



PAST PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

*April showers bring spring
flowers*



*April
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February 26, 2021

It has been nearly a year since our two organizations were faced with deciding as to how our Annual Convention and Conference would proceed. Last year, we were hopeful that the COVID-19 Pandemic and the National Emergency would subside, and we would have returned to some level of normalcy by now. Unfortunately, as we all know, that is not the case. Here we are, faced with the same set of decisions to be made about our annual gathering. We truly hoped that we would be returning to the beach this year for a week filled with MSFA and LAMSFA activities. As many questions continued to arise about the upcoming 129th Annual Convention and Conference, the MSFA Executive Committee has moved forward with recommendations made by the Convention and Conference Steering Committee.

First and foremost, the 2021 Convention and Conference is not being canceled. The MSFA and LAMSFA is going to, again, modify the format for this year and conduct the convention in a virtual format like last year's program. Nominations, Elections, Administering the Oath of Office, and the Memorial Service will occur during Convention Week along with the drawing of the \$10,000.00 Raffle and virtual training opportunities. Other events such as the Fire Prevention Queen Contest and award presentations will be scheduled later in the year as we did before.

The Executive Committee has instructed the Convention and Conference Steering Committee to finalize the program aspects for the 2021 gathering and provide draft agenda items for consideration at the next Executive Committee Meeting. Also, please stay connected with the MSFA Web Page to stay current as aspects of the program are developed.

Finally, each member company needs to continue with the pre-convention activities that are required of the membership. It is highly recommended that any company that has not completed their credentials report, please do so now so we can meet the voting requirements of the MSFA and LAMSFA. Award nominations remain open for submission as this is a wonderful way to recognize our volunteer membership. Since we will not be gathering in Ocean City, it is imperative that each company sell their \$10,000.00 raffle tickets and buy extras if they can. We will still have a convention program book and would like to see companies place their yearly ads.

As additional information becomes available, we will send it out to all of you. Be Safe and Stay Healthy.

Sincerely,
Ronald Jon Siarnicki
Convention Chair

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All Officers, Committee Chairs and Organizations Representatives:

President Walker has scheduled his next Executive Committee Meeting of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for Saturday, April 10, 2021. Due to the restrictions that have been established by COVID – 19, this will be a zoom virtual meeting. The meeting will be called to order at 10:00 a.m.

President Walker is Reminding all Elected Officers and Committee Chairs, that your reports must be sent electronically to the Secretary's Office at report@msfa.org no later than April 2, 2021, if you have a report. President Walker is aware that due to COVID – 19, many of the committees will not have a report, due to fact that no meetings were held.

Login information for the zoom meeting has been attached. Also you will find a copy of the agenda for Saturday, April 10, 2021.

As in the past, any budget request must be submitted to Chairman Stephan Cox at budget@msfa.org.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings of the Executive Committee so that you can be better informed and updated on the various emergency services issues, to better serve the citizens of Our Great State.

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

Topic: MSFA Executive Committee Meeting
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“The best way to cheer
yourself up is to try and
cheer someone else up.”

Mark Twain

Birthdays

Carol Hayden April 5
Cathy Cox April 7
Speedy Nelson April 9
Margret Dunn April 15
Sharon Worthington April 18
Mike Faust PP April 23
Sandy Jacobs April 29
Elaine Huttenloch April 29

Anniversaries

Louis & Harry Hetz April 2
Bobby & Glenna Balta April 11
Rick & Roslyn Blair April 10
Dave & Gloria Lewis April 14
Bob & Joan Cumberland April 26

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