joinovfc@verizon.net; Website: ovfc28.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Craig Harman, Vice President: Wylie L. Donaldson, Secretary: Mike Davis, Treasurer: Pat Rose, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Robert Loughrey. Delegates: David W. Lewis, Wylie Donaldson, Charles Rogers, Robert Rose, Bill Lewis. Alternates: Paul Gunshol, Craig Harman, Mark Telfer, Pat Rose, Patti Kidwell.

OLDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 83, 18712 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555-0083; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-5151, Fax; E-mail: co13@allconet.org Website: www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd. President: Robert Piper, Vice President: Kevin Bender, Secretary: Cindy Crabtree, Treasurer: Michele Bender, Chaplain: Roger Long, Chief: Kenny Wolford. Delegates/Alternates: None listed 2019.

ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 654, 7549 Solley Road, Pasadena, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1505, Fax: 410-437-3496; E-Mail: orchardbeach11@yahoo.com Website: orchidbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Vice President, Secretary: Michael Mauer, Treasurer: Chaplain: Chief: Delegates/Alternates: No credentials submitted 2019.
ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 12210 Orleans Road, NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2229 Fax: 301-478-3699; E-mail: orleans43@hotmail.com. President: Janet M. Elbin, Vice President: Robert Littleton, Secretary: Keseena Hover, Treasurer: Judith Sowers, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: John Clingerman. Delegates: Donna Littleton, Michael Yonker, Randy Pyles, Joe Marshall. Alternates: Danny Pyles, Alex Sebarn, Chad Yonker.


OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-226-5110, Fax: 410-226-5206; E-mail: tkkearns@verizon.net. Website: www.oxfordfireco.org; Chartered: 1926. President: Timothy Kearns, Vice President: Rachel Bane, Secretary: John Sullivan, Treasurer: Connie Greenhawk, Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Cross, Chief: Graham Norbury. Delegates: Richard Smith, Steve Mroczek, John Sullivan, Rick Schmitt, Graham Norbury. Alternates: None listed 2019.

OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 259, 7600 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-369-2112, Fax.; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1930; Joined: MSFA: 1932. President: Mark Adkins Sr, Vice President: Mark Parks, Secretary: Napoleon Epps Sr, Treasurer: David D. Jones Sr, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Darryl E. Lowery Sr. Delegates: Mark Adkins Sr, Darryl Lowery Sr, Napoleon Epps Sr, David Jones Sr, Mark Parks. Alternates: Linwood Armstrong, Vernard Green.

PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 208, 33030 Old Ocean City Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-742-2408, Fax: 443-260-0725; E-mail: sewmedic@yahoo.com Website: parsonsburgfire.com; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Jeff Willis, Vice President: Morris Arvey, Secretary: Chelsea Massey, Treasurer: Carol Fisher, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Eric Tyler. Delegates: Jeff Willis, Michael Parsons, Eric Tyler, Steve Jones, Adam Greenwood. Alternates: Morris Arvey, Jim Brown, Vance Webster Jr, Leigh Tyler, Chelsea Massey.

PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-486-9834, Fax: 410-602-8583; E-mail: cao320@bcvfa.org Website: pvfd32.org; Organized: 1897. President: Kathleen Resnick, Vice President: Richard Berkowitz, Secretary: John Pelton, Treasurer: Phil Goldsmith, Chaplain: Terry Sapp, Chief: Scott Goldstein. Delegates: Stuart W. Carter, Kathleen Resnick, John Pelton, Glenn Resnick, Aaron Robinson. Alternates: Nadav Korman, Tzipora Korman, Ian Jones, Michael Goldstein.

PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 387, 7442 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-2323, Fax; E-mail; Website: pittsvillefire.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Ronald Adkins, Vice President: Gene Peavley, Secretary: Kristina Powell, Treasurer: Matt Purcell, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Rick Powell. Delegates: Essel Ted Farlow Jr, Essel Tad. Farlow III, Roland Adkins, Rick Powell, Mark Bratten. Alternates: George Whited III, George Whited Jr, Shawn Townsend, Gary Bratten, Mathew Purcell.

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2030 South Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1977 Fax: 410-848-6008; E-mail: mgist@pleasantvalleyfire.org Website: pleasantvalleyfire.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Michael Stewart, Vice President: James Mora Sr, Secretary: Susan Mott, Treasurer: John Wagner, Chaplain: Donna Geiman, Chief: Forrest Shaw. Delegates: James Mora Sr, Charlie Simpson Jr, Michael Swartzbaugh, Jeff Geiman, Susan Mott. Alternates: None Listed.


POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY NO. 2, INC. – P. O. Box 326, 61 Main Street, (413 Vine Street), Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3701 Fax: 301-359-3377; Email: ttdayton@pennswoods.net; Chartered: 1912; Joined MSFA: 1912. President: William F. Kight Jr, Vice President: Travis Moran, Secretary: Steven E. Householder, Treasurer: Judy S. Hamilton, Chaplain: Philip Whetstone, Chief: Timothy F. Dayton. Delegates: Timothy F. Dayton, Jonathan Dayton, William, Schelotta Kight, Judy Hamilton. Alternates: None listed.

POTOMAC HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 73 Glymont Road, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-7700, Fax; Website: phvfd.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Jeff Clements, Vice President: Matthew Rogers, Secretary: Lisa Berry, Treasurer: Steve Rison, Chaplain: Mollie Johnson, Chief: Justin Lucas. Delegates: Jeff Clements, Steve Winkler, Billy Valentine, James Berry. Alternates: Justin Lucas, Matt Rogers, Lisa Berry.
POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2130; E-mail: adamq24@gmail.com; Website: potomacvalleyfire.com; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1975. President: Adam McMillen, Vice President: Amber Hewett, Secretary: Lacrusta Payne, Treasurer: Jeff Hewett, Chaplain: Henry Ingram, Chief: Roger Otzelberger Jr. Delegates: Roy Tarmon, Nancy Tarmon. Alternates: None listed 2019.


PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 3680 Choptank Road, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-673-7874, Fax:; Website: pvfc200.com; Organized: 1927. President: AJ Plutschak, Vice President: Mike Bradley, Secretary: Carrie Heinrich, Treasurer: Lori Childers, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Bryan Milligan. Delegates: Richie Childers, Lori Childers. Alternates: None Listed.

PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 976, 450 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-9875 Fax: 410-414-3655; Email: pfvfdjwo@verizon.net; Website: pfvfd.org; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1942. President: Patrick F. Hassler, Vice President: Jamie Cox, Secretary: Vicki Delehanty, Treasurer: Alan Billings, Chaplain: Michael Bowen, Chief: Joe Della-Camera. Delegates: Patrick F. Hassler, Jamie Cox, Tim Delehanty, Joe Della-Camera, Jack Boswell. Alternates: Vicki Delehanty, Rob Helms, Joe Reamy.

PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 346, 755 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 443-309-8517; Email: jwelpf@hotmail.com; Website: pfvrs.org; Organized: 1965; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: Ronald Rawlings, Vice President: Robert Loveless, Secretary: Cindy Loveless, Treasurer: Robert Francis, Chaplain: Pastor Todd Marple, Chief: Stanis Inscoe. Delegates: Stanis Inscoe, Clarke Rawlings, Brenda Agamber, Robert Francis, Lakesha Estep. Alternates: Donald Inscoe, Robert Loveless, Sonny Brady, Marquis Smith, Cindy Loveless.

PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2144, Fax: 410-651-2159; E-mail: pavfc@verizon.com; Organized: 1914; Joined MSFA: 1921. President: Jerry Holbrook, Vice President: Bruce Webster, Secretary: Jenny Cottman, Treasurer: Robert Murphey, Chaplain: Mark Thomas, Chief: William Merrill. Delegates: Jerry Holbrook, Morgan Pusey, William Merrill, Sidney Merrill, Lee Kelly. Alternates: Bruce Webster, Lorenzo Cropper, David Donohoe, Mahlon White, Robert Wells.

PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 9702, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21284; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-828-9029; E-mail: joseph.henham@gmail.com, Website: 222pvfc29.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Bryan Wolbert, Vice President: Colin Campbell, Secretary: Susan Denning, Treasurer: Bennett Carroll, Chaplain: Jim Westervelt, Chief: Dean Denning. Delegates: Bryan Wolbert, Jeff Mims, Colin Campbell, Bennett Carroll, Dean Denning. Alternates: Susan Denning, Jack McClean, Robert Hornbacher, Stephen Glenn, Phil Darr.

QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 266, 13512 First Street, Queen Anne, MD 21657; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-364-5612; Website: qahvfc.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Philip Starkey Jr, Vice President: Vernon Coultas, Secretary: Dolly Starkey, Treasurer: Tom DiFatta, Chaplain, Vacant, Chief: Eric Voorhees. Delegates: David Chaires, Philip Starkey Jr, Dennis Starkey, Dolly Starkey, Dawn Lange. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 118, 7110 Main Street, Queenstown, MD 21658; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-827-8377, Fax: 410-827-8926; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1934; Joined MSFA: 1936. President: James Lewis Jr, Vice President: Jeffrey Lewis, Secretary: Candy Golt, Treasurer: Frank Russum, Chaplain: Rev Charles Osberger, Chief: Frank Russum. Delegates: NONE LISTED 2019.

RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-8229; Email athey9014@yahoo.com; Organized:1985; Chartered: 1985; Joined MSFA:1986. President: Jeremy Athey, Vice President: Chase Aman, Secretary: Keith Schrum, Treasurer: Cunthia Bray, Chaplain: Keith Schrum, Chief: Ronald Carr. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.

REESE AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-7172, Fax: 410-848-2396; E-mail: reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org, Website: reesefc.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Norman Schaeffer, Vice President: Kenneth Hyde Sr, Secretary: Andy Leeds, Treasurer: Marion Davidson, Chaplain: Ted Wilson, Chief: Matthew Stansbury. Delegates: Norman Schaeffer, Kenneth Hyde Sr, Michael Knight, Donald Raver, Matthew Stansbury. Alternates: None listed.
REISTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 108 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136; Baltimore County; Telephone: 301-833-1370, Fax: 410-833-0258; Website rvfc.org; Organized: 1913; Joined MSFA: 1916. President: James Snyder, Vice President: William Franklin, Secretary: Mike Snyder, Treasurer: Brian Quick, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Craig Hewitt. Delegates: James Snyder, Ted Schultz, William Franklin, Craig Hewitt, Jeff Hale. Alternates: John Wright, Craig Coleman, James Cook, Brian Quick, Jerry Johnson.


RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 520, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD 20680-0520; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-872-5571, Fax.; E-mail: secretary@ridgevfd.org; Website: ridgevfd.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Joseph Bradburn Jr, Vice President: Ronald Hafner, Secretary: Lori Raley, Treasurer: John E. Wathen Jr, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Ray Mercure. Delegates: Joseph Bradburn Jr, Francis Raley, Ray Mercure, R. Keith Raley, John E. Wathen Jr. Alternates: Paul Balta Jr, Bruce Raley, Philip Ridgell, George Gatton, Ronald Hafner.


RIDGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 425, 101 Sunset Blvd, Ridgely, MD 21660; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-634-2424 Fax.; E-mail: lhayses412@gmail.com, Website: rvfd400.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1928. President: Lou Hayes, Vice President: Barbie Utz, Secretary: Tammy Taylor, Treasurer: Bryan Ebling, Chaplain, Chief: Rick Baker. Delegates: Robert Sharp Jr. Alternates: None Listed 2019.
RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-336-3731, Fax; E-mail: info@ritchie37.com Website: ritchie37.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1966; Joined MSFA: 1967. President: Steve Wilson, Vice President: Chris Wilson, Secretary: Ralph Downs, Treasurer: Dave Crigger, Chaplain, Chief: Jamie Hayden. Delegates: Steve Wilson, Larry Lee, Chris Wilson, William Cunnungham Sr, Jamie Hayden. Alternates: Anthony Anastasi, Will Soehner, Ralph Downs, David Crigger, Walter Wright.


RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-927-0356; E-mail: chief7b@gmail.com Website: www.riverdalevfd.org. Organized 1923, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA 1923. President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief:. Delegates/Alternates. No credentials submitted 2019

RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 301, 8506 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-908-0671; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932. President: Jay Shipley, Vice President: Todd Sink, Secretary: Karin Scott, Treasurer: Tracy Courtney, Chaplain: William Zamostny, Chief: Bryan Gregg. Delegates: Tim Johnson Sr, David Rictor, Russel Schlick. Alternates: None listed 2019.

ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 34034, 621 Seneca Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0328, Fax: 410-780-1759; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1947. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Chief: Delegates: Alternates. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED 2019.

ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1547, 380 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20849; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-424-0310, Fax: 301-294-4721; E-mail: president@rvfd.org Website: www.rvfd.org; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921. President: Eric N. Bernard, Vice President: Brenda Mannix, Secretary: Russell W. Dawson, Treasurer: Ian Weston, Chaplain: Father Valentine Keavney, Chief: James Vagonis. Delegates: Eric N. Bernard, Tom Kavanagh, Tim Jones, Alan Hinde, Alex Cederbaum. Alternates: Jim Seavey Jr.


ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – PO Box 9661, 8037 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-866-4042, Fax: 410-866-2598; Email: eileen.endryas@rosedalevfd.com Website: rosedalevfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Eileen Endryas, Vice President: Kate Canary, Secretary: Michelle Harding, Treasurer: Chuck McJilton, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Andrew Vernon. Delegates: Bill Pearson, Eric Endrayas, Eileen Endryas, Larry Grannas. Alternates: None listed 2019.


SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1 – PO Box 3215, 1100 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21802; Wicomico County; Telephone: 443-786-1688; E-mail: salisburyindependentvfc1@gmail.com Website www.salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1986; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Ronald Montgomery, Vice President: Charles Foskey, Secretary: Terry Jones, Treasurer: Eric Foskey, Chaplain: Terry Jones, Chief: Cory Polidore. Delegates: Gerald Beauchamp, David Elliott, Chuck Foskey, Eric Foskey, Thomas Rivers. Alternates: David Cooper, Bert Wagner.

SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 295, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-774-7400, Fax:301-774-4821; E-mail: info@ssvfd.com Website: www.ssvfd.com; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1925; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Johnie Roth Jr, Vice President: Brendan Bonita, Secretary: Michael Valente, Treasurer: Steve Lamphier, Chaplain: Deacon Rory Crawford, Chief: Michael Kelley. Delegates: Johnie Roth Jr, George Brown, Michael Kelley, John Lindner, Michael McTighe. Alternates: Michael Valente, Linda Albrecht, Brendan Bonita, Joseph Aceto, Justin Stine.

SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 905, 8525 Lincoln Street, Savage, MD 20763; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-8754, Fax: 410-313-8768; E-mail: fireman2498@gmail.com, Website: www.savagevfc.org ; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Michael Hitt, Vice President: Norman Wines, Secretary: Terry Thompson, Treasurer: Alan Conway, Chaplain: Paul Epstein, Chief: Ronald Hunley. Delegates: Michael Hitt, Ronald Hunley, Terry Thompson, Norman Wines, David Hunley. Alternates: Kevin Larkins Sr, M. Patrick LePore, Alan Grines, Jeff Hatton, Maynard Wines.

SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 6305 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 240-605-5929; E-mail: ricaro.biddy@seatpleasantfire.com, Website: www.seatpleasantfire.com; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1915. President: Ricardo Biddy, Vice President: Marcue Jones, Secretary: Cassandra Alexander, Treasurer:Cassandra Alexander, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Joseph Johnson. Delegates: Kevin Brenner, Bryce Mendez, Keviette Potts, Nocole Bennett, Aaron Marshall. Alternates: Zaquan Prailow, Jeff Mehaffey.


SECRETARY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 56, 115 Myrtle Street, Secretary, MD 21664; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3545 Fax: 410-943-0330; E-mail: michaellarrimore24@gmail.com; Website: www.secretaryvfc.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined: MSFA: 1938. President: Michael Larrimore
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Sr, Vice President: Sam Yockey, Secretary: Deanna Deshiell, Treasurer: Julie Schuyler, Chaplain, Pastor David Roce, Chief: Brian Kimmey. Delegates: Samuel B. Yockey, Michael W. Larimore Sr, Michael W. Larimore Jr, Deanna Dashiell, Michael Dashiell. Alternates: Tyler Edgar, Joseph Dashiell, Kenneth Abbott, Calvin Lindsay, Darrin Lindsay.

SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 206, 21660 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-769-3600, Fax: 301-769-3602; E-mail sdvfd5@msn.com; Website: sdvfd5.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: John D. Nelson, Vice President: Michael R. Huseman, Secretary: Anthony Hammett, Treasurer: Mark Pettit, Chaplain: Josh Phetteplace, Chief: John A. Nelson. Delegates: John D. Nelson, Michael R. Huseman, Anthony Hammett, John A. Nelson, George Hayden III. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 7, 21530 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-769-2287; Organized: 1960; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1988. President: Donald Phetteplace, Vice President: Mathew Colliflower, Secretary: Amy Farr, Treasurer: Steve Lawrence, Chaplain: George Kennett, Chief: TJ Faunce. Delegates: George Kennett, Joan Raley, Jennifer Huntington, Donald Phetteplace, Francis Gibson. Alternates: Richard Colliflower, Melissa Bailey, Tonya Colliflower.

SHARPSBURG AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. – PO Box 307, 110 ½ West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone 301-432-5348, Fax: E-mail diane.reid@saems19.org; Website: saems.org; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968. President: Diane Reid, Vice President: Harry Gossard, Secretary: Heather Gossard, Treasurer: Mack Neikirk, Chaplain: Delancy Catlett, Chief: Pricilla Morgan. Delegates: Robert Moncrief, Glenna Moncrief, Mack Neikirk, Diane Reid. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

SHARPSBURG VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 297, 100 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782-0297; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-6321, Fax: 301-432-5167; E-mail brandenb@comcast.net; Website: sharpsburgfire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Jay Brandenburg, Vice President: Daryl Benner, Secretary: Beth Brandenburg, Treasurer: Ron Delauney, Chaplain: Rev. Delancy Catlett, Chief: Matt Stevens. Delegates: Harry E. Gossard, Jay Brandenburg, Allen James, Daryl Benner, Bob Moncrief. Alternates: Dolly Jones, Henri Jones, Chris Mullendore, Ron Delauney, Matt Stevens.

SHARPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 307, 315 Main Street, Sharptown, MD 21861; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-883-3131, Fax: 410-883-3043; E-mail president@sharptown.net Website: www.sharptown.net; Organized: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: John Cooper, Vice President: Howard Bowden, Secretary: Brenda L. Marvil, Treasurer: Linda Lambrose, Chaplain, Chief: William R. White. Delegates: John Cooper, Howard Bowden, William White. Alternates: NONE LISTED.

SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 240-304-7324, Fax; E-mail silverhillvfd@comcast.net; Website: silverhillvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1948, Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Charles A. Diana, Vice President: Jeffrey Kramer Secretary: Jeffrey Utterback, Treasurer: Diana Diana, Chaplain, Chief: Matthew Fowler. Delegates: Charles A Diana, Matthew Fowler, Diana M. Diana, Jeffery Kramer, Chris Gregory. Alternates: Michael Alfieri.

SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. -1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-587-3400, Fax: 301-588-3548; Email: president@silverspringvfd.org; Website: www.silverspringvfd.org; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1918; Joined MSFA: 1917. President: Claire Cramer, Vice President: Margaret Fowke, Secretary: Susan Myatt, Treasurer: Gerald Leener, Chaplain, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Burton Brenner, Margaret Fowke, Harold Tarver, George Peet, Susan Myatt. Alternates: Steve Lamphier.

THE WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE & HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC. – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922-0444; Cecil County; Telephone: 443-309-0562; E-mail: president@singerly.com; Website: www.singerly.com; Organized: 1892; Joined MSFA: 1896. President: Frederick Hill Jr, Vice President: Michele Ewing, Secretary: Heidi Coleman, Treasurer: Steve Horah, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Michele Ewing. Delegates: Robert Muller, John J. Denver William R. Caldwell, Holly Trego, Kay Trego. Alternates: William Graham.

SMITHBURG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 32, 22 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: 301-824-2889, Fax: 301-824-3880; E-mail: president@smithburgvfc.org; Website: www.smithburgvfc.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1933. President: Philip Rohrer Jr, Vice President: Charles Johnson., Secretary: Barb Miller, Treasurer: Chris Roher, Chaplain: Julie Brigham, Chief: Danny Gibson. Delegates: Dale Fishack, Glenn Fishack, Margaret Fishack, Sam Keister, Phil Rohrer. Alternates: Jason, Kline, Todd Shaffer, Jess Starr, Collin Kissner, Paige Fishack.
SMITHBURG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. – PO Box 411, 8 Maple Avenue, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: 301-824-3314, Fax: 888-557-6158; E-mail: joanie@mail.biklemfg.com, Website: sems79.org; Organized: 1981; Chartered: 1981; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Joanie Gerber, Vice President: Melvin Smith, Secretary: Heath Abbott, Treasurer: Vacant, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: Kevin Demmons. Delegates: Ward Flegler, Anna Kline. Alternates: Tammy Miller.

SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 83, 4718 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2110, Fax: 410-632-0911; E-mail: rallen427@hotmail.com, Website: snowhillfire.com; Organized: 1897; Chartered: 1897. President: William Layfield, Vice President: Richard Mills Jr, Secretary: Howard Stephens, Treasurer: Howard Stephens, Chaplain: Michael Farlow, Chief: Trey Heiser. Delegates: Richard Mills Jr, Bobby Davis, Mike Farlow, William Layfield, Trey Heiser. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

SOLOMONS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 189, 13150 H G Trueman Road, Solomons, MD 20688; Calvert County; Telephone: 443-532-0559, Fax: 410-231-2992; E-mail: johnpardoe@comcast.net, Website: www.svrsfd.org; Organized:1954; Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA: 1965. President: John Pardoe, Vice President: Terry Anderson, Secretary: Colton Poundsberry, Treasurer: Lauren Barrett, Chaplain: Bill Miller, Chief: Johnathan Dalrymple. Delegates: John Pardoe, Thomas Yowell, Billy Jones, Terry Anderson, Johnathan Dalrymple. Alternates: Karen Pardoe, Rick Hargrave, Willie Pickerall, Carrie Hooper, Brian Bowen.

SOUTH HAGERSTOWN ENGINE 5 FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 409 West First Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3337, Fax: 301-733-3498; E-mail: southhagerstownfire@myactv.com; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932. President: Alan Gladhill, Vice President: William Hastings, Secretary: Todd Cochran, Treasurer: Jerry L. Cummings, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: William Hastings, Jerry Cummings. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC – PO Box 378, 200 Baltimore Avenue, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-3000, Fax: E-mail: emtmayne@gmail.com; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 2000. President: Sam Moon, Vice President: Ron Swartzentruber, Secretary: Melissa Harvey, Treasurer: Naomi Swartzentruber, Chaplain: Sam Moon, Chief: Mary Kay Piper Delegates: None Listed 2019. Alternates: None Listed

ST. LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO. 7, INC. – PO Box 101, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; Calvert County; Telephone: 443-975-6207, Fax: 410-586-3200; E-mail: president@slvfd.com, Website:slvfd.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982. President: Richard Weems Sr, Vice President: Daniel Baker IV, Secretary: Ginger Weasenforth, Treasurer: Mark Carrico, Chaplain: Chief: Richard D. Weems II. Delegates: Ricky Weems Sr, Mark Carrico, Richard D. Weems II, DO Baker, George Anderson. Alternates: Tommy Buckmaster, Michelle Weems, Raleigh Midkiff III, Norm Bauer Jr, Cora Stockhausen.
ST. MARY’S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT - PO Box 2421, 41550 Doctor’s Crossing Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: 301-690-2044, Fax: 301-690-2044; E-mail: president@smcals.org; Website: smcals.org; Organized: 1983; Chartered: 1983; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Cavid Cooley, Vice President: Katie Lee, Secretary: Hattie Norris, Treasurer: Debbie Kenney, Chaplain: Rocky Woodburn, Chief: Paul Koch. Delegates: Eva Jones, Hattie Norris, Debbie Kenney, Scott Cooley, Paul Koch. Alternates: Kathy Koch, Carol Boehm, Katie Lee.


SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 58, 911 Revolution Street, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-4070; Website: www.susquehannan5.com; Organized: 1902. President: Joe Miller, Vice President: Paul Ishak, Secretary: Elaine Brown, Treasurer: Joe Westherstein, Chaplain: Frank Roth, Chief: Scott Hurst. Delegates: Scott Pentz, Elaine Brown, Chad Myers, Bill Reeder, Andrew Lempka. Alternates: Tom Brohu, Dave Brown, Alex Jackson, Gail Reeder, Frank Roth.

SYKESVILLE FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-8021; E-mail: sfffd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us, Website:www.sykesvillefire.org; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933; Joined MSFA:1935. President: Kevin Shiloh, Vice President: Brian Bowman, Secretary: Elizabeth Luebberman, Treasurer: Susan Tarrant, Chaplain: Deacon Charles Barnhart, Chief: Glen E Ruch Jr. Delegates: Kevin Shiloh, Brian Bowman, Libby Luebberman. Alternates: Dennis Beard, Gary McGinnis, Lynn Gabler.
TAKOMA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-8954; Fax:; E-mail: elmer.hamm@montgomerycountymd.gov Website: tpvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Elmer E. Hamm, Vice President: Richard Willey, Secretary: Stephen Novik, Treasurer: Bruce Allen, Chaplain: David Hooker, Chief: Thomas Musgrove. Delegates: James E. Jarboe, Thomas Musgrove, Stephen Knovil, Andrew Willey, Bruce Allen. Alternates: Elmer Hamm, Richard Willey, Enrique Alfaro, Jorge Alfaro.

TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-756-6253, Fax: 410-751-0510; Website: tvfc5.org; Organized: 1897. President: James Haines, Vice President: Donald Shoemaker, Secretary: Daniel Haines, Treasurer: James Parker, Chaplain: Gordon Brauning, Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: Jim Haines, Thomas Hogg Jr, Craig Austin, Phil Petry, Steve Aberts. Alternates: Brandon Hinkhaus, Brody Alberts, Colton Lust.


TENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 522, 7035 Poorhouse Road, Marbury, MD 20658; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-2080, Fax:; E-mail: charlie9997@aol.com ,Website: tdvfd8.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: Charles Burroughs Sr, Vice President: Wallace Danielson Jr, Secretary: Tiffany Crawford, Treasurer: Wanda Abell, Chief: Daniel Hudson, Chaplain: George Abell. Dedegates: Daniel Hudson, Charles Burroughs Sr, Wallace Danielson Jr, Tiffany Crawford, Thomas Yowell. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.

THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – 27 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-7550, Fax: 301-271-0167; E-mail: lke2807732@aol.com, Website: www.thurmontambulance.com; Organized: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1985. President: Lowman Keeney, Vice President: Dennis Ott Sr, Secretary: Joyce Stitely, Treasurer: Judy White, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: DJ Ott. Delegates: None listed 2019. Alternates: None Listed.

TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 297, 5978 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-886-2101, Fax: 410-886-2677; E-mail: cbw2501@msn.com, Website: tilghmanvfc.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Craig Brittingham, Vice President: Eileen Reiss, Secretary: Linda Gottlieb, Treasurer: Charlotte Fluharty, Chaplain: Rev. Cain, Chief: Chris Hood. Delegates: Debby Sweet. Alternates: Jesse Gottlieb.
TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD 21673; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-476-3535; E-mail: trappevfd@verizon.net; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: John Foster, Vice President: Mary Lou Diefenderfer, Secretary: Cheryl Lewis, Treasurer: Mike Marshall, Chaplain: Gary Moore, Chief: Nick Newman. Delegates: George McCracken. Alternates: None Listed.

TRI-TOWNS AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC. - 59 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3067, Fax: 301-359-0479; E-mail: co50@allconet.org; Website: ttems.org; Organized: 1974; Chartered: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1999. President: Brendon Gardner, Vice President: Joe Bittinger, Secretary: Kayla Bowers, Treasurer: Vacant, Chaplain: Kristi Williams, Chief: Josh Burkett. Delegates: Tim Connor, Joshua Burkett, John Gray, Garrett Gray, Joe Bittinger. Alternates: None Listed.

TYLERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD INC – PO Box 655, 21140 Tuff Street, Tylerton MD 21866; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-425-2420 Fax: 410-425-2420; Organized: 1985; Chartered: 1985. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED FOR 2019

UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1050, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-775-7422, Fax: 410-857-8775; E-mail: ecurfman08safety@hotmail.com; Website: www.ubfc8.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1889; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Eugene Curfman, Vice President: Missii Green, Secretary: Linda Bostian, Treasurer: Michael Kreimer, Chaplain: Rev. Richard Michael, Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Eugene Curfman, Jerry Harris, George Wentz, Thomas Marble, David Musil. Alternates: Missi Green, Chad Green, Thomas M. Garber.

UNITED COMMUNITIES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 939, 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: 410-643-1162 Fax: 410-643-1163; E-mail: rsiamnicki@aol.com Website: www.ucvfd.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972; Joined MSFA: 1974. President: Ronald J. Siarnicki, Vice President: Bob Pryor, Secretary: Pat Neil, Treasurer: JoAnna Duley, Chaplain: Andy Cole, Chief: Chris Tona. Delegates: Doug Guare, Heather Gorski, Rick Ringerback, Chelsea Reed, Tim Thomas. Alternates: Phil Bowles, Pat Dempsey, Tino DeSantis, Sierra Hawkins, Lisa Tona.

UNITED STEAM ENGINE FIRE COMPANY NO.3, INC. – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1711; E-mail: james.graham@ufc3.org Website: ufc3.org; Organized: 1845; Chartered: 1845; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: James Graham, Vice President: Mike Roop, Secretary: Angie Hummer, Treasurer: Kim Shook, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Marc McNeal. Delegates: Mike Roop, Jeanna Panarella, Keith Duvall, Robin McNeal, Randy Ford. Alternates: Robin Roop, Heather Duval.
UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 19801
Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-972-
8719, Fax: 301-407-0453; E-mail: president@umcfdf.org, Website: umcvfd.org;
Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946. President: Walter Brown, Vice President: Heather
Haller, Secretary: Penny Jones, Treasurer: Lynne Bodmer, Chaplain: Fr. Kevin O’Reilly,
Chief: Michael Burns. Delegates: Ross Meem, Robby Bliss, Jeffrey Eck, Rebecca

UPPERCO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – 5415 Arcadia Avenue, Upperco, MD 21155;
Telephone: 410-887-1576; Website: uppercovfc.org. President: Scott Boose, Vice
President: Michelle Crumbacker, Secretary: Melissa Pollack, Treasurer: Jerry Wayne,
Chief: Jeff Wickline, Chaplain: Mike Adams. Delegates: Scott Boose, Jeff Wickline,
Michele Crumbacker, Tammy Boose, Ashley Hale. Alternates: Scot Warner, Jerry
Wayne, Alex Haslacker, Melissa Pollock, Heather Shaefer.

URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 3602 Urbana
Pike, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-663-3822, Fax; Website:
President: Susan O’Brien, Vice President: Douglas Smith, Secretary: Cheryl Hipkins,
Treasurer: John Main, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: James May. Delegates: Doug Smith.
Alternates: None Listed.

VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 5, 301 Old Ocean Gateway,
Vienna, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-376-3319, Fax: 410-376-
3319; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935; Joined MSFA: 1936. President: Edward
Kukta, Vice President: Joe Kukta, Secretary: Pam Travers, Treasurer: Nancy Roche,
Chaplain: Rev Mary Ann Farnell, Chief: Jamie McFarlane Jr. Delegates: Edward Kukta,
Joe Kukta, Pamela Travers, Jamie McFarland, Nancy Roche. Alternates: Alfred Travers
Jr, Reggie Sellers III, Kathy Walker, Mike Bramble, Sue Kukta.

VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 171, 25 West Main Street, Emmittsburg,
MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-447-2728, Fax: 301-447-1725; E-mail:
fjkdavis@comcast.net, Website: www.vhc6.com; Organized: 1884; Joined MSFA:
1930. President: Frank Davis, Vice President: David Stonesifer, Secretary: Tom Ward,
Treasurer: Steve Hollinger, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Chad Umbel. Delegates: Frank
Davis, Steve Hollinger, James Click, Wayne Powell. Alternates: None Listed.

VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 7359, 4000 Benson
Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-242-3131Fax:
410-877-1470; E-mail: williamswann410@gmail.com Website: violetvillevfd.com;
Organized:1906; Chartered: 1945. President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:,
Chaplain: ,. Delegates:. Alternates: NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED 2019


VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CHESAPEAKE CITY, INC. – 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915; Cecil County; Telephone: 443-566-0153; E-mail: claymore012000@yahoo.com, Website: chesapeakecity2and12.com; Organized: 1911; Chartered: 1911; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Randall McLennan, Vice President: James Wadkins, Secretary: Melissa Kearney, Treasurer: Timothy Emory, Chaplain: Robert Loller, Chief: Thomas Morris. Delegates: Donnie Briscoe, Thomas Morris, James Wadkins, Timothy Emory, Melissa Kearney. Alternates: Alexander McLennan, Randall McLennan, Raymond Stevens Sr, Ashton Holland, Robert Ford.


WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602; Charles County; Telephone: 301-645-3000 Fax; Email: jrhayden12awvfd@yahoo.com Website: waldorfvfd.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA:1950. President: Thomas Edwards, Vice President: Ron Marth, Secretary: Teresa Studds, Treasurer: William Caswell, Chaplain, Chief: Benjamin Jenkins. Delegates: Bobbie Stevens, William Cooke, Thomas Edwards, Dan Stevens, Gerry Hardy. Alternates: None listed.
WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 425, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9110; E-mail: barricklawns@aol.com; Website: www.walkersvillefire.com; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1940; Joined MSFA: 1940. President: Chad Barrick, Vice President: Brian Hilkebrand, Secretary: Kristi Carter, Treasurer: Jim Graham, Chaplain: Chad Weddle, Chief: Randy Williams. Delegates: Brian Hilkebrand, Bill Horine, Matt Staley.

WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 202, 73 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-845-8875, Fax: 301-845-6058; E-mail: ccramer@wvr24.com; Website: www.wvr24.com; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977; Joined MSFA: 1978. President: Cindy Cramer, Vice President: Rikky Moore, Secretary: Bev Barnes, Treasurer: Jeff Gere, Chaplain: Pam Eubanks, Chief: Topper Cramer. Delegates: Topper Cramer, Cindy Cramer, Jeff Hugins. Alternates: None Listed

WATER WITCH FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 324, 15 North Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21904; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-378-4133, Fax: 410-378-9343; E-mail: captainawg@gmail.com, Website: http://wwfco.com; Organized: 1844. Chartered: 1880; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Adam Glassman, Vice President: Dallas Kline, Secretary: Ashley Ewing, Treasurer: Brad Snyder, Chaplain: Paula Honda, Chief: Michael Lipka Jr. Delegates: Wayne Tome Sr, Adam Glassman, Wayne Tome Jr, Karen Mott, Steve Kenton. Alternates: Ashley Ewing, Gregory Miller, Zachary Ewing.

WEST ANNAPOLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, INC. – 121 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-266-8066; E-mail: douglasbeall@comcast.net; Website: wavfd.org; Organized: 1911; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Douglas M. Beall, Vice President: Linderman Burkhart, Secretary: Marissa Mullins, Treasurer: Kenneth Blackwell, Chaplain: James Caufield, Chief: Robert E. Vice Jr. Delegates: Douglas Beall, Gayle C. Bender, Sharon Owen, Wayne Bender Bender, Robert Vice Jr. Alternates: Sarah O’Malley, Lindy Burkhart, Ken Blackwell, Krista Wallach.

WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 439, 12535 Old Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21784; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-5403, Fax: E-mail: mfca127@gmail.com; Website: wfvfd.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944. President: Theresa Collins, Vice President: Peter Konold, Secretary: Karen Snyder, Treasurer: Steve Fleming, Chaplain: Ryan Eglseder, Chief: Mark Miller. Delegates: Carl Buell, Theresa Collins, Mickey Day, Scott Christiansen, Norma Spicer. Alternates: Will Spicer, Joey Hemphill.

WEST LANNACH HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC – 7609 Annapolis Road, (3002 Spark Lane), Hyattsville, Maryland 20784, Prince George’s County; Telephone 301-577-0777; E-mail: chief28a@gmail.com, Website: whlvd.com; Organized: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Scott Vazquez, Vice President: Ronnie Solomon, Secretary: Vacant, Treasurer: Amy Solomon, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: John Alter. Delegates: John Alter, Richard Clemens, Scott Vazquez, Ronnie Solomon, Jesse Pacheco. Alternates: Chris Andrews, Methew Belete, Michelle Elden, Jeff Miller, Patick Buie.
WESTSIDE-BIVALVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 85, 21045 Nanticoke Road, Bivalve, MD 21814; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-873-2140, Fax: 410-873-2170; E-mail: Donald_sue@comcast.net; Website: westsidevfd@verizon.com; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Donald Messick, Vice President: Dana Gross, Secretary: Lisa Hart-White, Treasurer: Rusty Dennis, Chaplain: Willard Pusey, Chief: John Wilson. Delegates: Joe Dickerson, John Wilson, Riley Scott, John Catlin, Brian Catlin. Alternates: Don Messick, Grady Romblad, Lisa Hart-White.

WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY #4, INC. – 526 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-8615, Fax: 301-739-9124; E-mail: wefc@myactv.net; Organized: 1872; Chartered: 1872, Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Cherry Rohrer, Vice President: Kelly Swain, Secretary: Tina Murphy, Treasurer: Rebecca Sotile, Chaplain: Richard Bower, Chief: Rick Blair. Delegates: Cherry Rohrer, Anna Dobbins, Richard Bower, Devin Mills, Rosalyn Levine. Alternates: Shirley Hiser Michael Tressler, Mary Ann Yeargan, Glenna Moncrief.

WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC. – PO Box 357, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1800, Fax: 410-848-3407; E-mail: president@westminstervfd.org; Website: westminstervfd.org; Organized: 1823; Chartered: 1823; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Jamie Petry, Vice President: Timothy Bangerd, Secretary: William Brehm, Treasurer: Caroline Babylon, Chaplain: Kevin Dayhoff, Chief: Jason Tyler. Delegates: Daniel Plunkert, Fred Plunkert, Kevin Dayhoff, Caroline Babylon, Jonathan Haddad. Alternates: None listed 2019.

WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P.O. Box 1577, 2400 Arcola Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-949-9673, Fax: 301-942-0740; E-mail: gam@wvrs.org Website: wvrs.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Gamunu Wijetunge, Vice President: Brian McGinness, Secretary: Rhonda Cohen, Treasurer: William Dunlap, Chaplain: Rory Crawford, Chief: Mark Dempsey. Delegates: Paul Sterling Jr, Robert Lawson, Charles Cox, Roger Marks, Chris Walker. Alternates: None Listed 2019.

WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY –PO Box 309, 10331 Philadelphia Road, White Marsh, Maryland 21162; Telephone: 410-933-0100; E-Mail: president@wmvfc.org Website: wmvfc.org. President: Kevin Palmer Jr, Vice President: Tyler Rivers, Secretary: Jennifer Corridon, Treasurer: Les Richardson, Chaplain, Chief: Rick Blubaugh. Delegate: Mike Connelly, Daniel Deitrich, Benjamin Oliver. Alternates: NONE LISTED 2019.

WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 222, 1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford, MD 21160; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-3633, Fax: 410-638-3636; E-mail: 12650@whitefordvfc.com Website: whitefordvfc.com. President: Larry Holbrook, Vice President: Josh Schueler, Secretary: Kathy Monath, Treasurer: Charles Mohr, Chaplain: Chief: Tom Gray Jr. Delegates: Jim Williams, John Monath, Ryan Williams, Donald Galbreath. Alternates: None Listed 2019.
WILLARDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 38, 7320 Main Street, Willards, MD 21874; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-8678 Fax.; Website: willardsfire.com; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927. President: Gary Lewis Sr, Vice President: Keith Twilley, Secretary: Gary Rayne Jr, Treasurer: Brenda Twilley, Chaplain: Mike March, Chief: Chester Twilley. Delegates: None Listed 2019. Alternates: None Listed.


WINFIELD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1320 West Old Liberty Road, Winfield, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-1333, Fax: 410-795-1375; E-mail: president@winfieldvfd.org, Website: www.winfieldvfd.org; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1967. President: Carl Broussard, Vice President: Robert Farver, Secretary: Kim Legore, Treasurer: Norman Zepp, Chaplain, Chief: Norman Zepp. Delegates: Kevin Warner, Debbie Gartrell-Kemp, Scott Dayhoff, Gary Rains, Lisa Wilson. Alternates: None listed 2019.

WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 214 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-877-7262; E-mail: tludwig@bcvfa.org Website: www.wavfc.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1943. President: Thomas Ludwig, Vice President: Vacant, Secretary: Vacant, Treasurer: Cacant, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Thomas Jugan. Delegates: Thomas Ludwig, Joe Bruzdzinski, Sue Bruzdzinski. Alternates: None listed 2019.

WOLFSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 12464 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773-9727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-1453; E-mail: dafddf21@aol.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: David Fox, Vice President: David Doyle, Secretary: Debbie Fox, Treasurer: Gerald Lewis, Chaplain, Chief: Stefan Nalborczyk III. Delegates: David Fox, Debbie Fox, Steve Nalborczyk, Diana Lewis, Larry Harne. Alternates: David Doyle.

WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 236, 529 Londontown Road, Edgewater, MD 21037; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-956-3100; E-mail: jrhilgenberg@gmail.com Website: woodlandbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Steve Hilgenberg Jr, Vice President: Richard Steer, Secretary: Candycce Hilgenberg, Treasurer: Vicki Ogilvie, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: Joseph Howlin III. Delegates: Steven Hilgenberg Jr, Richard Steer Jr, Candycce Hilgenberg, Laura Gray, Melissa Bailey. Alternates: Melissa Boe, Rhonda Brady, Caleb Cobb, Michael Williams, Bruce Beall.
WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-298-5408, Fax: 410-944-2060; E-mail: trey@woolawnvfc.org, Website woodlawnvfc.org; Organized: 1941; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Trey Gaffney, Vice President: Donna Kern, Secretary: Colleen Richarts, Treasurer: William Kern, Chaplain: Vacant, Chief: James Artis. Delegates: William J. LeTourneau Jr, Thomas Richarts, Frank Al Seicke, Donna Kern. Alternates: None Listed.

WOODSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 153, 2 South Third Street, Woodsboro, (11455 Renner Road, Keymar, MD 21757), MD 21798; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-5100; E-mail: spatcher14@aol.com; Website: woodsborovfc.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1956; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Susan Mosholder, Vice President: Diane Fyock, Secretary: Karin Lind, Treasurer: James Writer Sr, Chaplain: Mary Elizabeth Ambrose, Chief: Michael Fyock. Delegates: Michael Fyock, Diane Fyock, Robert Lind, Jay Lind, Dennis Derry. Alternates: Susan Mosholder.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ANNE ARUNDEL ALARMERS ASSOCIATION, INC. – 115 Glenmont Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-766-4221 Organized: 1958.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER’S ASSOCIATION - PO Box 881, Millersville, MD 21108; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-222-8200, Fax: 410-987-2904; Organized: 1932; Joined MSFA: April 2007.

BALTIMORE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFEED’S ASSOCIATION – 700 E Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21286, Baltimore County, Telephone: 410-887-4885.

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CARROLL COUNTY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES – 50 Kate Wagner Road, Westminster, MD 21157. President: Donald Fair, Vice President Perry Jones, Secretary: Maryanne Wareham, Treasurer: Mary Karol Stiffler. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED 2019.


CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT – 1790 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-7975.

CITY OF SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT – 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21802; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3120.

FREDERICK COUNTY DIVISION OF FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES – 5370 Public Safety Place, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1536, Fax: 301-600-2592.
FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION - 340 Montevue Lane, Frederick MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-846-2282, Fax: 301-631-3466; E-mail: ckwn@starpower.net, Website: www.co.Frederick.md.us/govt/esd/dfrs; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2000

HARFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMS ASSOCIATION – 343C Granny Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050.

HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – 2220 Ady Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050: Telephone: 410-638-4900

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HOWARD COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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MARYLAND FIRE & RESCUE INSTITUTE - MFRI, University of Maryland, 4500 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20742; Telephone: 1-800-275-6374

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PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT – 9201 Basil Court, Suite 452, Largo, MD 20785; Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-883-5204; Fax: 301-883-5212; E-mail: sltaylor@co.pg.md.us Website: pgfd.org

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION – 1501 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown, MD: Washington County: Telephone: 301-714-0812
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SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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“The Mission of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is to Serve, Promote, Advocate, and Represent the interest of the Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services of Maryland”
CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

An Act to Incorporate the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Section 1 - Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward Israel, Edward S. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin H. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, William M. Crimmons, Hiram R. Heck, O. D. Golbert and their associates and successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of “The Maryland State Firemen’s Association”, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and be capable in law to hold and dispose of property, real and personal, to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law and equity; to have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and adopt a constitution and bylaws for the government of said body corporate and its affairs provided the same shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State or the United States; to elect officers and directors and generally to do every other act or thing to carry into effect the provisions of this act, or to promote the objects and designs of the said corporation.

Section 2 - And be it enacted, That the object and purpose of this corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel who have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to insure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires and other emergencies requiring rescue and/or emergency ambulance services, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the finds and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Section 3 - And be it enacted, That the volunteer fire and ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland, comprising the members of this corporation, shall annually in June, elect a President, Fires and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years) and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number as the Executive Committee; who together with the other officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

Section 4 - And be it enacted, That the said corporation hereby formed shall have full power to receive subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests of money, or real or personal property, in trust or otherwise, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and hold such property, to be applied by it to the objects of its incorporation.
Section 5 - And be it enacted, That J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward Israel, Edward E. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin R. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCordell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, O. D. Gilbert, William M. Crimmins and Hiram R. Heck shall be officers and managers of said corporation until the second Thursday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and shall serve as such until their successors are elected.

Section 6 - And be it enacted, that this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 8, 1894.

STATE OF MARYLAND
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION
301 WEST PRESTON STREET
BALTIMORE 21201

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the within instrument is a true copy of the ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION as approved and received for record by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland, November 21, 1975 at 8:30 o’clock A.M.

RICHARD H. KELLER
CHARTER SPECIALIST II
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO THE CHARTER OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

FIRST: That the General Convention of the members of the Corporation, called by its governing body, and duly convened pursuant to the Constitution of the Corporation on June 17, 1975, upon recommendation of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation, the membership has voted to amend the Charter as follows:

SECOND: The Resident Agent of the corporation shall be: JAMES C. ROBERTSON, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

THIRD: The principal of the Corporation shall be located at the Fire Service Extension Building, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

FOURTH: The Charter is amended by striking out Section 2 and section 3 of the Charter and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 2. And be it enacted, that the object and purpose of this Corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the Volunteer Firemen and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of the State of Maryland, to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to ensure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the Volunteer Firemen and volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of Volunteer Fire,
Ambulance and Rescue Companies in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires and other emergencies requiring rescue and/or emergency ambulance service, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the findings and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Section 3. And be it enacted, that the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance and Rescue companies of the state of Maryland composing the members of this Corporation shall annually, in June elect a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years), and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number of persons as may be provided by the Constitution of the Corporation to act as the Executive Committee; who, together with the other Officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the Corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Maryland State Firemen’s Association has caused these presents to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and its Secretary, and to affix its Corporation seal hereunto this 17th day of June, 1975.

ATTEST:

CHARLES B. BURTON, Secretary

THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
by C. EDWIN TURNER SR., President
(SEAL) (SEAL)
STATE OF MARYLAND, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of June, 1975, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared C. EDWIN TURNER SR., President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, acknowledged the a foregoing Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the said Corporation; and at the same time personally appeared CHARLES B. BURTON who made oath in due form of law that he was the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association at the time of the general convention wherein the a foregoing Amendments were enacted and that the said Amendments were adopted and that the matters and facts set forth in the a foregoing Articles of Amendment are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public

Articles of Amendment To The Charter Of The Maryland State Firemen’s Association

The Maryland State Firemen’s Association having had notice of proposed Charter Amendments in accordance with the Constitution of the Maryland State Firemen’s
Association as recommended by the Officers and Directors, and having had notice
having attended the annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association,
and a quorum of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association having been present, and
the ballots having been distributed, and the question of the Amendment having been
passed as certified by the election judges of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association,
this Amendment to the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association,
Witnesseth:

FIRST: That the Resident Agent of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association
shall be until his successor is duly appointed, Leonard T. King, 6047, Melbourne
Avenue, Deale, Maryland, 120751.
SECOND: The principal office of the corporation shall be 6200 Pontiac Street,
Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740.
THIRD: Section 3 of the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association
is amended to add to the designated elected officers, the office of Financial Secretary.
FOURTH: With the incorporation of the amendments to its Charter
hereinbefore made, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association does reaffirm and
republish its Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association has
caused these presentees to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and
attested to by its Secretary, this 26 day of August, 1996.
TEST: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Leonard T. King, Secretary  B y :
Stephan D. Cox, President
STATE OF MARYLAND: COUNTY OF Baltimore: TO WIT: 1996, before me, the
subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, a
Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of the said corporation and
pursuant to the authorization of its membership, and acknowledged the a foregoing
Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the said corporation; and at the
same time personally appeared LEONARD T. KING, who made oath in due form of law
that he was the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association at the time of
the general convention when on June 18, 1996, the a foregoing Amendments were
enacted and that following proper notice to its membership, that said Amendments
were voted on adopted, and that the matters set forth in the a foregoing Articles of
Amendment are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.
AS WITNESS my hand and seal this 26 day of August, 1996.

Judith Lapide
SEAL
Notary Public
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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***CONSTITUTION***

ARTICLE I- NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- The name of the Association shall be “The Maryland State Firemen’s Association”. “MSFA” shall be considered to represent the name of the Association when used, subsequent to this Section, in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2- Regular Membership- Regular members shall be the Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies whose stations are located in the State of Maryland, having equipment, personnel and facilities which comply with the provisions of this Constitution, and who have paid the initiation fee, yearly dues, and have elected delegates and alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. Nothing in this Article shall
be constructed as affecting the membership status of any volunteer fire company or department, which was a member of the Association on July 1, 1975. The words “Member Companies” as used in the following articles of the Constitution and By-Laws shall include “Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies”, except in those instances where it is necessary to differentiate.

Each company desiring to hold membership in this Association shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars ($5.00). Each active company shall pay to the Financial Secretary on or before the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference each year the sum of Two hundred dollars ($200.00) as annual dues or in the case of new members, a pro rata amount for the current year (payable with the initiation fee), said sum constituting dues for the current fiscal year. Twenty dollars ($20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

Section 3- The MSFA is authorized to suspend a membership, so issued, at any time it determines that the Member Company is proven to be in violation of or no longer meets the qualifications as prescribed under this Article.

Section 4- Associate Membership- Any fire, rescue or ambulance company which does not otherwise meet the standards for membership in the MSFA, and any organization which provides direct services either in supporting any volunteer fire company, rescue company, or ambulance service, by the provision of collateral services which aid the volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland in providing their services, shall be entitled to apply and upon approval to become Associate Members of the MSFA. Such application would require review and approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Associate Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. In order to qualify as Associate Member, the applicant organization must provide services, which directly benefit career or volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue companies of the State of Maryland, such as providing for services at the scene of an emergency, fund raising for such organizations or other similar purposes. The application shall contain a statement of the purpose of the organization applying for Associate Membership, and that it is effectively a non-profit organization; that it is an organization which does not exist for the profit of any individual member thereof, but for humanitarian purposes.

The annual dues for Associate Membership would be fifty dollars ($50.00). The first year’s dues plus a five-dollar ($5.00) initiation fee must accompany the application. Twenty dollars ($20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

Associate Members, once approved as such, are entitled to attend activities of the MSFA. However, Associate Members shall not be entitled to a vote with regard to the business of the MSFA.
Section 5- Sustaining Membership- Any organization which desires to provide pecuniary support or otherwise collaterally support any program or purpose of the MSFA, and the existence of which as an entity does not otherwise contain any conflict with respect to the purposes of the MSFA, may apply to the MSFA as a Sustaining Member. The application for such membership would be required to be submitted to the Executive Committee of the MSFA for review and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Sustaining Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference.

The application shall identify the applicant with regard to the name of the applicant, whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, the primary business of the applicant, the nature of activities in which the applicant is involved, other than its primary business, the reason for the application, the type of pecuniary or collateral support the applicant proposes to provide to the MSFA, and the nature and constituency of its directors or membership or any other persons having a directorial or managerial interest in the applicant organization. The application will be accompanied by the first year’s annual dues of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), plus a five-dollar ($5.00) initiation fee. Two hundred dollars ($200.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

The applicant, upon approval as a Sustaining Member, would be entitled to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA and, by invitation, selected meetings of the Executive Committee of the MSFA, but would have neither a right to a seat in the Annual Convention and Conference nor a right to vote with respect to the affairs of the MSFA. The Sustaining Member shall receive the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Trumpet magazine, window decal, and an appropriate recognition award as approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 6- The President shall designate a Special Committee to study and report on the application of any person, firm or corporation for either Associate or Sustaining Membership and to, thereafter, report to the Executive Committee its recommendations with respect to the applicant. Such Special Committee would consist of no less than two (2) members of the Executive Committee, two (2) past presidents of the MSFA, the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and the Chairman of the Standards Committee. In addition, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, up to three (3) additional members-at-large may be appointed to the Special Committee to study and make a recommendation with respect to the application for Associate or Sustaining Membership. This committee shall not exist beyond the recommendation for any subject application.

Section 7- The Executive Committee shall report on the approval of all Associate or Sustaining Memberships at the Annual Convention and Conference. Such report shall be made prior to the preparation and distribution of ballots, thereby providing the right
of the delegates registered and voting to call for reversal of action by the Executive Committee with regard to such approval or disapproval of Associate or Sustaining Memberships. This reversal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 8- The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is a member of the MSFA, without voting privileges and without obligation to pay dues.

Section 9- Member companies of the MSFA and members of those companies shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or members of those companies who are accused of misconduct as defined in the Constitution and By-laws of the MSFA shall be subject to a hearing by the Executive Committee.

Misconduct shall be defined as acting in such a manner and fashion so as to expose the MSFA or the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services to negative publicity and ridicule by failing to act to remedy an event of misconduct by a member(s) of its Company.

Upon a Member Company or member(s) of a company violating this provision, the Executive Committee shall direct the MSFA Secretary to notify the company, in writing, of the specifics of the misconduct and request a representative of the company to appear before the Executive Committee at a specific time and place.

The Executive Committee in executive closed session shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and Bylaws violation. The accused shall be accorded due process during the hearing and shall have the right to be heard. After the formal hearing the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, suspend membership privileges, fine or expel the member.

ARTICLE II- ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- The Annual Convention and Conference shall be held annually in June. Business sessions shall be at the call of the President. The President shall develop an Order of Business for the Annual Convention and Conference, to be approved by the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee Meeting in the new calendar year. The Order of Business shall enumerate the business session planned and provide, at a minimum, for Reports of Officers; Reports of Committees; Nomination of Officers; Voting for Officers and Constitution and By-Laws changes; Unfinished Business; New Business; Good of the Association; and any other Business to come before the Annual Convention and Conference in the Business Sessions. The location of the Annual Convention and Conference shall be chosen by a majority of the votes of the Delegates, Alternates, or others qualified, present and voting on the official ballot, at least three (3) years in advance. Each Member Company shall be entitled to cast five (5) votes and the Past Presidents one (1) vote each.
Section 2- Should there, for any cause, be a need to change the place and/or time for the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the Executive Committee shall have the power to select the place and the Secretary shall notify the Member Companies of the place chosen, three (3) months prior to the time of the meeting. In case the Annual Convention and Conference is not held for any cause at the time fixed in Section 1, then it shall be held at a subsequent date during the year. The date to be determined by the Executive Committee and notice thereof to be given to the Member Companies by the Secretary.

Section 3- After the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the President shall call the delegates to attend Special Conventions and Conferences at times and places named by him, whenever the Executive Committee shall deem Special Conventions and Conferences necessary. Counting from the Centennial, the Association shall schedule a Special Convention and Conference, to be held thereafter, on each 25th year anniversary.

Section 4- All Past Presidents shall be entitled to seats in and participate in the proceedings of the Annual Convention and Conference. (See Article B of these By-Laws).

Section 5- Parliamentary Procedure- Rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the MSFA in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws and any special rules that the MSFA may adopt.

ARTICLE III- REPRESENTATION AND RULES

Section 1- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to the benefits of the Association in full.

Section 2- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to elect annually five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference, who shall be the representatives of their respective organizations for one (1) year and entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences during the year for which the dues of their Member Company has been paid in accordance with Article I, Section 2. No delegate may represent more than one (1) Member Company and no delegate’s name shall appear on more than one (1) Credential List.

Section 3- Each Member Company electing delegates and alternates to the Annual Convention and Conference shall furnish said delegates and alternates with proper credentials certifying to their election, and signed by the President or Secretary of the organization, which shall be forwarded to the Recording Secretary of the Association on or before the third day of June in each year.
Section 4- Any Member Company, who is delinquent in paying their dues by the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference, shall automatically be suspended. The Secretary shall notify the Member Company that it has been suspended for failure to pay dues and shall not be permitted to register at the Annual Convention and Conference. If the suspended Member Company does not pay its dues by the Executive Committee meeting, held at least thirty (30) days following the Annual Convention and Conference, the suspended Member Company’s membership will be terminated. The terminated company may reapply for membership, pursuant to Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution, and shall pay all dues, in arrears, with the application.

Section 5- Membership and Voting- Member shall be defined and qualified as recited in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution.

Qualified new members shall have the right to participate in the business of the MSFA at Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences as provided in Article III, Sections 2 and 3.

Delegates or Alternates otherwise qualified pursuant to terms of this Constitution shall have the right to vote on all matters properly submitted during Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences.

Past Presidents shall have the right to participate as voting Delegates during the Annual Convention and Conference as provided by Article II, Section 4.

Section 6- Fiscal Year- The Fiscal Year of the MSFA shall be July 1st through June 30th. Following the close of the Fiscal Year, the books of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the Financial Committee and a financial report conducted by an outside accounting service of their status made to the Executive Committee, prior to the next Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 7- There shall be a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Manual maintained by the Constitution and By-laws Committee which shall contain administrative and operational procedures approved by the President and the Executive Committee. SOPs shall be developed in accordance with SOP A001 “Preparation and Control of Standard Operating Procedures.”

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1- All elected officers of this Association shall be from the active membership of their Active Member Companies, in good standing, and shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Chaplain, and a Board of five (5) Trustees.

The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Chief Chaplain shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are
The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall hold their offices for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall be elected in alternate years, so that their terms of office do not end in the same year. This initial transition to alternating years will result in the Treasurer being elected for a two (2) year term and the Financial Secretary being elected to a one (1) year term at the June 2007 Convention and Conference. The Financial Secretary will then be elected for a full two (2) year term at the June 2008 Convention and Conference.

**Section 2-** A majority of the votes of those qualified present and voting shall be required to elect. Each Member Company shall be entitled to five (5) votes. Voting shall be by printed ballot or voting machine.

For any office or place of next Annual Convention and Conference where there is only one (1) nominee, the nominee shall be declared elected or chosen and the office and place shall not be listed on the ballot.

**Section 3-** Whenever there are more than two (2) candidates, after each ballot when there shall be a failure to elect, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped until two (2) remain.

**Section 4-** The President shall preside at all conventions and conferences, appoint all committees and in collaboration with the Chief Chaplain, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and the Recording Secretary and appoint Chaplains, Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Financial and Recording Secretaries, if required. The President shall sign orders on the Treasurer for payment of money, and countersign all orders issued by the Board of Trustees for the payment of benefits. In making committee appointments, the President shall be guided by the concept of regionalization as provided for in the Constitution, Article VIII (Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board).

The President shall visit or cause to be visited by the First and/or Second Vice-Presidents as many Active Member Companies and respective bodies of Active Member Companies as possible, the delinquent Member Companies, and the companies or departments that do not belong to this Association.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. They shall make an annual report to the Association and shall perform all other duties as may be required of them by the Association.

The President, after conferring with the Executive Committee, shall annually meet with
the Governor with regard to the State Budget to provide for funding requests for the funds to be administered by the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

It shall be the duty of the President to invite through the Secretary, the Governor of the State of Maryland to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. The invitation shall go forward to the Governor at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Annual Convention and Conference, and the President shall provide a period of time on the program to suit the Governor’s pleasure.

Section 5- It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President in the case of the death, resignation or inability to act of the President to assume the duties of the President. In the event of the death of both the President and the First Vice-President, or if either be unable to attend the duties of the President, the Second Vice-President shall assume these duties, if necessary.

Section 6- In the absence of the President, the First and Second Vice-Presidents from any convention and conference, one of the delegates shall be called to the chair by a vote of the convention and conference.

Section 7- The Recording Secretary shall keep in an appropriate medium a complete record of all Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences and all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall publish each year the proceedings book of each Annual Convention and Conference. The Recording Secretary shall receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association and keep a record thereof. The Recording Secretary shall make an annual report to the Association and also such reports from time to time as the President and Executive Committee may require. The Recording Secretary shall, provide to the meeting of each Annual Convention and Conference, a roll of Member Companies entitled to representation therein, by reason of having complied with the provision of Section 1, Article III, and another roll of Past Presidents, delegates and alternates entitled to a seat in the convention and conference and deliver the rolls together with credentials of the delegates and alternates-elect to the committee on credentials appointed by the convention and conference. The Recording Secretary shall give bond to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the President.

Section 8- The Financial Secretary shall receive all monies and turn them over to the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary shall keep in an appropriate medium, provided for that purpose, a complete record of all the monies received by the MSFA. The Financial Secretary shall give bond, to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the President. The Financial Secretary shall mail bills to each Member Company in January of each year. Said bills to contain a notice, prominently displayed, that dues are payable in advance and will be considered in arrears after the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference.
Section 9- The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary and safely keep all monies belonging to the MSFA. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for the payment of bills of the MSFA, along with the President, the Financial Secretary, or Committee Chairman on whose budgeted funds the check is being drawn, after the expense has been submitted to the Budget and Revenue Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report at the first session of each Annual Convention and Conference, giving an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, accompanied by the vouchers thereof. The Treasurer shall give bond to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the Financial Secretary.

Section 10- The Board of Trustees shall have control and management of the money annually appropriated to the MSFA by the State of Maryland, and shall not order the expenditure of any of it for any other purpose than paying of the benefits provided for in Article VI.

The Board shall meet after the adjournment of each Annual Convention and Conference and organize by the election of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary from among its number, who shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Board shall also meet prior to the first session of each Annual Convention and Conference and at such other times and places as it may be called together by its Chairman. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall receive and mark, tie and keep a record of all claims for benefits and perform all other duties as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws. The Board of Trustees shall make a report, in writing, to the MSFA at each Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 11- The Chief Chaplain shall have had formal training of the Word of God, shall have served as a Priest, Rabbi, or Minister; and shall be recognized as a clergyman by the religious group of which he is a member; and shall be elected from any of the Member Companies of this Association, and his duties shall be those that the President shall call for him to perform. If because of Ministerial duties or other reasons he requires assistants, he shall submit his request to the President, together with names. The President may appoint a Chaplain or Chaplains, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference. The Chaplains shall have the responsibilities of conducting the Memorial Service at the Annual Convention and Conference, including the compilation of a list of deceased members.

Section 12- No Officer, Committee Chairman, or Member shall at any time or in any way, by writing or otherwise, take into their hands any matter being handled by an Officer or Committee, without first consulting said Officer or Committee Chairman in charge.

Section 13- Failure of an Officer to perform their duties shall be deemed just and
sufficient cause for suspension from office in the MSFA by the Executive Committee.

Section 14- Travel reimbursement for Officers attending the MSFA Executive Committee shall be in accordance with SOP A003 “Travel Reimbursement”.

Section 15- The appointed officers of the MSFA shall be from the active membership of their Active Member Companies, in good standing, and shall consist of the Executive Committee Members, Office of the Parliamentarian, and Office of the Attorney. The appointed officers shall hold their office for one (1) year or until their successors are appointed by the President of the MSFA.

Section 16- The immediate Past President, who shall be an ex-officio member and twelve (12) appointed members shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Members shall be appointed with the provision that no more than one (1) appointed member shall be from any one (1) region represented in the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold at least three (3) meetings during each year, one (1) within thirty (30) days after their appointments, one (1) at least twenty (20) days before each Convention and Conference, and others at the discretion of the President at such times and places as shall be designated by the President. Other meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by a majority of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall fix the amount of and approve the bonds of the Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, if applicable; make all contracts for work to be done or supplies to be provided by this Constitution; and approve Committee Chairman out of pocket expenses incurred by them

incident to the performance of their duties. The Executive Committee shall approve the budget as submitted by the Budget and Revenue Committee, with the right to alter the budget as submitted, within its discretion, as in the best interest of the MSFA.

Any vacancy occurring in an elective office shall be filled by an individual recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The officer so selected shall serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference; if the term, for which the vacancy occurred does not expire at that Annual Convention and Conference, the term of the successor elected there shall be for the balance of the vacant term.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to call Special Conventions and Conferences through the President. The Executive Committee shall make an annual report to the MSFA and shall look after its interest generally. At all of its meetings a majority shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those present shall decide all questions. (The Executive Committee shall only receive or make payment of money or contracts during its period of office.)
The Executive Committee shall take an annual inventory of all equipment, supplies, etc., owned by the Association, listing name of article, value of same and in whose custody said article is maintained. This inventory shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book. No property belonging to the Association shall be disposed of without the consent of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee and the Elected Officers shall manage the affairs of, and the Executive Committee shall transact all business of the MSFA requiring action between the Annual Conventions and Conferences.

The Executive Committee shall review and approve, or disapprove with recommendations all recommendations for grants, loans, or low interest loans made by the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board. The Executive Committee shall confer with the President of the MSFA, with respect to requests for funding to be made for the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board, to be presented to the Governor by the President of the MSFA.

The Executive Committee shall review and approve the creation and/or presentation of any new awards based upon the review and recommendations of the Awards Committee.

Section 17- The Office of the Parliamentarian shall be consultant to and advise the President or other Officers and Committee Chairman on any questions that may arise in interpreting the Constitution and By-Laws. The Parliamentarian shall be present at all meetings during the Annual Convention and Conference to assist the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary inquiry and to call attention of the presiding officer to any error in the proceedings that may affect the substantive rights of any member or may otherwise do harm. The Parliamentarian shall speak when requested by the presiding officer.

Section 18- The Office of the Attorney shall render advice and assistance to the officers and committees on all legal matters involving the MSFA, as requested.

Section 19- All elected and appointed officers and committee members shall turn over to the Executive Committee, all records, equipment, monies and any other property of the Association, upon completion of their term of office or service on a committee.

Section 20- Any officer who requires an assistant, may request, of the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to appoint one (1) or more assistants. An assistant officer shall serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference, unless removed earlier by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The duties of each assistant officer shall be within the scope of the duties of, and as determined by, the elected Officer to whom that assistant assists.

Section 21- MSFA Officers will be reimbursed for expenses occurred in the performance
of their duties in accordance with SOP A002 “Expense Reimbursement”.

**Section 22-** The MSFA presidential vehicles are provided for the use of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents for official business of the Association as authorized by the Executive Committee. Rules for the operation and maintenance of the President’s vehicles shall be in accordance with SOP A004 “Operation and Maintenance of the President’s Vehicle Fleet”.

**ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES**

**Section 1-** The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:

17 **State Circle Committee**- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

**Awards Committee**- To be appointed annually, and to include as members the Chairman of all awards committees and a Chairman, not a member of any such committee.

**Budget and Revenue Committee**- Six (6) members, plus the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall constitute the Budget and Revenue Committee. Two (2) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee**- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

**Convention and Conference Committee**- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

**Data Systems Committee**- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.

**Emergency Medical Services Committee**- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

**Financial Committee**- The Committee shall consist of the Office of the Financial Secretary, the Office of the Treasurer, the Budget and Revenue Committee Chairman and a representative of the Executive Committee.

**Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee**- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

**Firefighter of the Year Committee**- At least nine (9) members, appointed annually.

**Grants Committee**- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

**Hall of Fame Committee**- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.
Historical, Archives, and Volunteer Firefighter’s Room Committee- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.

Incentive Programs Committee- A Chairman and at least nine (9) members, but not more than twenty-three (23) members, who shall cover the various areas of the state.

Legislative Committee- Chairman and one (1) member from each county represented in the MSFA, all to be appointed annually.

Planning Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

President’s Vehicle Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Public Relations Committee- At least five (5) members all to be appointed annually.

Recruitment and Retention Committee- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.

Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee- At least eleven (11) members, all to be appointed annually.

Risk Management Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Safety Committee- At least five (5) members, terms of two (2) years with three (3) members to be appointed in odd-numbered years and two (2) members appointed in even-numbered years.

Scholarship Committee- At least seven (7) members, three (3) to be appointed every even year for a two (2) year term and four (4) to be appointed in odd years for a two (2) year term.

Sergeant-At-Arms Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

Standards Committee- At least seven (7) members, terms of two (2) years, with four (4) members to be appointed in odd-numbered years and three (3) members to be appointed in even-numbered years.

Training Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

Transportation Committee- At least five (5) members, terms to be for two (2) years, with two (2) members appointed in even years and three (3) members appointed in odd years.

Ways and Means Committee- At least six (6) members, all to be appointed annually.
Section 2- The Standing Committees shall be appointed annually by the President, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association.

A subcommittee for a specific purpose may be appointed under any Standing Committee. Such subcommittee shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the subcommittee shall be a member of the Standing Committee. Reports from the subcommittee shall be presented through the Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Section 3- Committee members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.

The Committee Chairman shall report the activities of the committee, as directed by the President, to the Executive Committee and to members of the MSFA in convention and conference assembled. The failure of a committee member to perform prescribed duties shall be reported to the President, in writing, by the Committee Chairman. The President may remove and replace the offending committee member, who will be notified, in writing, by the MSFA Secretary. Said offending committee member may request, in writing, a hearing by the Executive Committee at its next scheduled meeting. In that event, the Executive Committee will either support or reverse the President’s action.

Any appointee to a Standing or Special Committee of the MSFA, or to any Government, Regular or Special board, Commission, study group or administrative agency of this State; or any appointee to any committee or commission of another State or political subdivision; or any appointee to any organization shall report on his or her committee’s or commission’s activities to the Executive Committee and to the Member Companies of the MSFA in convention and conference assembled. A list shall be appended to the By-Laws, naming such personnel and the non-MSFA bodies on which they are serving; listing terms of appointment, including date each person’s term ends; describing briefly the purpose of each group; and showing a minimum schedule of reports to the MSFA, the schedule to be set by the Executive Committee. Such list shall be updated continuously (without need for the Amendment process) as information becomes available or as Executive Committee reporting requirements change.

Section 4- Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, the President shall fill any unexpired term vacancy in any committee. In newly established committees with staggered terms, lots shall be drawn to determine length of terms of those initially appointed.

Section 5- Travel reimbursement for Committee Chairman or their designated representative shall be in accordance with SOP A003 “Travel Reimbursement”.
ARTICLE VI- BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall act in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq. to provide and administer Line of Duty death benefits to spouses and children, or other family members, of volunteer firefighters, volunteer rescue squad personnel, volunteer ambulance personnel, and volunteer advanced life support personnel who have been determined to have died in the Line of Duty.

The Board of Trustees will also provide and administer Line of Duty injury and disability benefits as provided in the Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to increase death and/or disability benefits subject to available funding and in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

Specific rules and application procedures for the award of benefits shall be published in a manual which shall be made available to the membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, and any changes thereto shall be presented to the Executive Committee. The manual shall be reviewed and/or updated at least annually.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

Section 1- This Constitution may be amended or revised at any Annual Convention and Conference by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendments, provided the proposed amendment or revision shall have been submitted, in writing, by the Executive Committee or a member company of this Association and forwarded to the Executive Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference. The proposed amendment or revision shall be reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, who may offer and recommendations to the Executive Committee and to be in the hands of the Secretary, at least sixty (60) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 2- Upon receipt of the amendment by the Executive Committee, in accordance with section 1, the Recording Secretary shall mail or distribute by an appropriate means at least forty-five (45) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference, copies of the proposed amendments to all member companies in order that the amendments may be acted upon by the said member companies before the Annual Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE VIII- VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD

Section 1- There is herewith established pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 8, Sections 202-209, a Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.
Section 2- The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board ("Board") shall be comprised of twelve (12) persons, who shall be appointed by the President as prescribed in this section, from twelve (12) regional districts, which have been determined by virtue of the number of fire companies located in each district and other geographic consideration, and which are constituted as follows:

- Allegany, Garrett Counties: 1 Member
- Washington, Frederick Counties: 1 Member
- Carroll, Howard Counties: 1 Member
- Harford, Cecil Counties: 1 Member
- Baltimore County: 1 Member
- Anne Arundel County: 1 Member
- Prince George’s County: 1 Member
- Montgomery County: 1 Member
- Calvert, Charles, St. Mary’s Counties: 1 Member
- Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s Counties: 1 Member
- Talbot, Dorchester Counties: 1 Member
- Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester Counties: 1 Member

Board members shall be appointed annually by the President for the stated terms, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association. A Board member should not be appointed to serve concurrently as an Executive Committee Member. The following credentials should be considered for selection of members to the Board:

- Ten (10) or more years of fire organization experience
- Operational fire service experience
- Administrative fire service experience
- Financial Background

Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years with four (4) members appointed each year. Of the initial twelve (12) appointments, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. A Chairman shall be appointed annually by the President.

Section 3- Board members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.

The Board shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is unable to fulfill the term of appointment. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Board, maintain all records of the Board and initiate and receive correspondence on behalf of the Board.
Initially, the Board shall meet and consider, adopt and publish such rules of procedure as is necessary to carry out the functions of the Board as mandated by the aforesaid statute and shall thereafter enact or amend such other rules and regulations as it might be necessary to carry out its purpose. The Board, shall in addition to the foregoing, provide for applications for a low interest loan or grant and provide for distribution of such applications. The rules and regulations enacted by the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

That any volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company of the State of Maryland be entitled to apply for assistance pursuant to the provisions of the statute, to the Board, irrespective of affiliation of the applicant;
- Develop loan and grant criteria;
- Develop loan and grant terms;
- Develop criteria for the loan and grant application process;
- Develop criteria for prioritization of loan and grant requests;
- That the business of the Board be conducted in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure.

C) The Board shall meet as and when necessary to consider or otherwise act upon applications that are pending or as is otherwise necessary to transact the business of the Board. The Board Secretary shall make notification of the meetings to all appropriate parties.

D) The applications submitted to the Board shall be complete and shall have attached thereto the following:

- Applicants audited financial statements for the most recent two (2) years. For applicants that do not have audited financial statements, each application must have attached thereto financial statements in the form requested by the Board for the applicants most recent two (2) year period along with IRS Form 990 for each year presented on the financial statements.

- A completed Non-Discrimination Certificate.

E) The Chairman of the Board shall regularly report on the business of the Board to the Executive Committee of the MSFA. No action with respect to any applicant or application recommended by the Board shall be valid unless the Executive Committee of the MSFA approves the same. Initially, all rules and regulations proposed by the Board in reference to its operation, including application forms, shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the MSFA, and thereafter, any amendments to the rules or regulations or changes in any application forms are subject to the herein approval of
the Executive Committee of the MSFA.

F) The provision of an application form to an applicant, or the approval by the Board and Executive Committee of the MFSA, shall nevertheless be subject to approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and available funding, in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

G) The Board shall recommend annually to the Executive Committee of the MFSA the rate of interest charged on the loans.

H) The Board shall not be limited nor otherwise bound with regard to its consideration of an application by any previous action it has taken with respect to any other applicant or application.

I) The Board shall receive and disburse funds in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

J) The Board shall in any event be subject in all of its activities to the provisions of the statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

K) The Board shall submit an annual report to the Association, which shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management and to the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland by August 30 of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX- FOUNDATIONS, BOARDS, AND AGENCIES

Section 1- The MSFA Foundation is a corporate entity related to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The Foundation raises funds which provide benefits to the Association. The Foundation reports on its activities to the Executive Committee of the Association.

Section 2- The President shall appoint representatives to all government boards and commissions established by Government agencies, wherein the MSFA is requested to send the name of one (1) or more individuals to the appropriate Appointment Secretary, for the Government body making the request.

Section 3- Where a board or commission has been created, wherein one (1) or more members of the voluntary emergency services would be appropriate to serve as members and where no specific request has been made of the MSFA, the following action shall be taken. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee shall direct the Secretary to send to the Chief Executive of the Governmental body creating or establishing the board or commission, one (1) or more names of persons to be considered for appointment as appropriate to represent the interest of the Maryland voluntary emergency services.
**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE A- STATUS AND AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1**- By-Laws shall not be enacted contrary to the form and substance of the MSFA Constitution.

**Section 2**- Any of the By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendment at any Annual or Special Convention and Conference.

**ARTICLE B- CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES**

**Section 1**- All those entitled to seats in the Annual Convention and Conference shall be entitled to vote upon every question; but no member shall vote on any question in which they have a direct pecuniary interest. The presiding officer of a convention and conference shall not vote unless there is a tie. (Note: See Articles II and III of the Constitution).

**Section 2**- If any ten (10) member companies require it, the yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the records of the MSFA.

**Section 3**- Any ten (10) member companies may call for the “previous question” and if it is ordered all debate shall cease and the pending question shall be at once put to the convention and conference.

**Section 4**- The President of the Convention and Conference shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Convention and Conference. In case of an appeal the point of order may be debated.

**Section 5**- Any person called to order shall immediately take his seat until the point of order is decided, when he shall be again entitled to the floor and while speaking shall confine himself to the question and shall not use any personalities or indecorous language.

**Section 6**- At least one (1) delegate or one (1) alternate from one hundred (100) different Member Companies, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any convention and conference.

**Section 7**- No Member Company, Association of Member Companies, Auxiliary, individual or any other person, shall be allowed to conduct any raffle, benefit, or solicit alms, in any way, on the floor of the MSFA Convention and Conference.

**Section 8**- The order of business at the Annual Convention and Conference will be developed in accordance with Article II, Section 1 of the MSFA Constitution.
ARTICLE C- ASSOCIATE/SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- Associate/Sustaining Members are entitled to the rights and subject to the limitations specified in Article I of the MSFA Constitution.

Section 2- Associate/Sustaining Members shall not use the logo of the MSFA without special permission of the Executive Committee.

Section 3- Associate/Sustaining Members shall not display FD tags on vehicles owned by them unless they are otherwise qualified, pursuant to the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 13-615.

ARTICLE D- STANDARDS, FIRE COMPANIES/DEPARTMENTS

Section 1— THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE, ALS, BLS, RESCUE, AND MARINE COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENTS ARE:

Shall maintain records of responses in accordance with an approved reporting system

Provide a heated station of adequate size and configuration to house apparatus, vehicles and equipment

Shall have a suitable means of receiving and alarm and alerting membership

Shall pass an inspection made by the Standards Committee prior to acceptance

Shall pass subsequent inspections made from time to time by the Standards Committee

Shall require all emergency vehicle drivers to be trained as Emergency Vehicle Operators

Shall require all Marine unit vessels to have a qualified operator

h) As used in these By-Laws the term “emergency medical provider” will include those individuals having a current valid certification or license issued by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

Section 2— THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENT ARE:

Active membership consisting of at least twenty (20) members including at least three (3) active line officers

At least three (3) trained active operators to be appointed to drive and operate the apparatus. These operators shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of the apparatus and will be under the guidance of the Chief Officer

A minimum of ten (10) active members shall have successfully completed at least
the Firefighter I training, as conducted by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or equivalent, and the Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Course

Shall operate apparatus in conformance to the following SOPs defining the MSFA standard for pumpers, pumper/tankers, tankers with pumps, tankers without pump, and aerial apparatus, as applicable:

SOP No. S001 “Pumper Standards”

SOP No. S002 “Tanker Standards”

SOP No. S003 “Ladder Truck Standards”

ARTICLE E- MINIMUM STANDARDS AMBULANCE COMPANIES MIEMSS
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Section 1- The minimum standards herein have been jointly developed by the MSFA and MIEMSS and thus also constitute the standard for the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program. Upon successful completion of a voluntary inspection conducted by MIEMSS personnel, Certificate of Excellence decals for the ambulance and a Certificate of Excellence wall plaque for the station will be issued by MIEMSS Minimum standards for MSFA member fire and rescue companies operating Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances are:

Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be Line Officers with responsibility for the ambulance service. For purposes of membership in the MSFA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with subsection “e” of this section.

A heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of the apparatus and equipment.

A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

Each ambulance shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command and control. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC Rules and Regulations. Where communications equipment, provided by the State EMS Communications System, is operated, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time to MIEMSS or State EMS Communications System contracted maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS Communications System guidelines.

After July 1, 1995, it shall be the standard of every ambulance belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on a mission in or from the State of Maryland,
to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations level course. One (1) of these attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland EMT-B certification (or higher-level certification) issued through MIEMSS. The EMT-B (or higher-level attendant) must care for the patient and ride in the patient compartment during transport. The second attendant, or another person who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver. The driver shall be trained as an emergency vehicle operator.

Each ambulance shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or by reciprocity with a bordering state. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm and safety devices.

Each company which submits an application for membership in the MSFA and which operates a BLS ambulance shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee, or its designees, prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if the company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended.

Member companies which have not previously operated an ambulance and undertake to do so shall, pass an inspection by the MSFA EMS Committee, or its designees, prior to initiating such a service.

a) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

b) Each ambulance shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland guidelines and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and shall be appropriately marked. All reusable items, especially those that are most often left with the patient at a hospital (boards, MAST, etc.), must be clearly marked. Due to the fact that patients are most often transported to trauma centers outside the immediate response area, the following minimum information is required: Ambulance Number (A31, M7, etc.), Company Name (not just...
The equipment in each ambulance and all records relating to its maintenance and operation as such shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA. Ambulance supplies and equipment are listed in SOP E001 “Ambulance Company Standards”.

**ARTICLE F- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS (MICU)**

**Section 1-** Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) Companies, performing ALS with a mobile intensive care unit (MICU). A MICU is an ambulance equipped to render ALS and transport the patient to a medical facility. Minimum standards for MSFA member ALS companies operating at the MICU level are:

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ambulance service. For purposes of membership in the MSFA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with subsection (e) of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command and control. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications systems, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

e) From and after July 1, 1994, it shall be the standards of every MICU belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations Level course. One (1) of those attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher-level certification issued through MIEMSS. The attendant with the higher-level certification shall ride in the patient compartment and shall be responsible for patient care during transport. The second attendant or other person, who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver.
f) Each MICU shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the MVA, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.

g) Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates a MICU shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if a company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections.

i) Each MICU shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and appropriately marked. The equipment on each MICU and all records to its operation and maintenance shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA.

   a) Each MICU shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as set forth in SOP E002 “ALS (MICU) Standards”.

ARTICLE G- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS (CHASE VEHICLES)

Section 1- Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) companies performing ALS with a chase vehicle (ALS Unit). An ALS Unit is a vehicle equipped to render ALS, transport the ALS provider and equipment to the scene to provide patient care, and accompany the patient to the appropriate medical facility on an ambulance.

Note: This section does not apply to companies operating a chase unit to upgrade an ALS equipped ambulance from basic life support staffed to ALS staffed.

Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ALS service. For purposes of membership in the MFSA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with subsection “e” of this section.

A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the ALS unit and
A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications system, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

From and after July 1, 1994, each ALS unit belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least one (1) attendant certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials- Operations Level Course. That attendant shall possess a current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher certification issued through MIEMSS. The CRT or higher-level certification shall be responsible for patient care. A second attendant, or other person, not certified to the level of CRT (or higher) may be the driver.

Each ALS Unit shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.

Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates as an ALS unit shall be required to pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections adopted under the authority of these sections.

Each ALS unit shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Equipment shall be in good condition and shall be appropriately marked. The equipment on each ALS unit and all records relating to its operation and maintenance, shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time to a
duly authorized representative of the MSFA. Each ALS unit shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as stated in Section 3.2 of SOP E002 “ALS (MICU) Standards”.

ARTICLE H- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES

Section 1- The minimum standards for volunteer rescue companies are:

a) The following rescue equipment shall be carried on a motorized piece of apparatus with a minimum 1/2-ton capacity to carry same without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer’s G.V.W. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm, and safety devices. All personnel staffing this unit shall have protective clothing available.

b) Active company membership consisting of at least ten (10) trained members including two (2) officers; a heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of apparatus and equipment; and a suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company members.

c) Member companies operating a rescue squad shall maintain on their roster a minimum of ten (10) members who have successfully completed the forty (40) hour basic course in rescue procedures, the intermediate course of Rescue Instruction, or the Rescue Technician course as offered by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or equivalent, and the Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Course.

d) Equipment standards are found in SOP E003 “Rescue Company Standards”.

ARTICLE I- MINIMUM STANDARD BLS FIRST RESPONDER UNITS

Section 1- The standards for this unit are found in SOP E004 “BLS First Responder Standards”.

ARTICLE J- MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MARINE UNITS

Section 1- Standards for watercraft are found in SOP E005 “Watercraft Standards”.

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ARTICLE K- COMMITTEE DUTIES

NOTE: For duties of the Executive Committee, refer to MSFA Constitution, Article IV, Section 16.

Section 1- The 17 State Circle Committee shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the building at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, for so long as it is leased to the MSFA, including such duties as formulation of a budget based on maintenance and operating expenses, recommending alterations in conformity with guidelines of the Maryland Historical Society, preservation of the building as a show place for the MSFA, and establishing exhibits of selected MSFA memorabilia.

Section 2- The Awards Committee shall coordinate functions of the MSFA Committees responsible for the selection and making of awards.

Section 3- The Budget and Revenue Committee shall establish and maintain procedures to implement the budget, with approval of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall supervise the compilation of the MSFA annual budget and submit same, with recommendations, to the Executive Committee for final approval. The Budget and Revenue Committee at the time they present the Budget to the Executive Committee shall make a recommendation of monies to be kept in Reserve for that Budget year. That Reserve can only be changed by a supplemental Budget.

Section 4- The Constitution and By-laws Committee shall formulate and present proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws to the Executive Committee, providing the proposals have been submitted, in writing, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, entitled “Amendments”.

Section 5- The Convention and Conference Committee shall make arrangements for the Annual Convention and Conference and, as needed, shall coordinate activities with local organizations.

Section 6- The Data Systems Committee shall establish a mechanism for collecting and recording information on the type and value of each kind of financial support provided or available by counties and municipalities to fire, emergency medical services, and rescue companies in each jurisdiction. All appropriate information on equipment, buildings (including federally and/or state owned structures), membership, alarms, etc., is to be included in the database. Gathering and use of the information is to be coordinated with the Statistical Committee and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

Section 7- The Emergency Medical Services Committee shall represent the Ambulance and Rescue Services in the member companies in formulating standards to comply with regulations as deemed necessary under the Emergency Medical Service of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The committee shall
provide information to and cooperate with the Firemen’s Training Committee in the development of a Ten (10) Year Training Plan, including such training relating to the provision of Emergency Medical Services.

Section 8- The Financial Committee shall function as a team consisting of the Office of the Financial Secretary, the Office of the Treasurer, the Budget and Revenue Committee Chairman, and a representative of the Executive Committee.

The team will be responsible for the fiscal matters of the Association and shall provide an annual Financial Report conducted by an outside accounting service to the Executive Committee by the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 9- The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee shall develop and promote a statewide year-round fire prevention program. The program shall be planned and promoted to inform the people of Maryland of all age groups. The program shall be developed and carried forward in cooperation with the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the State Fire Marshall, who will serve as technical advisors to the Committee. The Committee may enlist the aid of any interested organization, group or individuals at the discretion of the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee or at the direction of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall furnish a written report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, and it shall present a complete report of Committee activities during the year to the delegates assembled at the Annual Convention and Conference. The Committee shall maintain liaison between the Governor’s Fire Prevention Conference and the MSFA.

Section 10- The Firefighter of the Year Committee shall be responsible for receipt of the nominations and selection of the recipient of the annual MSFA award. The Committee shall solicit nominations for the National Volunteer Fire Council’s award and submit appropriate names to that group.

Section 11- The Grants Committee shall promote participation in grant programs and provide assistance to Companies/Departments with grant applications and grant writing.

Section 12- The Hall of Fame Committee shall be responsible for naming persons to the MSFA Hall of Fame, Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award, and the Roll of Honor, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Fire/EMS/Rescue service.

Section 13- The Historical, Archives, and Volunteer Firefighter’s Room Committee shall compile historical data relative to fire, emergency medical services and rescue activities in Maryland. This committee shall represent the MSFA in all matters relating to the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room and shall coordinate appropriate MSFA activities including, but not limited to, furnishing and decorating with those activities of the University College, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland. The Committee
shall endeavor to locate and acquire items for exhibit in a permanent museum and perform such other duties as may be required by the MSFA.

Section 14- The **Incentive Programs Committee** shall be responsible for monitoring incentive programs, coordinate the collection of information for programs such as LOSAP, Income Tax Modification and other programs that might come about, to provide for volunteer firefighters, rescue, and emergency medical personnel.

Section 15- The **Legislative Committee** shall formulate and monitor the passage of such legislation as may be to the interest and benefit of the MSFA. The Chairman of the Committee shall register as the legislative agent for the MSFA and shall direct others that assist him in this endeavor to also register. The Chairman shall keep records and file reports as required by the laws of Maryland and shall assure that any person registered on behalf of the Association also keeps and files records required by law. The Chairman shall report regularly and seek advice from the Officers and the Executive Committee on positions of the MSFA, but shall have the authority to act by lone judgment when time is of the essence, being ever mindful of the goals and aims of the MSFA.

Section 16- The **Planning Committee** shall in conjunction with the Presidents and Executive Committee develop short and long range goals and plans of the Association.

Section 17- The **President’s Vehicle Committee** shall be responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of Association vehicles and accessories.

Section 18- The **Public Relations Committee** shall compile information of interest to fire, emergency medical services, rescue companies and the public, making this information generally known throughout the State, by whatever method that can be used to the best interest of the MSFA. The Committee shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Association and shall submit a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 19- The **Recruitment and Retention Committee** shall be responsible for developing and executing programs to assist members with recruiting new members and keeping their existing members.

Section 20- The **Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee** supports and works with local fire service groups in establishing requirements for residential sprinkler systems in new one (1) and two (2) family dwellings and educate various groups on the facts about residential sprinklers.

Section 21- The **Risk Management Committee** shall monitor MSFA insurance requirements and recommend adjustments as needed.

Section 22- The **Safety Committee** shall promote a statewide safety program among
member companies. The program will be planned so as to provide companies with material and literature on safety on the scene of any emergency and driving of equipment to emergencies, drills and parades. The Committee will cooperate with the Training Committee, the Emergency Medical services Committee, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or its successor, and any such agency that promotes safety. The Committee will have published in the bulletin of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, its successor, or other such publications, information on accidents as well as precautions to be taken for the best interest and welfare of personnel. The Committee will make a report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and will present a complete report for the year to the delegates at the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 23- The Scholarship Committee shall by June P in cooperation with scholarship committees of appropriate universities, colleges, academies, or other institutions of higher learning within Maryland to determine to provide or deny grants or loans to new applicants or continuing students. The Committee shall in proper cases award, to the extent funds are available, such grant or loan to an eligible applicant or student participating in a course related to fire or health services including, but not limited to, fire sciences or emergency medical services.

The Committee may use funds provided through resources of the MSFA Foundation or from other sources. The Committee is authorized to solicit funds for grants or loans from any source it deems proper. The Committee shall from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations relating to its duties, eligibility of applicants or recipients, acceptable sources of funds to be solicited or regulations dealing with liability of a given recipient to repay part of any grant or loan.

Section 24- The Sergeant-At-Arms Committee shall maintain order at all Executive Committee meetings, the MSFA Convention and Conference, and other meetings as required.

Section 25- The Standards Committee shall study and keep abreast with fire fighting, emergency medical services and rescue requirements and make recommendations for any changes that would improve the standards of this Association, and to make inspections or perform such other duties as may be required by the Association.

Section 26- This Section was not used 2019

Section 27- The Training Committee shall promote programs responsive to the needs of the fire service located within the State of Maryland and shall continue the development of a ten (10) year training program which reflects the future needs of the Maryland Fire Service; in addition, the Training Committee shall be the official voice of the MSFA in fire service training matters with the University of Maryland and other vocational or educational organizations of this State. The Committee shall advise and collaborate with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in the conduct of courses of
instruction for the Maryland Fire Service; and shall encourage and assist in developing regional schools and local and other specialized courses in the State. The Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee enabling legislation, which will maintain and advance the necessary fire service training plans or programs. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Executive Committee and a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 28- The Transportation Committee shall provide to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successor, as required, proof by MSFA that applicants for special “FD” license plates are eligible members of a volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services company, or auxiliary thereof. The applicable fees and time periods shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee on its own motion or on the request of the Transportation Committee. It shall be responsible for notifying companies and auxiliaries of current procedures for obtaining such plates or validation stickers for them. The Committee should maintain a close working relationship with the M.V.A. concerning any matters that may affect the emergency services organizations of their members. The Committee shall also maintain liaison with the Maryland Toll Facilities Administration to continue the special privileges provided for authorized emergency vehicles.

Section 29- The Ways and Means Committee shall operate the MSFA’s annual raffle and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it.

ARTICLE L- NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 1- This organization prohibits discrimination in membership or other activities on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association have been revised and updated with the amendments approved at the 120th Annual Convention and Conference held at Ocean City, Maryland, June 16-22, 2012.

Punctuation and grammatical errors were corrected August 14, 2013.

Steven J. Scheinin, Chairman Constitution & By-laws Committee
APPENDIX A
MSFA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

SOP A001 “Preparation and Revision of Standard Operating Procedures” SOP A002 “Expense Reimbursement”

SOP A003 “Travel Reimbursement”

SOP A004 “Operation and Maintenance of the President’s Vehicle Fleet” SOP E001 “Ambulance Company Standards”

SOP E002 “ALS (MICU) Standards”

SOP E003 “Rescue Company Standards”

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# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

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RUSSELL J. STRICKLAND AWARD

Purpose of Award: The Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board has established an award in honor of Russell J. Strickland. This award is to be presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated professionalism in the field of fire service certification in the same manner that Mr. Strickland performed for the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board.

Mr. Strickland was instrumental in the organization and founding of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board and has served in many capacities including Treasurer, Chairman of the Accreditation Training Review Agencies Task Force and while holding the position of Assistant Director of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute served as a member of that agency’s Accredited Training Review Agency Local Review Board and as their Representative to the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. Mr. Strickland also served many years as the Maryland Representative to the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Professional, dedicated, honest and fair were the hallmarks of Mr. Strickland’s daily life and work. His words and deeds were always courteous and respectful. It is in this light that the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board honors Mr. Strickland through this award.

Award Criteria: The Russell J. Strickland Award is presented to a worthy individual who has made significant contributions towards the promotion of certification for fire and emergency services personnel in the State of Maryland in keeping with the high standards of dedication and professionalism exhibited by Russell J. Strickland.

Nomination Process: A call for nominations will be open to all member agencies during the months of January thru February each year and all member agencies are invited to participate. Nominations for the Russell J. Strickland Award must be submitted to THE RUSSELL J. STRICKLAND AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE, Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board, c/o Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, University of Maryland, Building 199, College Park, Maryland 20742-6811 by March 1st of each year on the form designed specifically for this award. A one-page narrative shall be attached to the nomination form detailing the nominee’s contributions and up to 3 endorsements for the nominee may be included. The endorsements shall be no more than three pages in length and should thoroughly detail the nominee’s contribution.

Previous Recipients: 2013 2014
FRANCIS L. BRANNIGAN
INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education.

Award Sponsor: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors, and the Maryland Chapter of the International Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors.

Award Administered By: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors

Background: The Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award was first established by Professor Francis L. Brannigan in 1977. Professor Brannigan was the first and longtime Professor with the Montgomery College Fire Science Program and a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. This award is presented annually by the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors in recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education in Maryland.

Award Rules:

1. In order to be considered for the award, the following should be addressed in the nomination:
   A. The contribution during the previous calendar year with any specific information related to fire, rescue, and EMS training and education.
   B. The contribution made to fire, rescue, or EMS training and education during the years prior to the previous calendar year.

2. Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland fire and rescue service or the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors to be considered.
3. Nominations should be sponsored by a chapter member and submitted in a narrative format with as much specific information as possible to:
   Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
   4500 Paint Branch Parkway
   College Park, MD 20742
4. All nominations must be received no later than March 31st of each year.
5. The award is presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
Previous Recipients:

1977  Francis L. Brannigan  1998  William Luberman
1977  Warren E. Isman  1999  Margaret “Elaine” Wedding
1978  Kurt Eisenschmidt  2000  Michael Weller
1979  Theodore L. Jarboe  2001  Mark New
1980  MFRI Staff  2002  Stephan D. Cox
2005  Mike Crawford  2002  Jackie Carey
1983  Not Awarded  2005  Mike Crawford
1984  Harry Devlin  2006  Alan L. Braver
1985  W. Newton “Skip” Carey  2007  Earl Powell
1986  Judith K. White  2008  George Fairfax
1987  State Fire Marshal’s Staff  2009  Jeff Dickey
1988  Margaret E. SeBour  2010  Mark Falkenhan
1989  Herman E. Rhue  2011  Mark Falkanhan
1990  Milton Zepp  2012  Daniel J. Stevens
1991  Andrew I Levy  2013  Scott Wheatley
1992  George A. Morgan  2014  David L. Lewis
1993  Leon M. Fleming  2015  Richard E. Himes
1994  Clarence “Smiley” White  2016  Stephan G. Wurtz
1995  Leonard E. Yox  2017  Not Presented
1996  Robert I. Rose  2018  Amber Leizear
1997  W. Newton “Skip” Carey  2019  Thomas “Tom” Harmon
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Applicants may apply for scholarship assistance in the following areas:

1. Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland.
2. Emergency Health Services at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).
3. Current approved curricula are the Management and Paramedic tracks, which lead to a Bachelor’s Degree.
4. Any Maryland Community College, in a curriculum that leads to a Bachelor’s degree in Fire Protection Engineering.
5. Programs at any Community College in Maryland, in Fire Sciences or Emergency Medical Services leading to a Bachelor’s Degree.
6. Any Maryland University, in a curriculum leading to a Bachelor’s Degree in Fire or EMS related fields.
7. Programs at any Community College in Maryland, in Emergency Medical Services leading to an Associates Degree.
8. This scholarship is paid directly to the educational institution for the purpose of tuition and fees. At no time will this scholarship be awarded directly to the student or third party for cash or payment.

The committee has assigned the following priorities to control scholarship grants:

1. Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. (Juniors in good standing or higher standing, enrolled in a 4-year program, faculty recommendation.)
2. Fire Science at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). (Juniors in good standing or higher standing, enrolled in a 4-year program.)
3. Emergency Health Service Majors at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). (Juniors in good standing or higher standing or higher, enrolled in a 4-year program, faculty recommendation.)
4. Community College in Fire or EMS related programs leading to a Bachelor’s Degree.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Application must be submitted by April 15th to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year.

Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

Applications are available via download from the MSFA Web Site.
Program Requirements:
All applicants must enter full time or part-time status as a student in his/her respective College/University to be eligible for the scholarship.

Verified acceptance by the respective College/University with confirmation of approved program acceptance will be a prerequisite for receipt of a scholarship.

The awarded scholarship will be made available to the finance office of the College/University specified in the application at the beginning of the academic school year or designated semesters. At no time will the scholarship be awarded as cash funds to the individual recipient.

Unused funds are to be returned by the academic institution at the end of the academic year.

Applicants are required to advise the committee of any other grants or scholarships that have been awarded or for which the applicant is eligible at the time of application.

The respective campus finance office will be asked to review each application for scholarship assistance.

All applicants must be Maryland State High School Graduates or hold a GED. Verification of five years of active volunteer service in a Maryland fire or EMS company/department may be substituted for this requirement.

The applicant for any approved degree program shall be required to submit a letter of recommendation from his/her volunteer Fire/Rescue or EMS Company.

This letter must be signed by the President of the applicant’s member company and accompany the application for scholarship.

Applicants must have completed one year of study at a college/university earning no less than 12 credit hours per semester and have been accepted to participate in an approved degree program.

Currently supported college level students will be required to maintain an acceptable Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.0 to be eligible for scholarship support for the ensuing academic year.

Currently supported college level students who have not maintained an acceptable GPA of 3.0 but have a GPA above 2.5 or greater will be placed on academic probation and required to bring their GPA back to the accepted standard with in one academic year to remain eligible for the scholarship.
New sophomore applicants are required to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for the program.

All students that have been awarded a scholarship are required to submit their transcript at the completion of each semester while receiving the scholarship.

Failure to present current grades at the completion of each semester to the scholarship committee may result in future funds being withheld and ineligibility for future academic years.

Students must maintain full time status and carry no less than 12 credit hours per semester to be eligible for the scholarship.

Students dropping below the required credit hours per semester will forfeit their scholarship and be required to reimburse the Maryland State Firemen’s Association the full amount of the scholarship.

Students changing to a major not supported by the program or dropping out of school may be required to reimburse the Maryland State Firemen’s Association the awarded scholarship or a portion thereof.

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

In an effort to conserve funds and to give our younger persons the opportunity for a college experience, committee policy is to deny scholarship support to those applicants currently holding a Bachelor or equivalent degree.

For more information, please contact:
Glenn Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Scholarship Committee
14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com
Scholarship Application
(Please Type or Use Dark Ink)
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Name: _____________________________________________________
Date of Birth:_____/_____/_______
Home Address: ____________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________ State:___________
Zip Code:_________________
Phone Home:_____________________________
Cell:_____________________________________
Email Address:________________________________

Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary:
Address:_______________________________________________________
City: _________________________________________ State:____________
Zip Code:_________________
President of Department: ____________________________________________
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Phone #: ______________________________________
Year Joined: __________________________________
Years of Membership: ________________________

List all Fire or EMS Certifications and Courses, (ATTACH Copies of Cards and Transcript):
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High School Attended:____________________________________________
Date Graduated:___________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City: _________________________________________ State:____________
Zip Code:_________________
If GED, Give date entered, received and location: _________________________

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: ___________________________
*****ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*****

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a Member or Participated in High School. (Include any Office Held):

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*****ATTACH A COPY of TRANSCRIPT with APPLICATION*****

Name of Educational Institution that you are attending:

________________________________________________________________
Address:________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________
Major: _________________________________________
Name of Faculty Advisor: __________________________________________
Phone:__________________
Status: FULL TIME / PART TIME Credits per Semester: ______________
Credits completed towards Major: ________________________________
GPA:____________________

Please circle Level for academic year that you are seeking scholarship:
Sophomore / Junior / Senior

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: _________________________
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*****ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*****

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a member or participated in college. (Include any Office Held):

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List any other financial assistance opportunities for which you have applied or will be receiving: __________________________________________________
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List any other financial assistance that you have been awarded: ____________
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List scholarships or awards previously received: ______________________
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Employer: ______________________________________________________

Address:_________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________
Zip Code:_____________
Supervisor: ____________________________________
Phone #: ___________________________________
Full Time/ Part Time Hours per week: __________

Do you plan to continue to work while in school: YES / NO Full Time/ Part Time?

On a separate sheet of paper to be submitted with the application please answer the following questions in typed essay format approximately 250 to 500 words.

1. Why are you applying for financial assistance?
2. What inspired you to pursue this course of study?
3. What are your career goals and objectives upon completion of this degree?

Before submitting this application, be sure the following items are enclosed:

1. Application
2. High School Transcript
3. College Transcript
4. Letter from President of Fire Department/Auxiliary
5. Copies of Awards and Certifications
6. Essay

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the Selection Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

I hereby declare that all of the above information is complete and correct to the best of my ability.
Signature: __________________________  Date: _____/_____/_______

Please return the completed application with all accompanying documentation to the chairman, at the address indicated below, no later than **April 15th** to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year. Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

**CHAIRMAN:**
Glenn Dale Fishack Jr.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Scholarship Committee
14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com
Scholarship Renewal Application
(Please Type or Use Dark Ink)

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Name: _____________________________________________________
Date of Birth:_____/_____/_______
Home Address:____________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________
Zip Code:________________
Phone #’s: Home:_____________________Cell:_________________________
Email Address:____________________________________________________
Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary: ___________________________
Address:_________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________
President of Department/Auxiliary: ____________________________________
Phone #: ________________________________________
Year Joined:_____________________________________________________
Years of Membership:__________________________________________
Name of Educational Institution that you are attending:
________________________________________________________________
Address:_________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________
Major: ________________________________________
Name of Faculty Advisor: ___________________________________________
Phone:_________________
Status: FULL TIME / PART TIME Credits per Semester: ________________
Credits Completed towards Major: ___________________________________
GPA:__________________

Please circle Level for academic year that you are seeking scholarship:

Sophomore / Junior / Senior

*****ATTACH A COPY of TRANSCRIPT with APPLICATION*****

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College:
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List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a Member or Participated in college. (Include any Office Held):
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List any other financial assistance opportunities for which you have applied or will be receiving: __________________________________________________
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Address:_________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:__________  Zip Code:__________
Supervisor: ___________________________________
Phone #: ___________________________________
Full Time/ Part Time Hours per week: ____________

Do you plan to continue to work while in school: YES / NO Full Time/ Part Time

Before submitting this application be sure the following items are enclosed:
Application Letter from President of Fire Department/ Auxiliary
College Transcript, Copies of Awards and Certifications

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the Selection Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

I hereby declare that all of the above information is complete and correct to the best of my ability.

Signature: ___________________________ Date:_______/________/________
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Scholarship Committee
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EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com
PAST PRESIDENT C. OSCAR BAKER
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Rookie Firefighter/EMS Provider

Award Sponsor: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company or Carroll County

Award Administered By: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the elected officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Background: The Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award was established by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 2002. The award was established to honor Past President C. Oscar Baker for his sixty (60) years of active service to the citizens of Mount Airy and the surrounding communities, Carroll County and the State of Maryland. Past President Baker has served as President of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, President of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (1978-79). Past President Baker retired as Fire Chief of the National Bureau of Standards and then served as the Volunteer Coordinator for Carroll County for several years. He was a field instructor for the Fire Service Extension and later the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute for several decades. Past President Baker has served as Chair of several committees of the MSFA, including: the Training Committee, Hall of Fame and the Centennial Committee. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company saw it fitting to honor someone who is beginning their emergency service career with an award to encourage them to reach the high level of service and dedication to our citizens we all serve that Past President C. Oscar Baker exemplifies. The award is to be presented during the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Award Rules

1. Nominee must be from a member company or department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Any active member of a member company or department of the MSFA may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Junior/Cadet members of a member company or department are NOT eligible for this award. Time spent as a Junior/Cadet member does not count towards the 24 months of service.
4. Nominee must be an active Senior Member of the sponsoring company or department, and at least 17 years of age at the time of award application.
5. Nominee must have at least 6 months, but less than 24 months of active membership with the sponsoring company or department, calculated from the April 15th application due date.
6. A nominee that transfers from one company or department to another is not eligible for the award unless their total time of membership is less than 24 months combined.

7. Nominations in the form of a resume must be submitted on an individual basis only and on official company or department letterhead or stationary.

8. Nominations must be submitted to, and received by the MSFA Secretary no later than April 15th of each year. Late entries will NOT be considered.

9. All elected officers of the MSFA will judge nominees.

10. The mailing address for entries is:
    Doyle E. Cox
    Secretary, Maryland State Firemen’s Association
    29132 Superior Circle
    Easton, MD 21601

**Award Details:**

Upon selection of the winner of the award, the President or Chief of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company shall be notified no later than May 15th of the selection. This will allow preparation of the personal trophy and the recording of the individual’s name on the master trophy.

The master trophy will have the date of the award, name and fire company of the recipient engraved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA Annual Convention and Conference, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual’s company. The personal trophy also suitably endorsed will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever. The selected award winner will also receive the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the MSFA Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue/red and the gold medal is inscribed as Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year, with the year and the MSFA Seal in the center.

**Previous Recipients:**

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EDWIN L. EMKEY SR. CADET AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Company Cadet Program

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past President Roger N. Powell

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Background: The Edwin L. Emkey Sr. Cadet Memorial Award was established by President Roger N. Powell and underwritten by American Claims Service and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee at the November 2011 meeting. The award was established to recognize Edwin L. Emkey Sr. for his outstanding service in promoting Cadet Programs. The outstanding Cadet Program must be sponsored by a fire, rescue, and or EMS department, company or squad. The program should be based on the teaching of safety and basic skills required for firefighting or Emergency Medical Service.

The nomination may be submitted by a committee within the department, company and/or squad, as long as it is verified by the president and/or chief. The award will be presented each year at the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The winning department, company or squad will be awarded a master trophy, which will be held for one year and relinquished at the following convention and conference, at which time, the past-year recipient will receive a plaque for permanent possession. The trophy will have the award date and name of the company engraved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA annual convention and conference, remain in the responsible custody of the honored fire, rescue, and/or EMS department, company or squad. The winning department, company or squad will also receive a Five Hundred Dollar ($500) prize, which will be utilized to assist with providing funding for the cadet program.

Award Rules:

1. The department/company must be a member in good standing of the MSFA
2. To be eligible for the nomination, cadet program must:
   a. Have a minimum of seven cadets between the ages of 9 and 15
   b. Program must have been established no less than 5 years prior to nomination
   c. Must hold monthly or bi-monthly meetings, drills, training events, community service programs and be involved in other department or company activities
3. The nomination must be submitted in a resume form letter on department/company letterhead, indicating when the Cadet Program was established, number of members, activities over the previous year, including all community
activities, training and fund raising.

4. Any book entered, including scrapbooks, photo albums, or loose-leaf binders, cannot exceed 12 x 15.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited. The book entered will only be used as backup information to the resume.

5. Slide presentations, DVDs, slide/tape presentations and video tape presentations will not be accepted.

6. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources indicated.

7. Entries must be in the hands of the Selection Committee by **April 15**th.

8. All materials submitted should reflect activities of the previous calendar year (Jan. through Dec.)

9. Judges shall be the elected officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the decision of the judges shall be final.

10. Any evidence of material from previous years will automatically disqualify the entry.

11. Send or deliver all entries to Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: Doyle E. Cox

   29132 Superior Circle

   Easton, MD 21601

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**COLBURN TROPHY AWARD**

**Purpose of Award:** Outstanding Act of Heroism

**Award Sponsor:** Princess Ann Volunteer Fire Company

**Award Administered By:** Board of Trustees

**Background:** At the 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in June, 1932, the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the Association by retiring President George W. Colburn Jr. The award is to be awarded in line of succession from year to year to a firefighter in our organization for some outstanding act of heroism or from some act for the good of the Association. Qualifications and awards to be made by the Board of Trustees who shall act as judges. This cup is to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association with appropriated ceremonies.

At the 66th Annual Convention in Ocean City in June 1958, due to the lack of space for more recipient’s names, the original Colburn Silver Cup was retired and presented to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in their fire station in honor of Dr. Colburn. Since the retirement of the original cup, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company has agreed to supply a replacement for the Colburn Cup each year with this difference; that it will be retained by the recipient for keeps. Your department surely must have a member who would be eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Board of Trustees to be considered for this high award.

The recipient will receive the Colburn Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is solid red and the gold medal, with red, white and blue enamel paint is inscribed as the “Medal of Heroism”, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

**Award Rules:** Nomination submitted for consideration must follow the following requirements:

1. Must be on fire, rescue, or ambulance department stationary giving detailed summary of his/her outstanding actions or reason to be considered.
2. Must be received by the Board of Trustees prior to May 1st of each year.
3. Must be mailed or delivered to: Jeffery H. Thompson
   MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary
   202 Oriole Road
   Chestertown, MD 21320

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THE WILLIAM E. “RUDY” RADISCH 
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Citizenship and Exemplary Job Achievement

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Firefighter of the Year Committee

Background: The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) established the Firefighter of the Year Award in 1978, to be presented at the Annual MSFA Convention and Conference each year from nominations received from the member department or individuals. At the December 2, 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee, a proposal was presented by Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department to Sponsor the award and renaming it. The proposal was approved and will be known as The William E. “Rudy” Radisch Firefighter of the Year Memorial Award. Qualified nominations will be judged by the Firefighter of the Year Committee appointed by the President of the MSFA.

The committee solicits your support in this fine program and asks that you select someone in your department or from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the award.

Award Rules

1. Nominee must be from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Any active member of a department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Nominations must be submitted on an individual basis only on official letterhead or department stationary with the official MSFA Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form attached. Form must be signed with title of person submitting the nomination. A photograph of the nominee shall be submitted with the form.
4. Nomination must be submitted to the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee no later than April 15th of each year. Any late entries will NOT be considered. The mailing address for the entries is:

   William B. “Bill” Lay
   Chairman – MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year Committee
   22100 Old Joppa Road
   Joppa, MD 21085
5. Guidelines for selection of nominee:
   A. Outstanding citizenship, i.e., activities by a firefighter to better his/her department and community at large, etc.
   B. Exemplary job achievement, i.e., lecturing at school on fire safety, setting up a program of fire inspections, fund raising, etc.
   C. This award will be for calendar year only.

NOTE: This award will not be judged on acts of heroism. All heroism nominations should be directed to the Colburn Trophy Award.

6. Awarding of the Firefighter of the Year Plaque and Certificates:
   A. Award to be made at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
   B. Winner to receive large plaque annually
   C. Winner receives the Firefighter of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red and white and the gold medal is inscribed as Firefighter of the Year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.
   D. Awarding of plaque and medal to be made by the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
   E. Certificates will be presented or mailed to all nominees.

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MARBERY F. GATES SERVICE CUP AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Fifty (50) Years of Continuous and Faithful Service

Award Sponsor: Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame Committee

Background: This award was established by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1981 to honor over sixty (60) years of active service performed by charter member, Mr. Marbery F. Gates of Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland. The initial and first award was presented to Mr. Marbery F. Gates on June 15, 1981, at the 86th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mr. Gates served on the MSFA Board of Trustees from 1969 through 1989.

Award Rules:

1. The Marbery F. Gates Service Cup is to be awarded to an individual selected by the MSFA as deserving of this honor; such individual is to have at least, but not less than 50 years of continuous and faithful service to organizations within the Association. Individuals nominated must be living prior to the cutoff date of April 15th of the year to be presented.

2. The Master Cup will have the award date, name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA Annual Convention, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual’s fire company. The Personal Cup also suitably endorsed, will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever.

3. The individual selected by the Committee will receive the Marbery F. Gates Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee is 2002. The ribbon is gold with four stripes of purple and the gold medal is inscribed as Marbery F. Gates Award.

4. Each individual nominated will receive a MSFA plaque and a Governor’s Citation the first year nominated and any sequential years a MSFA certificate recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service.

5. The Committee will receive nominations until April 15th. The President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department will be notified no later than May 20th of the individual selected, to allow preparation of the individual trophy and the recording of the individual’s name on the Master Cup.

6. Nominations in the form of a resume shall be submitted No Later Than April 15th of Each Year to:
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CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company in Convention Parade

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated – Montgomery County, Maryland

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee

Background: In memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) and a man whose impact on the fire service was felt nationwide, the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County, Maryland) with the foreknowledge and endorsement of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Gibbons family, shall sponsor the annual A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award for the best appearing company in the MSFA Convention Parade.

Starting with the 1992 MSFA Convention, a trophy will be awarded by the parade judges at the regular award ceremony following the parade and will be presented to the best appearing company for their edification and personal safekeeping until the following MSFA Annual Convention. At that time, during the opening ceremony, the trophy will be formally surrendered to the Convention Chairman, who will then present a permanent award to the surrendering company. The trophy will then remain on display until it is re-awarded.

The perpetual trophy and permanent award will be provided by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County) in memory of our brother, Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, who served with profound distinction for the forty-two years in many capacities, including President and Fire Chief.

Because Marvin was the driving force behind the annual MSFA Convention Parade and because he personally choreographed the opening ceremony of our convention it was universally felt that this award, having an impact upon both the annual parade and opening ceremony, would be a fitting tribute and memorial to this great man.

The award shall be presented to the company which, in the sole opinion of the parade judges, presents the best overall appearance considering such factors as: number of and composition of units, number of personnel in uniform, decorum, demeanor, and esprit de corps.

SECTION 1 – ANNOUNCEMENT - The following announcement was submitted to the MSFA for inclusion in the Awards Information Manual: 390
Name of Award:  Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award.
Purpose of Award:  Best Appearing Company/Department in Line of Parade, Annual MSFA Convention Parade.

Award Sponsor:  Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., (Montgomery County).

Award Judged By:  MSFA Annual Convention Parade Judges.

SECTION 2 – CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS

Arthur Marvin Gibbons was born on April 14, 1927 in Washington, D.C. For over forty-two years, Chief Gibbons made significant and lasting contributions to the fire service of his community, Montgomery County, the State, and the Nation.

In his community, Marvin joined the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 and served as Fire Chief for sixteen years and as President for four terms. In 1961, he was named Montgomery County “Fireman of the Year”.

At the county level, Marvin worked enthusiastically for “Bill 1” which established a seven member Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Fire Board. This committee developed policy for the fire and rescue services of Montgomery County. Chief Gibbons served as chairman or vice-chairman of the Fire Board for fourteen years. During his tenure, he spearheaded the movement to establish the county’s Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). This program was the first of its type to recognize the service of volunteer fire and rescue personnel and has spread throughout our nation.

Also while Chairman of the Fire Board, Marvin helped to established the Heart Mobil which was the forerunner to the current Paramedic Program. In addition, he was personally involved with the building of the Public Safety Training Academy. Chief Gibbons hired the first Training Officer, the late Warren Isman and hired the first Director of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services. Chief David B. Gratz. Both of these individuals went on to become known internationally in the fire service community.

When Chief Gibbons recognized that Montgomery County lacked adequate mutual aid agreements, he attacked the problem. He used his common sense and uncommon persuasive abilities to forge the mutual aid agreements that now exist among all metropolitan area jurisdictions.

Upon retiring from the Fire Board, Chief Gibbons was elected Chairman Emeritus. Chief Gibbons also served as President of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Association.

At the state level, Chief Gibbons, for many years, worked tirelessly for the MSFA Convention, organizing the parade, choreographing the opening ceremonies, and
serving as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Convention Committee. In 1977 Marvin was elected President of the MSFA. Following his tenure as President, Chief Gibbons continued his work with the Association on numerous committees. In 1981, Chief Gibbons was elected to the “Hall of Fame.”

His efforts just prior to his death were more national in scope. Chief Gibbons was instrumental in establishing a National Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial erected at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This memorial, and the annual ceremony which recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their fellow citizens, was truly one of Marvin’s proudest achievements. In 1990, Chief Gibbons was honored with an award for outstanding service from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his work in overseeing the design and construction of the Memorial.

Chief Gibbons held honorary memberships in the following organizations: Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s County; Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County; Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Upper Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Wheaton Volunteer rescue Squad, Montgomery County.

Chief Gibbons was a life member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a charter member of Heroes, Inc.

On May 16, 1993, the Fire and Rescue Service Wing of the Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy was dedicated in memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

Marvin Gibbons was raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Anacostia High School. He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado for 23 months in the Pacific during World War II. Chief Gibbons married May Ann Campbell. They raised two sons, Michael C. and A. Marvin III. Marvin’s grandchildren include: Lauren A., Michael C. II, Kelly L., and Marvin IV.

Chief A. Marvin Gibbons passed away on December 13, 1990 at his home in Lighthouse Point, Florida.

Marvin was admired for his accomplishments, love for his wit, and respected for his decency. He saw the good in every person. A friend of both the mighty and the meek. Marvin nonetheless possessed uncommon humility.

Those of us who knew Marvin personally will never forget his happy demeanor, caring personality, and high values. Those who did not have that special privilege will still
have his remarkable legacy of good works. Marvin Gibbons will always be a beacon of honor and genuine hero to the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION 3 – THE MEMORIAL AWARD

1.1 INTRODUCTION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award consists of four major components: the pedestal, the felt field, the granite base, and the speaking trumpet. In addition, the award also includes a support for the trumpet and a dust cover. Each of the major components represents a specific aspect of the life of A. Marvin Gibbons.

1.2 PEDESTAL - The pedestal forms the foundation of the A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award. Just as Marvin Gibbons was in life, this pedestal is robust, solid, and distinguished looking. The pedestal. Made of solid mahogany, is octagonal in shape and measures forty inches high and approximately twenty-five inches across. The pedestal rests on a one inch base plate. In the top surface of the pedestal is a circular felt field. This felt field is red, Marvin’s favorite color. The felt field measures approximately eighteen inches in diameter. Upon this surface rests the granite base.

1.3 GRANITE BASE - The base of the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award is made from Elberton dark blue-gray granite. The stone measures twelve and five-eights inches long, eight inches wide, and two inches high, has a smooth bottom, polished top, and rough sides with rounded corners. This granite resembles the gravestone of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

1.4 SPEAKING TRUMPET - The Speaking Trumpet is an exact duplicate of the antique speaking trumpet presented to Chief Gibbons by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department upon his election to President of the MSFA. The Speaking Trumpet was cast in bronze from a mold made from the original trumpet. The bronze trumpet was then polished and chrome plated. Chief Gibbons instituted the use of chrome to accent equipment and apparatus in order to build pride within the Department. The red, white and blue braid and tassels are a ceremonial halyard representing the patriotism of Chief Gibbons.

SECTION 4 - ADMINISTRATION

1.1 SET-UP AND RELOCATION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award should be displayed in a dry, level location. Care should be taken to protect the pedestal base molding from damage. After an appropriate location has been decided, determine where the front of the Award will face. Place the pedestal in position and rotate until the “pointed” portion of the dust cover groove is facing...
away from the front. Place the granite base in the center of the felt field with the name plate toward the front. Align the rear side of the base with the “pointed” portion of the dust cover groove. Place the plastic trumpet holder (plastic rod) in such a fashion that the ends point toward the front. Place the Trumpet on the plastic holder so as to tilt the trumpet toward the back. The Trumpet should rest on the holder. Adjust the location (front to back) to space the Trumpet evenly over the granite base. Lift the dust cover over the Trumpet and place in groove with “seam” of dust cover at the “pointed” portion of the groove. Check the alignment of the Trumpet by standing at the front; the dust cover seam should be invisible behind and in line with the Trumpet.

1.2 MAINTENANCE AND CARE - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award has been designed with minimum care required. The pedestal requires only occasional dusting. Prior to returning the Award to the next MSFA Convention, the pedestal should be waxed with a good grade furniture wax. The dust cover should maintain the granite base and Speaking Trumpet relatively dust free. Prior to returning the Award to the next convention, simply dust the trumpet with a soft cloth. The granite base may be wiped with a damp cloth. The dust cover should be cleaned with the plastic cleaner provided.

1.3 INSURANCE - The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department initially carried insurance on the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award. The insurance is now provided under the MSFA insurance coverage. In the event of damage or theft, please contact Secretary Doyle E. Cox at doyle.cox2010@gmail.com or call 410-532-1416

The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and support of the following individuals and organizations during the design and production of this award: Abe Lincoln Flags, Banners & Gifts, Vienna, Virginia; Acme Plating Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Clements Industries, Inc., Ashton, Maryland; Continental, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; Day Memorials, Beltsville, Maryland; John J. Habert, Ellicott City, Maryland; New Arts Foundry, Baltimore, Maryland; Precision Plastics, Beltsville, Maryland; William Thrift III, Bowie, Maryland; Wood Creations, Dunkirk, Maryland.

The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Richard P. Clime, Chief Bruce A. Emmel, C. Townesend Jones, Maureen G. Saval, Joseph A. Weisgerber, George W. Willie.

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GLADHILL – THOMPSON TROPHY

**Purpose of Award:** Outstanding contribution to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

**Award Sponsor:** Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill, and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

**Award Administered By:** Maryland State Firemen’s Association Elected Officers

**Background:** This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen’s Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson.

**Award Rules:**

1. **Eligibility**
   A. The following are eligible:
      a. Members of the “Official Family” (i.e., members of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, Special Committees, etc.)
      b. Bona fide members of member fire companies
      c. Members of part-paid or paid fire departments, within the state
      d. Former members of an organized Fire Department within the state
   B. The following are not eligible:
      a. The judges
      b. Any candidate that received compensation for the performance of the act or acts considered for the award

2. **Criteria**
   A. The Candidate accomplished assigned (or assumed) duties in such a manner as have been clearly exceptional among all who have performed like or similar duties in a superior manner and/or;
B. The candidate developed and improved methods and procedures, or produced an innovation or invention which accomplished extraordinary results for the MSFA or the U.S. Fire Service; or

C. The candidate may have exhibited great courage and voluntary risk of personal safety or personal possessions in the face of danger, over and beyond the call of duty, in performing an act or acts which resulted in direct benefit to the MSFA and/or its members (which this award is given for a “heroic” act it shall be given to the candidate if no other award (cash or otherwise) has been granted previously in connection with the same act); or

D. The candidate may have rendered outstanding service related to his/her activities for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association comparable with the above and relating to the following:
   a. Activities which improved the image of the Association or which gained favorable benefits or meritorious recognition for the Association or its members, or
   b. Contributed to/or developed a valuable program for the benefit of the future of the Association and its members.

3. Time Period - Although it is realized that to be fully effective an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award.

4. Preparation of Award Certification - Factual information will be prepared as separate correspondence in the form of a proposal for each candidate. It shall list the candidates’ accomplishments in accordance with the above criteria (Section 2).

5. Submission of Nominations -
   A. The name or names of prospective recipients shall be submitted to:
      Doyle E. Cox, Secretary
      29132 Superior Circle
      Easton, Maryland 21601
      Before April 15th of each year or at least 30 days before the Annual Convention.
   B. If no candidates are submitted to the judges, the judges shall select a qualified candidate.

6. The Judges - The judges shall be the elected officers of the MSFA. A simple majority of the judges present and voting shall be necessary for a decision.

7. The Award will be presented to the recipient annually at the Annual Convention and Conference and to be inscribed with his/her name. He/she will be presented with a miniature trophy for his/her possession at the following Annual Convention and Conference. After the trophy has been filled with the names of the recipients, the award will be retired to the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

8. The recipient will also receive the Gladhill-Thompson Medal and Ribbon Bar,
which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Gladhill-Thompson Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

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HALL OF FAME AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Distinguished Service to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association or an Individual Department or County Fire or Rescue Service

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame Committee

Background: The Hall of Fame Award was established by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1979 as a result of a recommendation from Past President Eugene J. C. Raney to recognize the distinguished service of individuals. The first emphasis was to service to the MSFA and then service to the individual’s department and local jurisdiction. Through the year 1985 the Hall of Fame Committee was authorized to select up to twenty (20) inductees into the Hall of Fame, and hence the selection shall be limited to ten (10) inductees, either living or deceased. The award shall be made at the Annual Convention. Distinguished service to the MSFA is the primary consideration, with service to the member’s company and county to be considered also.

Award Rules

1. During the year 1981 thru 1985, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.
2. Beginning in the year 1986, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue or EMS department/company, either living or deceased, and up to three (3) individuals who are not members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS department/company, either living or deceased.
3. Names of individuals for nomination to the Hall of Fame may be submitted by:
   A. The nominee’s home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
   B. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
   C. A member department/company in good standing with the MSFA, or
   D. An individual member(s) of the Hall of Fame Committee
4. Nominees must have a minimum of ten (10) years of service to be eligible for consideration.
5. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon distinguished service to the MSFA. Distinguished service to the nominee’s individual
department/company or County may be considered.

6. All nominations must be received, in writing, by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, by **April 15th of each year** to be considered. Until selected, a letter of nomination for an individual must be submitted each year, nomination letters will not be carried over from year to year. All nomination letters must be signed.

7. Selection of nominees to the MSFA Hall of Fame will be made annual by the members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

8. All individuals selected to the MSFA Hall of Fame will receive two (2) certificates, (one for the individual and one for their station,) a pocket card, a lapel pin, shoulder patch, decal and a hat. Each inductee will also receive the Hall of Fame Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/white/blue and the gold medal is inscribed as “Hall of Fame” and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center. Induction and presentations will take place at the Annual Convention and Conference.

9. The names of individuals selected to the Hall of Fame shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book of the MSFA along with the year the selection was made.

10. A permanent plaque may be installed in the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, and the MFRI Regional Training Center. These plaques will list the individuals that have been inducted, along with the year the selection was made. The plaques at the Regional Training Centers will list only inductees from the geographical area.

11. Submission of nominations shall be mailed to:
   
   Benjamin W. Kurtz
   9912 Fox Hill Road
   Perry Hall, MD 21128

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St. Mary’s

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Governor

John M. McCruden
Baltimore County Fire Department

John H. Spearman
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

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Kensington
Montgomery

Louis A. D’Camera
Odenton
Anne Arundel

John J. Denver
Singerly
Cecil

Rev. J. Harvey Dixon
Salisbury
Wicomico

J. Franklin Hawley
Susquehanna Hose
Harford

Steven J. Kesner
Cresaptown
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  - Guardian Hose  
  - Frederick
- Stephen T. Cropper  
  - Ocean City  
  - Worcester
- Donald “Doc” Moltrup  
  - Hyattsville  
  - Prince George’s
- Carlos Alfaro, Sr.  
  - Takoma Park  
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- Thomas L. Flint II  
  - Landover Hills  
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- H. Edward “Ed” Woods  
  - Glenn Dale  
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- Laura A. Woods  
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- Paul R. “Bobby” Balta Jr., PP  
  - Ridge  
  - St. Mary’s
- Dr. John L. Bryan  
  - Department of Fire Protection Eng. U of MD
- Margaret King  
  - Maryland State Firemen’s Association

**2007**

- Judy A. Lau  
  - Laurel  
  - Prince George’s
- Rev. Harry Hetz  
  - Beltsville  
  - Prince George’s
- Robert W. Jacobs, PP  
  - Citizens Truck  
  - Frederick
- John C. Spiker Sr.  
  - Lake Shore  
  - Anne Arundel
- Richard Baker Jr.  
  - Mt. Airy  
  - Carroll
- Jacqueline Olson  
  - Odenton  
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- Susan T. Schell  
  - Norrisville  
  - Harford
- William Hildebrand  
  - Chestertown  
  - Kent
- Marcine D. Goodloe  
  - Kensington  
  - Montgomery
- Andrew B. White  
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  - Montgomery
- Brenda Fosler Johnson  
  - R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
- W. Faron Taylor  
  - Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office
- John R. Frazier  
  - Baltimore City Fire Department

**2008**

- William Reinecke  
  - Fallston  
  - Harford
- Charles Abrecht  
  - Junior Fire Co. No.2  
  - Frederick
- Hugh D. Owens  
  - Glenn Dale Fire Association  
  - Prince George’s
- James M. “Jimbo” Magruder Sr.  
  - Gaithersburg-Washington Grove
- John W. “Jack” Gouty  
  - Jessup  
  - Anne Arundel
- Earl “Dick” Baker Sr.  
  - Winfield and Community  
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Lawrence W. Hogan, Jr. Governor – State of Maryland
Joseph J. Giorgi, Jr. Regional Vice President – VFIS
Christopher May Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service

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Rose Clark United Community Queen Anne’s
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Amos Edwin “Smoke” Joiner Chestertown Kent
Thomas Kavanagh Rockville Montgomery
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Allen W. Baldwin Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department
Cathy Cox Maryland State Firemen’s Association
JOSIAH A. HUNT EMS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding EMS individual of the year

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Emergency Medical Services Committee and the Convention and Conference Committee

Background: The Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person of the Year) Award was established in 1991 and accepted by the Executive Committee. Doctor Hunt was a local physician in Harford County who was very instrumental in the establishment of ambulance service in that area. He often would leave his practice to ride on the local ambulance providing quality emergency medical service to the communities of Harford County. The original award was donated by the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company of Harford County to honor Dr. Josiah A. Hunt.

The award was established to recognize outstanding individual accomplishments by an EMT/A, or above. The award is considered to be the highest award conferred upon an individual within the Maryland Emergency Medical Services community.

Award Rules:
1. The nominee must be from a member company of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. The nominee must be submitted by an active member company of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA).
3. The nominee must be submitted on an individual basis only and the nomination must be on official letterhead or company stationary and signed by at least two (2) officers of the company.
4. Only one nominee may be submitted from any one member company.
5. Nominations and letters of resume must be submitted to the Chair of the MSFA Emergency Medical Services Committee, No Later than April 30th.
6. The nominee must be a Maryland certified EMT or above.
7. The nominee must have a minimum of fire (5) years service to the Maryland Emergency Medical Service Community.
8. Recipient of the award will receive the EMS Person of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue and white and the gold medal is inscribed as “Josiah Hunt EMS Person of the Year”, with the MSFA Seal in the center.
9. Submit nominations to: William Dousa
Chairman, MSFA EMS Committee
600 Rivershore Court
Edgewood, MD 21040
### Previous Recipients:

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FIRE PREVENTION AWARDS

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Department Prevention Efforts

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Volunteer Firemen’s Insurance Services, and Individuals

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

Background: The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) sponsors an annual contest to recognize fire, rescue, and EMS department’s efforts in promoting fire prevention in their communities. Contest awards are provided for companies who participate in a year-round fire prevention program as well as departments who participate in special projects, such as an open house or other fire prevention activities. An additional category recognizes departments who have shown an outstanding overall contribution to fire prevention and fire safety education activities. Starting in 1977, a seventh class in both Year Round Projects, and Single Projects was added. This will be for County Fire Prevention Committees to enter.

A project may be submitted by an organization within the department as long as it is verified by the president or chief. The awards are presented each year at the annual convention and conference for the following categories:

Year-Round Program or More Than One Project
(Classified by population of first due area)
- Class I 0 – 1,500
- Class II 1,501 – 2,500
- Class III 2,501 – 5,000
- Class IV 5,001 – 10,000
- Class V 10,001 or more, volunteer personnel
- Class VI 10,001 or more, career personnel
- Class VII County Fire Prevention Committees

Single Project Programs
(Classified by Population of first due area)
- Class I 0 – 1,500
- Class II 1,501 – 2,500
- Class III 2,501 – 5,000
- Class IV 5,001 – 10,000
- Class V 10,001 or more, volunteer personnel
- Class VI 10,001 or more, career personnel
- Class VII County Fire Prevention Committee
Overall Activities

1st Place - $200.
2nd Place - $100.
3rd Place - $75.
4th Place - $75.
5th Place - $50.
6th Place - $50.
7th Place - $50.
8th Place - $50.
9th Place - $50.
10th Place - $50.

(Award monies must be spent by the winning department/organization in the area of fire prevention)

Award Rules:

1. The department/company must be a member in good standing of the MSFA.
2. A cover letter on department letterhead is required to accompany all entries.
3. Any book entered, including scrapbooks, photo albums, or loose-leaf binders, cannot exceed 12 x 15.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited.
4. Slide presentations, slide/tape presentations and video tape presentations are acceptable.
5. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources indicated.
6. Entries must be in the hands of the State Fire Marshal’s Office by April 30th and must be marked with the proper entry classification (Area and Class).
7. All materials submitted should reflect activities of the previous calendar year (Jan. through Dec.)
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office and the decision of the judges shall be final.
9. Any evidence of material from previous years will automatically disqualify the entry.
10. Any department/company entering any contest must have a representative at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
11. Auxiliaries and Junior Companies may submit entries for their department as long as the president or chief forwards a cover letter as verification.
12. Send or deliver all entries to:

MSFA Fire Prevention Contest
State Fire Marshal’s Office
1201 Reisterstown Road
Pikesville, MD 21208
MISS MSFA FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST

Purpose of Award: To select a spokesperson for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee with Out-of-State Judges

Background: The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) sponsors an annual Miss Fire Prevention Contest at the Annual Convention and Conference. The individual selected will represent the MSFA at fire prevention, public education, and other activities throughout the State of Maryland, acting as a spokesperson for the fire prevention and fire safety activities.

Award Rules:

1. Contestant must be single, never married, have no children or be pregnant.
2. Must be between 16 thru 24 years of age. Contestants under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian consent form signed and must be chaperoned to all events by a parent/guardian, representative of her County Association or Fire Company.
3. If seeking college or advanced education, the contestant must reside within a reasonable distance of the state and in the event that her schooling interferes with her ability to attend events and functions, her sash, crown, and other properties will be turned over to her runner-up.
4. One contestant per county, Harford-Cecil Firemen’s Association and the Maryland Fire Chief’s Miss Fire Prevention. If your county does not have a Miss Fire Prevention Contest, a decision will be endorsed at your county level as to who will represent your county. A letter of endorsement from the county association must accompany your application.
5. MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is allowed to hold this position for one year. Once you hold this position, you will not be able to compete for this position again. A previous MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner-up is allowed to run again.
6. A panel of judges in the preliminaries will interview contestants. These judges will officiate the stage portion of the contest.
7. Judges are not associated with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Ladies Auxiliary, or members of Maryland Companies or Departments.
8. Preliminary judging will be held on the morning of the contest. The contest will be held during the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City. Information regarding the date and time of the contest will be provided as it is finalized.
9. Preliminary judging will be calculated in the same point system as stage judging, with a total of 100 points. Contestant’s preliminary judging consists of the following:
   A. Fire prevention questions selected from list included in the packet.
   B. Presentation on a fire prevention related subject (limited to 5 minutes).
   C. Interview questions by judges.

10. Stage judging will be calculated in a point system, with a total of 100 points.
    a. Fire Prevention knowledge 0-50 points
    b. Speaking ability and poise 0-40 points
    c. General appearance 0-10 points

11. Applications must be received by May 1. If your county contest occurs after this deadline, then the current Miss Fire Prevention is eligible. All applications must be sent to contest chairperson by certified mail, return receipt requested. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ANY OTHER WAY. Any applications that are received other than certified mail, returned receipt requested will be deemed ineligible and will be returned to the contestant.

12. This is not a talent or beauty contest.

13. The contestants selected at MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up are required to attend the following activities:
    • Convention activities on day and times designated (a tentative schedule is enclosed)
    • Awards ceremonies; various events and times
    • Selecting winners of the $10,000.00 Raffle

14. The newly elected MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up must vacate any previously state or county titles unless the term of the title will be completed within two months of her reign. In the event her county is unable to obtain a representative, the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention may continue her County role for a two-month period.

15. Miss MSFA Fire Prevention and the First Runner-up will take an Oath of Office immediately after they are crowned.

16. If MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is unable to attend any functions, it is her responsibility to contact the MSFA First Runner-up to fulfill her commitment.

17. A monthly activity report must be submitted by the last day of each month to the Miss Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson.

18. A quarterly written report (summary of events and input) must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson at the quarterly fire prevention meeting. 10 copies of this report must be brought to each executive committee meeting.

19. The annual written report (summary of year’s events) must be submitted by May 1 for printing in the MSFA Convention Book. This report must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, the Miss Fire Prevention Chairperson.

20. A packet of information will be given to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and
her First Runner-up:

A. Name, Address, and phone list of the following:
   a. MSFA President
   b. MSFA 1st Vice President
   c. MSFA 2nd Vice President
   d. LAMSFA President
   e. Executive Committee Chairperson
   f. Fire Prevention Committee and Chairperson
   g. Transportation (ADC Books) will be passed down each year

B. Itinerary of Mid Atlantic Fire Prevention Conference, parades,
   banquets, carnivals, etc.

C. Upcoming seminars: subjects and expenses

D. Proceeding book

21. THE MSFA CONTEST RULES EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR 2012
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Application

Name ____________________________________________

Date of Birth __________________________

Address __________________________________________

Phone ( ) _______________ Email _______________ County _______________

Escort __________________________________________

Parents __________________________________________

Present School/College/Job __________________________________________

Hobbies or activities you participate in __________________________

Date chosen as Miss Fire Prevention __________________________

The winner of the contest MUST attend the convention events as outlined in the contest rules and as listed in the agenda which will be given to all contestants. You must also give full support to the MSFA and LAMSFA during your reign by attending State and County functions when requested, to the best of your ability. If you win and you hold another State or County title and the term of those titles exceeds two months, you agree to give up those titles upon becoming MSFA Miss Fire Prevention.

If chosen, I agree to all of the above.

Signature __________________________________________

All applications must be returned by May 1st unless your county president has made previous arrangements.

Mail applications to: Current Miss Fire Prevention Chairman

MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest
Parental/Guardian Consent Form

MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention will give her full support to all State, County and local functions by attending and participating to the best of her ability as the representative of the MSFA. She will be chaperoned to all events by a representative of her county association or fire company.

I agree to all of the above.

Signature
Date of Birth

Parent/Guardian Signature
Date

Contestants under the age of 18 years must submit consent form with application. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual’s contributions and determination in promoting the betterment of Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services through successful legislation and the legislative process.

Award Sponsor: Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Legislative Committee

Background: The Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislative Award was created to honor an individual who served over 20 years actively representing the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services, throughout the State, in a legislative capacity both in the House of Delegates and the State Senate. In 1998, the Maryland General Assembly recognized Senator Amoss’ dedication to the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services by renaming Senate Bill 508, the “Senator William H. Amoss Fund.” Introduced in 1985 by Senator Amoss, the 508 Bill was created to financially assist the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services departments on an annual basis. This award was presented by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and accepted by the Executive Committee in 1999.

Award Qualifications: In order for a candidate to be considered for this award, he/she must meet at least (1) one of the following criteria:

1. Be a duly elected legislative official representing a Maryland municipality, a Maryland county, the State of Maryland or the Federal Government.
2. Be a member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Legislative Committee
3. Be a member of a county emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or stationery. A photograph of the
nominee shall also be submitted.

3. All nominations must include the following:
   A. A letter of recommendation/resume
   B. Accomplishments of the nominee

4. All nominations must be received by **May 1st** of each year.

5. The judges shall be the MSFA Legislative Committee

6. All nominations are to be submitted to:

   Chairman
   MSFA Legislative Committee
   17 State Circle
   Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1904

**Previous Recipients:**

1999 Senator William H. Amoss – Harford County
2000 Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
   Charles W. Riley, PP
2001 Senator Thomas M. Middleton – Charles County
2002 Delegate John F. Wood – St. Mary’s County
2003 Bernard J. Smith, PP
2004 Delegate Richard B. Weldon Jr. – Frederick County
2005 C. Daniel Davis Jr., PP
   Pat Gainer – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System
   James Brown – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System
2006 Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2007 Delegate James Malone – Baltimore County
2008 Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2009 Senator Barry Glassman – Harford County
   Senator James DeGrange – Anne Arundel County
2010 Delegate Norman Conway - Wicomico County
2011 Senator Roy Dyson - St. Mary’s County
2012 William E. Barnard - State Fire Marshal
   Senator Roy Dyson - St. Mary’s County
   Delegate James Malone - Baltimore County
   C. Daniel Davis Jr., PP
   Richard L. Yinger, PP
2013 Delegate John L. Bohanan Jr., - St. Mary’s County
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ROBERT H. SHIMER ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Fire, Rescue or EMS Administrative Person

Award Sponsor: Shimer Family

Award Administered By: Robert H. Shimer Administrative Person of the Year Award Committee

Background: The Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year award was established by the Shimer family and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee on February 22, 2004. The award was established to honor Robert H. Shimer, for the years of dedicated service he gave the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Service as a President and a Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, President of the Allegan-Garrett Counties Fire and Rescue Association, President of the Allegany County Fire-Rescue Board and President of the Potomac Fire Company. Mr. Shimer was also an active member of the State Fire Prevention Commission, Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission, the Governor’s Emergency Management Advisory Council and the Emergency Numbers Service Board. This award has been established in honor of Mr. Shimer for his many years of dedicated service to the community of Westernport, Allegany County and the State of Maryland.

Award Rules:
1. The nominee must be a volunteer from a member company that is in good standing with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Names of individuals for nomination for the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award may be submitted by:
   A. The nominee’s home fire, rescue, or EMS department/company on official letterhead, or
   B. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue, or EMS department/company, or
   C. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, on official letterhead, or
   D. An individual member of this committee or a Past President of the MSFA.
3. The nominee must have no less than ten (10) years of service with his/her department or company.
4. The nomination must be submitted for an individual’s effort only and, therefore, submission of the nomination is to recognize the one individual and not a group, department or company.
5. The nomination must be submitted in the form of a resume/bio. Including information on his/her department or company activities, administrative positions held within the company or department, county, regional or state association. Information should also be included on job achievement, establishment of programs, fund raising, community activities, and the reason the nominee should be selected.

6. Time Period - Although it is realized that to be fully effective, an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award, however an accumulation of the previous five years of accomplishments may be added.

7. The nomination must be mailed and received by the Shimer Award Committee no later than **May 1st** at the following address:

   Robert W. Jacobs, Chairman
   Shimer Award Committee
   410 East Ninth Street
   Frederick, MD 21701

8. The Award will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the Shimer family shall be notified no later than May 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the award that will be given.

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SILVER SPRING TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of fire prevention efforts by an individual

Award Sponsor: Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

Background: The Silver Spring Trophy was established in 1981 by the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Executive Committee. This award is presented each year at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most in fire prevention for his/her community. The award is for an individual effort and, therefore, submission on the entry must be for one individual rather than a group or department effort. The intent of the award is to recognize fire prevention activities which the individual performs within his/her community. The trophy is held by the individual for one year and then passed on. The winner will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The individual will also receive the Silver Spring Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is silver/blue and the silver medal is inscribed as Silver Spring Fire Prevention and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The recipient must be a volunteer firefighter
2. The individual must be nominated by his/her fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.
5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State fire Marshal’s Office on later than April 30th.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee’s procedures.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Nominations must include the nominee’s name, title, fire department name, and other pertinent information.

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SMITH N. STATHEM JR., PP
MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual’s contributions toward firefighter/EMS safety.

Award Sponsor: The family of Smith N. Stathem Jr. “Smitty” as he was affectionately known was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), Past President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and Past Chief of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company.

Award Administered By: MSFA Safety Committee

Background: The Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety Award was established in 1998 by the MSFA Safety Committee and the family of Past President Stathem. The award was accepted by the Executive Committee in 1997. This award is to be presented each year at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most to promote firefighter/EMS safety within his/her department/company and or the State. The award is for an individual effort. The intent of the award is to promote safety within the member department and to encourage the safety officer program. The trophy is held for one year and relinquished at the following MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. At that time, the past-year recipient will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The winner of this award will also receive the Smith N. Stathem Jr. Safety Award Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is green/white/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Smith N. Stathem Jr., Safety Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a member of an organization that is a member of the MSFA.
2. The submission must be on the official MSFA Nomination Form and include the name and contact information on the person recommending the nominee in the space provided. The Company Chief or President must sign the “endorsed by” line of the form.
3. The nomination must include complete detailed information on the efforts performed by the individual during the previous calendar year. Supporting exhibits and documentation must be submitted in detail.
4. The nomination package must be submitted to the MSFA Safety Committee no later than May 1st.
5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-
affiliated representatives from the safety industry.

6. All nominations are subject to investigation by the Safety Committee and Judges.

7. A Safety Committee member can nominate any member of MSFA.

8. MSFA Safety Committee members are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

9. Submit your nominations to Chairperson of the MSFA Safety Committee.

   Michael A. LeCompte
   11418 Quillin Way
   Berlin, MD 21811

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ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of a Department’s Participation in Formal Training

Award Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zembower in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Training Committee

Background: The Zembower Fire Service Training Award was established in 1976 by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell Zembower of LaVale and accepted by the Executive Committee. Cromwell Zembower was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) and a member of the Training Committee for many years. The Zembower Fire Service Training Award is based on the average number of formal training hours per active member for fire and rescue training completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. The original award was based solely on the formal training offered by MFRI, however, in 1995 the award will be based on formal training offered by other recognized agencies.

The award consists of a trophy which is presented to the winning department at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. The department is permitted to display the trophy until the next convention. The trophy is then returned for presentation to the next recipient. The department surrendering the trophy is then presented with a plaque for permanent display. First and second runner-up awards are also presented. The first runner-up award is sponsored by the Daniel J. and Bobbi Stevens in honor of former Bay District VFD Treasurer Bob Stevens. The second runner-up award is sponsored by the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company in honor of former Chief Herman Dill.

Award Rules:

1. This award is to the department which has the highest average number of formal training hours per active member. Formal training include:
   - All courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI
   - Formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies
   - Courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS
   - Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy
   - Refresher training classes in the following areas:

   In order for the training to be considered, it must be validated by a pocket
card or certificate and verifiable by the organization providing the training. The training year will be from July 1st through June 30th of the year prior to presentation of the award.

2. The number of active members in your department as reported on the Statistical Report provided to the MSFA Statistical Committee for the most recent fiscal year will be used to compute the average number of training hours per active member. The Statistical Report submitted by each member company should reflect the actual number of members responding to calls and taking training. Accurate and up to date training records can prove to be an asset in legal decisions and ISO rating. If you did not submit a report to the Statistical Committee, this information cannot be verified and your application will not be considered.

3. To be considered for this award, complete the attached application and submit it to the following address no later than April 15th to:

   MSFA Training Committee
   c/o Maryland Fire Rescue Institute
   University of Maryland
   College Park, Maryland 20742
APPLICATION FOR ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. CROMWELL ZEMBOWER
TRAINING YEAR JULY 1, ___ THROUGH JUNE 30, ____________

Department Name: _________________________________________________
Mailing Address: City ___________________ County _______________ Zip Code ________

On an attached sheet, list all courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI, formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies, courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS, and courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy which your department has participated in during the training year noted above. Enter all information as requested and be as accurate as possible to ensure eligibility. Formula for Computing Points:

1. Multiply number of hours for each course or seminar by the number of students successfully completing that course or seminar to determine the number of student hours for that course or seminar. The training information will be based on information provided by the sponsoring organization.
2. Total the student hours for all courses and seminars.
3. Divide the total number of student hours (in #2 above) by the number of active members in the department from current Statistical Report.
4. The result is your training hours per active member.
5. Enter training hours per active member:
6. Layout for Course List to Quality for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award – Enter all information in columns using the following format:

Full Name of Student; Social Security Number; Location/Host Co.; Ending Date; Class Title; Course Hours; and Total Student Hours _______. Total Number of Active Members from MSFA Statistical Report ___. Number of course hours for MFRI courses ___. The hours should be similar for courses sponsored by local academies.

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Fire Officer III       60
Fire Officer IV        60
Incident Safety Officer 16
FD Safety Officer      30
Firefighter I          108
Firefighter II         60
Leadership I           12
Leadership II          12
Leadership III         12
LACK                    4
Courage to be Safe     4
Protective Envelope & Foam  9
Pumps                   30
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ICS for Fire Service   16
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Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations  45
NIMS 100  3
NIMS 300  24
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NIMS 700  3
NIMS 800  3
ACLS  8
PALS  16
PTLS  16

Refresher Classes - (annually)

SCBA  1.5
Hazardous Materials  1.5
Blood Borne/Airborne Pathogens  1.5
CPR/AED  1.5
Trench Rescue  1.5
Confined Space Rescue  1.5

One day seminars are considered 6 hours and two day seminars are considered 12 hours. Seminars may include Executive Development Seminars, Chief Officers Seminar, Hazardous Materials Training, Confined Space, Rescue Weekends, Water Supply Drills, etc. CPR training and other classes offered in stations must be documented with the number of hours of all students. Documentation could include AHA or ARC pocket cards, or a signed letter from a certified instructor. All courses will be reviewed by the Training Committee for verification and acceptance of the appropriateness of the training for award consideration.

The following list of National Fire Academy courses is not an exhaustive list, but are those that are routinely offered and are 12 hours each: IRHMIBC, IRHMICI, MCTO: Decision Making, MCTO: Preparation, MCTO: Tactics, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, and Basic Life Support-Hazardous Materials.

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
FAMILY APPRECIATION PROGRAM AWARD

Purpose of Award: To recognize the family of a Volunteer Fire or EMS members, sacrifices their time with the member, for the good of the community.

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Recruitment and Retention Committee

Award Administered By: Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee

Award Rules:

1. Open to the family of volunteer members of the Fire/EMS Service.
2. Member MUST be an active volunteer and his/her Company or Department in good standing of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
3. Family nomination must be endorsed by the President or Chief of the member’s Department or Company.
4. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association Recruitment and Retention Committee will base their selection on the following criteria:
   - Exhibit consistent positive effort towards training, response to incidents, fundraising, etc.
   - Exhibit overall effort to support team concepts.
   - Active member for a minimum of 5 years.
   - Nominations must be submitted by NO LATER THAN April 30th, to:
     John Denver, Chairman
     MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee
     458 Bow Street
     Elkton, MD 21912

   - Awards will be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference.
   - Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Committee, Members of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association are not eligible for the award.

Nominee must:

- Exhibit positive effort toward Department or Company and family member and have clear understanding of member’s commitment.
- Exhibit overall effort to support team concept.
- Nominator must be an active member of a Department or Company for at least one year.
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- A narrative of 250 words or less describing community support and consistent effort towards the fire/rescue service.
- No attachments

Name of Nominee: _______________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________ City ________________

State _________________ Zip _________________ County _________________

Phone: Day _________________ Evening ________________________

Other __________________

Company/Department/Squad _____________________________

NOMINATOR:

Name and Title _______________________________________________________

First       Middle       Last       Title

Address __________________________________________ City ________________

State _________ Zip __________ Phone: Day _________________

Evening/Mobil __________________

NARRATIVE OF RECOMMENDATION:

Endorsed By: Name: ______________________________________________________

Title __________________

Signature ______________________________________________________________

Previous Recipients:

2012        Charles M. Kelso III        Laurel        Prince George’s
2013        The Logore Family        Winfield & Community        Carroll
GOVERNOR’S FIRE PREVENTION TROPHY

**Purpose of Award:** Recognition of the best fire prevention entry in the line of parade at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Annual Convention Parade

**Award Sponsor:** Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee and Fire Prevention Committee

**Award Administered By:** Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee, Fire Prevention Committee and the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

**Background:** The Governor’s Fire Prevention Trophy is awarded each year at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference for the best fire prevention float, demonstration, or entry in the line of parade. The award is in the form of a large permanent trophy. Awards are also awarded for second through fifth places.

**Award Rules:**

1. Clowns and commercial participants in the parade will not be eligible for this award.
2. Any individual, group, unity, float, etc., are eligible as long as they are in the line of parade and have been pre-judged.
3. Judging will be done by the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office.
4. Entries will be prejudged prior to the parade at a pre-announced location.
5. The decision of the judges will be final.
6. Judging will be on the following point system:
   
   A. Theme and originality – (0 – 25 points) – Within a fire prevention subject area such as Fire Prevention Week, Home Inspections, Halloween, Christmas, Fire Safety, Spring Cleaning, Sparky, Smokey, Sweepy, Smoke Detectors, Etc.
   
   B. Uniqueness in presentation – (0 – 25 points) – Construction aspects such as neatness, stability, occupant safety, and fire-safe materials.
   
   C. Overall appearance – (0 – 25 points)
   
   D. Conduct of participants – (0 – 25 points) – General conduct of, and how well participants carry out the theme of the entry.

7. Size, cost, and elaborateness are not a criteria.
PARADE RULES

ALL Participants in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association’s Convention Parade

Parade Monitors will be monitoring the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

1. Public drinking
2. Pulling of hose or other equipment from apparatus
3. Blowing of sirens or air horns
4. Backing of apparatus
5. Throwing of any type of material from apparatus
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress
8. Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
9. Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
10. Personnel on apparatus in an unsafe position or over crowded positions
11. Excessive non uniform personnel on apparatus
12. Individuals reviewing the parade, jumping into the line of parade march of a unit or interfering with bands, queens, majorette groups, etc.
13. Operation of any vehicle in an unsafe or reckless manner
14. If seatbelts or other safety devices are provided they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All “Jake Brakes” or like equipment will be turned off during the entire parade route.

Let’s ALL try to cooperate by abiding by the above rules so that we may ALL have a good time, make a positive impression on the public we serve, and have a parade we can ALL be proud of - - NOT one to be ashamed of because of the performance of a few!

FREE FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED, TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PARADE PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION, FROM YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Parade line-up will be first come – first in line, unless your jurisdiction comes in as a group after forming together before the Route 50 Bridge.
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PARADE TROPHIES AND AWARDS LISTING

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance
Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Easton VFD

Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance
Sudlersville VFC

President’s Award
Sudlersville VFC

Company Coming Longest Distance
Midland VFD

Company Coming Second Longest Distance
Cresaptown VFD

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
(10 or more personnel)
Hollywood VFD

Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
(10 or more personnel)
Easton VFD

Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
(10 or more personnel)
Level VFC

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Service Personnel
Hollywood VFD

Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance
Hollywood VFD

Second Best Appearance
Rosedale VFC
Third Best Appearance
Vigilant Hose Co.

Honorable Mention (5)
Rockville VFD
Crumpton VFD
Upperco VFC
Huntingtown VFD
Chestertown VFC

Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance
Mechanicsville VFD

Second Best Appearance
Cobb Island VFD

Third Best Appearance
Volunteer Fire Company of Chesapeake City

Honorable Mention (5)
Sudlersville VFC
Grasonville VFD
United Communities VFD
Orchard Beach VFD
Midland VFD

Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance
Easton VFD

Second Best Appearance
Chestnut Ridge VFC

Third Best Appearance
Church Hill VFC

Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
Preston VFC

Second Best Appearance
Crumpton VFD

Third Best Appearance
Upperco VFC
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Tanker Making Best Appearance
(1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
Water Witch VFC

Second Best Appearance
Trappe VFC

Third Best Appearance
Easton VFD

Brush Unit – Making Best Appearance
Chestertown VFC

Second Best Appearance
Gaithersburg Washington Grove VFD

Third Best Appearance
Fallston VFA

Honorable Mention (3)
Upperco VFD
Prince Frederick VFD
DNR Forestry

Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance
Colonial Beach

Second Best Appearance
Hollywood VFD

Third Best Appearance
Sudlersville VFC

Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
Easton VFD

Second Best Appearance
Goodwill VFC – Centreville

Third Best Appearance
Rockville VFD
Squad Truck Making Best Appearance
Hollywood VFD

Second Best Appearance
Huntingtown VFD

Third Best Appearance
Wheaton Rescue Squad

Ambulance Making Best Appearance
Newburg VRS & FD

Second Best Appearance
Queen Anne’s Hillsboro VFC

Third Best Appearance
Solomons VRS & FD

Honorable Mention (5)
Hacks Point VFC
Potomac Heights VFD
Upperco VFC
Crumpton VFD
Sudlersville VFC

Command Unit Making Best Appearance
Clinton VFD

Second Best Appearance
Mechanicsville VFD

Third Best Appearance
Rockville VFD

Marine Rescue Unit Making Best Appearance
Maryland Natural Resources

Second Best Appearance
New Market VFD

Third Best Appearance
Hollywood VFD
Emergency Service Special Unit Making Best Appearance  
(Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, Etc.)
Delmar FD Traffic Control Unit

Second Best Appearance  
Kent & Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad

Third Best Appearance  
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove VFD

Honorable Mention (5)  
Rockville VFD  
LAMSFA Presidents  
Hollywood VFD Jeep  
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City  
Baltimore Legion Box 234

Best Appearing Company from Delaware  
Delmar FD

Second Best Appearing  
Frankfort

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance  
(Over 25 Years or Older In Service)  
1988 Pierce Church Hill VFC

Second Best Appearance  
Dunkirk VFD 1994 Seagrave 100 ft. Aerial

Third Best Appearance  
Colonial Beach VFD 1989 Pierce

Honorable Mention (2)  
Glen Echo VFD  
Arcadia VFD 1979 Jeep

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance  
(25 Years or Older Not in Service)  
Mechanicsville VFD 1950 Ford

Second Best Appearance  
Berlin VFD 1928 Mack
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Third Best Appearance
Hollywood VFD 1947 IH/Baker

Honorable Mention (2)
Huntingtown VFD 1962 Ford
Preston VFC 1934 Ford

Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance
(25 Years or Older)
Bethesda-Chevy Chase RS 1972 Cadillac Ambulance

Second Best Appearance
1931 Model A Chief’s Car

Hand Drawn Antique Making Best Appearance
1860 Wint & Knox - Steven Hilick

Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform
Level Auxiliary

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance
Hollywood VFD Ladies

Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Wheaton Rescue Squad

Second Best Appearance
English Counsel Juniors

Third Best Appearance
Sudlersville VFC

Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Westminster Band

Second Best Appearance
Maryland Pipes and Drums

Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance – Governors Award
Hollywood VFD

Fire Prevention Entry Making Second Best Appearance
Upperco VFC
**Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance**
Bella Plugge

**Second Best Appearance**
Ashley Paulson

**Third Best Appearance**
Emily Moyer

**Fourth Best Appearance**
Breanna Reardon

**Honorable Mention (4)**
Sarah Norman
Emily Day
Chealsey Roberts
Kerrigan Spenner

**Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance**
Bethany Wadkins

**Second Best Appearance**
Dytan Rampmeyer

**Third Best Appearance**
Abbigale Aryelini

**Fourth Best Appearance**
Addy Marquess

**Honorable Mention (5)**
Katelyn Schaler
Colleen Ruby
Ashley Nalborczyk
Sophie Cannon
Fararrah Davis

**Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance**
Savannah Worbieski-Smith
Second Best Appearance
Bridgette Readon
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Third Best Appearance
Emily Gottieib

Fourth Best Appearance
Laney Childress

Honorable Mention (8)
Charlotte Denbow
Leigha Blake
Elizabeth Marcum
Layla Tenaglia
Braylynn Gossard
Lillian Browning
Katelyn Itzoe
Faith Bennett

Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance
Charles “Jenks” Mattingly V
Hollywood VFD

Second Best Appearance
Logan Hayes
Easton VFD

Third Best Appearance
Carson Hale
Upperco VFC

Fourth Best Appearance
Mason Brown
Sudlersville VFC

Honorable Mention (5)
Andrew Bowling
Cody Bland
Jacob Nalborsczyk
Adien Morawski
Brad Moschel

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company
Williamsport Junior Firefighters
Second Best Appearing
English Consul Junior Fire Department

Marching Band Making Best Appearance
Westminster Municipal Band

Second Best Appearing
MD Fire Rescue Pipes and Drums

Best Drum and Bugle Corp
Elite All Stars Drum & Bugle
Annapolis, MD

Majorettes Making Best Appearance
Silver Starlettes
Hagerstown, MD

Comic Entry Making Best Appearance
Water Witch on Scooter

Mascot Making Best Appearance
Flash Max

Hard Luck Award
Little Miss Fire Prevention
Hollywood VFD

Judges Awards (9)
English Consul VFD Junior’s Ford Bus
Smokey the Bear
Huntingtown VFD
Westside Quad
Colonial Beach Virginia
Reg Knights Motorcycle Club
1968 Seagrave 1250 Pumper Silver Hill
Oak Hill
Churchhill