Wishing every day of the New Year to be filled with success and happiness for all.

Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

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2021 New Year Resolutions for all Past Presidents:

- Contribute news, events, pictures, or stories to the PP Newsletter
- Share what you are doing with the PP Newsletter
- Keep in touch with the PP Newsletter
NEWS…..

MSFA Executive Committee January 2021 Virtual Meeting

Executive Director’s Reports:
• An automatic sprinkler system has been installed at 17 State Circle
• The ladies who normally staff 17 State Circle will be working from home this year, Harve and Laura Woods will be in the office as much as possible.
• MVA has stopped producing tags due to COVID – 19
• The association will be submitting an application to receive a SAFER Grant in 2021
• Still looking for information from member companies about how much income they have lost due to COVID-19
• Renovations on the OC Convention center should be completed by May of 2021.
• Work continues on what training will be offered at convention and how the training will be presented

Financial Team:
• Ron Siarnicki’s mother in-law passed away
• Budget was downloaded to quick books
• Financial review is underway by the association’s accountant

Trustees:
• The first ever appeal will be heard on Tuesday January 12, 2021. The appeal involves a Carroll County VFC and one of its employees

Parliamentarian:
• Richard Brooks announced his retirement as Director of Cecil Co. DES, he had thirteen years as director
• The new director for Cecil Co. DES is Wayne Tome

VCAF:
• Currently there is six million dollars available in the fund

Transportation Committee:
• The committee recommended that the MSFA donate one of their Ford Taurus to MFRI to be used by Mike Cox. Motion made and passed to donate one of the Ford Taurus

EMS Committee:
• Co-Chair Charlie Simpson wanted to recognize the Leadership and employees of MIEMSS for all the support they have provided to the clinicians in Maryland doing the COVID-19 pandemic

MFRI
• Report attached

MEMA:
• Terry Thompson stated he and three other MEMA employees will be assisting the State Health Department, Terry’s designation will be Constituent Officer and the other three employees will be working with Emergency Management personnel from all of the hospitals in Maryland, and they will also be performing inspections of tents located on hospital property.

MIEMSS:
• Written report was submitted
• No questions were asked

Old Business:
• N/A

New Business:
• N/A

Next meeting is scheduled for April 10th & 11th 2021 at the East New Market VFC in Dorchester Co.
NEWS....

Rose Pandolfini assisting her daughter Diane with her son Aylan born on December 4th in Burbank, CA. Enjoying dry 60 degree weather.

Here's a picture of Mary Burton (wife of PP Charles Burton) on Christmas morning. Christmas this year was very small (given the size of our huge family), but thought she looked so cute in her Christmas PJ's.

50-years ago, January 18, 1971, I was sworn in as a young Montgomery County Police Officer. I was very blessed to meet and work with many great people and to move on and have a very successful 34-year career. Godspeed to my colleagues who are no longer with us.

Senate President Emeritus Mike Miller died Friday, January 15, 2021, at age 78, the senator’s family said in a statement. The political powerbroker and old school Democrat who led the state’s upper chamber for more than four decades “passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by loved ones,” the statement said.

January 21, 2021

An open letter to the MSFA and LAMSFA Membership,

Greetings to all our member departments and individuals who continue to provide emergency services to our great state under these most trying times. We continue to be faced with outcomes of the COVID Pandemic but hope that the potential for a return to some level of normalcy is on the horizon as our country receives vaccinations to address the virus. The MSFA and LAMSFA are on the forefront of the response to keep people safe and obtain proper medical care and we thank each of you for that.

For so many of the members of the MSFA and the LAMSFA, the impact of COVID-19 has affected our organizational operations and our ability to gather as a fire service community. In that light, many questions continue to be raised about the upcoming 129th Annual Convention and Conference. First and foremost, the 2021 Convention and Conference is not being cancelled.

The MSFA Convention Committee is working on three specific action plans to address the prerequisite of our annual gathering to meet the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws. These plans, when completed, will be shared with all our membership, and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

The three scenarios we must plan for are: Ocean City Events as was in 2019. Ocean City Modified Events due to limit restrictions – Revised plan being developed. No Ocean City Events due to COVID – Follow last year’s plan.

2021 Convention and Conference

Again, let us stress, no final decision has been made and all our members should continue with their personal convention plans. ell their $10,000.00 raffle tickets and purchase and sell extras if they can. The convention program book is being developed and we encourage all companies to place their yearly ads. Information about the 2021 Convention and Conference will continue to be updated on the Convention Website and we hope each of you will maintain your level of event awareness through this excellent tool.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Walker   Donna Struntz
“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do” - Mark Twain

**Birthdays**

- Ron Grabenstein  January 1
- Bob Cumberland  January 7
- Gloria Lewis  January 9
- Danny Davis  January 15

**Anniversaries**

- Betty and Ron Grabenstein  January 7

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