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THE 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 logo of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association which was first used in 1895 and appeared on the Proceedings Book of the Association until 1904 is pictured below.

In 1905, the current logo was designed and continues to be used as a sign of recognition by Representatives of the MSFA while conducting the official business of the Association. This description of our current logo was supplied by Past President Peter Paul Lochary and Mrs. Jeanne Hare.

"MEANING OF THE MSFA LOGO"

The COLOR RED represents life - red blood of the human being, the gift of God.
The HOSE represents effort - energy put forth by individuals to his job as water flows through the hose.
TOOLS OF THE TRADE - POLES - torches
  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 water and achievement.
BOW - to tie it all together to make a great organization.
Dedication

Richard L. Yinger  
Daniel Davis  
Douglas Alexander

During the past 120 years, officers, committee members, and Maryland State Firemen’s Association [MSFA] membership have given countless volunteer hours towards the mission of this great association. Thanks to that commitment, the volunteer fire and rescue service maintains a reputation throughout Maryland that is second to none. Our service, while viewed for its professional performance and service, is not often recognized for the monetary savings to the state, every county and municipality. Most communities only know that they call 911 and we will be there for whatever emergency they report.

This service and commitment to our communities does not come by chance. Many of our own members do not understand the complex and very political system that has earned the respect of leaders around the country and in particular, around the State of Maryland. Strong leadership from within our association has led to more successes than I could begin to mention. Unlike much of the politics that we see play out each day in recent years, we have been able to work through the system, build consensus and accomplish our established goals.

The MSFA has been a leader in many areas. We have worked to build coalitions and partnered with career, volunteer, and professional organizations. Leadership from our team has been essential in these efforts. For the past seven years, the MSFA has been fortunate to have a dedicated team working to promote the installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems in all new dwellings in Maryland. This year, after being introduced for the first time in the general assembly, a statewide bill was introduced, passed and signed by the Governor. This will, in the history of the Maryland fire service, be recognized as one of the most significant achievements in our 120 years of service. Because of the efforts of the MSFA legislative team during the 2012 Maryland General Assembly, we would like to dedicate the 120th Maryland State Firemen’s Association Program Book to C. Daniel Davis and Richard L. Yinger for their leadership while serving as chairman and co-chairman respectively of the MSFA Legislative Committee and to Douglas Alexander, Chairman, Residential Sprinkler Committee 2005 thru 2011. They have worked tirelessly on this effort and the MSFA owes them a sincere debt of gratitude for this accomplishment during the 2012 Maryland Legislative Session.
Memorial Tribute

Raymond L. Adkins
*Berlin Volunteer Fire Department*
MSFA Past President 1965-1966

Charles "Jenks" Mattingly, III
*Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department*
MSFA Past President 2001-2002

Patty Gordy
*Denton Volunteer Fire Department*
Past Parliamentarian
Line of Duty Deaths Tribute

John Gallagher
Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad

Christopher Staley
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and EMS

The Firefighter's Prayer

When I'm called to duty God, wherever flames may rage
   give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age

Help me to embrace a little child, before it is too late
   or save an older person from the horror of that fate

   Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout
   and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me
   to guard my neighbor and protect his property

   And if according to your will I have to lose my life
   bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife
Welcome to Ocean City!

Greetings from the Mayor

Ocean City, Maryland welcomes you to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center for the 120th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. On behalf of the citizens of Ocean City and the City Council, we are very pleased to be your host and we thank you for choosing Ocean City as the site of your convention.

We greatly appreciate the exemplary service you provide to your respective communities. We are grateful for your commitment, and recognize the sacrifice and support given by your family and friends that enable you to provide this invaluable service.

During your visit with us, we hope you will enjoy our beautiful beaches and world-famous Boardwalk, along with our wonderful shops, restaurants and gracious hospitality. We wish you a successful convention and an enjoyable stay with your family and friends in Ocean City.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan
Mayor
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

120th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

0900  Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
1200  Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center M-202/203
1330  Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Convention Center M-201
1800  JOINT OFFICERS’ BANQUET – Convention Center Ballrooms 2/3, Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012

0800  Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0800-1500  “Hands On Training” – Ocean City Fire Station #5, West Ocean City (New Event)
0830-1100  MISS FIRE PREVENTION INTERVIEWS – M-201 and M-204
0900  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Convention Center East Hall (New Time)
1000-1200  Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
1030  SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Convention Center East Hall, (New Time and Location)
1100-1400  FIRE AND EMS MEMORABILIA FLEA MARKET – Sunset Room, North End of Convention Center, (New Location)
1230-1730  Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1400  MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Convention Center East Hall
1700  JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Main Ballroom
2000  MOVIE ON THE BEACH “Despicable Me” Boardwalk at 17th Street

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

0700  Registration - Convention Center Main Ball Room
0800  Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
0830  CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION - Convention Center Main Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900  Exhibits Open
0910  KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATION
“It Takes More Than Plastic Fire Hats”
Daniel Byrne, Community Support Officer, Burton Fire District, Paramedic, Beaufort County EMS, Burton, South Carolina
This presentation is designed to get the audience to rethink their department’s approach to fire prevention and communicating with their public in order to best influence attitudes and change behaviors needed to reduce fires and generate much needed support – It Takes More Than Plastic Fire Hats. Topics covered include developing a true “prevention first” culture in your department, elements and steps needed for a dynamic and comprehensive fire prevention program, targeting public education to maximize effectiveness, forming effective messages, and working more closely with your community and the media.
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

After the Keynote Speaker has presented his program the LAMSFA will be excused and will then meet in the East Hall.

0930 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations

1000 Reading and acceptance of 2011 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Safety Committee Report
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
National Volunteer Fire Council Update

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

1130 Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board Meeting – Room 217

1100-1145 LAMSFA Meeting Registration

1200 LAMSFA - MEETING – Convention Center East Hall

SECOND SESSION

1230 CALL TO ORDER
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructors Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board

1245 MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Michael Pfaltzgraff, Maryland Local Assistance State Team Coordinator, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, Maryland
This presentation will provide a brief overview of the federal Public Safety Officers’ Benefit (PSOB) Program Benefits Process, as well as discuss the various state and local benefits available in Maryland when a public safety officer dies in the line of duty. Information regarding services available through the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Program, which assists departments and families with funeral planning and benefits application processes after a line-of-duty death, will also be provided.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

1300 MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION
“Maryland’s State of the Art 700 MHz Communications System”
Raymond Lehr, Statewide Interoperability Director, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Maryland
The State of Maryland is building a state-of-the-art 700 MHz P-25 communications system over the next several years and is interested in working with all Maryland jurisdictions to enhance interoperability and gain savings through shared equipment. The first phase of the project will cover central Maryland (I-95 corridor) and will be operational by the end of this year (2012).

1330-1745 EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS – Convention Center
1330 Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
Report of the 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
1830 BASKET & BAG BINGO – Convention Center Ballrooms 2/3 (Doors Open at 1730)
1830 MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012

0800 VOTING – Convention Center - (Open for two hours)
0800-1700 “HANDS ON TRAINING” – Ocean City Convention Center sponsored by the Ocean City Fools. (New Event) This Hands-On Training program allows students to use various hand and power tools in scenarios ranging from limb entrapments, crush injuries, to impalements. The material will be presented twice in two four-hour training blocks.

THIRD SESSION

0830 CALL TO ORDER — Convention Center Main Ball Room
AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Memorial Award
Firefighter of the Year Award
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Smith N. Statthem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
0900 Exhibits Open
**TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012**

1000 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

“Firefighter Safety and The Codes: A Necessary Partnership”

Battalion Chief Sean DeCrane, Cleveland Fire Department, Cleveland, Ohio

Robert Davidson, Managing Partner, Davidson Code Concepts, LLC, Easley, South Carolina

*Can we ensure a safer work environment for our fire fighters? This session will discuss how involvement in the Building and Fire Codes can protect fire fighter and occupant safety and review various types of construction and case studies where code participation or adherence may have created more positive outcomes. This presentation will also discuss how codes govern many decisions in our own lives including the dangers we place in our homes, and how you can make a difference creating a safer environment for our fire fighters and our families.*

Zembower Fire Service Training Award

Scholarship Awards

Family Appreciation Award

Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

Legislative Committee Update

1100 **SENATOR AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Report of the Election Judges

1230-1530 **CONVENTION CENTER LUNCH BUFFET** – Convention Center Ballrooms 2/3

1630 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Convention Center Main Ballroom

2130 **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** – Convention Center Main Ball Room

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012**

0730 **PRAYER BREAKFAST** – Convention Center Ballrooms 2/3

**FOURTH SESSION**

0900 **CALL TO ORDER** – Convention Center Main Ball Room

0900 Exhibits Open

0900 Reading of Communications and Announcements

0900 Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

0900 Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

0930 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

“A Disastrous Month”

John Donohue, BS, EMT-P, Emergency Operations & Regional Programs, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Baltimore, Maryland

*Over the past 12 months, Maryland has been witness to a variety of natural disasters from wind, rain, storm, fire, flood and even earthquake. In some cases, emergency responders were dealing with consequences of events rarely seen in this area. This presentation will review the response and recovery from some of these major events, and lessons that can be applied to planning for emergency response to future events of this nature.*
1000 Remarks by Past President
   Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
   Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee
   Installation of Assistant Officers

1030 MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION
   “The National Fire Heritage Center - Preserving the Written History of Fire in America”
   R. Wayne Powell, Fire/Life Safety Specialist, Marriott Fire Protection, Member
   Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg, Maryland
   “Firetown USA” (Emmitsburg, Maryland) is now Home to two more great fire-related institutions – the Frederick County Fire / Rescue Museum (Museum) and the National Fire Heritage Center (Heritage Center). Both are based in northern Frederick County, an ideal suited location for preservation of the historical artifacts of the emergency services of one of Maryland’s most historic counties and also the building of a national archive about all aspects of ‘Fire in America’.
   The Heritage Center is a tenant of the new Museum; both opened last year and together their joint efforts collects, preserves and makes available for access critical written texts, records and documents from both the firefighting disciplines and related fields of fire protection from codes to sprinkler technology and from fire equipment manufacturing to acknowledging the contributions of those who have struggled to protect their neighbors, businesses and institutions of our society from the ravages of fire.

   Final Report of Convention Committee
   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

1700 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

0900 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Convention Center East Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012

0730 GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course
A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O’MALLEY

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 120th Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention in Ocean City.

The most important thing that any public servant can do is protect the public. In 2011, 9 Maryland counties prevented all fire fatalities and Baltimore City reduced its levels to the lowest since 1938. In order to continue improving safety, we’re increasing funding for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and working hard to provide you with the technology and support needed to save lives.

Thank you for your enduring commitment to the people of this state and best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely,

Governor
SCBA Exercises  FIRS-173-S001-2012
This six hour lecture and practical program is designed to increase the students’ experience in working in SCBA and increase their confidence in the equipment and in their abilities. The students will operate as individuals to negotiate an obstacle-filled maze in complete darkness and as members of teams to make a simulated victim rescue from a simulated smoke environment. The students continue to develop skill in making their way through darkness by feel, operating in restricted space while wearing PPE and SCBA, controlling their emotions and breathing, and working as a team to overcome obstacles to make a successful simulated rescue using the equipment provided.

Prerequisite:  Firefighter I.
Class: 0900 – 1500   -   Class is limited to twenty-five (25) students
Full personal protective equipment (PPE) is required to include: Bunker coat and pants, helmet, gloves, boots, eye protection. SCBA will be provided. Lunch will be provided.

Vehicle Extrication  RESS-116-S001-2012
This six hour classroom and practical program will allow the student to perform specific rescue skills applicable to common passenger vehicles and commercial or heavy vehicles. Students will use practical extrication techniques to perform simulated rescues using hand tools and powered equipment. Specific skills will be establishing scene safety zones, establishing fire protection, stabilizing vehicles or machines, isolating potentially harmful energy sources, determining access and egress points, creating access and egress openings, disentangling victims, and terminating vehicle rescue incidents.

Prerequisite:  Firefighter I.
Class is limited to twenty-five (25) students
Class: 0900 – 1500
Student must provide their own PPE to include: Bunker pants, coat, helmet, boots, gloves, and eye protection. Lunch will be provided.

LP Gas Training  -  FIRS-174-S001-2012
This six hour classroom and practical program will present information for students on the characteristics of natural and propane gas, the safe use of natural and propane gas to include the mechanics of the gas systems, ie: pipelines, meters, tanks, etc., transportation issues and how to handle fire emergencies using practical applications.

Prerequisite:  Firefighter I.
Class: 0900 – 1500   -   Class is limited to twenty-five (25) students
Student must provide their own PPE to include: Bunker pants, coat, helmet, gloves, boots, and eye protection. SCBA will be provided. Lunch will be provided.

Grain Engulfment Training  RESS-117-S001-2012
This six hour classroom and practical program is intended to educate students on the dangers of and the techniques of removing victims from a grain engulfment. This includes the basic causes of engulfment and entrapments and how to prevent them. Practical work includes: knot tying and use, rescue equipment identification and use, retaining walls and coffer dams use, cutting bins and auger dos and don’ts, bin and confined space entry.

Prerequisite:  Firefighter I.
Time: 0900 – 1500   -   Class is limited to twenty-five (25) students.
Student must provide their own PPE to include: hardhat, coveralls, steel toed shoes, gloves, eye protection and clothing that will cause little loss to the student. Lunch and transportation to and from the practical area will be provided for this class. These classes will be held at: Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, Maryland 21811 Directions and additional information will be forwarded to registered students prior to the class start date. If you have any questions, please call 410-758-2112. Register for these classes at:  www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/seminars.cgi

Box Lunch and transportation to the practical area will be provided courtesy of the Convention Committee.
Room 201  **Advanced Powerpoint® Instructional Design** (3 hours PDI credit for MICRB Instructors)
*Mr. Tom Cusick, Instructor-Trainer, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute*

This session will provide the student with the knowledge and skills necessary to apply learning theory into the development of PowerPoint visual presentations. Since this training is an advanced PowerPoint presentation, basic PowerPoint development skills will be required on the part of the student. PowerPoint provides many choices of program design for the instructor. Improper design and development can not only distract the student, it can diminish the amount of learning that can take place if learning theories are not considered. It is therefore necessary for the instructor to recognize and correct errors in PowerPoint program design in order to create programs that maximize the amount of learning that can take place.

Room 207  **The 700 MHZ Radio System in Maryland**
*Mr. Ray Lehr, State Interoperability Coordinator, Maryland State Police*

The State of Maryland is building a state-of-the-art 700 MHz P-25 communications system over the next several years and is interested in working with all Maryland jurisdictions to enhance interoperability and gain savings through shared equipment. The first phase of the project will cover central Maryland (I-95 corridor) and will be operational by the end of this year (2012).

Room 208  **The Benefits of MSFA Membership**
*Mr. Buddy Schweers*

Room 209  **What’s Happening at MIEMSS: A Detailed Overview**
*Dr. Robert Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director*

The MIEMSS Executive Director will provide a detailed overview of the latest topics affecting Maryland’s Emergency Services providers. Topics will include: Trauma and Specialty Centers, trends in helicopter utilization, new education standards, the next generation of SYSCOM, EMRC, eMEDS update, and the latest in Health and Medical Preparedness.

Room 215  **It Takes More Than Plastic Fire Hats**
*Mr. Daniel Byrne, Community Support Officer, Burton Fire District Paramedic, Beaufort County EMS, Burton, South Carolina*

This presentation is designed to get students to rethink their department’s approach to fire prevention and communicating with their public in order to best influence attitudes and change behaviors needed to reduce fires and generate much needed support – *It Takes More Than Plastic Fire Hats*. Topics covered include developing a true “prevention first” culture in your department, elements and steps needed for a dynamic and comprehensive fire prevention program, targeting public education to maximize effectiveness, forming effective messages, and working more closely with your community and the media.

Room 217  **Fire Station Design**
*Mr. Rob Manns, AIA, Principal Architect Manns Woodward Studios*

Fire stations are expensive and long-term investments that are made to ensure the well-being of both our firefighters and communities. They must be efficient, comfortable, flexible enough to meet future demands and durable enough to withstand some of the most extreme abuse. This session will cover the critical issues associated with successfully completing your future fire station construction project.
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012 - 2:00 P.M.

Room 207       Disaster Preparation
Mr. John Donohue, BS, EMT-P, Emergency Operations and Regional Programs, MIEMSS
Over the past 12 months, Maryland has been witness to a variety of natural disasters from wind, rain, storm, fire, flood and even earthquake. In some cases, emergency responders were dealing with consequences of events rarely seen in this area. This presentation will review the response and recovery from some of these major events, and lessons that can be applied to planning for emergency response to future events of this nature.

Room 208       Less Than Lethal Weapon....
Charles Halcome, NREMT-P, IDMT, FP-C, MSgt, USAF
Director, Enlisted Education and Training, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
As Law enforcement is faced with the option of lethal vs. less than lethal force, so are the responders. This lecture will discuss what to expect when you arrive on scene to treat patients that Law Enforcement has been forced to restrain using less than lethal weapons. We will also look at the most common of the less than lethal options law enforcement have in their arsenal. Other topics will include what to do if you are exposed or come in contact with these weapon systems.

Room 209       Chemical Agents: An Organized Approach
Dr. Richard Alcorta, Medical Director, MIEMSS
Emergency Services providers will become familiar with the mechanisms of action including the lethal and toxic effects of key chemical agents that may be used as a terrorist weapon against civilians in the USA. Providers will have a familiarity with the toxidromes associate with these chemical agents. Dr. Alcorta will review the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers as they apply to chemical agent exposures.

Room 215       National Fire Service Heritage Center
Mr. R. Wayne Powell, Fire/Life Safety Specialist, Marriott Fire Protection
Member - Vigilant Hose Company, Emmitsburg, Maryland
“Firetown USA” (Emmitsburg, Maryland) is now Home to two more great fire-related institutions – the Frederick County Fire / Rescue Museum (Museum) and the National Fire Heritage Center (Heritage Center). Both are based in northern Frederick County, an ideal suited location for preservation of the historical artifacts of the emergency services of one of Maryland’s most historic counties and also the building of a national archive about all aspects of ‘Fire in America.’ The Heritage Center is a tenant of the new Museum; both opened last year and together their joint efforts collects, preserves and makes available for access critical written texts, records and documents from both the firefighting disciplines and related fields of fire protection from codes to sprinkler technology and from fire equipment manufacturing to acknowledging the contributions of those who have struggled to protect their neighbors, businesses and institutions of our society from the ravages of fire.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012 - 2:30 P.M.

Room 217       Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! For The Firefighter, When To Call It
James L. Jester, Captain, Ocean City Fire Department, Lieutenant, Salisbury Fire Department
Field Instructor, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
This class will discuss and analyze the reasons why some firefighters call a Mayday early, why some call it too late, and why some do not call it at all. We will look at how the human mind and body react to perilous situations, some tips on how to control and use what our body is doing to us in these situations, and offer a standardized list of situations when a Mayday should be called.
SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012 - 4:00 P.M.

Room 207  **Active Engagement of Higher-Risk Residents in Home Fire Safety Planning**  
*Bill Swenson, Vice President, Inclusion Research Institute (IRI), Inclusive Preparedness Center*

With support from a FEMA Fire Prevention Safety Grant, IPC is making available to fire safety educators free home fire safety planning materials. Designed for hard to reach residents and communities, over 200,000 sets of the materials are in use in all 50 states. The materials also support training of partner organizations to teach fire safety practices to the people they serve. Available in English and Spanish, samples of the materials will be distributed at the workshop. In addition, a training video which is available for free download will be shown.

Room 208  **The Next Generation of Maryland State Police Helicopters**  
*Sgt. Nathan Wheelock, Maryland State Police*

The first Agusta AW 139s are scheduled to be delivered to the Maryland State Police Aviation Division by the end of 2012 and begin replacing the aging Eurocopter Dauphins. With the new and increased capabilities will come changes in ground operations by Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel. This session will provide a brief overview of the new helicopter and a review of the early activation protocols. The session will conclude with a question and answer period about anything on your mind concerning the Medevac program.

Room 209  **Remote Medicine- Saving Lives at a Distance**  
*Charles Halcome, NREMT-P, IDMT, FP-C, MSgt, USAF  
Director, Enlisted Education and Training, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center*

As the number of active shooter situations rise, how prepared are you to respond? In this lecture we will discuss how training and technology can set you up for success. We will discuss topics such as assessments through questions and answers, performing treatments on patients whom you can't see or touch, and what systems can be set up in advance to aid in treating / evacuating.

Room 217  **Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! For The Officer, How To Manage It**  
*James L. Jester Captain, Ocean City Fire Department, Lieutenant, Salisbury Fire Department  
Field Instructor, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute*

This class will help prepare incident commanders to manage the Mayday incident. We will discuss the resources required to handle Mayday incidents, the expansion of the ICS to manage the Mayday, and how ICs can expect their firefighters to perform under life and death situations.

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012 - 1:30 P.M.

Room 209  **L.A.C.K.**  
*Capt. Eric Peterson, Ocean City FD  
Field Instructor, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute*

Many fire departments across the U.S. LACK the Right Stuff to reduce the incidences of line-of-duty deaths. Through education and training, fire departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of firefighter fatalities and tackling these principles with special emphasis on understanding fire service culture. This compelling presentation by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundations examines the root causes of LODD and the role of leadership, accountability, culture and knowledge as it impacts the end result. This program will provide information on how to incorporate this learning into instructional presentations.
Monday, June 18, 2012 - 2:00 P.M.

Room 201  Introduction to Simulation-Part 1 (3 hours PDI credit for MICRB Instructors)
Angela Bennett, Instructor-Trainer, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

This session is designed to provide participants with practical instruction skills that will enable them to become more proficient at using simulation in emergency services education and help them create more meaningful practical sessions for their students. Students will develop objectives for practical exercises, effectively integrate simulation in order to meet those objectives and demonstrate the ability to assess teams and individuals using structured assessment and debriefing tools.

Room 207  Things That Make You Go Hmmm!
Chief Allen Baldwin, Gettysburg FD, Manager of Operations and Incident Response, Penn. Turnpike Authority

A fun and insightful look at things we do, and things you see in this business, as well as, the stuff you run into on and off the job that can be good, bad or helpful. In short, the things that just really make you go hmmm!

Room 208  Reducing the Risk Factors for the Leading Cause of On-Duty Deaths
Shannon Frattaroli, PhD, MPH and Keisha Pollack, PhD, MPH
Assistant Professor Attia Goheer, MHS, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health partnered with the National Volunteer Fire Council and conducted a three year study with Maryland firefighters to try to reduce risk factors for the leading cause of on-duty deaths - heart attacks. Focus groups were conducted with firefighters and the results were used to develop and implement a pilot intervention that consisted of nutritional education sessions, peer advocates, and providing tools for healthy eating. The purpose of this presentation is to describe the development of the intervention and its specific components; discuss its impact on firefighter health, knowledge, and behaviors; and share lessons learned for developing similar interventions in other fire stations.

Room 215  Firefighter Safety and The Codes: A Necessary Partnership
Battalion Chief Sean DeCrane, Cleveland Fire Department, Cleveland, Ohio
Robert Davidson, Managing Partner, Davidson Code Concepts, LLC, Easley, South Carolina

Can we ensure a safer work environment for our fire fighters? This session will discuss how involvement in the Building and Fire Codes can protect fire fighter and occupant safety, review various types of construction and case studies where code participation or adherence may have created more positive outcomes. This presentation will also discuss how codes govern many decisions in our own lives including the dangers we place in our homes, and how you can make a difference creating a safer environment for our fire fighters and our families.

Room M-204  Wildland Fire Safety
Maryland Forest Service

Room 217  Beyond Stop, Drop & Roll and Sparky the Fire Dog, Fire Education for Middle Schoolers
Dr. Frank Field, TV Meterologist and Health Reporter (Ret.) Boca Raton, FL

After Stop, Drop and Roll when do you present the reality of fire danger into a child's education? The answer is in a series of reality fire lessons which cost taxpayers nothing, do not interfere in school curriculum and reach out to parents, who need it most, and children at the same time. With a grant from Homeland Security, award winning TV weather and science editor Dr. Frank Field has introduced a statewide New Jersey program called "Fire Is" which is directed into the homes of all middle school children and their parents in the state. The 30 thousand firefighters in NJ take the rightful place as educators of fire safety and prevention. Dr. Field and his son Storm Field (a volunteer firefighter and EMT) will discuss how you can adopt the "Fire Is" program in your school community on a year round basis using the internet, school websites and public access TV stations.
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012 - 3:45 P.M.

Room 207  When Your Department Makes The Front Page
Chief Allen Baldwin, Gettysburg FD
Manager of Operations and Incident Response, Penn. Turnpike Authority

A look at how one department handled being on the front page of the local newspaper for a structural fire response that turned into a very negative experience and one that could have tarnished the reputation of those involved, as well as that of the department. How this department handled the issue and related issues, internally as well as externally, and met the issue head-on, thus ensuring the public knew the whole story. A discussion of how to deal with the media, local officials, fire service leaders as well as internal and external pressures. Learn from one department wake-up call before it your turn.

Room 208  Strengthening the Administration of Your Fire Department
Andrew B. White, Life Member and Past President, Kensington Vol. Fire Dept.
Executive Board Member, Montgomery Co. Vol. Fire and Rescue Assn.  Past Parliamentarian, MSFA

This workshop session provides an overview of measures designed to bolster a number of key administrative functions in conducting fire department business, including the recruitment of members for the governing board and committees, setting proper agendas for meetings, proper parliamentary procedures for conducting efficient meetings, and accurately reporting the official actions of governing committees. Information from this seminar will be reported and exchanged through a program using a variety of educational media and relying on student participation and classroom interaction.

Room 217  Observations from 30,000 Modern Challenges and Opportunities for the Fire Service
Timothy Sendelbach, Asst. Fire Chief - Fire Training, North Las Vegas Fire Department

As firefighters and fire officers we oftentimes view the problems we face day-to-day as local or unique, but the reality is that most of the problems we face in the fire service are shared by firefighters throughout the nation (volunteer, paid, urban, suburban and rural). This high impact, high-energy program will highlight the challenges being faced by firefighters and fire officers throughout the nation while sharing critical insight as to the opportunities these challenges bring to current and future leaders of the fire service. This program is no holds barred presentation designed to uphold the mission of our profession while challenging our daily routines and the decisions that accompany them.

Room 204-M  The Federal Public Safety Officers' Benefit (PSOB) Program Benefits
Michael Pfaltzgraff, Maryland Local Assistance State Team Coordinator
National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, Maryland

This presentation will provide a brief overview of the federal Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) Program Benefits process, as well as discuss the various state and local benefits available in Maryland when a public safety officer dies in the line of duty. Information regarding services available through the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Program, which assists departments and families with funeral planning and benefits application processes after a line-of-duty death, will also be provided.

OC FOOLS Hands-On Training

Tuesday, June 19, 2012, Ocean City Convention Center 0800-1700

This program will provide students with skills to manage incidents involving extrication of patients from various types of machinery. Requiring a highly specialized skill set and caring for victims/patients entrapped in machinery. The core objective of this class is to provide students with the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively care for and extricate a patient from a piece of machinery.
The Officers and Committee Chairmen would like to thank all the Member Companies and Associates for their continued support to the success of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Because of your efforts, we continue to be a successful organization.
Mr. David Lewis  
President  
Maryland State Firemen's Association  

Dear President Lewis:  

Greetings to the members and guests of the Maryland State Fireman's Association on the occasion of your 120th Annual Convention and Conference. Thank you for the kind invitation to share this uplifting event with all of my good friends from the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS departments around the State.  

Congratulations to all those receiving awards and recognition during this conference. You have worked long and hard to earn the respect and admiration of your peers. Enjoy the spotlight you so richly deserve.  

Friends, I want to thank you for what you do every day to make our communities safer. You are the first responders who protect our homes and communities. I'm grateful for the sacrifices you make every day. As volunteers, I know you balance work and family with the extraordinary commitment you make to the fire service. I want you to know that I am very proud of you.  

I believe that the federal government has a responsibility to protect our protectors by providing you with the equipment and gear you need to do your job safer and smarter. That's why I fight every year for the equipment, training, and staffing you deserve through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP). I am proud to report that since 2001, over $106 million has been awarded from the AFGP to Fire and EMS departments in Maryland. You deserve the opportunity to get the equipment and training you need to successfully execute your perilous duties.  

Thank you for inviting me to share this important and special event with you. I look forward to continuing our work together to make America safer, stronger and smarter. Best wishes for a productive conference.  

Sincerely,  

Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator
June 16, 2012

Dear Friends:

I want to extend a warm welcome to all the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association attending the 120th Annual Convention and Conference. On behalf of all Marylanders, I thank you for your work protecting our communities.

As you carry out your duties, every day brings uncertainty as to the hazards and dangers you will encounter. From fires and natural disasters to car accidents and preparing for possible terrorist attacks, you never shy away from facing the unexpected. Volunteer fire and rescue teams are always on the front lines, keeping our families and our neighborhoods safe from harm. We owe our first responders and public safety personnel our deepest appreciation for serving our nation and keeping our families and neighborhoods safe.

As a member of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget, I am committed to ensuring that our community heroes have the tools they need to perform their jobs safely, efficiently and effectively. I could not be more proud of your dedication to service and I join the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in celebrating your hard work.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator
Dear Friends:

I want to extend my best wishes and heartiest congratulations as you come together for the 120th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the thousands of volunteer firefighters who selflessly answer the call to serve in communities large and small throughout our state. Your dedication and unwavering commitment to service continues to inspire all Marylanders. We all take great comfort in knowing that we will be in good hands at those unfortunate times when you are called to answer the alarm.

I am proud to be counted among your strongest friends and most ardent supporters.

Wishing you all the best and with warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

STENY H. HOYER
A MESSAGE FROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ANTHONY G. BROWN

June 2012

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Ocean City, Maryland for the 2012 Maryland State Firemen’s Association Annual Convention.

Since 1893, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association has been serving the citizens of Maryland by providing a strong platform and support system for some of the State’s hardest workers. As volunteer fire, rescue and EMS personnel, each of you have the opportunity to change a life and make a positive impact on your community each and every day you go to work.

Thank you for your service, hard work and commitment to protect our neighbors. It is brave men and women like you who keep our families safe so that we can continue to live, work and play in a secure Maryland. Your volunteerism is commendable and your dependability remains a key component in making Maryland one of the most prosperous states in the nation.

Governor O’Malley and I continue to fight to improve public safety in every part of our State. With your individual commitment and the dedication of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, we are building a stronger, brighter tomorrow for the families of our great State.

Thus, on behalf of all Marylanders, I send my best wishes for a successful 120th convention, and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Anthony G. Brown
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Megan Hiltz
Thank You !!

On behalf of my family and myself, we thank you for your friendship and support over the past three years.

It has been a fun ride and we appreciate everything that each of you has done for us.

David W. Lewis
President
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
2011-2012
It is indeed an honor and pleasure to submit this report to the 120th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as your President. I am humbled to serve this great organization and honored to follow the footsteps of so many great individuals that have walked this path before me. This past year has been especially rewarding as my wife Gloria and I traveled across this state and have been welcomed into your firehouse families and offered your hospitality and support. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family.

Serving as your President has given me a greater appreciation for the amount of work that occurs behind the scenes to make this association as successful as it is. Thanks to the Past Presidents for your continued advice and leadership, to my fellow officers for your participation as a team to enable the association to move forward, and to the Executive Committee members under the leadership of Wylie Donaldson for your continued leadership of the association in between conventions. Thanks also to each of the committees of this fine organization who are the true workhorses of this association. We could not execute our mission without the countless of hours expended by our committees in fulfilling their duties in support of the state’s volunteer fire and EMS services.

Unfortunately, the past year could not go with some sorrow and grief. This year, we lost two past Presidents who were powerful leaders of this association and good friends to a great many of us. Past President Raymond Adkins passed away on December 29, 2011, and Charles “Jenks” Mattingly passed away on January 16, 2012. Both of these men served as good leaders of this association and their own home companies and will be truly missed by everyone who knew them.

In addition to the above individuals, we lost many other friends and family members over the past year. We will honor their memory on Sunday night as part of this convention and hope that our faith gives us the strength to carry forward in their honor.

The strength of the Maryland emergency services system has its foundation set in the relationships that exist between the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMSS), Maryland State Police Aviation Division, the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division (DNR/Forestry). Throughout the year, there were countless occasions when this coalition of partners banded together to support a common vision and goal to make the Maryland emergency services system one of the best in the country/world. I want to thank each of our partner agencies for the excellent working relationship that we have sustained during this past year. Together, we will continue to make Maryland a better place to live.

Our year began following last year’s convention with visits to each of our neighboring states as they celebrated their own conventions. In addition to sharing a border with these states, we also share many of the same concerns and challenges in advocating a volunteer emergency services system in each of our states. I want to thank the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia for their invitations to their annual conventions and sending representatives to attend the MSFA convention each June. We also meet twice a year in the forum of the Presidents Council of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association to share progress and concerns. MSFA had the pleasure of hosting the Presidents Council for their spring meeting on April 14, 2012, at the Cordova Squad on November 23, 2011. Chris Staley was still at an early point in his fire service career but was already fully dedicated to the service and his community. He gave his life while attempting to save the life of another in line with his training and call of duty. John Gallagher was a life member of the Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, and was currently serving as Secretary to the company. We offer our sincere sympathies to the Staley and Gallagher families, the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department, and the Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.
The Officers and Members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

Congratulate the Maryland State Firemen’s Association on their 120th Annual Convention

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Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Congratulations on a successful term!
Volunteer Firemen’s Association. We were able to provide some eastern shore hospitality to our neighboring states representatives for this meeting and I extend a personal thanks to the members of Cordova who participated for that meeting.

The new year (2012) brought forth one of the most interesting yet challenging legislative sessions of recent years. When we went to Annapolis at the start of the legislative session, I had a vision that the most that we would have to do was protect our budget in these difficult economic times. In reality, several opportunities presented themselves that made this session one of the most successful for the MSFA. I am most proud that we were successful in the passage of legislation that will require automatic fire sprinkler systems in all new homes. I anticipate that we will look back in the next 10 years or so and realize just what an impact this important legislation has made on life safety. We were also successful in helping with the passage of several other bills that I am sure will be highlighted in the report from our Legislative Committee. I want to thank Past Presidents Danny Davis and Richard Yinger for their leadership in Annapolis and helping support the mission of the MSFA.

As I traveled across this state for the past three years, I observed that many of the issues and challenges impacting the volunteer emergency services were common among several counties. On February 28, 2012, I hosted a Volunteer Leadership Summit in order to provide a forum for the leadership from across the state to gather together and discuss these issues. There were 84 participants at this summit representing every county from across the state. As a result of the summit, I appointed a special task force to identify key strategic initiatives that we can implement together as a unified volunteer coalition. It is my hope that we are able to implement some of these initiatives to help sustain a viable volunteer emergency services system in the state of Maryland.

A key area that I took a personal interest in when I first began my climb up the MSFA ladder was to identify ways that we could improve operational safety for our responders. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish in this area in the past year and look forward to participating in these initiatives after my term of office is completed. We reorganized the MSFA Safety Committee in order to realign them in accordance with their constitutional duties. Thanks to the members of the Safety Committee for your efforts to reduce line of duty injuries and deaths. Working closely with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, we have adopted the 16 Life Safety Initiatives, provided safety related training programs across the state, and expanded our promotion of the Seat Belt Pledge program and Courage to Be Safe Program. We worked closely with MFRI for the adoption of the Medical Clearance Policy to ensure that training related injuries are reduced. MIEMSS initiated and Ambulance Safety Task Force to look at ambulance vehicle crash data and develop recommended best practices to reduce accidents and injuries. We worked with the Life Safety Sub-committee of the Metro Chiefs Committee on the presentation of two safety related seminar offerings. All of these safety related programs are essential to to reducing emergency responder injuries and deaths. What have you done in your department to adopt these essential safety related programs?

This year, with the support of the Executive Committee, we initiated two new programs within the MSFA to provide benefit to our members. The first of these programs, a Will’s for Heroes Program, chaired by Past President Roger Powell, offers free legal services to any MSFA member in the development of a simple will. Our second initiative, a Cancer Support Network, chaired by Beth Stone, is developing support mechanisms for our members and their families who are dealing with cancer illnesses. Both of these programs are in their early stages of development and we anticipate that there will be more interest in these programs as word of these benefits become more widespread with our membership.

We have worked hard this year to improve our communications with the members of the MSFA through the Volunteer Trumpet, the Maryland Fire Dispatch, a presence on Facebook, and regular notices through the MSFA email distribution list. We made the conscious decision to stop printing and mailing the Volunteer Trumpet this year and to make it an on-line publication. This allowed us to increase the frequency of the Trumpet and realize cost savings that could be passed on to other MSFA programs. My thanks to Amber Leizear for taking on the responsibility for the publication of the Volunteer Trumpet and the Maryland Fire Dispatch.

As my year comes to a close, I offer a special thanks to Vice Presidents John Denver and Jackie Olson for their support and assistance over the past year. Leading the MSFA is not a one person task and I have leaned on both of you during the past year and you have responded with your support and assistance to me. But more importantly, you have been a friend and an ally as we worked together to advance the mission of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. As you continue your climb up the MSFA ladder, I pledge my full support to each of you to assist you in any way that I can.
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The Harford - Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association supports and endorses

John J. Denver

of our Great Association for the
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The Officers and Members of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association are requesting your support in voting for John Denver for President 2012 -2013.
I also would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to my long time advisor and mentor, Wylie Donaldson, who has served now on the Executive Committee for fourteen years. When I first decided to ascend the ladder of the MSFA, I consulted with Wylie and explained that I would only do so with his support and assistance. I learned to lean on Wylie for advise as my Chief and President at Odenton VFC, and now I lean on him again as an advisor and a friend. Thank you Wylie for all the support that you have given to me.

I would also like to extend my congratulations and thanks to LA-MSFA President Teresa Crisman and all of the Ladies Auxiliary members. We started the year as the team of “Big and Large” and I could not have asked for a better partner. Teresa and I worked together throughout the year to better our organizations and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. I learned a long time ago to appreciate the role of the Ladies Auxiliaries because of the support that I have seen in my own home company. I continue to be impressed by the ladies auxiliaries across this state as I witness first hand their participation in fire prevention, fund raising, and administrative activities of their company. To all the ladies auxiliary members out there, I say “Thank you”.

A very special thanks and appreciation go to my wife Gloria, our children David Jr. and Tracy, and our three grandchildren Ashley, Tina, and Noah. One’s family is the most important part of your support system when you take on such responsibility as being the President of the MSFA. But their support has never wavered. They have been here each June to celebrate another convention and accepted the sacrifice that I was not able to be with them for every family occasion. To each of them I send my love and can only say that now that my term is over we can have time as a family again. Especially to my wife Gloria with whom I will celebrate 40 years of marriage next April. Thank you honey and I love you with all my heart.

While it has indeed been a great honor to serve this association over the past year, it would not have been possible without the support of my loving wife Gloria, my family, the members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary, the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and Ladies Auxiliary, my friend and close advisor Wylie Donaldson, and Director Steve Edwards and the faculty/staff of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. Each of these individuals serve as my support team and have provided me the support and motivation to do the best job that I can on behalf of the state’s emergency services providers. I extend to each of you my sincere gratitude and hope that I have lived up to your expectations.

By the time that we travel to Ocean City for this convention and you read this report, I will have traveled over 30,000 miles and attended over 400 meetings/events during the past year representing you as President. Each and every visit to each and every fire station has been a joy and I thank each of you for this opportunity, your hospitality, and your support.

As the sun sets on Tuesday evening and I pass the badge of the presidency to John Denver, I will leave with many fond memories of these past three years in office. I pledge my full support to the association, the incoming officers, and each of the member companies of the great Association. Enjoy your time in Ocean City this week but play safe. Good luck on a successful 120th annual convention and I hope to see many of you around town or on the boardwalk.

Respectfully,
David W. Lewis

Report of the First Vice President

President Lewis, 2nd Vice President Olson, Officers, Member and Guests, It has been a fast, enjoyable, and productive twelve months since our last convention. I would like to begin by congratulating President Lewis on an extremely successful year. Under his leadership the MSFA moved forward on a number of important initiatives. The most far reaching of these was the passage of the Residential Sprinkler legislation. The importance of this law cannot be overstated. Lives, both civilians and firefighters, will be saved.

While we kept a very busy schedule, President Lewis was always available for questions and advice. We traveled across the state attending all kinds of events. Whenever possible, President Lewis, 2nd Vice President Olson, and I traveled together. This enabled us to discuss many of the
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on a successful 120th Convention & Conference
issues facing the volunteer fire service in Maryland. This exchange of information, ideas, and viewpoints has been very helpful in preparing me for my duties next year. I will always be grateful to both Dave and Jackie.

This year, I again had the privilege to represent the MSFA at a several neighboring states’ conventions. Each time I go to other states, I come away with an even higher appreciation of what we have here in Maryland. Through the hard work of our predecessors, and our partnerships, we have a system that is second to none. We need to continue to nourish and grow those partnerships. Our partner agencies have displays and representatives here at our convention. I encourage each of you to talk with them, and thank them.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend causes a wide range of emotion. Feelings of sorrow for the loss of firefighters are coupled with pride and honor for their sacrifice. There is also the desire to help support the survivors. This year there was also the relief that the number of those honored continues to decrease. It is fitting that the MSFA participates in this event. It was even more of an honor to represent the MSFA this year as it was the Tenth Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attack.

This year saw many 9/11 memorials, but one of the most moving was the flag ceremony before the Ravens home opener. The groups brought together that day represented first responders, police and firefighters, and the military. It was a tremendous honor to represent the MSFA as part of that group. It was an extremely moving experience. As one organizer put it “You’ll tell your grandchildren about this.” He was right, I already have.

Unfortunately, this year also saw the passing of two Past Presidents. Raymond Adkins and Charles “Jenks” Mattingly both served this association well and will be missed.

I would also note with sorrow the passing of Shirley Herring of my own department. Shirley was a long time member of Singerly Fire Company. She held a number of offices, and I was honored to be inducted into the Harford-Cecil Hall of Fame on the same evening as Shirley.

There are many people that I must thank. First of all, my wife Anna Marie, my children Tracey and Mike, their spouses and our grandchildren deserve many thanks. I would also like to recognize Singerly Fire Company, the Cecil County Firemen’s Association, and the Harford-Cecil Association. A thank you also goes to the many officers, committee members, and past presidents of the MSFA. So many of you have given me help, support, and advice, I will do my utmost to earn the faith you have shown in me.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Denver

Report of the Second Vice President

President Lewis, First Vice President Denver, Chairman Donaldson, Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, and Guests of the Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association 120th Convention and Conference.

As I write my report to you as your Second Vice President of this great organization, again I must emphasize just how humbled I am to have served you this past year, the experience has been challenging and rewarding. I thank all of you, and the Officers and Past Presidents for your support and assistance during the year, it was greatly appreciated and your suggestions and guidance was always welcomed and I look forward to working with you and for you these next years.

As I travel across the State, I am learning so much about how different each county is managed when it comes to the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services. It seems we have one common goal and that is to provide the best service to our community, whether saving lives, protecting property or just being an integral part of their community. We will do what it takes to get the job done and fight to keep what we need to keep providing this service as well as to survive.

Remember those many dedicated members who have passed in the last year and my condolences to each family member and their home company. I will miss you Mr. Adkins and my friend “Jenks”.

A Job Well Done to the team effort of the Legislative
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Glenn Dale Fire Association, Inc.

In Loving Memory

Earl G. Lutz, Sr.
President Emeritus
Committee, chaired by Past President’s Danny Davis and Richard Yinger, the Residential Sprinkler Committee, chaired by Richard Green, and our partner agencies, and special thanks to Fire Marshall Bill Barnard who was their whenever needed. Thanks for your hard work, long hours and dedication to protecting the citizens of our State.

Congratulations to Dave Lewis on your successful tenure as President of this great association and thanks for your support, leadership, critique, our talks on long rides and for your friendship most of all. I would also like to Congratulate John Denver and wish him well as he assumes the Office of the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. My appreciation is also extended to the Past Presidents of this great association for your support, fellowship and assistance this past year. A special thanks to Secretary Cooper, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Fred Cross, Chief Chaplain John Long and all the assistant officers, as well as the Executive Committee Members ad Committee Chairs and members for working together to help us reach and accomplish our goals to better our organization and to keep it moving forward.

I would also like to say a very special thank you to Danny Davis, Richard Yinger, Joe Robison, Joan Robison and Bobby Collins for your years of dedication serving as Chairman of your committee, it was greatly appreciated and I wish you all the best and don’t be strangers, keep in touch.

Teresa Ann, President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Congratulations on a successful year and for your friendship, assistance and late night, early morning, anytime peep talks. Also, along with your normal duties we were able to judge a couple parades, take road trips to other states and DC, worked the MACO exhibit with some pirates of the lottery, sat in a skybox and watch a NFFM Nascar Race, attended a beautiful tribute and heartwarming experience at NFFF Memorial weekend, attended fire company banquets, visited some candy stores, and rode in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in OC. Thank you to the Officers and members of the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, for your assistance and for always being there to help and support our organization, while working hard to support your home companies and counties as well.

Thanks to the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association Officers and members, to my home company, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, and my family, Jay, Tyler and Mom for your continued support and my extended fire family for your well wishes, thoughts, prayers and encouraging words that make me know that anything is possible and I can accomplish my goal.

I would like to wish all the 2012-2013 incoming Officers best wishes for a successful and productive year as we join together to work for the betterment of this great organization. Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and I look forward to another challenging and exciting year as I move up the chairs to the next leadership position. On behalf of the MSFA members, I have traveled over 14,000 miles and over 300 activities since being elected in June.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Olson

Report of the Secretary

To the Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA). It has been a pleasure and honor to have served this past year as the Secretary of the MSFA. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their support and guidance this past year. The members of the Secretary’s Office have attended all of the Executive Committee Meetings and other functions required our assistance and attendance. All items of correspondence have been properly handled and all necessary paperwork and records have been handled in an efficient manner, as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association. I congratulate David Lewis on his successful year as President of the MSFA, and wish him well in his future endeavors. It is my pleasure to have been working with the Chair, Wylie Donaldson for his professionalism during the running of the 2011-2012 Executive Committee Meetings. All correspondence and business from these meetings was transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon. The meetings this year were held in the following locations around the State:

June 22, 2011 – Ocean City (Convention Center)
August 20-21, 2011 – Odenton VFC
Maryland State Firemen's Association

Office of the Financial Secretary

Thanks to the members of the MSFA Financial Team for their support over the years. *Fred Cross*

MSFA Treasurer
Ron Siarnicki

Assistant Treasurers

Lee N. Sachs, P.P.
Robert W. Jacobs, P.P.
Mitch Vocke

Assistant Financial Secretary
Chris Hyzer
I express my sincere thanks to the Assistant Secretary’s for their dedication, hard work and commitment to this office. I would especially thank VP Jackie Olson for her extra assistance and especially needed for the new Secretary by the outgoing Secretary. Thank you. I congratulate Assistant Secretary Kristi Reppe for her new baby, and I thank you for the time you were able to give to the Secretary’s Office this year. I thank Assistant Secretary’s Ron Watkins and Rick Hemphill for your help in preparing the Reports for each of the Executive Committee Meetings, and for being available with copies when needed for a particular Committee or Officer. Thank you for keeping the meeting’s going with the copies, etc. Thanks to Richard Snader for keeping us informed and up-to-date on daily information regarding the organization. He serves the Association and this office well. Without the help of these members mentioned, this job would have been much harder. To the many individuals of this Association that have contributed to the Secretary’s Office during the meetings and the Annual convention and conference and other occasions, we thank you. I would like to thank my home Company (Bay District VFD) for their help and consideration and cooperation during this past year. On a personal note, I would like to thank my wife (Jean) and Nikki for their understanding and willingness to help carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Office, and their love and support. It has been a busy and personal year with my wife’s and my health problems, and for these reasons, I must step down after just one year as Secretary. Thank you for letting me have that one year.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph A. Cooper

Report of the Financial Secretary

As my term as MSFA Financial Secretary ends I would like to thank all of the people in this Association that have helped me over the years.

To my assistant Susan Schel,l who showed me how to keep accurate records for the MSFA accounts, I am thankful. She was always willing to learn and help me learn the best ways to keep records of the MSFA accounts. When Susan was able to take a job in Florida I asked Chris Hyzer to take over for her. Chris stepped right in and handled any task that I presented to her.

When Ron Siarnicki formed the “MSFA Financial Team” and moved the association into the use of quick books it made my position much easier as it made making reports and keeping records much simpler.

To my wife Pat and all of my family I owe a great deal of gratitude for putting up with all the time that I had to spend away from them in order to fulfill the duties of my office.

To my three grand daughters, Kari, Anna and Allysia, thank you for the walks down the ales for my installations.

I am not going any place and I will still be around, but I really need to thank all the friends I have made over the years that have helped and been there for me with the many questions that I had during my terms of office.

Yours in Fire Service
George A. (Fred) Cross, Jr.

Report of the Finance Team

To the 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 120th 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, the Finance Team would like to thank our elected officers, President Lewis, Vice President’s Denver and Olson for their continued support and assistance as we have worked through the financial concerns of this organization. They have worked many long hours and traveled numerous miles all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our
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deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

Since the creation of the MSFA Financial Team, efforts have been put into place to maintain a solid financial status of our organization and ensure fiscal responsibility throughout the organization. As a team, we will continue to work on addressing every organizational fiscal issue we face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to us.

For the past twelve months, 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, and with the way our national economic situation stands today we have to remain ever vigilant to carry out our tasks and responsibilities, which will help, build a stronger financial plan for all of us.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary and Past President Fred Cross, Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer’s; Past President Jacobs, Past President Sachs and Mitch Vocke, Budget and Past President Chair Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Benjamin W. Kurtz, and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Bobby Balta and Past President Gene Worthington 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 Wylie Donaldson, 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. Special thanks are to be extended to Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer as she leaves the ranks of the Finance Team to pursue other efforts. She has always supported our team and assisted with all of our duties and responsibilities. Best wishes Chris.

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 MSFA Finance Team

Report of the Chief Chaplain

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 happenings going on all around us, and I wonder why we as humans don’t learn from history.

There have been many events this past year in and out of the fire service that could have been avoided, had we been better students of our history. It is said, “When History is ignored, history will repeat itself.”

No better place to see the truth in that statement than in the Bible. Over and over again and again you can find the history of God’s people as they prosper and then turn away from God. When all is lost and they are desperate they call on God to rescue them from their misery. Then God saves them and they are blessed, and turn away again.
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Our country started out with a strong faith in God and our forefathers were reverent to God and our country became prosperous and received many blessings. Not all was perfect, and God never said that we would have a perfect world. Our country was given many blessing that we as a nation could help save the world. But today, where do we put God in our lives? Many people will tell you that they worked for everything they have, “they earned it.” How true the statement. But isn’t it God who has given you the ability to earn what you have?

This past year as I conducted and attended many funerals for our fallen brothers and sisters of the fire service I am amazed at the years of dedication these individuals put into their companies. The hours spent helping people they knew and did not know. The hours of raising money to be able to buy the equipment they needed. Many of these individuals never took credit or sought recognition for their accomplishments. These individuals realized that God had blessed them with skills and abilities and they knew that God had selected them to use those to help others.

So I ask you, where have you put God in your life? Is he your source of strength, and knowledge? Do you praise him for what he has given you? Do you seek out his guidance and wisdom daily? Do you ask God to watch over you and protect you from harm’s way? If you do, God bless you, if you don’t start. First ask God for forgiveness for not seeking Him. Then lift up your concerns to him, and listen for a response.

The fire and rescue service could be so much stronger if we would (1) thank God for his blessing, (2) acknowledge that it is he who gives us the skills and abilities to be able to do what we do, (3) treat everyone who God sends to our organizations with respect and love, acknowledging that they are God sent and God has given them the direction to join your organization with skills, knowledge, and abilities to work for the good of your organization.

As stated in the beginning, history will repeat itself. Hopefully, the days of Godly men and women seeking God’s direction will again lead our organizations and everyone would seek and pray to God. As it is written in 2 Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

In closing I pray that you would find it in your heart to seek God on a daily basis. Surrendering your life to Him. Acknowledging Him as the giver of all knowledge and abilities. I pray that God will keep you safe and protect you from harm.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. John Long

Report of the Board of Trustees

Who represents your Members? Are you familiar with the Benefits the MSFA provides for our Members? Are you prepared for an unexpected tragedy, should one arrive? Should the time arrive, we, Your Trustees, can be counted on to deliver membership Benefits within weeks, not several months. But, these benefits will not come to your members, or their spouses if you don't become familiar with the Application process. Any and all Trustees are available to assist you if, and when needed. Take time to get to know these and other Benefits that we provide. On a positive note, take time to submit eligible applications for the Colburn Cup. Many Fire Service organizations do not. Are you one of these, also? Take time while at our Convention, or Executive meetings to meet Your Trustees, ask questions. We are always happy to discuss our duties and services. Vice Chair Danny Carpenter, P.P., Secretary Gene Worthington, P.P. Terry Thompson, Doug Alexander are your Trustees and have provided special service on behalf of our members for several years, and continue to. I am honored to work with such fine dedicated knowledgeable people. They continue to give back to our membership. This past year as announced at our Executive Committee Meetings have presented Line of Duty Deaths, and several serious Line of Duty Injuries. Let’s all be safe. Remember everyone goes Home Safe and Sound. Have a safe and fun Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen V. Hales, Chairman

Report of the Executive Committee

Conducting the business of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is the responsibility of the Executive Committee. We have had a very successful year in supporting the Association membership and officers in this effort. I am proud to have served as Chairman of this very dedicated group.
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Mitch Vocke for MSFA Financial Secretary

Your Support is Appreciated!
The business of the Association is brought to the 
Executive Committee through the reporting of their many 
committees. I thank all of the committee chairpersons 
and committee members for their dedication and hard 
work they performed all year long. Your support to me 
and the Association was invaluable.

I congratulate President Lewis for his outstanding and 
successful year as President. David has worked tirelessly 
for the Association creating several new initiatives, all for 
the betterment of our membership.

Our relationship with our State Partner Agencies remains 
strong and we appreciate their support to our organization. 
We thank them for taking their time to report to the 
Association, keeping us up to date on the important work 
they do for us and in turn, what help we might be able to 
give to them.

To the Officers of the Association, I say thank you for your 
support to me during my year as the Executive Committee 
Chairman. I have personally enjoyed my year and feel 
that we, the Executive Committee, have accomplished 
much for the Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s 
Association.

I thank each member of the Executive Committee and 
Wish incoming Chairman Ben Kurtz good luck in the 
coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr, Chairman
Benjamin W. Kurtz, Vice Chairman

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Report of the 
Budget and Revenue Committee

President Lewis, Vice Presidents Denver and Olson, 
Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State 
Firemen’s Association; it has been a pleasure to serve 
as Chair of this committee during this past year. Our 
Committee continues to work with the financial team 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 
are managed according to the approved budget, program 
initiatives are funded at the appropriate level, and all 
expenditures are in the best interest of the association. 
Our formally established Financial Team continues to 
prove communications and streamline the operations 
which make us financially stronger and more responsive 
to those we serve.

The continued use of the Budget Request Forms by all 
committees has provided beneficial information and helps 
the committee review the requests. After the Budget and 
Revenue Committee reviews and approves the submitted 
budget, a copy of the request form is returned to the 
committee verifying the approved budget amounts in 
which the committee must operate. Budget requests 
received after the budget has been established, continue 
to diminish. Committees have been extremely prudent 
with spending and have monitored their approved budget 
staying within the established amounts.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively 
maintained a 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 to be 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 continues to be key elements 
in maintaining a balanced budget. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

Report of the 
Constitution & Bylaws 
Committee

The Committee was given several tasks by President Lewis 
to review after the 2011 Convention and Conference.
The United Communities Volunteer Fire Department extends its best wishes to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for a successful 120th Annual Convention.

The mission of the UCVFD is to meet the needs of our community and the public we serve. To protect our citizens with the highest quality of service delivery and prepare ourselves diligently to be able to respond for any requests for assistance we receive.

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The Committee met twice during the year at the Fallston Volunteer Fire Company and the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department to accomplish these tasks.

As a result of these meetings three questions appear on the 2012 Convention and Conference Ballot:

**Question 1:** Constitution, Article I, Section 2; Constitution, Article III, Section 4- Changes when a Member Company can be removed for non-payment of annual dues.

**Question 2:** Constitution, Article V, Section 1; Bylaws, Article K- Changes the number of Standing Committees.

**Question 3:** Constitution, Article I- Deletes the Individual Memberships, the Silver Lifetime Memberships, and the Gold Lifetime Membership.

The Committee also has requested the new incoming President appoint a Special Committee to review the relationship between the Awards Committee and those other Committees that make awards such as Firefighter of the Year and Hall of Fame.

The Committee appreciates all the assistance from the Officers, Executive Committee, and Committee Chairman during the past year and looks forward to serving the Association in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Skinner, Chairman
John R. Keyser, Sr., Vice Chairman
Michael Farlow, Esquire - MSFA Attorney
Robert Allen
William Hardee
Steven Scheinin, Esquire
Barbara Steiner
William J. Wagner

**Report of the Convention Committee**

President Lewis, Vice-President’s Denver and Olson, Ladies Auxiliary President Crisman, Vice-President’s Soper and Hayden, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary: I am pleased to report that again this year there has been an extraordinary effort put forth by many individuals to provide to you and our membership the 120th Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA.

We continue to make changes within the Convention Committee and the convention event as a whole. Convention center construction is rapidly progressing and because of the building being torn up, continual adjustments to the program and facility layout have been occurring. The committee has made several visits to the site and has pulled together various planning efforts to make this convention even better than has occurred in the past as we maneuver through this multi-year project. This construction will be on going through the next convention cycle as well and we will make the most of it as we arrange programming and events to fit into the construction schedule. We have been through this in the past and were able to lean from those experiences to make the best of it. I would be remiss at this time, if I did not take a moment to thank my predecessor Chairman Emeritus and Past President Leonard King for all he did to bring our convention to what it is today and how he managed previous construction projects at the Convention Center. His leadership helped make the Convention what it is today.

Since last year’s event, the Steering Committee: Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Danny Davis and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration, (Co-Chair Past President Lee Sachs, Vice-Chair Past President Doyle Cox); 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); have been hard at work preparing for our week at the beach. We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year’s Convention and Conference experience.

As has occurred in the past, behind the scenes there is a group of special individuals who work on the production of the convention program book every year. They solicit the ads, layout the reports and ensure that the information being provided through this document is accurate and very professionally composed. They often times go unnoticed and I want to thank each of them personally for all they do. Leading the group is Past President Tommy Mattingly who has been working on the book since 1992, along with Dennie Mattingly, Danny Carpenter, Elaine Huttenloch, Ginny Wilhite, Past President Danny Davis, Rose Davis and Past President Fred Cross. In addition, helping is the Leonardtown VFD who provides their facilities for the
Best wishes for a safe and successful convention.

President James Crisman  Chief Richard Leizear
Ladies Auxiliary President Shari Steffen

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book layout, the staff of The Printing Press and Shirley Copado. Thanks guys for a job well done.

Each year the Joint Officers Banquet starts our convention activities as a very well planned out and enjoyable event. This year is another fine example. A special thanks to Rose Clark and her team (Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Skip and Rory Stokes, Darlene and Steve Woodhurst and Tim Clark for their extra attention to details provided with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the banquet guests, Elaine Huttenloch and Audrey Thurston for the banquet program presentations and Richard Brooks for serving as the Master of Ceremonies. This year the Banquet will be supported by the Town of Ocean City, we thank them for that.

Because of the changes made to the Miss Fire Prevention Contest last year those efforts will remain the same. The interviews will occur on Sunday morning and the actual contest; Sunday afternoon starting at 2 PM. The location of the contest will be in the East Hall and our appreciation goes out to Sherry and Amanda Soper along with Tom Collins for making this work. Special thanks to John Gatton, Sr. and his team for pulling together the annual Convention Flea Market. The location will again change this year as we move it to the Sunset Room to get it inside a structure. This location will be the on the North Side of the Convention Center and will again start at 11 AM.

The “Joint Memorial Service” has always proven to be a most memorable experience for all in attendance and one of the more important parts of the overall convention and conference activities. Chaplain Long, Chaplain Hetz, the Chaplain’s Office, along with Elaine Huttenloch and other team members are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program. Again, this year you will see that the start time for the event is 5 PM with an intention to allow more family time that evening after the service.

Secretary Joe Cooper, Rick Hemphill and Skip Menzies and the entire registration team have put in many hours taking care of all the credentials listings, delegate check-ins and of course the voting activities and are to be thanked for their efforts. This process will continue to be located in the same spot as last year even with the construction to ensure a very smooth and efficient operation.

The Program Team has been working tirelessly to ensure that some of the most up-to-date informational topics will be featured in the numerous seminars and main program presentations at the convention this year. Scheduled seminars will only occur on Sunday and Monday afternoons. Please take some time to review the schedule to ensure you do not miss any learning opportunities. A special thanks goes out to the Program Team under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, Jim Hern and Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard along with Jim Brown and Dr. Bass at MIEMSS for their devotion and assistance.

Our opening ceremonies on Monday morning will be a most fitting tribute to all who serve the State of Maryland and especially our entire first responder community. Our continued theme of Honor, Tradition and Courage will be exemplified with the presentation of the colors accompanied with special video presentations. Thanks to Dennis Beard, Bob Ryan, Ken Bush, Tom Mattingly, Johnnie Roth, Paul Sterling and others on their team for the work completed in this area, especially the talented members of our convention go-team and special operations crew. Without these hard working and committed team members, the audio-visual, program support, logistics and back stage needs of the convention would never get off the ground. They truly are a major component of the backbone of this conference crew. In addition, a special thanks to the Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Pipes & Drums and all the Honor Guard members coordinated by Ben Kurtz, who continue to bring a high level of ceremony to our events. They make the program that much more special.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, a keynote presentation will occur followed by the first general business session to include special recognition activities, the presentation of reports and nomination of officers. The second session that day will include reports from our partner state organizations and a special program presentation mid day. Monday afternoon will conclude with more partner reports. Do not forget about the Basket and Bag Bingo Monday Night since Matt Heard, Doyle Cox and Jackie Olson has been working hard to make it an excellent event. Bingo will start at 6:30 PM.

The Ladies Auxiliary will begin their business session on Monday afternoon at noon and the location of their meeting will remain the same this year. East Hall has proved to be an excellent location for the ladies activities for the entire convention term. It has been a real pleasure working with their planning team and with Flo Collins who has led their efforts for many years. All of the food service events will again be in Ballroom 2 and 3, like last year.
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company
FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

The Ocean City Firefighters Memorial is complete and was dedicated on September 11, 2006. The monument is dedicated to Bravery, Courage, Tradition and Pride. It features a six foot tall sculpted bronze statue of a firefighter upon a black granite base. The four sides of the black granite base commemorate:

♦ September 11, 2001 Survivors and Victims - A piece of steel from the World Trade Center is also featured on site

♦ Ocean City Firefighters - Past, Present and Future

♦ Firefighters of the World - For their devotion and duty

♦ Dignitaries and Members - The names of those who spent countless hours making this memorial possible

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For more information or to get your buy-a-brick form visit our website at www.OCVFC.com or pick one up from the information box located at the monument site

The Officers and Members of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company invite you to visit the Firefighters Memorial and wish you a safe, productive and enjoyable visit to Ocean City.
We will again be offering the special Family Activities on Monday Night at The Jolly Roger Amusement Park, located at 34th Street. The event will feature food, entertainment and open access to the park for our membership. Come out and enjoy the amusement rides, play a round or two of miniature golf and hit the go-cart tracks all for one very low special MSFA price. Gates open at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday Morning will again start with voting by the membership followed by the MSFA Awards Ceremony. Special thanks to the awards committee, especially Evelyn Graf, Past President Doyle Cox, Past President Bobby Bolta and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. A buffet lunch will again be served at the Convention Center, inside Ballroom 2 and 3.

Following the Joint Installation of Officers, starting at 8:00 PM, The Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association will be sponsoring a special Movie Presentation on the Beach for our membership. The Movie will be shown near the Boardwalk and the feature presentation will be “Despicable Me” Directed by Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud. The movie features Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand and Julie Andrews. Admission is free; bring your blankets, beach chairs and snacks.

Fire Marshall Bill Barnard, along with the entire delegation from his office, the Prince George’s County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, the Anne Arundel County Fire and Rescue Department, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, MFR, MIEMMS, Shock Trauma, Governor’s Office and all the individual volunteer departments and associations who work behind the scene all week to help make your experience here at the beach enjoyable, a hearty thank you is given.

Individuals such as Chris May and the audio-visual team put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events run smoothly and deserve a special note of gratitude. Jeff Thompson; thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this weeklong event. Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, John Spiker, Jimmy Atkinson, Jen Underwood, Ben Kurtz, Bill Hawkins, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Jim Brown, Hobey Howell, Laura Woods, Harve Woods, Richard Snader, John Gunthow, Kent Whalen, Donna Whalen, Bruce Bouch, Matt Tobia, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Jenks Mattingly, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Woods, Charlie Phillips, Chris and Lisa Tona, AJ Papa, Leigh Papa, Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy Hinton, Joy Hinton, John Gatton, Sr, J. Franklin Harvey, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, John Gunthow, Steven Scheinin, Past President’s Worthington, Preston, Cumberland and Underwood, Ladies President Teresa Crisman, Ladies Past President Fran Crisman, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center, back stage and logistics areas for all events during the week.

Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor, PGFD for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and managed without a flaw.

Each year in the Exhibit Halls, the displays of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services proves to continue to be very beneficial to our membership and even with the down turn in the economy, we have been able to bring some new vendors to display their goods and services. Through our convention, you will be able to visit more suppliers and equipment dealers during this one week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet their technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions, just by visiting the exhibit booth area. We owe a big “thank you” to all of the exhibitors for supporting our convention and conference and a special thanks to Exhibit Chairs Wylie Donaldson, Lee Sachs, Ladies Past President Rose Pandolfini and their team for another year of great exhibitors.

For all the folks who sell the event tickets, offer bus passes, handle the mad rush in the lower foyers and provide information and guidance to conference attendees, my personal thanks for a job well done, often under very trying times. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your constant delivery of those friendly smiles is greatly appreciated. That team includes Dennis Mattingly, Sandy Jacobs, Pat Cross, JoAnne Robison, Rose Davis, Chris Yinger, and Nancy Cox.

Again this year, in a joint effort, several events, activities and ceremonies will be conducted jointly with the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA. My personal thanks go out to Flo Collins for coordinating our joint ventures and for serving as the official liaison between our two organizations. Best Wishes to President Crisman and her entire leadership team as they conduct their events this week as well.

Our Convention and Conference continues to provide this association with opportunities to bring needed revenue streams in support of our programs and activities. My
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personal thanks to Margaret Gouty and her team who have managed the Special Activities Booth over the years. There was a change in the status of the Special Activities Committee this year as its function has now been rolled into the operations of the Convention Committee. Ladies Past President Sandi Lutz will be coordinating the activities of this new component of the Convention Committee and her efforts will report up through the Administration Sector of the Convention Steering Committee structure. Special thanks to Lou and Anna Jonske along with Mitch and Darlene Vocke with their great crew for the tireless effort put forth all year long managing the $10,000.00 Raffle program.

Again, this year we are planning an array of social, networking and ceremonial events that include the Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony, Past President Lunches, Ocean City based block parties and others. Thanks to all who make them possible for their dedicated work in producing these various events. A special thanks to all of our corporate sponsors and the Town of Ocean City for sponsoring many of our events. A special thanks to Past President Fred Cross, 1st VP Jackie Olson, Chuck Austin, Past President Tom Mattingly and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing. Good job guys.

In cooperation with the Town of Ocean City, the parade route will be changed this year. The parade start will be at 16th Street on Baltimore Avenue and end at 30th Street. This move will involve a great deal of logistics and we ask that you bear with us as we work to ensure a successful parade and address the requests made of the MSFA by the Town of Ocean City. Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hildebrand, Paul Sterling, Bruce Surette and your entire team for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Town Transportation Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Town Government including the Mayor and Town Council for all they do to make it the biggest and best parade throughout the State of Maryland. We continue to look for ways to improve our parade activities and will work to ensure your experience is the best.

Finally, the Convention Committee extends a special thank you to Mayor Meehan for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year, ensuring that everything he can help with is successful in support of the convention and conference. As a personal privilege, I would like to single out Retired City Manager Dennis Dare for all that he has done to assist the MSFA throughout the years, while serving as a dedicated employee of the town. We appreciate all his efforts to assist us. Many thanks to the entire Town Council who helped in many ways over the years to assist us and to every single town employee who has contributed in some way. We really do appreciate your efforts.

Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center management and staff, including: recently retired Director R.J. Hamilton, and David Swift who we will miss. The staff there including the regular team Reatta Tate, Regina Brittingham, Amanda Evans, Centerplate and the entire Convention Center Staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication they demonstrate during the planning process and throughout our annual event.

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. Looking forward to seeing you in Ocean City.

Respectfully Submitted;
Ronald J. Siarnicki
Convention Chairman

Report of the
Maryland DNR Forest Service

President Lewis, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guest. I bring you greetings on behalf of Department of Natural Resources Secretary John R. Griffin and Forest Service Director / State Forester Steven W. Koehn.

During 2011 the Maryland Forest Service responded to 125 wildfires that burned 8,310 acres. February was the highest occurrence month with a ten day period of intense fire activity with ten large fires burning nearly 8,000 acres. The leading wildfire causes for the year were debris burning, arson, and equipment. Also in 2011, the agency and partners conducted 53 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 729 acres. Nationally, wildfire occurrence was highest in the Southern Area of the US. Maryland dispatched fourteen individual single resources, two 20-person fire crews, and nine wildland engine assignments to Texas, Florida, Georgia, Arizona, New Mexico, North Carolina, Virginia, and Wisconsin.
The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation extends best wishes to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for a successful 120th Annual Convention

☞ Sponsoring the Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend
☞ Helping Survivors Attend the Weekend
☞ Offering Support Programs for Survivors
☞ Awarding Scholarships to Fire Service Survivors
☞ Helping Departments Deal with Line-of-Duty Deaths
☞ Working to Prevent Line-of-Duty Deaths
☞ Creating a National Memorial Park

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Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 43 volunteer fire departments in twelve counties and the companies received $86,202 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over $209,265 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, wildland nomex gear, portable radios, and other small equipment purchases such as fire hose. The 2012 grant application period is currently open with an estimated $88,000 in grant funds available for distribution this year. All eligible volunteer companies are encouraged to apply!

The Firewise Maryland program has continued to provide outreach to prepare communities for wildfire events. Four Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) were completed. These plans involve communities, fire department, and local officials in the planning efforts. Numerous mitigation and prevention activities were also held to inform the public of the risk of wildfires in Maryland and encourage homeowners to take action to make their properties more “Firewise” by creating defensible space around homes and other structures.

There was also renewed interest in the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP). The agency acquired thirty four pieces of property with an original federal acquisition cost of $1,301,379. The excess federal property is acquired at no cost and then either utilized by the agency or loaned to volunteer fire departments through a cooperative agreement for use in fire suppression. Maryland has a current total inventory of 204 items with an acquisition value of over $5.1 million. This fall the agency will be completing a required inventory inspection of all assigned property in the state.

I sincerely appreciate all the fire departments that work in partnership with our agency in its wildland fire protection mission. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 120th MSFA Annual Convention!

Respectfully Submitted,
Monte R. Mitchell
State Fire Supervisor

Report of the EMS Committee

President Lewis, Elected and Appointed Officials, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), greetings on the occasion of the MSFA’s 120th Annual Convention. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee held four full committee meetings last year, several sub-committee meetings and served as part of several other state-wide EMS groups. The Committee meetings were routinely attended by representatives from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Division and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Major topics of discussion for the past year included:

- Electronic Maryland EMS Data System
- Ambulance Safety Summit
- New EMT Program
- Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP)
- Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)
- Helicopter Utilization/early Activation
- Medication Shortages

ELECTRONIC MARYLAND EMS DATA SYSTEM (eMEDS)
eMeds was successfully piloted by 3 upper bay counties and is now being embraced by all but 2 jurisdictions in the state. It is a quantum improvement over EMAIS, simplifying the users’ input, enhancing quality assurance and allowing individual jurisdictions to evaluate their own data. eMEDS has several features that assist providers with their documentation; the Maryland Medical Protocols are built-in, and the narrative section has a spell checker and import capabilities.

The hospitals have access to the hospital dashboard which will allow the hospitals to pull the reports instead of the providers pushing the reports to the hospital. Until this is finalized, the provider is responsible for making sure the hospital receives a report within 24 hours and that MIEMSS approved “short form” is left with the patient.

AMBULANCE SAFETY SUMMIT
MIEMSS held an Ambulance Safety Leadership Summit on November 1, 2011 at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies. There were about 90 attendees, many from the EMS Committee. The EMS Committee chaired the “Lights and Sirens” section of the study leading up to the Summit, was one of the four presenters on “best practices” for ambulance safety and facilitated the “lights and sirens” focus group at the Summit. The Committee then provided final reports on their activities.

Second Vice-President Olson and members of the
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David W. Lewis
MSFA President
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Jacqueline Olson
for
First Vice President

John F. Long, Jr.
for
Chief Chaplain
Committee have the responsibility for the implementation of recommendations from the Summit and also the planning of a future Summit in the fall of 2012.

NEW EMT PROGRAM
The BLS Committee is closely watching the pilot EMT programs. The college park program instructor has sent several suggestions to MFRI to mainstream the program. One of the concerns was the internship program being upgraded to 10 assessments, 5 being live patients and physical contact. MIEMSS is encouraging assessments being done in ED’s at hospitals that are base stations to add flexibility to the program. All classes will have to be re-formatted to get the classroom time completed.

Over the year there was a tremendous amount of discussion about the reasons for changes in the program, the student’s motivation, the program’s effect on volunteer EMS and the move toward treatment rather than stabilization. Based on this, President Lewis has sent a letter to Dr. Bass expressing his concern with the upcoming new curriculum.

VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM (VAIP)
Charlie Simpson represented the MSFA on the VAIP Committee. They are trying to stay in line with the current standards of the state and federal governments as well as NFPA standards that need to be followed. Many of the changes are “housekeeping” in nature. Specific issues include: secured and closable trash containers; securing portable oxygen bottles; portable sharps container in the ALS bag; and pediatric capable AED’s.

MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT (MOLST)
MOLST was supposed to become effective October 1, 2011. However, to date the regulations have not been signed by the secretary of Health. The front page of the document will have the DNR (A, A/DNI, B) information for EMS personnel. The other information located in the document will be information for hospital, nursing homes, etc. Any facilities regulated by the Office of Health Care Quality through DHMH must comply including nursing homes. All providers were required to complete a training module which could be done through the LMS system online or by DVD. It was required to be completed by December 1, 2011. While MOLST forms are beginning to show up, the old DNR forms are still accepted.

HELICOPTER UTILIZATION/EARLY ACTIV ATION
Helicopter utilization database (HUD) still being used to gather data. The data shows a 91% compliance with protocols. However, some Category C and D patients being transported to local emergency departments with some having poor outcomes. Jurisdiction medical directors and QA officers are tasked with evaluating each call in the HUD. Dr. Alcorta asked everyone to make sure the 911 centers have the early activation policy in place to activate helicopters prior to EMS arrival. This will reduce the time for helicopter arrival, which is in the best interest of the patient. Lieutenant Walter Kerr stated they are seeing success with the early helicopter activation policy.

MEDICATION SHORTAGES
Medication shortages are an issue world-wide. Some strategies addressed were moving short supply medications to a supervisor vehicle and ordering different concentrations. Since there is no alternative for several medications, MIEMSS is exploring the possibility of extending their useful life.

Respectfully Submitted
William “Bill” Dousa

Report of the
Fire Laws of Maryland Book Committee

President Lewis, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guest, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 120th Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference.

I want to congratulate President Lewis on a successful year and I also want to thank him for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

Report of the
Fire Prevention / Life Safety Committee

President Lewis, officers, members, and delegates to the 120th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, it has been a honor and pleasure for me to have served you as Chairman of this committee, and of this great association.
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Last year our committee took on three challenges in partnership with the Maryland State Fire Marshall’s Office. These projects are up and available.

Maryland State Fire Marshall, Bruce Bouch, is to be commended for the job on getting these projects together and keeping them updated. Bruce has attended all of our meetings and gives us an updated report. Bruce has been instrumental to our committee and has done an outstanding job.

I would like to thank Sherry Soper for getting the committee information on displaying Fire Prevention / Life Safety information on Van-go in Frederick County.

Few years back Tom Collins took on our billboard project. Tom displayed fire prevention / life safety messages targeting areas that was reported with the most fire deaths and injuries. Tom has done an outstanding job!

Theresa Ann Crisman, Marie Warner-Crosson, and Cynthia Wright-Johnson have done an outstanding job with the Risk Watch Program. They have safety traveling display kits that can be used at school events, community training and parent education messages, materials for senior adult communities, and educational programs. These kits can be located at the State Fire Marshall’s Office. I would like to thank Theresa, Marie, and Cindy for all the hard work to make this a part of our committee.

I would like to thank Past Chair, Lori Denbow, Kristi Reppe, and Chair, Amanda Soper, for making our Miss Fire Prevention Contest a success in Ocean City. I would also like to thank Richard Brooks, who has been the M.C. for many years. Great job!

Congratulations to Miss Fire Prevention, Jennifer Barciz, and Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up, Megan Hiltz, for an outstanding job promoting Fire Prevention / Life Safety activities throughout the state.

I would like to thank Past Chair, Jane Huffman, and Chair, Rose Pandolfini, of the M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary Fire Prevention Committee, for all your support this year and past years.

Emmons Horner has distributed over 500 visual smoke alarms over on the Eastern Shore. Well done!

I would like to thank State Fire Marshall, William Barnard, and his staff for all their support and attendance to all of our meetings. There have been several projects that could not have been done without your support and dedication. Good job!

Thanks to Dave Lewis, and all of the officers for working with us throughout the year and providing guidance and input to our committee.

My thanks to all the M.S.F.A Fire Prevention / Life Safety committee members for your support and hard work in promoting Fire Prevention / Life Safety throughout the year and past years. This committee is a very hard working committee. If it wasn’t for you, and all of the past presidents, elected officers, and past members of this committee, it would not be where it is today. Thank you all for what you do and what you have done in promoting Fire Prevention / Life Safety throughout this great state. Keep up the good work!

I would like to thank Tom and Flo Collins, and Ed and Audrey Thurston, you all were on the committee in 1984 when I joined this committee. Thank Tom and Flow for being there, over the years, when things weren’t going well. You were there to listen to my bitching and griping. You were only a phone call away. You are the greatest. Thanks!!

Respectfully,
Robert E. Collins, Sr., Chairman

Report from the State Fire Marshal

I bring greetings from Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), I want to congratulate outgoing presidents, David W. Lewis and Teresa A. Crisman for an outstanding and successful year. The entire Association can be quite pleased with their accomplishments and dedicated service. It is my distinct privilege to present the report from the OSFM.

During 2011, sixty-seven Marylanders died in 56 fatal fires. Those fire deaths represent a six percent decrease as compared to the 71 fire deaths occurring in 50 fatal fires in 2010; however, the number of fatal fires in 2011 represents a 12 percent increase as compared to 2010. Forty-four of the victims in fatal fires, involved victims age 45 and older. As in years past, more victims in this age group succumb to the effects of fire than those less than 45 years of age. Seventy-nine percent of all fire deaths in Maryland in 2011 occurred in residential
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structures. Fifty-seven percent of those deaths occurred between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when the highest numbers of Marylanders are most vulnerable – while they are sleeping. This is the time when most of us depend on life saving devices, such as working smoke alarms and residential fire sprinklers, to provide the extra time needed to escape the ingredients of uncontrolled fire.

The OSFM extends congratulations to each fire department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced a decrease in the number of fire deaths during 2011. Nine counties experienced no fire fatalities, these include: Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, St. Mary’s, Somerset and Talbot. Baltimore City reported 17 fire deaths in 2011 which is lower than the 20 fire deaths reported in 2010 and the lowest number of fire deaths ever reported by Baltimore City. Anne Arundel County reported one fire death in 2011, while six perished in 2010. Unfortunately, Prince Georges County reported 16 fire deaths in 2011 as compared to seven fire deaths in 2010. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies play a critical role in helping to ensure the safety of all Maryland residents and visitors from the devastating effects of fire and other emergencies.

During 2011, OSFM staff members along with the MSFA Fire Sprinkler Committee members continued to provide public officials across Maryland with information at meetings, hearings, and events in support of residential fire sprinkler requirements for all newly constructed one and two family dwellings as required by the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC). Hearty congratulations are afforded to the committee as they received two awards for their tireless commitment to public safety. The Board of Directors for the National Fire Sprinkler Association selected the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee as the 2011 recipient of the “Leadership in Public Fire Safety” award and the Partnership for a Safer Maryland recognized Douglas C. Alexander and the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee with an award expressing excellence in life safety.

As we do every year, the OSFM followed the 2012 Session of the Maryland General Assembly along with the MSFA Legislative Committee and other members of the Maryland Fire Service Legislative Working Group (MFSLWG) very closely. The MFSLWG held weekly meetings during the session at the Annapolis City, Taylor Avenue Fire Station. Many thanks are offered to Fire Chief David Stokes for hosting the MFSLWG meetings again this year. Every member of the Maryland Fire Service should be proud of the accomplishments achieved during this session. A sincere thank you goes out to all persons across the State who helped in passing (HB-366 / SB-602); this legislation prohibits local jurisdictions, with few exceptions, from weakening the provisions of the Maryland Building Performance Standards requiring automatic fire sprinkler systems to be installed in all newly constructed one and two family dwellings.

The MSFA Legislative Committee has once again took a leadership role by effectively advocating, monitoring, and quickly reacting to legislative proposals. By keeping the safety of Maryland’s citizens as its highest priority, the MSFA lead the way on numerous legislative issues. The MSFA Legislative Committee kept watch on the key issues, shared information on important topics, and communicated with stakeholders, both inside and outside the Association. The MSFA Fire Sprinkler Committee under the leadership of Richard Green was the driving force behind the legislation requiring residential fire sprinklers in new one and two family dwellings throughout the State of Maryland. It is because of these unique qualities the MSFA is treated with great respect, which allows the organization significant influence even during hard fiscal times. The OSFM worked diligently with the MSFA on three significant bills including, HB-366 / SB-602: Public Safety - Building Performance Standards - Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems; HB-875 / SB-421: Public Safety - Explosives-Package of Components; and SB-331: Manufactured Homes - Sprinkler Systems Opt-Out Provisions for Local Jurisdictions. SB-331 would have permitted local jurisdictions to remove fire sprinkler requirements from newly constructed one and two family manufactured (modular) homes. The Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (EHEA) Committee gave SB-331 a unanimous unfavorable report early in the session. Additionally, I would like to thank the MSFA for supporting companion bills HB-875 / SB-421 which both passed this year after two previous unsuccessful attempts. This legislation changes the definition of an explosive to include components advertised and sold together with instructions on how to combine the components and make an explosive. Other bills of interest that were monitored throughout the session included HB-2 / SB-173: Public School Buildings - Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment, as well as, HB-1101: Workers’ Compensation - Medical Presumptions Study. HB 2 / SB173 were signed by the Governor in April of 2012. The Governor will be signing HB-1101 at one of the two Bill signing scheduled for May.

In 2011, the Delmarva Power Emergency Services Partnership Program for the eleventh straight year provided smoke alarms for the fire service in Delmarva Power’s service area to distribute to them to residents.
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

HARFORD-CECIL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Officers and Members of the Harford - Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association would like to congratulate the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and its Officers on another successful year and best wishes for the 120th Annual Convention and Conference.

2011 – 2012 Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association Officers (L to R)
President – Joe Price, Vice President - Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Secretary – Ruth Ann Poole,
Treasurer – Louis Jonske, Chaplain – Frank Roth.

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needing them free of charge. This donation brings the total smoke alarms donated by the program to 13,920, with 13,500 being battery operated smoke alarms and 420 special needs alarms.

The Public Fire and Life Safety Education Grant Program, which provides funds for MSFA member companies to purchase items promoting fire and life safety initiatives was incredibly successful last year with $35,500 being distributed at the Convention last year to MSFA member companies and departments, in $500 increments. The MFSA, in recognition of the success of this program, is providing an additional $25,000 to the previously budgeted $25,000 for this year’s grant program. I know the member fire companies and departments are putting these funds to good use.

To promote timely dissemination and updates of fire and life safety information, the OSFM and the MSFA formed a partnership to develop a website to serve as a one stop shop for fire and life safety information. The website established is: www.mdlifesafety.org. This site has been developed through an internship program established by the MSFA and facilitated by the OSFM. The development of the MSFA funded internship program began in January of 2012 when Megan Hiltz, Miss Fire Prevention First Runner-up in 2012, was selected to develop this website to provide important fire and life safety information on the life safety information on the information super highway. In addition, Megan is updating the Fire and Life Safety Educational Support Kits located in each of the six OSFM regional offices and OSFM headquarters.

Maryland continues to be at the forefront in effectively addressing fire and life safety issues. The annual Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference (MALSC) continues to be the longest running conference of its kind in the nation and attracts fire service personnel, safety managers, injury prevention specialists, and health care professionals. Over 250 attendees gathered at last year’s Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference, “Remember - Prevent - Prepare”, to hear keynote speaker Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Byrne’s presentation in honor of the ten year anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Using American Reinvestment and Recovery Act grant funds, the OSFM Bomb Squad was able to purchase the equipment to implement an Underwater Hazardous Devices Team (UHDT). Much of the past year was spent evaluating and purchasing equipment for use by the UHDT in support of the Maritime Tactical Operations Group. By the close of 2011, dive gear had been purchased along with most required support equipment. In addition, the OSFM invested in the program by sending one of our bomb technicians to an advanced and instructor certification training. The OSFM dive instructor is now capable of certifying other divers and the UHDT is operational, improving Homeland Security readiness for the entire State.

As in most years, the OSFM experienced some organizational changes. Effective July 1, 2011, all fire inspections for Medicare and Medicaid that were performed by OSFM personnel were moved to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene along with the OSFM contractual fire safety inspectors assigned to the program.

It pleases me to report that the annual Public Fire and Life Safety Educator’s Conference was revitalized this year. In March, an energetic group of 57 fire prevention professionals from across Maryland attended the Conference which included a wide range of topics fire prevention and life safety topics.

As the challenging economic times have dragged on, the OSFM staff continues to perform at a very high level. In 2011, the OSFM conducted nearly 1,100 fire/explosive investigations. The case closure rate achieved by OSFM Deputy State Fire Marshals was an outstanding 41% and remains over 50% higher than the national average of 18%. OSFM staff members completed over 17,000 fire and life safety inspections. The engineering staff reviewed nearly 1,600 construction and fire protection systems plans. Over 200 explosive investigations were conducted and OSFM K-9 Detection teams responded to over 75 calls for service. When reviewing these impressive accomplishments, the dedication of the OSFM staff is very apparent. It is through an agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that together we continue to work for the citizens and accomplish our mission of protecting life and property.

Although we remain challenged by economic conditions, together, we continue to make progress with our progressive fire and life safety agenda. We must continue to be creative with our delivery of our life saving programs. With your continued support, I look forward to embracing opportunities the coming year may bring. Together, as in previous years, we will continue to move our fire and life safety prevention efforts in a positive direction. We look forward to working side by side with incoming presidents, John Denver and Sherry Soper. We wish them great success and know they will continue to make a significant difference during their terms in office.

Respectfully Submitted,
William E. Barnard, CFPS
State Fire Marshal
The Officers and Members of the Savage Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

Support
Terry Thompson
for Trustee of the
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Report of the 
Hall of Fame Committee

President Lewis, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and 
Guests of the 120th Annual Convention and Conference of 
the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee received twenty 
eight (28) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and 
forty two (42) nominations for the Marbery F. Gates 
Service Cup Award.

A complete set of rules for the Hall of Fame and Marbery 
F. Gates Service Cup Award were mailed or delivered to 
each member company as well as being placed on the 
Maryland State Firemen’s Association web page, 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 department, 
company or squad review their membership rolls or 
records for members that have been with a department/ 
company for fifty years (50) or longer. These individuals 
should be nominated for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup 
Award in recognition of their years of service. There are 
many members in the departments/companies that have 
reached this stage of life. They need to be recognized 
for their service to the department/company, community, 
county and the state. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame 
or be selected to receive the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup 
Award, these are among the highest awards presented 
by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Remember 
that nominations are not held over from year to year. If 
your nominee does not get selected, please submit the 
individuals name again next year before April 15.

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee Report will 
be given during the presentation of awards on Tuesday, 
June 19, 2012, during the awards ceremonies.

As Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, I would like to 
thank Vice Chair Ben Kurtz for his assistance, support 
and advice. Thanks also goes to each member of the 
committee for their commitment, support and hard work 
they put into selecting the individuals for these two 
awards.

The committee and I would also like to thank President 
Lewis for his commitment to the committee and for the 
opportunity to serve this great Association.

Respectfully submitted, 
C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chair

Report of the 
High School Fire and 
EMS Career Tech Committee

The High School Career Tech Committee continued to 
monitor the programs around the state and offer assistance 
when asked. The Committee looks for trends that may 
identify strengths and/or weaknesses in the various 
programs. We have a standing offer to assist any county 
that wants to start a program.

The high failure rate among the Career Tech students in 
EMT and other classes continues to be a nagging problem. We are concerned about this and hope the new 
EMT program does not exacerbate the situation.

It will be increasingly important that students be assigned 
to the Fire/EMS programs with regard for their ability 
and probably more important — their desire and drive to 
be EMTs and Firefighters. This will make it imperative 
that the fire and EMS service be actively involved in the 
recruitment process.

Another challenge that will be encountered in the school 
year ahead is the need to incorporate the additional hours 
of the new 165-hour EMT program into the school year. 
Some programs have built in “down time” and they will 
likely find the task easy. The programs that have no 
slack time will have to make a decision on what to cut. 
Another option would be to switch to Emergency Medical 
Responder EMR, which will only be 55 or so hours long. 
Some jurisdictions have considered going to a two-year 
program or offer separate tracks — Fire or EMS. The 
Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

During the past year we have seen several counties 
suspend the cadet programs for variety of reasons. The 
most common reason seems to be the lack of students. We 
believe a renewed effort by the fire service in these 
counties will solve this problem. Most of the affected 
counties have the population base that should support a 
viable program if they aggressively recruit.

On a positive note, we have witnessed a rebirth of the 
program in Prince Georges County. This was the first 
program in the state and we applaud the efforts to revive 
the program. The PGFD plans a Pilot program at Flowers 
High School and Station 806. We have met with the 
coordinators of the program and are impressed with 
their progress. They have recruited the students and are 
preparing for classes in the fall.
Thanks to
Out Going Presidents
Dave Lewis
and Teresa Crisman
for a Great Year!

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2012-2013
We would like to thank Director Edwards and the staff at MFRI for their continued support of the programs around the state. MFRI and the regional training centers make these programs possible and the Volunteer Fire and EMS Service needs to express appreciation for the support.

We will continue to monitor the programs throughout the state and encourage County representatives to communicate issues and challenges to us. It may be that we have seen the issue in another program somewhere in the state and can provide some guidance.

We also encourage all counties with programs to intensify their recruitment efforts. These programs are one of the best recruitment tools the volunteer fire and EMS service has. We believe recruitment is a major component to achieving a successful high school cadet program. The counties that invest time at this stage of the program and aggressively recruit have very successful programs.

We stand ready to advise and assist any county that wants to start or revitalize a program.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Stevens, Chairman

Report of the Historical and Archives Committee

The Historical and Archives Committee continues to develop plans to preserve and protect the rich history of the Maryland fire service, with particular attention to the history of the MSFA. Vice Chairman Frank Underwood, PP, has maintained vigilance to keep the Volunteer Firefighter's Room in excellent condition. He is a steward of the room and works closely with the facility to assure the room is maintained.

Vice Chairman John Spiker has continued to keep watch of the archived records and items stored in Anne Arundel County. The committee also had the opportunity to tour the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum and view the many artifacts and items, including MSFA programs and information.

With the 125th anniversary of the MSFA rapidly approaching, it will be necessary for this committee to become more active and prepare to support the 125th Anniversary Committee in the celebration.

Respectfully,
Clarence E. "Chip" Jewell, Chair
Frank Underwood, PP, Vice Chair-Vol. Firefighter's Rm.
John Spiker, Vice Chair - Historical

Report of the Incentives Programs Committee

President Lewis, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 120th Annual Convention.

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)
The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. No changes were received this year. There are four counties, Dorchester, Garrett, Somerset, and Wicomico, without a LOSAP. The committee has offered assistance to these companies.

No requests for the LOSAP Information Manual were received this past year. Even though there have been no requests for the Length of Service Awards Program Information Manual for five years, a manual was printed this year for the first time since 2006. It updates and includes all of the counties.

All requests for the LOSAP Summary Sheet were filled. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Sheet may be kept current. The LOSAP Summary Chart will be on the next page.

TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)
Since this convention report is due prior to the date the lists of qualifying members are received from the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2011 is unavailable. A total of 14,520 volunteers qualified in Tax Year 2010. In 2009, 13,309 volunteers qualified.

There is a lot of confusion with the 36 months in the last 10 years for 25-year members. No changes have been made in the legislation. That is to qualify for the subtraction modification, a volunteer with less than 25 years of service must have been active in 2011 (that is a member must have a minimum of 50 points and those points must be earned in at least two categories) and have at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member with 25 or more years of qualifying service need not have been active in 2011; however, the
# LOSAP SUMMARY

This chart summarizes the current LOSAP information by County. All information was taken from the latest programs that have been furnished to this committee.

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The Town of Ocean City and the City of Salisbury have programs.

(i) per month added for each full year of certified service over 25 years

(b) changes yearly based on the Consumer Price Index

(c) cannot be increased or decreased by more than 4%

(d) in the event of death before receiving $15,000 in monthly payments, the member's designated beneficiary will receive a partial benefit equal to the difference between payments received and a minimum award of $15,000

(e) age 55 with 25 years of service before 1996 or any age with 25 years of service after December 31, 2003

(f) per month added for each additional year of certified service over 20 years

(g) $6 per month per year of past service (maximum 5 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.

(h) $6 per month per year of past service (maximum 25 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.

(i) amount equal to the total annual contributions made on behalf of each volunteer plus investment earnings

Per month added for each additional year of certified service (maximum 15 years). Must have 10 years of certified service after effective date–January 1, 2009.
member must still qualify with at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member who has served 25 years or more as an active volunteer does not receive the TIP based on this status alone. Everyone must have 36 months in the last 10 years. All 25 years does not apply for a member is that member does not have to qualify in the tax year. Additional information may be found on the Comptroller’s website, www.marylandtaxes.com/-accessMaryland, Income Tax Administrative Release No. 29, dated September 2009. This should clear up any questions you may have.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

As chair of the Incentive Programs Committee, I wish to express my thanks to the committee members, the county coordinators, and the company tax incentive coordinators for their hard work, assistance, and support in this year.

The committee would like to thank President David Lewis for our appointments and for his support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve the MSFA another year. We congratulate President Lewis on a very successful year and know he will have a very successful and productive convention. We offer our congratulations to the incoming president, John Denver, and all of the newly elected officers. We wish them a successful and productive year and offer our assistance to them.

**Incentive Programs Committee**

Joan Robison, Chair  
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**Report of the Legislative Committee**

President Lewis, Vice Presidents Denver and Olson, Officers, Past Presidents, members of the Executive Committee, delegates, and guests.

The 2012 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session started on January 11 and concluded at midnight on April 19. This session was one of the most hectic I have seen. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 2580 bills. Of these, 51 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The break down of these bills was:

- Support: 11  
- Oppose: 1  
- Monitor: 11  
- Local: 25  
- Budget (funding): 3

The one bill that the MSFA opposed, **SB331 - Manufactured Homes - Sprinkler System Requirement - Opt-Out Provisions for Local Jurisdictions**, received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Two very important bills were introduced that would have a lasting effect on the safety of not only our citizens but also our firefighters, **HB366/SB602 - Public Safety - Building Performance Standards – Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems**. This legislation will require residential fire sprinklers in all newly constructed 1 and 2 family dwellings by 2015. This legislation was the number one priority of President Lewis. With the combined help of the fire service, Senator Roy Dyson, Senator Jim Mathias, Delegate James Malone, Delegate Doyle Niemann, and State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard both bills passed. The vote in each chamber was mostly down party lines.

There has been some concerned about the worker comp coverage of the Fire Police when they were “working” for the local Sheriff. As a result of this concern, **HB1085/ SB431 - Workers’ Compensation - Emergency Responders – Revisions** were introduced. This legislation will ensure that the Fire Police are covered by worker’s comp. Both bills passed.

**SB365 - Higher Education – The Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Scholarship** was introduced by Senator Rob Garagiola. This scholarship...
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will replace the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services tuition reimbursement program. This action will ease some of the funding problems.

**HB1423/SB1087 - Local Government - Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds - Distribution of Money to Volunteer Companies** – These bills would insure that Maryland Counties distribute at least 51% of the Amoss funds to the local Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS Departments. These bills were introduced to solve a problem in one county. Both bills died in the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

**SB152 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2012** – Bill died (Sine Die) in the House. This bill contained the funding source for the MSFA operating funds ($200,000), a $2.00 increase in vehicle registration that would help fund the EMSOF, and a $2 million increase in the Amoss fund.

**HB875/SB421 - Public Safety - Explosives - Package of Components** – Both bills passed.

**HB1005/SB670 - Washington County - Tip Jars - Accountability and Oversight** – Both bills passed.

**HB133/SB661 - Carroll County – Gaming** – Both failed in committee.

**HB494/SB264 - Frederick County – Raffles** – Both failed in committee.

**HB1287/SB166 - Harford County - Charitable Gaming** – Both failed in committee.

**HB562/SB623 - Washington County - Volunteer Fire and Rescue Companies - Reimbursement of Costs** – Both were withdrawn by the sponsors.

**HB810 - Prince George's County - Volunteer Fire Departments - Poker Events PG 303-12** – Failed in committee.

The Committee especially thanks the following for their efforts on behalf of the MSFA: Senator Roy Dyson, Senator Jim Mathias, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, Delegate Doyle Nieman, and Delegate Tony O’Donnell. Thanks are extended to the Fire Caucus and the other Delegates and Senators who supported us throughout the year. Thanks are also extended to the Maryland Fire Chiefs, Metro Chiefs, Mike Rund (career firefighters), State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and his Annapolis Staff, MIEMSS, MFRI, Shock Trauma, MSP Aviation, and others for their help and support. Special thanks are extended to Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and their staff for their support this year.

To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, your support was immeasurable. The Committee sincerely appreciates the many hours of volunteer service you provide and your excellent support. The committee would like to pay a special thanks to Rose Davis, chairperson of the LA-MSFA Legislative Committee. Rose, you and the other ladies did a tremendous job. We are proud to have the following ladies as a part of the team; Rose Davis, Betty Radisch, Marian Nicholson, Barbara McWilliams, and Carene Housenfluck. We missed Candy Mitchell and Marie Soutar. Heartfelt thanks to President Teresa Crisman for her assistance and support during the year.

I would like to thank Richard Snader, Data Systems Committee, for keeping the computers up and running. He was only a phone call away if a problem was encountered.

To the members of the MSFA Legislative Committee and all the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association a tremendous thank you for your continued support and efforts in contacting your Senators and Delegates seeking their support or opposition on various Bills submitted during this session.

Finally this will be Richard and my final report as Legislative Committee Chair and Vice Chair. We have decided that it is time for a rest. We have enjoyed working with the Governor and the General Assembly on matters that concern Maryland’s Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services. A few of the legislative issues we have seen; were the passage of the “safer” cigarette, move over legislation, residential fire sprinklers, the defeat of an attempt to dismantle the State Med-E-Vac system, the commitment of the State to replace the aging helicopter fleet, and the designation of the first Sunday in June to honor those Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services personnel that have given their lives in the service of others. Thanks to everyone for their help and support over the past years.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Daniel Davis Jr., Chairman
Richard L. Yinger, Vice Chairman
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Report of the Federal Legislation Oversight Sub-committee

President Lewis, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, and Guest to the 120th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

A unique partnership effort of the U.S. Department of Justice; local, state, tribal, and federal public safety agencies; and national organizations, the Public Safety Officer’s Benefits (PSOB) Programs provide death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters and other first responders, and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty. The amount of PSOB benefit is $323,035.75 for eligible deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2011.

Two-hatter Issue – According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), there are close to 30,000 career firefighters across the county that are volunteering as firefighter – generally in hometowns- when they are off-duty. There are 1,395 two-hatters or 5% in the state of Maryland. These men and women are providing valuable service to their community and they should be appreciated and not be harassed. The counties are seeing a great decline in tax dollars and it doesn’t make a lot sense to allow this to go on.

State and local governments use property tax rebate and other incentive to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters, yet the Internal Revenue Service views these incentive as income. The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) excluded from taxable income any property tax benefit. However, this law expired at the end of 2010. This year Senators Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act (S.933) to reinstate the tax benefit to $600 through the end of the 2013 tax year. House of Representatives John Larson (D-CT), Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Tammy Baldwin have introduced House Bill 2353 to allow this Volunteer Incentive.

Joseph R. Robison, Chairman, P.P.
Danny Davis, Vice Chairman, P.P.
Laura Woods
Harve Edward Woods
Robert Cumberland P.P.

Report of the Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation

The Foundation is sad to announce the placement of two additional names on the wall of honor John Gallagher from Bryans Road and Jerry Hamrick from Rockville. Our prayers are with the families.

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of over 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. We have signed a contract with McGregor’s of Havre de Grace for the GALA on September 29, 2012, to be held at the Minter Hall in Perryville. 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 are currently designing an upgrade to the lighting at the site to consist of replacement of some of the current fixtures, adding additional ones down the pathway and an overall improvement.

Remember our major goal for the year is to get a picture of the memorial hanging in every fire station. About half of our member companies had a LODD, please hang the picture in their honor.

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 state elected officials who also continue to support the Foundation.

We will be holding our annual ceremony on June 3 to honor all those who have given the ultimate over the years. Retired Chief Rod and his committee have been working diligently to make this a memorable event for all. Please join us in honoring our brave.

We always want to remind you that we are still selling memorial replicas, bricks, pictures and DVD’s. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to thank the MSFA and specifically the convention committee for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. Stop by our booth for a first hand look at our items. And yes, we want to thank those that regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings and chair the various committees. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation. See you at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington, Chairman
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Officers and Members
Of the
Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Inc.
Wish to Congratulate Outgoing President Bill Jones
On a Successful Year
And
Best Wishes in the Coming Year to Incoming President Chuck Shaw
And all the Officers of the
Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association

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Secretary  Betty Hamrick
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Chaplain  Debbie McCambridge

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Report of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Mission Statement – To honor and remember the nation’s fallen firefighters, provide assistance to their families and coworkers, and work to prevent firefighter fatalities.

Since its creation by Congress in 1992, the non-profit National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has developed many programs to fulfill this mandate. Grants and donations from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations fund many of the Foundation’s programs.

Survivor Programs

The Fire Service Survivors Network

“It truly helps even more as time goes on to know that someone cares and remembers. I will never forget everyone who has reached out to me from your Foundation and still do.”

A core group of family members of fallen firefighters make up the Fire Service Survivors Network. These dedicated individuals volunteer to assist newly bereaved families and help the Foundation with projects throughout the year and during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. There are now a total of 393 Network members from 44 states and the District of Columbia. Members of the Fire Service Survivors Network assisted with:

- Contacting newly bereaved families and offering emotional support. Survivors of 2011 fallen firefighters were carefully matched with Network members. These matches took into account similarities between the newly-bereaved survivor and Network member. For example, widows with young children are matched with widows from previous years whose children were young when their firefighter died. This outreach provided peer-to-peer support for fire service survivors which is a key element in the healing process.

- Sending Remembrance cards to all survivors on the date of their firefighters’ deaths. Personal messages from Network members let other survivors know that they were remembered on the anniversary date of their firefighter’s death. In 2011, 141 Network members sent 3,187 cards.

- Activities in support of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, such as sewing black bands for fire service badges, helping with family registration, greeting families being honored, making luminary bags, and other Family Day activities. More than 150 family members returned to assist, provide support, and network with families of fallen firefighters being honored.

Scholarships

“We are so thankful for the support that you give families who have lost loved ones that helped others and the community. I know and feel that my father is proud of me, and he would be thankful to know that I have some help paying for my education.”

Many children tell us that their fallen firefighter stressed the importance of getting an education, and our scholarship helps them attain that goal. Since 1997, the NFFF’s scholarship program has given spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Memorial the opportunity to pursue their personal, educational and career goals.

For the 2011-12 academic year

- A very generous donation from the Motorola Foundation enabled the Foundation to award $205,000 to 78 recipients
- ICMA-RC awarded $25,000 to 20 recipients and MasterGuard awarded 2 $2,000 scholarships for a total of $29,000.
- The Foundation and it partners combined awarded $234,000

Scholarships were awarded to 78 recipients.
- 74 children, 2 stepchildren, and 2 spouses
- 7 families had two members who received scholarships
- 40 are previous recipients
- 38 are new recipients
- 12 scholarship recipients are survivors of firefighters killed on 9/11
- recipients range in age from 18 to 37
- 53 are survivors of volunteer firefighters
- 25 are survivors of career firefighters

Scholarship recipients hail from 26 different states
- New York has the greatest number of recipients with 19
- Missouri comes in second with 8 recipients

Recipients will attend institutions in 30 different states and are preparing for careers ranging from Culinary Arts to Criminal Justice. Two recipients are enrolled in a Fire Science program.

Grief Support Resources for Survivors

A Lending Library of books dealing with the subject of grief and recovery is available for survivors. Brochures are also available free of charge.
Congratulations to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association on another successful year! Thanks for your continued partnership and dedication that makes The Maryland EMS & Trauma System the best in the world.
Provided 511 grief brochures to survivors in 11 states—Alabama, Arizona, California, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas—and Puerto Rico.

Staff often receives requests for grief resources or counseling from families and coworkers. These requests are fulfilled either by information available from the Foundation or by finding counseling services in the area where the family lives.

Research and Disseminate Information on Survivor Benefits
A comprehensive research project on Federal, state, county, and local benefits for the families of fallen firefighters was undertaken. The updated information was posted in the State Benefits section of the Foundation’s website: www.firehero.org.

Sixth Fire Service Survivors Conference

“The time at the conference is so empowering. Each one has helped me get stronger, learn new ways to help me move forward, get to know other spouse survivors, and really boost my confidence when it’s time to rejoin reality….It felt so good to laugh and have fun! It brings such lightness to my soul and the biggest smile to my face when I think about it.”

The 6th annual Fire Service Survivors Conference took place May 1-6, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas. The conference was held in conjunction with the Foundation’s Local Assistance State Team (LAST) training, and an annual meeting of the Everyone Goes Home® State Advocates. It was beneficial for both survivors and fire service members to meet and learn about the Foundation’s programs. There were 84 survivors and 76 members of the fire service in attendance.

Workshop topics for survivors included Advocacy, Fitness, Facing the Mourning, Forgiveness, Listening, Transition and Transformation, and the ever-popular Home Improvement. Survivors had an opportunity for local sightseeing to River Walk and the Alamo.

Survivors tell us that being able to relax in the company of others who know what it is like when a loved one dies in the line of duty is one of the most valuable experiences the conference offers.

Develop and/or Update Publications and Reference Materials for Survivors

“With every issue of The Journey or newsletter, I read each article. The articles from The Journey especially help me in understanding how others cope with their losses.”

Six issues of The Journey, a publication of articles written by survivors, were published and mailed exclusively to survivors. Each issue included a section authored by Department of Justice staff, “Did You Know,” with information on the Public Safety Officers Benefits program. In their own words, survivors wrote about issues they faced after their loved ones died. Survivors contributed articles on:

- The loss of their firefighter—written by teenagers
- Sticking points of grief
- Forgiveness
- Dreams completed
- Paying it forward
- Inspiration
- Coping with holidays

Four issues of the Foundation newsletter, Facing Tomorrow Together, to over 6,000 survivors and members of the fire service. Articles contained information on:

- Annual Fire Service Survivors Conference
- Scholarships and Public Safety Officers
- Educational Assistance benefits
- 9-11 Remembrance
- Holiday concert
- Fundraisers—stair climbs, golf tournaments, softball tournament
- Fallen firefighter tributes and remembrances
- Tribute to Sparkles, The Fire Safety Dog
- NASCAR fundraisers
- Highlights of the 2011 Memorial Weekend
- CFSI Dinner
- Better Angels – A Tribute to 9-11 FDNY firefighters
- Remembering Hal Bruno
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Continued sponsorship of The Link, a special biweekly newsletter for the immediate next-of-kin of FDNY firefighters killed at the World Trade Center. The Link reaches 960 households and more than 2,400 FDNY survivors and members of the FDNY community. Foundation staff provided design, editorial support, printing and postage for the newsletter.
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Charles “Jenks” Mattingly III

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Fire Service Programs

In 2011, the National Fallen Firefighters received a Fire Act Grant that allowed the Everyone Goes Home® continue to develop and refine programs aimed at reducing line of duty deaths and injuries.

Taking Care of Our Own®
“Definitely one of the better trainings the agency puts on. Real stories from those who have gone through incidents. Something all line officers in fire community should be taking.”

Taking Care of Our Own® training helps prepare fire service officers for a line-of-duty death, including how to make notification to the family. There were 14 deliveries of the training to 352 attendees in California, South Dakota, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Oregon, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Idaho, Ohio, Maryland and Montana.

Local Assistance State Teams
“Great class – I learned a tremendous amount about LAST and PSOB.”

The Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Program is a collaborative effort between the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The Foundation realized that, to best assist families and departments who had lost a firefighter in the line of duty, they needed to have trained personnel on the ground and available to help when requested within six hours of a death. This could only be accomplished by developing a team of trained responders in each state who could be deployed immediately upon notification of a line-of-duty death. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation began training personnel in these functions in October 2006 and has continued this training across the country wherever potential team members are available. Funds from the Department of Defense, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant make this vital program possible.

When a line-of-duty death is reported to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, the coordinator of the Local Assistance State Team (CAST), in that state is notified; and they immediately make contact with the chief of the affected department or his/her designee and offer the assistance of the Local Assistance State Team. That assistance can include operational support to ensure the continuance of service to the community, any and all needed support to the family of the fallen firefighter, planning and coordination of funeral activities, assistance in obtaining behavioral health counseling for family and department members, and the preparation of local, state and federal benefit claims. While these teams may perform many important functions, their primary responsibility, when requested, is to assist with the preparation and submission of the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits (PSOB) claim. The Local Assistance State Team will only assist after being requested and then will operate in a transparent manner behind the scenes to accomplish their tasks.

During 2011, there were 17 LAST trainings in Kansas, Nebraska, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Montana, Oklahoma, Georgia, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, Wyoming, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, Maryland, Arizona and Oregon, attended by 525 fire service members.

LAST teams assisted with 56 firefighter fatalities during 2011.

LAST and Advocate Summit

Coordinators of the Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) and Advocates from across the country participated in a mini summit held in conjunction with the Survivors Conference held in San Antonio Texas. The summit provided an opportunity for the members of the fire programs to meet with survivors and to sharpen their skills as last members and advocates. All the participants learned valuable information about Public Safety Officers Benefits and information every public safety officer should be aware of. Additionally, Advocates were received a Train-the-Trainer on the Leadership Accountability, Culture and Knowledge course and LAST members were briefed on the new Behavioral Health model developed by the NFFF.

Advocate Program

This year the Advocate program added function specific advocates for metro departments and to increase our outreach to the wildland firefighters. Both these programs have proved to be key in developing better relationships within those areas of the fire service.

Life Safety Initiatives.com

In 2011 fire programs launched the lifesafetyinitiative.com website. The website is dedicated to information and research directly supporting the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. It should be the starting point for anyone, particularly fire service researchers, who require up-to-date and accurate information. This site updates the bibliographic material which Everyone Goes Home® has maintained for many years on its website. That information will now be accessed through LifesafetyInitiatives.com.
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The new LifeSafetyInitiatives.com website will also contain Special Topics and research on emerging topics that fire service researchers and writers need to know more about.

Heart Health Project
Heart attacks and strokes remain the leading cause of LODDs followed by motor vehicle crashes. EGH has partnered with Johns Hopkins to conduct a research study that will provide departments a means to determine a firefighters “heart age”. Through a medical assessment each participating firefighter’s heart age will be determined and an individualized program will allow firefighters to reduce their heart age through a proper diet and exercise. The results of the study will be made available in 2012.

Chicago Fire Department/Everyone Goes Home Video
“Must see video for all firefighters, view it, learn from it, and live by it; and EVERYONE WILL GO HOME!!!!!!!!!!”

In December of 2011, the Chicago Fire Department’s Everyone Goes Home video debuted. The video highlights the need to change the culture of safety within the fire service. The video has been highly successful and requests for copies of the video have come from as far as Australia and Great Britain.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend
“We were extremely impressed with your organization of the Memorial Weekend. It made everyone in my family feel better. It was more like a celebration of life instead of a final goodbye.”

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on October 15-16, 2011, honored 72 firefighters who died in the line of duty during 2010 and 17 who died in previous years. During the weekend, families:

- Visited the National Memorial and made rubbings of their loved ones’ names
- Visited the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel where they lit candles and placed roses in a Maltese Cross vase in honor of their loved ones
- Visited the Walk of Honor® and made rubbings of bricks placed in honor of their loved ones
- Made luminaries for their loved ones for use in the Candlelight Service
- Attended small group sessions facilitated by mental health specialists with expertise in dealing with grief. Family members were able to share their experiences and were given information and resources to help them deal with their loss. A special session for chiefs allowed them to meet with other chiefs who experienced a line-of-duty death in their department.
- Were honored by more than 300 Red Helmet motorcyclists who rode to campus and placed a wreath in honor of firefighters being honored
- Attended the Saturday night Candlelight Service that honored their loved ones
- Attended the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday where tribute was paid to their loved ones. Each family received a badge, rose, and American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. More than 6,000 attended.

Both the Candlelight Service and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service were televised and streamed live over the internet, and were viewed nationwide and around the world.

Public Awareness and Line-of-Duty Death Prevention Initiatives
The Web site was enhanced by including more resources and information for survivors. The site includes a special Family Programs section, online forms to request information and peer support, specialized grief materials, and links to other resources and organizations.

- There were 4,712,382 page views of the FireHero.org site
- There were 3,767,695 page view of the EveryoneGoesHome.com site
- A “widget” on the web site featuring 2010 fallen firefighters changed each day to feature a new firefighter. It was accessed and downloaded by numerous fire service organizations and publications. After the 2011 Memorial Weekend, the widget was revised to show information on firefighters honored in previous years.

Staff continued to promote initiatives to reduce line-of-duty deaths by focusing on the impact on the survivors and communities. Presentations at fire service conferences during which survivors told the audience how the loss of their firefighter impacted their lives and their communities provided a powerful tool to promote firefighter safety. This was combined with information on how to reduce line-of-duty deaths. Presentations were very well received by the audiences.

Respectfully Submitted;
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director
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Report of the Recruitment & Retention Committee

President Lewis, 1st Vice President Denver, 2nd Vice President Olson, Officers, Delegates & Guests to the 120th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: It has been a tremendous learning experience serving as the chairman of this committee. In August of 2011, the Committee met and set some lofty goals for this year, as well as developed a roadmap for the future Recruitment & Retention committees.

Short Time Goals -
- Assist the member departments to recruit new members.
- Create awareness for member companies of the available recruitment programs and to encourage them to request our help.

Medium Range Goals -
- Develop a website location so that we could begin collecting the best practices & ideas for use in recruitment & retention.

Long Range Goals -
- SAFER & AFG - Assist departments with the application process for Grants and funding. Work with the Grants Committee.
- Assist with the creation of videos, PSA’s Brochures, or Commercials for recruitment of new members.

To begin to accomplish these goals the committee determined that we needed a better understanding of the members needs. A survey was developed and sent out across the entire state resulting in over 350 responses. The committee is analyzed the results and a copy of our findings will be found in this year’s convention bag.

The Committee organized and presented a seminar called “Building Leadership for Organizational Success” on March 24, 2012 that was attended by 40 department leaders. George Zeeks, an experienced motivational speaker on management and leadership designed this seminar to help build a better culture within our departments, by changing behavior and understanding of human behavior styles.

It was with the generosity of some wonderful vendors that we were able to fund this seminar and the committee would like to acknowledge them.

Thank you to VFIS, California Casualty, 1-800-BOARD-UP, Maryland Fire Equipment and Municipal Marketing for all of your assistance. The Recruitment and Retention Committee intends to continue providing leadership seminars in the future. Our belief is that if a department has good Leadership – the members will follow.

Also, during this past year, Committee Members discussed the value of the national Fire Corps initiative for use by our State’s emergency services organizations. Fire Corps seeks to engage citizens to help their community’s First Responders by assisting with a wide range of non-operational tasks that includes fundraising, safety fairs, fire & injury prevention activities, chaplaincy programs, awards & recognition duties, website implementation and maintenance, public affairs work, grant writing, and the list goes on and on. Currently, 31 Fire Corps programs exist across the state - http://www.firecorps.org/volunteers/find-a-program?state=Maryland. As detailed at the Fire Corps website local programs vary slightly in order to best meet a specific local need which is how the opportunity. The Committee feels more Maryland volunteer and combination Fire and EMS companies could also make effective use of the initiative, too.

It was an honor to serve as Chairman on the MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee this year with all of the dedicated & talented committee members. I would like to thank President Dave Lewis and Vice President’s Denver & Olson, who provided the committee with tremendous leadership and guidance by their presence at most of our meetings, and to Jim Brown, our MIEMSS Liaison.

Sincerely,
Joseph S. Chornock, CHS-III, Chair
Troy Odendhal, Vice Chair
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Report of the Risk Management Committee

The Risk Management Committee continues to monitor the Injured Workers Insurance Fund (IWIF) workers compensation program to assure the program remains viable and profitable. The program has been extremely successful with over $18,000 in dividends paid to participating member companies. We continue to encourage member companies with excellent loss experience to have their local agent consider the MSFA Safety Group program.

We are pleased to report legislative initiatives proposed by the Risk Management Committee were successful in Annapolis. HB 1085 and SB 431 passed the Maryland General Assembly. This legislation clearly defines a fire police is covered as "on duty" for purposes of Workers Compensation when assisting a law enforcement agency. Additionally, the legislation defines stipends to offset personal expenses paid to members of volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance companies in an amount less than $5,200 per year is not considered payroll for the purpose of worker's compensation and the member is not considered a paid firefighter.

The committee is very pleased to have served this past year and conducted activities that have had a positive effect on the member companies of MSFA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clarence "Chip" Jewell, Chairman
Bill Cooke
Charles Brandt
Michael LaCompte

Report of the Rural Water Supply Committee

The Rural Water Supply Committee has again had a very successful year. We have assisted with two water supply shuttle drills in the state. Drills were held in Denton, Caroline County in the fall of 2011, and in Jarrettsville, Harford County in the spring of 2012. Both of these drills were well attended and many tried and true concepts were practiced as well as many innovative concepts tested. We have received many compliments, and suggestions for future drills. Our committee members were also able to attend several regional water supply drills in different areas of the state.

Our committee has remained pretty much the same for the past several years. We certainly would like to get interested folks to take an active role in the committee to give some others a break. If you just wish to say you are on the committee, save your effort as we have no room for namesakes only. But if you wish to get out and participate in planning, setting up, and conducting training exercises and drills, please contact the MSFA President and ask to be placed on this committee. We will be looking for a new committee chair this year as I have held this position for 10 years and feel that it is time for some new ideas and fresh approach. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of individuals and we have attained a high level of success in sharpening the rural water supply skills of many of our member companies.

We especially want to recognize and thank Vice Chair Greg Dods, Butch Britton, Robert Small, and George Brown for their enthusiastic participation this year. We also wish to thank the Denton Volunteer Fire Company, and the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company for their assistance and efforts in holding the drills this year. These groups did an outstanding job as hosts for the exercises.

Our fall 2012 drill is tentatively set for Eastern Garrett County VFD. The date and details are currently in progress and will be posted soon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

Report of the History of the Residential Sprinkler in Maryland

Prince Georges County became the first county in Maryland to require residential sprinklers in town houses, apartments, and condominiums (multi-family) in 1988. The State of Maryland began requiring residential sprinklers in multi-family, hotel, motel, dormitory, lodging or rooming houses July 1, 1990.


The State of Maryland began requiring residential sprinklers in town houses July 1, 1992. The above
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requirements are the first known requirements for residential sprinklers in Maryland. As you can see, we began with multi-family occupancies and worked our way down to single family dwelling units over time.

The expansion of requirements for residential sprinklers lay somewhat dormant until after 2001 when the cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg in Montgomery County initiated requirements, followed closely in January of 2003 by the Town of Mt. Airy in Carroll/Frederick Counties. Montgomery County followed suit in 2004. These communities along with the City of Laurel and Prince Georges County laid the ground work for residential sprinkler requirements as we know them today.

In early 2005, the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen’s Association began work to require residential sprinklers in one and two family dwellings. A thorough campaign was launched to educate the county commissioners, the citizens of the county, and all the firefighters of the county to the benefits of residential sprinklers. Much support was obtained from the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office, ISO, MFRI, local sprinkler companies, and some insurance companies. An education and demonstration seminar was presented at the Westminster VFD in late March of 2005 where the sprinkler trailer from MFRI was utilized to show graphically how effective residential sprinklers were. This session was videotaped by the local cable TV company and broadcast throughout the county many times over the next few months. In June of 2005, the county commissioners voted to require residential sprinklers in all new one and two family dwellings effective January 1, 2006. This was a huge victory for the fire service and the citizens of Carroll County. This effort became the springboard for further efforts in Maryland.

President Lee Sachs of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association appointed a committee in June of 2005, at the annual convention, to assist and support the fire service of Maryland in obtaining residential sprinkler requirements anywhere in the state, with a goal of statewide requirements in the future. This committee consisting of approximately 15 personnel met and began to organize an approach to bringing residential sprinkler requirements to all areas of Maryland. The committee put together a multi-faceted plan to accomplish the task.

1. Put together a comprehensive education program to reach firefighters, citizens, and local governmental officials on the facts about residential sprinklers.
2. Solicit the help of related agencies such as the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee of the MSFA, and as many county fire associations as possible.
3. Complete a mission statement agreed upon by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
4. Reach out to other organizations including sprinkler installers and fire safety organizations to tap into their experience and knowledge in this area.
5. Extend our offer of assistance to all fire companies and fire service organizations across the state. We will assist any local group, but will not serve as a sponsor or catalyst for action. Initiation of an effort to obtain requirements for residential sprinklers must originate from the local fire service.
6. Take a one by one approach and take on those jurisdictions willing to do so rather attempt to bring the whole state on at one time. Once we reached a “tipping point” then attempt to bring on the whole state under one requirement.
7. Work only towards requirements for new homes at this time due to the additional costs for retrofitting older homes. We are more interested in getting residential sprinklers in new homes due to the lightweight construction, open floor plans, and amount of decorative materials placed in homes today. We will advocate for residential sprinklers to be retrofitted in older homes, but for now will not promote requirements for such.

With these tasks identified, the committee began to contact the related agencies and explain our efforts and request their assistance. In all cases, we were greeted with enthusiasm and a pledge to assist. This became the team behind the MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee. This continues to be the backbone and support system for the committee. Without the support of this team, our accomplishments would not have been realized. Once this team was in place, our education efforts started in earnest. Many educational gatherings were attended to get the facts out on residential sprinklers. Governmental meetings, Civic club meetings, firefighter meetings, and gatherings of interested citizens were just some of the places we went to get the facts out. With the help of the State Fire Marshal, a mission statement was developed. The Executive Committee of the MSFA supported this mission statement and this statement became a written explanation for our existence. This mission statement can be found on the MSFA website at anytime.

As we began our educational efforts, we learned very quickly that the effort to get residential sprinkler requirements had to come from the “local” fire service if
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the efforts were to be successful. Government officials are really not interested in hearing from people from another geographical area when discussing local requirements or ordinances. We learned that we needed to be a consultant for the locals and support them in their efforts by providing them with facts, supporting documents, sample ordinances, and technical support when they went before their local governmental officials. Of course, the committee members could also demonstrate the support of the MSFA which is the organization that represents the volunteer fire service of Maryland. We also learned that career firefighter unions and committees were also willing to support the local efforts, so we involved them whenever possible. They proved to be great contributors each time they attended. We also found that most of the time the local building official understood and supported the requirement for residential sprinklers, particularly after the requirement became part of the International Residential Code. We also learned to assume a “take what you can get” approach as some municipalities only wanted to adopt requirements for duplexes, and some municipalities only wanted to adopt for areas with water systems in place. We found that a “half of a loaf” was better than not getting any requirement.

Members of the committee who are also members of the International Code Council, worked to get fire service folks to join the ICC and participate in hearings and votes to include residential sprinklers in the 2009 and 2012 editions of the International Residential Code. These efforts, along with the efforts of many fire service groups and concerned fire service personnel, were successful in Minneapolis in 2008 and Baltimore in 2010 in cementing these requirements into the code editions. Maryland fire service personnel had a major impact in this success. However, we must continue our vigilance or the homebuilders will overturn our success in future code editions.

We traveled to many communities and counties across the state supporting the efforts of the locals. The committee has consisted of members with skills in different areas. For example, we have had 3 FPE’s on the committee and support from others within the State Fire Marshal’s Office. We have had a member from a sprinkler company active with the committee, and support from several sprinkler companies in different areas of the state when it came to hearings and educational gatherings. The committee has done several things to provide documented and face to face support for the locals. A mission statement was developed, a fact sheet was created and distributed, handout items such as rulers, key chains, lanyards, pins, etc. were purchased for a quick giveaway or reminder, and a booth was set up at the MACO convention each year in Ocean City to help provide an avenue for the education of our county officials. Of course, public hearings were attended whenever we were requested by the locals to show the support of the MSFA and to provide technical support if needed. The approach that took place was to go wherever the officials were interested and “sell the product” so to speak. As one by one municipalities and counties came on board with requirements, we found more folks willing to listen.

Currently, we have 13 counties and 94 of 157 municipalities including Baltimore City covered by requirements of their own for residential sprinklers in new one and two family homes. We have found that the western counties and lower eastern shore counties have been resisting residential sprinklers even though they are now part of all the model building codes. We feel that further education may help in these areas, but generally, the almighty dollar has been the factor that has disallowed these requirements to take place. Empathy towards the “poor citizen” who is “devastated by governmental intervention” has taken a toll on our success. The home builders have continued to cry poor mouth ever since we began seeking these requirements. For some reason they feel that residential sprinkler costs are killing their business and keeping people from buying new homes. Draw your own conclusion. Residential sprinkler costs consistently cost around 1% to 2% the cost of a new home. The NFPA estimates that the cost averages $1.61 a square foot of home nationwide.

We have been challenged by the homebuilders, realtors, TEA party folks, and those who think we are infringing upon their right to have their home the way they want it when it comes to residential sprinklers. The old “… a man’s home is his castle” syndrome. Well, that would be great if they did not expect the government to get involved when they screw up or are an unfortunate victim of an act of nature. Then, their government should do all it can to save their lives and property despite how dangerous they have made the home or the situation at hand. Firefighters are not sacrificial beings to save some citizens house. I am sure they will still go out on the limb to save a life, but I am not so sure we have to throw ourselves into a situation where nothing more than property is to be saved. Lightweight construction used in today’s houses gives us very little time to get into a house to save a life when the structural elements are attacked by fire. That is why residential sprinklers are so important. The open floor plans in use today differ from construction of just 20 – 25 years ago when there were rooms separated from one
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Another by walls and doors. Cathedral ceilings, ornate archways, open stairwells, and decorative partial doors have allowed houses to be essentially wide open allowing fire to travel very quickly throughout. Residential sprinklers help to combat this occasion of fire deficiency.

In conclusion, the committee has had remarkable success in educating the public, the fire service, and the governmental officials to the virtues of residential sprinklers. There is much work left to do however. New approaches and efforts to bring attention to the significant benefits of residential sprinklers must be found and applied. We must continue to cultivate the efforts of local fire service groups to educate and convince their law makers that residential sprinklers are more than “a governmental intrusion”. Like indoor plumbing, seatbelts in vehicles, child safety car seats, and many other items that save numerous lives every year, but were forcefully resisted when first introduced, residential sprinklers will be accepted as time goes on. Anytime safety hits the pocketbook, resistance is inevitable. We must continue to work for requirements for residential sprinklers, particularly in new homes. In recent months we have experienced the backlash somewhat spearheaded by officials that believe in “less government” agendas. There have been several efforts across the state where residential sprinkler requirements have been withdrawn or revoked, or attempts made to do so, because a newly elected official (2010) has, because of “promises or commitments” to their constituents, managed to get the requirement overturned in the name of “less government regulation” or to “allow the housing industry to recover from the recession” without further regulation. I doubt that any of us here today have succumbed to that façade but realize that the builders that helped to fund successful campaigns are asking for their return. Fortunately so far, there have been only a few successful overturns of residential sprinkler requirements.

In the Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly in early 2012, bills were cross filed in both houses of the legislature to eliminate the “opting out” of residential sprinkler requirements in the Maryland Building Performance Standards by local jurisdictions. The identical bills cleared both houses of the General Assembly, after some minor changes by amendment, by significant margins and were forwarded to the governor for signing.

On Wednesday May 2, 2012, Governor Martin O’Malley signed SB602/HB366 into law. Effective October 1, 2012, essentially all new homes in Maryland will be required to have residential fire sprinkler systems installed when built. This requirement is part of the International Residential Code which is included in the Maryland Building Performance Standards.

The signing of this bill brings to a close a 7 year effort by the fire service of Maryland to get statewide requirements in place to have residential sprinklers in all new homes. However, we must remain vigilant as certainly there will be those that will try to erase this success and attempt ways to avoid residential sprinkler requirements.

Report of the Scholarship Committee

This year the scholarship committee continued with the mentoring program that was developed three years ago and also works with the newly revised process of applications. I am pleased to report that all worked well.

Chairman emeritus Bill Olsen completed writing the history of the scholarship committee that includes the names of all of those supported since the committee was
Farewell from Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire Department Co. 2
By Debby Pilkerton Adkins

In July 2005, the Fire Station to house the Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association was built to replace the Cottage City, Mount Rainier, and Brentwood Volunteer Fire Departments. Sadly, these three stations had been deemed “old” and “outdated”, even though they had served a large segment of Prince George’s County on the Northeast border of Washington, DC for almost a century.

From our humble beginnings in 1922, the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Department (Company 2) was founded by a few brave, civic minded men in the neighborhood, who were called to service day and night by a siren on a pole at the corner of 40th Avenue and Parkwood Street. Their first piece of fire fighting equipment was a hand-drawn hose reel that was kept in a garage on 41st Avenue.

In 1924, the community banded together and built our first permanent Fire Station on 38th Avenue. And in 1939 we finally moved to the corner of 40th Avenue and Bladensburg Road into the most prominent building in the area, a two story brick building built in the Colonial Revival Style. This is the Station where we thought our grandchildren’s grandchildren would continue to volunteer well into the next century!

Who would have thought back in 1922, that in 2012 the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Department as we have been known for the past 90 years would undergo a complete dissolution? This is a decision that has been heartbreaking for many of us, and has been discussed at length from the time we moved into the Bunker Hill Station, and has taken 7 long years to finalize. It was decided by majority vote that Company 2, as we know it - The Cottage City Volunteer Fire Department - is formally closing and will be just another page in the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Department History Books as of December 31, 2012. And we will be merging all of our assets into the Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Company 55, on January 1, 2013.

We would like to thank the communities of Cottage City and Colmar Manor for their many years of support and dedication to our Station. We would also like to thank all of the members of the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire Department for always “having our back”. And last but not least we would like to thank the Firefighters who have gone before us, for their love and dedication to the Community we live in. We thank them for instilling in us, their children and grandchildren, the importance of service to the community, and for their devotion to the Fire Service and for the many lives they have saved.

The current members of the former Company 2 Cottage City Colmar Manor Volunteer Fire Station pledge to continue to serve Company 55 and the community with the same dedication and devotion as our Founders.
developed beginning in 1957. Big thanks to Bill for all of his hard work.

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  University of Maryland University College

I would be remised if I didn’t take this opportunity to thank all of our supports: MSFA member companies, MSFA Foundation, Ms. Heimer, Bill Olsen, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, and Connective Power. Without their support this committee couldn’t provide support at the level demonstrated above. I also would like to thank each and every committee member for their dedication and support of the students.

Finally, I wish to thank President Lewis, 1st Vice President Denver, and 2nd Vice President Olsen for having the confidence in me to serve as Chairman. I wish to thank each member of the committee for there outstanding work this year.

Respectfully Submitted:
G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

Report of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Committee

President Lewis, Vice Presidents Denver and Olson, Chairman Donaldson, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 120th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The Watercraft Committee and Emergency Support Function/Resource Typing and Credentialing Workgroup were merged in 2010 and a new Search and Rescue Committee was formed by then President Cox. This Committee has continued to work on issues carried over from the previous committees. Please refer to the bulleted information below for the details of these matters.

Migration from Watercraft Committee to SAR committee plan and goals:

- Combined Watercraft Committee and ESF/RTC Workgroup to provide task recognition to the work of member companies providing SAR and the MSFA role in that work; i.e. other organizations use the SAR term and have had difficult time identifying the role of the “Watercraft Committee” at various meetings.
- Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.
- Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA.
- 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.
- Serve as the MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) and attend the annual NASAR Conference as funding allows.
- Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues,
- Specifically serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF-9 matters including:
  - Providing subject matter experts as required in the ESF-9 annex to the State EOP.
  - Staffing the SEOC when required/requested.
  - Developing and maintaining a roster of MSFA member companies that provide technical SAR response; type and credential those resources based on NIMS; and serve as the contact for mobilization of those resources when requested outside of normal mutual aid requests.

The following work has taken place this year to address the goals listed above:

- Provided support and coordination of MSFA member company SAR assets for MEMA during ESF-9 activations for 8/23/11 Earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and TS Lee. This included rostering assets of Swiftwater/Flood, Canine, and Helicopter Aquatic Rescue teams. Committee members participated in telephone conferences with MEMA ESF-9 staff, monitored SEOC operations via WebEOC during these events, and staffed the ESF-9 group at the SEOC as requested.
- The MSFA ESF-9 Resource List has been published. Hard copy is at the MEMA Fire Desk, electronic copies provided to MEMA ESF-9 rep, the SEOC Managers, and SAR committee members. This will soon be available on the MSFA website under the SAR Committee. It should be noted by all that this is a dynamic document and updates/changes will be
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The SAR Committee met to discuss the previously reported gaps analysis of MFRI training and requisite training for SAR job descriptions under NIMS. The committee would like to have MFRI serve in the role as a broker for organizations requiring SAR training over and above the NFPA standard but meeting the NIMS requisite training. Essentially this would mean that MFRI would maintain a list of vetted vendors and broker specific training as requested. Over the course of brokering these courses MFRI would have the opportunity to identify where the demands are and possibly develop in-house instructor cadre. The SAR Committee would serve a role in this development by assisting MFRI with identifying and contacting vendors, such as NASAR, that would be able to deliver the training and participating in meetings to develop the brokering system. The committee decided to contact MFRETEC to begin implementation discussion then pull in a broader audience for discussion including MEMA, MFRI, MSFA Training Committee, and MFCA.

MEMA sent out the ESF-9 document labeled as final for review, approval and signatures in March 2012. Upon review of the document it was noted that none of the recommended changes the MSFA submitted in May 2010 had been incorporated. At the suggestion of Chairman Johnson President Lewis returned the document to MEMA unsigned with a request for clarification as to why none of our recommendations had been incorporated.

The committee has also begun a review of the current MSFA Standard Operating Procedures for Watercraft (SOP No. E005) and has noted several deficiencies that will need to be addressed. Input is still coming in from committee members and the recommended changes will be forwarded to the MSFA Standards Committee for any required action. Committee members are looking at the standards in a manner that will allow the safest, regulatory compliant operations without edging out companies that are already providing marine fire/rescue response. A line by line evaluation of the current SOP and discussion as needed was completed and committee members will be wordsmithing specific changes to incorporate into our recommendations.

The Committee Chair attended an informational meeting at USAR MD Task Force 1 at the invitation of MEMA. In addition to MEMA and MDTF1 staff the MSP Search Manager and the Ft. Detrick EM was in attendance. MDTF1 Program Manager Elwood “Buddy” Ey provided the following information concerning MDTF1:

- There does not need to be a Federal declaration to request their assets. They are available via mutual aid or MEMAC requests.
- They are considered an all hazards response resource.
- They have a 2 to 4 hour mobilization time frame.
- There is a cost for deployment of the USAR cache. However Montgomery County Special Operations can provide the same asset at no cost for the first 24 hours.
- You can request the entire cache, specific components such as canine, BOO, listening devices, or you can just request SME support.

I would again 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, Surfie 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.

I would also 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.

The Committee would like to thank President Lewis 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
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Report of the MSFA Standards and NFPA Review Committee

It is with great pleasure that I accepted President Lewis' appointment as 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.

At the request of President Lewis, a member of the Standards and NFPA Review Committee was designated to represent the MSFA as a member of a regional Task Force recently formed Chief Bill Goddard of the Howard County Fire Department. This Task Force has been charged with the review of standard operating procedures that directly impact the safety of crew members operating on the fireground. Such procedures are to include RIT operations, May Day procedures, and standardized crew assignments. Members of this Committee have been made aware of a question regarding the colors for emergency lights on fire department vehicles which are permitted and approved for installation and use. Following extensive research and discussion on this subject, the matter was referred to the MSFA Office of the Attorney for investigation and resolution. It was determined that this subject matter was addressed by current State Law, and was not a matter of MSFA Standards interpretation or implementation.

The prevailing issue presented to this Committee was the review of the current MSFA Bylaws to recommend any necessary revisions to existing MSFA standards requirements, review the changes made to pertinent NFPA standards to assess their impact on MSFA member companies, and review the requirements of the abolished Emergency Vehicles Issues Subcommittee to incorporate the responsibilities of this subcommittee into the purview of the Standards and Review Committee. Over the past twelve months, the activity of the Standards and NFPA Review Committee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association continued to concentrate on the revisions of the Standards Sections of the MSFA Bylaws.

In cooperation with the liaisons from the MSFA Office of the Parliamentarian, MSFA EMS Committee and MSFA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, a recommended draft for Article D of the MSFA Bylaws was reviewed and approved by the Standards Committee. That draft incorporated the modifications to Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 as proposed by the MSFA EMS Committee. In addition, the Standards Committee recommended modification to Section 1 of the Bylaws to address training requirements for marine vessel operations.

As a result of its recent activities, recommendations for revised wording to all sections of the MSFA Bylaws addressing Standards issues were completed and forwarded to the MSFA Constitution and Bylaws Committee for their consideration at the January 2012 meeting of that Committee. A final version of that document would represent the recommendations of the Standards Committee for presentation to the general membership of the MSFA for revisions to the MSFA Bylaws.

The goal of this Committee is to continue the review and revision of current MSFA SOG’s for Fire apparatus and EMS vehicles to coordinate these SOG’s with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. Most recently, the activity of the Standards and NFPA Review Committee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association continued to concentrate on the revisions of the Standards Sections of the MSFA Bylaws, and to commence the review of the current MSFA SOGs regarding apparatus standards. These efforts have been in cooperation with the liaisons from the MSFA Office of the Parliamentarian, MSFA EMS Committee and MSFA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and were continued at a meeting of the MSFA Standards Committee on March 13, 2012 at the Anne Arundel Co. Fire Hqts. in Millersville. In addition, revisions of the training standards for EMS providers have been forwarded to the MSFA EMS Committee for review through the committee liaison.

The Standards Committee now plans to continue the process of revising the MSFA Standard Operating Procedures regarding apparatus standards. It was decided to begin this process by assigning different sections of these SOGs to Task Groups of Committee Members for initial review and recommendation of each SOP Section for approval by the entire Standards Committee. In addition it was noted that a request would be sent to other MSFA Committees, including the Rural Water Supply Committee, EMS Committee, and Water Craft Committee to lend special expertise on proposed revisions to pertinent MSFA SOP’s. It was noted that these reviews could commence immediately, but that the final reports should be reserved pending the approval of the proposed changes to Article D of the Bylaws by the MSFA Membership, and prepared for submission to the MSFA Executive Committee at the August 2012 Meeting of that Committee. All members of the MSFA Standards Committee were encouraged to participate in the review of these SOGs.
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The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members which included four Committee meetings over the past twelve month period. The next meeting of this Committee will be scheduled for July 2012 following the results of the changes to Article D of the MSFA Bylaws accepted by the membership at the 2012 Annual Convention and Conference. The purpose of this meeting will be to review and approve modifications to the SOGs regarding apparatus issues.

The goal of this Committee is to continue the review and revision of current MSFA SOG's for Fire apparatus and EMS vehicles to coordinate these SOG's with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While the recommended SOGs will attempt to comply with the current NFPA Standards as much as possible, it is understood that many local conditions will require modification to the National standard 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.

It is my personal commitment to continue the fine efforts and tradition of this Committee that has been long established by its previous leadership. 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

Report of the MSFA Representative to the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)

The State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) had an extremely busy and successful year. The highlight of the SIEC was the implementation and successful testing of the statewide 700 MHz trunked radio system. Though, this is just the first phase of the project, it will provide primary communications for the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and Kent County. This partnership allows local jurisdictions to utilize the statewide system for primary communications, thus saving the local jurisdiction millions of dollars.

Governor Martin O'Malley will make the "first call" of the system in June of 2012 with full operations for Region 1A and Kent County be the end of December, 2012. The next phase of the system will focus on the Eastern Shore with several counties possibility participating with the state agencies. Other statewide projects that are also in process are a statewide computer aided dispatch system and a 911 system for utilization by the Maryland State Police.

Narrowbanding has created some concerns from member companies and local jurisdiction, especially with respect to the use of Minitor III, IV pagers that cannot be narrowbanded. Though these pagers will most likely work, the narrowband radio transmission may be less efficient with low volume.

Respectfully,
Clarence "Chip" Jewell

Report of the Training Committee

President Lewis, 1st Vice President Denver, 2nd Vice President Olson, Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the 120th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

President Lewis set his vision for the year of the Training Committee and the Safety Committee working hand in hand on common issues that affected both groups. Both Committee Chairmen agreed and besides holding a combination meeting of both committees worked jointly with the common goal of communicating and promoting messages of safety into all aspects of training. During
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the year these messages were presented to numerous organizations and regions. The Committee continues to be alarmed with the NFPA U.S. Firefighter Deaths Related to Training for 2001-2010 where it was reported that 108 firefighters died while engaging in training related activities. Of that total 1/4 had one year or less of experience. One death in training is too many and in those efforts the Training Committee has endorsed the Maryland Physical Clearance Program implemented by MFRI.

Although the MSFA 10 year Training Plan was updated and completed by last year’s convention the committee was requested to continue to get feedback from all regions of future improvement and how we can move forward. Very little feedback has been received to date from any region but the chair continues to be hopeful that with the right communication and help that all training officers will see the benefit that it provides its membership.

EMS Training continues to be an issue throughout the state regarding the increase in hours required for the new EMT Basic Class that begins implementation July 1, 2012. The issue is shared by both volunteer and career departments for the increase in funds needed for instructors, the increase in hours and the additional time that the students will be away from their home departments. President Lewis has sent Dr. Bass a letter stating concerns he has and his fear of departments opting out for EMR training vs. EMT. The increase in the additional training and the associated hours continues to be a large concern amongst all regions in the state pertaining to the volunteer companies and time away from their home fire and rescue companies.

This year the MSFA Training Chairman attended the monthly meetings with the MSFA President throughout the state of the Council of the Academies and MRETEC where we have a seat at the table and where valuable training information is disseminated and obtained.

This year the Training Committee continued to put out as many Training Announcements as it received on its portion of MSFA website and continues to encourage MSFA Partners and Member Companies to submit announcements to its chairman.

President Lewis, Chairman Roth, and Vice-Chairman Lynott distributed a gift of messenger bags to the 187 participants, (purchased by the MSFA Training Committee) promoting the Maryland State Firemen’s Association at Maryland Weekend held at the National Firefighter Academy in February 2012.

Finally the MSFA Training Committee updated the Zembower Training Award’s criteria with current hours of classes and substantially added the many new training classes and have been placed on-line. It is the hope that more MSFA member companies will submit their entries this year and in the future. The sponsorship of the 2nd runner-up and 1st runner-up training awards will be by private sponsors this year.

The MSFA Training Committee met 5 times since the last convention at the following locations:

Prince George’s County, Maryland July 17, 2011
Harford County, Maryland September 25, 2011
Carroll County, Maryland December 18, 2011
Charles County, Maryland February 12, 2012
Montgomery County, Maryland April 29, 2012

I would like to thank the member companies that hosted our meetings, the committee members and liaisons that attended as well as the officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnie F. Roth, Jr. Chairman

Report of the Transportation Committee

During the past year, the committee has worked to update the current tag data-base to reflect the many changes resulting from the 2008 recertification. There are still companies that have not responded to the recertification. The County Coordinators have been advised that until a respond is received from these companies, new tag requests will be denied.

The upcoming year 2013 will be another Recertification year. The print-out of member companies will start going out in the last quarter of 2012.

The recertification is a requirement for member companies that are part of the MSFA and have MSFA logo tags. This happens every five (5) years. The individual that has the MSFA tag is required to pay $5.00 to the MSFA. This will insure that the member is in good standing and still has the tag. If a company no longer has MSFA logo tags, we need to know that by a letter from the President of that company. This would meet the requirement and those members that no longer possess the tags would be deleted from our data base. However, it is very important that the information provided in the letter is accurate, because
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We are now receiving an updated listing every 6 months from MVA. The number of active tags is now approximately 8,000.

There were approximately 450 new tag requests this year. This number is up from last year.

There were two new Coordinators appointed this year. Baltimore County-South is now Charles Deavers and Howard County is now Past President Terry Thompson.

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, Judy Frazier, Dorothy Schultz, Past President Underwood and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint, for the work done this year.

I wish to extend my thanks to President Lewis for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board

President Lewis, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests to the 120th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association: The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board held three meetings this past year. There were three loans and one grant approved totaling $1,776,653.75. There is one pending meeting to be held on May 20, 2012 with at least one application to be reviewed, possibly three.

It is important to note that all applications must be “complete” and be in the hands of the secretary 30 days prior to a scheduled meeting. This is due to the new requests and requirements now imposed by the DMIL and the BPW’s.

The Board is still accepting loan and grant applications from all companies. All 14 copies of a loan and/or grant application must go through the county representative and be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board for distribution to all Board members.

As of April 30, 2012, Assistant Treasurer Lee Sachs advises there is $7,544,336.25 available to loan and $40,000 earmarked for grants.

We encourage member companies to apply for funds to assist them in acquiring their project(s). It is imperative that we utilize these funds. If we do not it is likely that the state’s legislature could view this pocket of monies as not needed and/or retrieve them from the account.

We extend our appreciation to Mr. Lee Sachs for his ongoing and untiring work and assistance in the workings of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Curfman, Chairman
Patricia A. Bowser, Secretary

Report of the Wills for Heroes Committee

Officers, Past Presidents, Committees, Liaisons, Ladies Auxiliary, Delegates and Guests, Upon assuming the Presidency of the Maryland State Fireman’s Association, Dave Lewis envisioned a new benefit program for qualified members of member companies to have a last will and testament prepared for them without charge to be called Wills for Heroes.

I your humble servant was given the opportunity to chair the Wills for Hero’s Committee. Because this was a new program, the committee had to undertake to prepare all documentation necessary to implement the program which was done. Thereupon, the executive committee approved the Wills for Hero’s documents which became vicariously know as the Wills for Hero’s package.

After approval by the executive committee of the package, the committee members and the executive committee members distributed “hard copies” of the package throughout the state to all of the county associations and explained the program at the time of the distribution of the packets at the county association meetings. Additionally, the package was posted on the MSFA website (MSFA.org).

The package is intended to be self explanatory that is that if a qualified member of a member company desires a will, he/she needs only to review the package and complete and sign the paperwork included in the package.
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and return it to the committee chairman to then have the last will and testament prepared and returned to the requesting member for his execution in accordance with the instructions contained in the package.

The Wills for Hero’s program is only one of countless benefits that the Maryland State Firemen’s Association provides to its constituent member companies and as is the case with the other benefits provided by the Maryland’s States Firemen’s Association, provides another, substantial benefit to the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services membership and its members.

The Wills for Hero’s committee has been proud to undertake this task to serve the Maryland’s States Fireman’s Association and look forward to continuing the program in the future.

Respectfully,
Roger N. Powell, Esq. / Past President Chairman
Rev. Dave Coblentz
C. Daniel Davis, Past President
Michael W. Farlow, Esq.
Gayle Moreland
Franklin D. Roth, Jr.

Report of the Ways & Means Committee
$10,000 Raffle

President Lewis, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2011 raffle, which was conducted from June 2010 through June 2011, yielded a total of $53,665.00. The expenses totaled $20,279.30 which left a profit of $33,385.70.

Counter sales at the 2011 convention produced $6,975.00 and the remaining $46,690.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold $10,296 worth of chances. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with $18,424.00. This is the ninth year in a row that Harford has led in sales, and the challenge is still open for anyone to take the lead.

Although every county returned money, 155 out of 369 (42%) MSFA member companies did not! The following list by county represents the companies that did not return money:

- Allegany 31%
- Anne Arundel 44%
- Baltimore 61%
- Calvert 43%
- Caroline 57%
- Carroll 14%
- Cecil 11%
- Charles 31%
- Dorchester 63%
- Frederick 42%
- Garrett 46%
- Harford 8%
- Howard 17%
- Kent 29%
- Montgomery 37%
- Prince Georges 55%
- Queen Anne’s 0%
- Somerset 44%
- St Marys 14%
- Talbot 43%
- Washington 44%
- Wicomico 86%
- Worcester 73%

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 $2,223.00
- Anne Arundel $3,244.00
- Baltimore $1,708.00
- Calvert $755.00
- Caroline $537.00
- Carroll $1,666.00
- Cecil $2,609.00
- Charles $1,504.00
- Dorchester $593.00
- Frederick $1,865.00
- Garrett $736.00
- Harford $18,424.00

Expenses for 2010-2011 Raffle

- Prize Money $12,500.00
- Printing $4,175.00
- OC Sunfest & Springfest fees $1,990.00
- Darlington Apple Fest $65.00
- Raffle license (Worcester Co) $25.00
- Maryland BBQ Bash $175.00
- Flag & Flag Pole $300.00
- Tent Rentals $1,049.30

Total Expenses $20,279.30

Total Sales $53,665.00

Total Expenses $20,279.30

Total Profit $33,385.70

Prize Winners for 2010-2011 Raffle

1st $10,000 - Cheryl Wade - Severn, MD
2nd $1,500 - Lonnie Klahr – Indian Head, MD
3rd $500 - Tim Martin - Frederick, MD
4th $100 - District 16 VFD - Cumberland, MD
5th $100 - Kevin Clipp – Fairplay, MD
6th $100 - Steve McKinney – North East, MD
7th $100 - Keith Starr - Baltimore, MD
8th $100 - Chris Scovill – Upper Falls, MD
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The committee would like to congratulate all of the winners and thank them for their support. Also, many thanks are in order to 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 2011-2012 raffle. We have attended the Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland Bar-B-Q Bash, the Darlington Apple Festival, 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, MSFALA Co-Chairman
Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman

Report of the Public Address Committee

It has been a great pleasure to serve under President Dave Lewis this past year as the chairman of the Public Address Committee.

The committee and I have had another successful year with the new audio system streamlining it to be as portable and easily deployable as possible. The construction of the new system has allowed us to save more than two hours for set up and tear down at the state meetings. We are now able to set up a complete 18 mic wireless system in about 30 minutes whereas the old system took over two hours! We will continue to make improvements as necessary and as needs arise.

I would like to give a special "Thank You" to the committee members, as well as the Data Committee with whom we interface with quite often helping each other during set up and down.

I sincerely appreciate the hospitality of the meeting hosting companies. Their support allows us to have successful meetings. I also want to thank the Executive Committee Members, both past and present, for their continued help and support.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Davis, Chairman

Report of the Delegates to National Volunteer Fire Council

The NVFC continues to take the lead across the country in advocating for the best interests of the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS personnel who provide emergency services to a large segment of our citizenry. Much effort is committed to health and safety issues, and we have developed many partnerships with other organizations who offer benefits to our Members, an effort which continues to expand year after year. For example, this very Convention Week the NVFC is co-sponsoring, with the IAFC, National Firefighter Health Week; we are focusing on the health aspect, and the IAFC on safety.

The Council continues to manage Fire Corps, which has grown by leaps and bounds over the last several years; represents our constituency in the Wildland Fire Assessment Program; administers the Sound the Alarm Program for the ICC; is working with John Hopkins University on their Health Intervention Study, a significant report from which will be given from our stage at Convention this year; has partnered with the U S Fire Administration on programs dealing with Firefighter Arson, Firefighter Suicide, many Training undertakings (for example, the STOP campaign, BEST ISO, the VFIS Liability Webinar; and a dozen or so other such initiatives). We continue to be very much involved with the National Junior Firefighter Program and the Hands-On Training Academy at Scott Safety. We continue to build and strengthen relationships with the IAFC and the NFFF as well as NASFM and FDSOA, and have begun to expand our work internationally, with groups in Greece, Italy, Australia and Japan, among other countries.

Our funding, which supports a budget of about $2.5 million annually, comes from government grants and partnership commitments, which together amount to more than 90% of the total, and our Membership dues. MSFA has undertaken a commitment to assist with the cost of our MSFA-Member Companies enrolling in the All-State membership program which is inexpensive, provides support directly to MSFA, and affords every individual member a $10,000 accidental death benefit policy. We will be promoting this new opportunity to all of you this year, and urge you to consider favorable action when the issue is presented.

The NVFFC website is a treasury of resources, regarding matters that are of common interest as well as some that
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are rare and hard to find, but very valuable to those who are seeking additional information on those topics.

Our delegates are active in many aspects of the activities of the Council, and provide a Maryland presence at the two Board Meetings conducted each year, as well as on a number of committees that conduct the business of the Council throughout the year.

The Council is the “go to” organization when legislators and administrators want input from the volunteer fire and EMS service. The stature of the NVFC continues to grow, and the Board is committed to steady forward progress!

We are proud of the NVFC’s progress in recent years, and proud of the role Maryland has had in the teamwork necessary to achieve that progress!

Respectfully,
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PROGRAM
LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

6:00  Joint Officers Banquet - Ball Room 2 & 3 by Invitation only

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012

8:00  Exhibitors Registration - Convention Center-Ground Floor
8:30-11:00  Miss Fire Prevention Interviews -M-201 and M-204
09:30  MSF Executive Meeting - Convention Center- East Hall
10:00-12:00  Convention Registration - Foyer 2nd Floor
10:00-12:00  Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
10:00-2:00  FREE BUS PASSES - Lower Level
10:00  SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Ladies Hall
       Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational worship service for the entire family
10:00-5:00  Education and Training Seminars - Convention Center
10:00-2:00  Flea Market - Convention Center North East Loading Dock-Free Admission
2:00  MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST-Convention Center East Hall
5:00  JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE - Convention Center Main Ballroom-Dress Uniforms
       Sea of Blue Line up in the East Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

8:00  Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
8:00-2:00  Free Bus Passes - Lower Level
8:30  CALL TO ORDER - President David Lewis and Teresa Ann Crisman-
       Convention Center Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
9:00  Exhibits open
9:10  Keynote Speaker Presentation

After the Keynote Speaker has presented his program the
LAMSFA will be excused and will then meet in the East Hall.

FIRST SESSION

11-11:45  REGISTRATION
12:00  CALL TO ORDER - President Teresa Ann Crisman
       Presentation of Colors -Color Bearers: Donna Struntz and Becky Wathen
       Invocation by Chaplain – Nancy Jones
       Pledge to the Flag - President Teresa Ann Crisman
       Conference Song Music Chair – Susan Derlumas
       Welcome Convention Chair - Flo Collins
Greetings Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nomination of Officers 2012-2013
Reading of Election Rules - Corresponding Secretary Vivian Boyd
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests
Recognition of MSFA President – David Lewis
Report of the Credentials Chair - Fran Fusco
Approval of the Minutes - Recording Secretary Ann Price-Davis
Report of the Treasurer – Darby Byrd
Report of the Financial Secretary – Barbara Sue Nelson

AWARDS CEREMONY
Jane Todd Award - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
Hall of Fame Induction Chairman - Leone Gatton PP
Honey Award- Past President Leonard King – MSFA Treasurer Ron Siarnicki

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS
REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Communication and Bills - Corresponding Secretary Vivian Boyd
Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Benediction - Vice Chaplain – Marcia Roth
Recess
4:30 Exhibits Close - No entry into exhibits areas after 4:15pm

7:00 MSFA Family Night at Jolly Rogers Amusement Park
Four hours of unlimited amusement park rides, miniature golf and go cart track usage included. Ticket required

7:30 LONGABERGER BASKET & VERA BRADLEY PURSE BINGO
Convention Center-Ballroom C (Doors open at 6:30) Ticket Required

TUESDAY JUNE 19, 2012
SECOND SESSION

8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION AND BALLOTING - Only the person with the Chairman of Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman’s badge.

9:00 CALL TO ORDER - President Teresa Ann Crisman
Invocation - Chaplain Nancy Jones
Recognition of Guests
Report of the Fire Prevention - Chair Past President Rose Pandolfini
Report of the Election Committee - Chair Past President Leone Gatton
FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Ads and Patrons- Chair Denice Melito, Paula Robison, Sharon Martorana
Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund - Chair Past President Elaine Huttenloch
Pins and Badges - Chair Marian Nicholson
Safety - Chair Past President Robyn Sheldon Hahn
Ways and Means - Chair Gloria Schaeffer and Kim Thomas
Hall of Fame - Chair Past President Leone Gatton
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Report of Credentials - Chair Fran Fusco
Benediction - Vice Chaplain Marcia Roth
Recess
Meeting of the 2011-2012 Officers, Past Presidents and Pages in the front of the room with Installing Officer Past President Sandi T. Lutz

12:30-3:30 ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC - Convention Center Ballroom 2 & 3

4:30 Exhibits Close.

6:00 JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Main Ball Room
Presentation by Newly Elected Officers- Upper Foyers

8:00 BONFIRE AND MOVIE ON THE BEACH-BOARDWALK AT 17TH ST.

9:30 PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST - Main Ball Room

WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2012

THIRD SESSION

7:30 PRAYER BREAKFAST- Convention Center-Ballroom’s 2&3
8:30-9:00 Registration
9:15 CALL TO ORDER - President – Sherry Soper
 Invocation - Chaplain Marcia Roth
Dismissal 2010-2011 Committees
Except Ads/Patrons - Past President – Teresa Ann Crisman
OFFICERS’ REPORTS
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - President Sherry Soper
New Business
Good of the Order
Door Prizes - Ocean City Auxiliary
Adjourn Convention Meeting
Benediction Vice Chaplain – Lori Denbow
Retirement of Colors
Past Presidents Luncheon- Convention Hall by Invitation only

1:00 Exhibits Close- No entry after 12:45

1:00 FIREMEN’S PARADE-DOWNTOWN OCEAN CITY-RAIN OR SHINE –

Please remember that the parade route has changed. Please plan accordingly

5:30 Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies- Convention Center
THE LADIES
AUXILIARY OF THE
PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY VOLUNTEER
FIRE RESCUE
ASSOCIATION

We Wish to Congratulate

David Lewis, President
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
and
Teresa Ann Crisman, President
Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State
Firemen’s Association

For a Most Successful Year

We Are Proud to Support Our Members
Who Are Serving as an Officer of the
Ladies Auxiliary of the
Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Vivian Morgan, Corresponding Secretary
Elaine Huttenloch, Bessie Marshall Chairman
THANK YOU ALL...

Words cannot express the feelings I have towards you all.
To the many companies and auxiliaries of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies Auxiliary and my many friends, This year as I have travel across this great state I have been able to see and thank everyone for their support and love that you’ve shown towards me as I entered the chair of the President to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

To Dave “BIG AND LARGE TOUR” Lewis My friend...what a great ride we have had! Thanks for everything. Love Ya Buddy...
The Officers and Members of the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company and Ladies Auxiliary
Congratulate Our Own:

Sherry Soper
2012 Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary President

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Report of the President

Since taking the oath of office as President I have truly expressed to the best of my ability to lead this organization with great pride and accomplishment. This year was met with some high tasks that I wanted to see our auxiliary be a strong partner with and stand with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. This past year you allowed me an opportunity to represent this organization as the President to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I cannot say thank you enough for allowing me this opportunity.

To my great friend Dave Lewis, I want to congratulate you on a great year my friend. This year has been great and as we traveled this great state we stood together proud as leaders of these great organizations. Your hard work and dedication to the fire service of this state is tireless. We both have jobs that as if our lives center on the fire service for us there is really no on or off switch. I have truly enjoyed working with you. I have enjoyed the many outings that we’ve taken and to the many visits that we have taken around this great state. It is truly a great state and we have so many valuable members it is their dedication that we are able to stand before you as a president and have the pride that we both have. As the BIG AND LARGE TOUR 2011-2012 travels across the state look for us you’ll never know where your gonna see us next.

I must express my gratitude to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association 17 State Circle Legislative Committee, lead by Chairman Past President Danny Davis and Co-Chairman Past President Richard Yinger. Gentlemen I wish you the very best in your many great accomplishments. This year the Legislative Committee worked very hard and had many tireless nights working towards a better Maryland for the citizens we serve and for the fire service of this state. I hope that we fully understand what great strides were met in Annapolis this year. The committee that came to Annapolis from the Auxiliary was a great asset to the office, Momma Rose, Aunt Careen, Mrs. Radisch, Ms. Bobbie and Aunt Marian I cannot say thank you enough for all of your hard work. Working on Several bills for Safe Kids and for the MSFA I traveled to Annapolis 38 times equaling 1976 miles traveled up and down route 50 but I must say with the greatest day being May 2, 2012 as Governor Martin O’Malley signed into law House Bill 366 and Senate Bill 602 Public Safety – Building Performance Standards – Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. Sitting in each session as Delegate Jimmy Malone and Senator Roy Dyson and many others fought for the importance of ensuring that every residential and multi home dwelling will now have installed a sprinkler system allowing more protection for every Marylander. These two bills were fought with great zeal.

Danny and Rose, thank you both for your countless hours of support and guidance to the MSFA and LAMSFA as chairs to this most important committee. There are so many words that I wish to express to you both but I must say thank you first and that your commitment to the fire service is forever highlighted. Thank you for everything you’ve done for these so many countless hours and years of service to the fire service of this state. THANK YOU...

Three other bills that I am very proud of supporting was HB1101 - Workers’ Compensation - Medical Presumptions and Study – This will allow for firefighters, paramedics and certain career civilian employees of the fire service diagnosed with cancer allowing the support that has lacked in this area. I would like to thank two gentlemen that worked very hard for the fire service this year. President Mike Rund of the International Association of Fire Fighters of Maryland and Andy Pantelis of the Prince George’s County International Association of Fire Fighters and Paramedics Association Local 1619. These two could be seen in Annapolis fighting for every fire fighter and paramedic for this state. They fought for the fire service not just for a side. I was very proud to know that this bill passed it will allow for so many to be now find the support they will need.

The second bill that I found working hard on was HB875 and SB421- Public Safety - Explosives - Package of Components as an employee for the fire service I worked hard with Jane Edwards of the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s office to help support passing out the much needed information to each committee member. Jane is a great asset to have in Annapolis and I wish to thank her on her great work. Only a phone call by the Fire Marshal found us both walking those long halls seeking out the respective members to those committees. We were able to meet and express interest and concern and brought back the needed information for the Fire Marshal to submit for testimony.
CONGRATULATES

DAVE LEWIS, PRESIDENT MSFA
TERESA CRISMAN, PRESIDENT LAMSFA
and

THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
ON THEIR 120TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 2012

BEST WISHES FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR
The third bill that was I very happy to see pass with little opposition was SB365 - Higher Education – The Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Scholarship. This was a great feeling that this is a great resource for many of the fire service to have as a benefit to be able to attend college. As a person who benefits from this fund it is very nice to see that it is being named after a great person.

Working on three bills to benefit Safe Kids in and around cars we present three requests. Sadly I must report that only one bill passed this year. SB185 cross filed as HB313 Repealing the exception for children weighing more than 65 pounds to the requirement that a child under the age of 8 years must be secured in a child safety seat. This will allow for the height of a child to be more of a factor along with other components of a car seat and booster seat to be used. The magic number that we will now express is the height of 4 feet 9 inches as a deciding factor to graduate the child to the seat belt itself. We find that the fit of the height brings the child into correct position with the seat belt and with the area in which the seat belt rest. The other two bills presented were presented with strong positions to the committee but we were met with some of them passing one committee or not at all. Both bills will be presented again next year.

As we all gathered in Annapolis for the bill signing I must say that it was a great day to see this take place. I find comfort in knowing that we have made Maryland a much safer place.

This past year you allowed me an opportunity to represent this organization as the President to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I cannot say thank you enough for allowing me this opportunity. The position of being an officer is not a task that a person takes lightly.

I would like to thank everyone that has invited me to your meeting, auxiliary celebration, installations and events featuring your department. There are some that say Maryland has nothing to offer them and they move away. I say just open your eyes and look around. From the mountains of Allegany Garrett to the shores of Ocean City to the big cities and to the small towns we have so much to offer. Maryland is as so many can say the Jewel of the Eastern Seaboard. I have traveled many miles and I really never count as I drive around. I find that no mile can be counted when you reach your destination filled with friends awaiting your arrival.

To my home auxiliary of Greenbelt I cannot say thank you enough. To Branchville my home away from home thank you, thank you cannot be said enough for you all have been there for me. To my County Auxiliary of Prince George’s County I would like to thank you all for your support this past year.

To the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department I wish to thank you for allowing me to take this year and support the auxiliary and the fire service this past year. To Chief Marc S. Bashoor it is truly an honor to serve as one of your employees. I stand with you, alongside you as you lead this department in a direction of support to the many residents of Prince George’s County. As a Community Developer II for the department I have worked hard to ensure that the county is educated in fire prevention and fire protection to their homes and families. I thank you for allowing me to continue my work in Fire Prevention and Education. I feel that this position is one of the most important roles that this department has and knowing that we can reach so many and invest in spreading the word of Fire and Life Safety Prevention. Thank You Marc for everything this past year.

To Mark Brady my other boss I wish to thank you for your leadership and support as I entered this office. I cannot say thank you enough for allowing me to attend the many functions and events in and around the state. Mark you’re a great friend and I want to thank you for everything that you and your family has done for me. I cannot say thank you enough.

To Susan Taylor my REAL BOSS… Thanks Big Sue for everything you’ve done for me. Thank you for your ear when I need to vent and your calm reserve bringing me back to reality. Thanks for everything.

HAWK there are no words to express to you of all the hard work and dedication that you give to the Fire Service of the State of Maryland. YOU my friend I value your friendship so much.

To Chief Siarmicki and Chief Blackwell I want to thank you again for everything that you’ve done for me as you both hired me to work for the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department. I cannot thank you enough for everything that you’ve done for me. I continue my efforts in prevention and I feel that you both gave me the ability to do so. Without you both I am not sure where I would be today. I thank you so much for everything.

This past year the officers and committee members were
Ladies Auxiliary
of the Southern Maryland Volunteer
Firemen's Association
2011–2012
Thank you and congratulations
Darby A. Byrd
President
Job well done

Darby Byrd
President
Dentville

Barbara Lacey
1st Vice President
Seventh District

Elaine Quade
2nd Vice President
Hollywood

Tara Wood
Secretary
Mechanicsville

Donna Demarr
Treasurer
Benedict

Peg Richardson
Chaplain
St. Leonard

Darlene Wood
Guard
Ridge
I would especially like to thank the CRAWLER CREW, To Johnny, Becky, Timmy, Darby, Cyndi and David and the many others, I cannot say thank you enough for everything. Your friendship is wonderful and I really don’t have words to truly express how important you all are in my life. Thank you for the wonderfully planned events this past year.

I wish to thank some very important people that have helped me this past year. To Aunt Marian, Aunt Careen, Brenda, Kathy, Cyndy and Darby and my special boyfriend David, thank you for making my conferences great. I cannot say thank you enough. I really think these have been some of the greatest conferences that we’ve had in a very long time. Thank you for your help and assistance. Thank you for being there when MOM could not be. I truly thank you both for everything you do. To Elaine Hutenloch thank you for helping me and with the phone calls of support. Mrs. Radish thank you for everything I really appreciate it.

To EMMA KITTY and FRANKIE and MY MOM and DAD, thank you for your support this past year. Emma thank you for the sidebars when I needed it. Frankie thanks for being my escort. MOM and DAD I know that you live so far away but a phone call just brings you both very closer to me. MOM and DAD I haven’t said it enough “I love you both thank you for everything”. To my great stand in Clarence, thanks for being by my side these past few years. Thank you for sharing my special times together. Love you all.

To John and Jackie and to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Officers, I want to thank you all for everything I really appreciate your hard work and dedication that you all give to this organization. I really don’t know if people fully see what the hours of dedication are truly given to this great organization. Good Luck to you John on a great year.

As I close this report, I wish the incoming officers much support and I let you know that I am always there for you and I am only a phone call away. I wish everyone great thanks for everything that you’ve all done this year. I am proud to be able to support this auxiliary as your President. I am proud to stand before you all in knowing that we worked very hard for this state.

Again thank you for the support I sign off with great pride.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Ann Crisman
THE BALTIMORE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

Proudly Endorses:

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for

Junior Vice President

Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Safety Committee Member, Guard, Color Bearer, Assistant Chaplain
Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer
Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Past President, (twice), Vice President, Recording Secretary,
Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, Color Bearer and Color Guard,
Ladies Auxiliary to the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association

President, Point System Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary and Chaplain
Ladies Auxiliary to the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, Best Buddies Advisor
Catonsville High School

Trustee and Secretary
Jessops Methodist Church

and

JENNIFER CORONEOS

for

M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention 2012

Baltimore County
Miss Fire Prevention 2011-2012
Jr. Miss Fire Prevention 2008 - 2010

Member
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department
Past President of Juniors
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department

Junior Class
Franklin Senior High School
Report of the Senior Vice President

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Senior Vice President of the LAMSFA. I would like to THANK everyone for your support this past year.

My sincere THANKS to everyone for your many invitations that I have received. It has been a most enjoyable opportunity to represent the LAMSFA at these functions. The hospitality and kindnesses shown to me are most appreciated. I look forward to attending these functions again in the coming year and visiting with the friends I have made and continue to make.

My travels this past year included many of your County meetings as well as MSFA Executive Committee meetings, Convention meetings, Fire Prevention Committee meetings, Fire Prevention Ambassador Contests and the LAMSFA Conferences.

I would like to extend my congratulations to President Crisman, MSFA President Lewis, 1st Vice President Denver and 2nd Vice President Olson for an outstanding year. To all the LAMSFA and MSFA incoming officers, I extend my sincere hope for a successful year ahead.

I wish to THANK my Auxiliary of Woodsboro for their continued support as well as the membership of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and President John Zimmerman and the Frederick County Ladies Auxiliary Association and President Margurite Damuth for all their support.

To my traveling companion’s Ruth Martin, Kay Ensor and LAMSFA Donna Struntz, thank you for all the wonderful memories we have made in our travels. To my Past President Joyce Thorne, thank you for your continued support and confidence.

To all the incoming LAMSFA Officers, you are all wonderful Officers and I look forward to an outstanding year ahead with each and every one of you.
I wish every one of you a wonderful convention and all safe travels to and from.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon E. “Sherry” Soper

Report of the Junior Vice President

This year I proudly served as Jr. Vice President to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (LAMSFA) for the year 2011-2012.

As Membership Chairman, I am pleased to say that we had two new Auxiliaries join us this year, both of them from Southern Maryland. Welcome to the Auxiliaries of Bay District and Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad.

I attended many banquets and represented the LAMSFA and also attended them in place of Teresa Crisman, LAMSFA President and enjoyed all of the festivities each time. I want to thank all of the auxiliaries for their invitations to their banquets, installation, meetings and parades. I traveled throughout the State of Maryland and met so many nice people, old and young.

I would like to thank my Past President Peggy Zembower, the members of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Auxiliary, the members of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, Bobby and, of course, my Mom and Dad for all of their support during this year. Thanks to all of you for your support and friendships.

I look forward in working with incoming Presidents Sherry Soper and John Denver and hope for a great year. I am also looking forward in working with Jackie Olson, 1st Vice President of the MSFA.

To my fellow Officers, thank you for your support and friendships and let us have a successful year and look forward to working with each of you.

Respectfully,
Carol Hayden
The Officers and Members of the

Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary

Offer our congratulations to

Barbara Sue Nelson on a Great Job

As Financial Secretary to the

Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Assn.

2011-2012

We also extend our best wishes to the incoming Presidents
Sherry Soper and John Denver
and to all the incoming officers to the LA-MSFA and the MSFA for 2012-2013

Good Luck to Barbara Lacey and Chuck Shaw
Presidents of the LASMFA and SMFA

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR & PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY
Report of the Recording Secretary

It has been and honor and pleasure to serve the LAMSFA as Recording Secretary during 2011-2012. Thank you for allowing me to represent this organization. I have been busy taking notes and then typing, copying, and mailing the minutes for our two Conferences. In addition I have been working with Corresponding Secretary Vivian M. Boyd keeping our members contacts and addresses up to date.

I would like to thank all the auxiliaries for their invitations to meetings, conventions, installations, and parades. It is a joy to travel over 4,000 miles each year in support of your auxiliary, LAMSFA, and MSFA. There is so much to learn at each event, wonderful people to meet and renew friendships with, as well partaking of amazing food made by some of the best cooks in the state.

Thank you to my Page, Cathie Price, my escorts Paul H. Price or Mike Davis, and my Past President Leone Gatton. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Firemen’s Association as well as the CVFC and BCVFA. Their support is truly appreciated.

To my fellow LAMSFA Officers, MSFA Officers, and LAMSFA member Auxiliaries please remember I am only a phone call away if you need anything. I am here to serve for the betterment of the Volunteer Fire Service in Maryland.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann F. Price-Davis

Report of the Treasurer

It has been my honor to serve as the Treasurer of the LAMSFA this past year. I have been amazed by the generosity I have seen from our member auxiliaries, fire departments and individual donations to the Bessie Marshall Fund. Thank you for your continued support to this wonderful fund.

I would like to thank the members of the Dentsville Volunteer EMS and Auxiliary, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, my Past President Eloise Healy, my page Katherine Byrd, my mother, my husband for being my silent supporter and my Angel Dad. I could not have accomplished my goals this year without your love and support!

To my fellow officers, thank you does not seem enough. You are a great group of ladies and I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Please know that I am always just a phone call away.

I look forward to continuing my service to the LAMSFA and would like to wish all the incoming officers a most successful year!

Respectfully,
Darby Byrd
THE SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & AUXILIARY PROUDLY SUPPORT

MARCIA ELLEN ROTH

FOR CHAPLAIN TO THE MSFA LADIES AUXILIARY
Report of the Chaplain

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Chaplain for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the term 2011-2012.

Thank you for the many invitations I have received to banquets and events throughout this great State, and to the many friendships I have acquired in the past year.

I would like to congratulate both MSFA President, David Lewis and LAMSFA President, Teresa Crisman, for a job well done! It has been my pleasure and honor to work with Teresa and my fellow Officers and for their friendships and support they have afforded me and I pray we continue to work together as a family.

I would like to thank my fellow Officers and the membership of the LAMSFA for their votes of confidence and belief in me.

A Special Thank You, to my home Auxiliary of Indian Head VFD&RS Ladies Auxiliary and my Department Indian Head VFD&RS, Inc. for their continued support and for always being there for me and helping me attain my goals.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association for their continued support and friendships.

Thank you to my LAMSFA Past President, June Black, for escorting me at Installation, and for supporting and advising me throughout the year and for her continued friendship.

To my granddaughters, Stefanie, Miranda, Taylor, Zoe and Jessica who have taken turns being my Page, I love you all!

Most of all I want to thank my husband, Les for all his love and support, I cherish you dearly and I love you!

It’s been a pleasure working with MSFA Chief Chaplain, John Long and Rev. Harry Hetz as we prepared this year’s Memorial Service.

May God Bless and watch over each and every one of us as we convene at each session of this 2012 Convention and grant the Officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA the knowledge and wisdom to administrate and conduct a successful Convention.

Listed below are the names of our deceased LAMSFA Auxiliary members, who have left us here on earth between January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 to answer God’s call to a new life, to watch over and protect us who have been left behind.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Jones

Allegany County
Doris J. Donahue Bedford Road VFD Aux.
Norman E. Gillum Bedford Road VFD Aux.
Ellen H. Golliday Bowling Green VFD Aux.
Anna Mary Blank Clarysville VFC Aux.
Hellen Scott Clarysville VFC Aux.
Lela May Spellman Ellerslie VFC Aux.

Anne Arundel County
Mary D. Bladen Ladies Aux. to the Jessup VFD
Hazel M. Curley Lakeshore VFC Aux.
Ruth E. Chase Ladies Aux. to the Odenton VFC

Baltimore County
Cynthia J. Miles Ladies Aux. Rockaway Beach VFC

Carroll County
Virginia Elizabeth Day Aux. to the Gamber Fire Company
Lionel E. Stickles, Jr. Aux. to the Gamber Fire Company
Deborah Curtis Hudgings Aux. to the Hampstead VFC
Dorothy Elseroad Martin Aux. to the Hampstead VFC
Hannah V. Stevens Aux. to the Hampstead VFC
Treva C. Ridinger Aux. of the Harney VFC
Margaret Myerly Ladies Aux. Manchester VFD
Katherine Walehime Ladies Aux. Manchester VFD
Ruth Virginia Linton The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC
Mary Rebeca Rimby The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC
Mary E. Darr Aux.- New Windsor Fire/Hose Co1
Mildred Hesson Aux.- New Windsor Fire/Hose Co1
Ann Roser Roop Aux.- New Windsor Fire/Hose Co1
Jane Wolfe Reese Aux.
June Snyder Cashman Ladies Aux. Taneytown VFC
Lela Baumgardner Ladies Aux. Taneytown VFC
Earl Kenneth Lookingbill Ladies Aux. Taneytown VFC
Grace Putman Ladies Aux. Taneytown VFC
Mary Louise Tracey Ladies Aux. Taneytown VFC
Lillian M. Taylor Winfield Community VFD Aux.

Cecil County
Lela Baumgardner Taneytown VFC
Earl Kenneth Lookingbill Taneytown VFC
Grace Putman Taneytown VFC
Mary Louise Tracey Taneytown VFC
Lillian M. Taylor Taneytown VFC

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Best Wishes to the

Maryland State Firemen’s Association

and

Ladies Auxiliary of the

Maryland State Firemen’s Association

For a Most Successful Convention

From all the Members of the

Forestville Volunteer Fire Department

and Ladies Auxiliary

Bobby Wilhite, Chief
Dottie Talbert-Burket, President Fire Department
Ginny Wilhite, President Ladies Auxiliary

Please check out our website at www.Forestville23volunteers.com for our
Catered Fund-Raising Events, Monthly Bar-B-Que and Car Washes.
Mary's County
Ellen M. Mattingly  Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD Inc.
Vivian “Kay” Zimmerman  2nd District VFD & RS Aux.

St. Mary's County (cont’d)
Mary C. Nelson  Aux. of the Seventh District VFD
M. Marguerite Cheseldine Seventh District VRS Aux.
Brenda F. WathenSeventh District VRS Aux.

Washington County
Shirley Mae Ford Community VFC District 12
Ladies Aux.

Mary Louise Plank  Community VFC District 12
Ladies Aux.

Adeline G. Domenici  Leitersburg VFC Ladies Aux.
Geraldine J. Irving  Leitersburg VFC Ladies Aux.

Report of the
Bessie Marshall Chairman

The Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund would like to thank everyone for their continued support to this fund. As of this date we have paid 43 cases for a total of $33,900.00. This fund, started in the early 1930's, and was established for disabled firemen not hurt in the line of duty. But please remember this is not an insurance policy for when you get sick. It is suppose to be for fire/EMS when they are really in need of some financial help. It is our part of contributing to the support of our volunteer fire and EMS members.

The Ladies Auxiliaries and Fire Departments continued support of the annual lottery and the convention raffle and along with the other raffles held at the conferences has been very helpful in keeping up with the case demand. Please remember this when you receive your lottery tickets. It takes all of us as a “Family” to be here for our fire/EMS members. Thanks in advance for your support of these raffles. We mailed out IRS Form 1099 to all who received over $600. Please go to the web-site and use the form that is there. The following is the list of those who received payment from the Bessie Marshall Fund:

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

Virginia H. Bailey  Church Hill VFC Aux.
Clara B. Taylor  Church Hill VFC Aux.
Hilda Blackiston  Sudlersville VFC Aux.

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

Barbara H. Brown  Allentown Road VFD Aux.
Ruth Goldsmith  Ladies Aux. of the Baden VFD
Hilda Mahoney  Ladies Aux. of the Beltsville VFD
Margaret “Tootsie” Ellis  Boulevard Heights VFD&RS Aux.
Deanna Bartlett  Cottage City Fire Co. Aux.
Hazel Loughmiller  Ladies Aux. of the Forestville VFD
Mary Graham  Hillside VFD Aux.
Blanche Claggett  Kentland VFD Aux.
Robert (Bubba) Chaney  Laurel VFD Aux.
Hazel Loughmiller  Ladies Aux. of Morningside VFD
Carolyn Jean Davis Sowell  Ladies Aux. of Morningside VFD

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The Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department would like to congratulate Barbara Sue Nelson on her year as Financial Secretary and wish her luck in her continued journey in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

We would also like to congratulate Firefighter Brandy Guy for winning the Oscar C. Baker Rookie of the Year Award at the 2011 Convention.

We extend our best wishes to all of the Officer's of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary for another successful year.

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Maryland State Firemen’s Association Annual Convention

Report of the Legislative Committee

President Crisman, Officers, Members, and Guests, it has been my pleasure serving as Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary Legislative Committee for the last three years.

The office at 17 State Circle is always a hum of activity. The ladies read 2,575 bills that were presented this legislative session, reviewing any that may have an impact on the Fire, Rescue and EMS service, and filed each bill. We, as a committee, worked 360 hours and traveled 5,416 miles. These figures show how dedicated the committee is each year.

The residential sprinkler bills did pass both chambers and has been signed by Governor O’Malley. The budget has not been settled as of this report. A special session is planned for May 14, 2012. Hopefully, the MSFA will get their Budget request finalized.

I would like to thank the legislative committee, Betty Radisch, Vice Chairman, Barbara McWilliams, Carene Housenfluck and Marian Nicholson for all their dedicated labor keeping the office running smoothly. Three months is a lot to ask of your time and expenses. Not everyone will be returning to the office next year. Some of us have worked many years in Annapolis and have enjoyed it tremendously. It is very interesting to see how our government works.

Thank you to Richard Snader and his crew for being “only a phone call away.” They always come through for us.

The Ladies Committee extends our thanks to the MSFA Leadership, Legislative Chairman Danny Davis, and Legislative Vice-Chair Richard Yinger. It has been our pleasure working with you again this year.

I will not be returning to the committee next year, as I have a new job (spoiling my grandson.) I have assured Sherry Soper that I will work with next year’s Chairman getting the office ready, preparing all reports and the bulletin. I have truly enjoyed the work and the friendships I have made.

Respectfully submitted:
Rose Davis, Chairman
The Officers and Members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. And Ladies Auxiliary

Wish to extend to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the Ladies’ Auxiliary for a successful convention and conference.

Congratulations to MSFA President Dave Lewis and to LAMSFA President Teresa Ann Crisman on an OUTSTANDING YEAR!

Kenny Stair
President

Teresa Ann Crisman
LA President

Tommy Ray
Fire Chief
Proposed LAMSFA Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws

In accordance with Article X, Section 1, enclosed are eight (8) proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. Four changes are proposed by the chair of the effected committees. Three were submitted by the Auditing Committee and one by the Pins and Badges Committee. The other four changes are proposed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

All proposed changes have been reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and have been submitted for the ballot at the convention in June 2012. Please review these proposed changes and be prepared to vote on them at convention.

Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws # 1 - Proposed by the Audit Committee

Article V, Section 3

Currently reads:
A registration fee of one dollar ($1.00) shall be collected from the chairman of delegates for each person registered as a delegate, alternate, and guest at convention. There will be no charge for officers and Past President badges.

Proposed change:
A registration fee, the amount to be announced at Spring Conference by the Chairman of Pins and Badges will be collected from the chairman of delegates for each person registered as a delegate, alternate, and guest at convention. There will be no charge for officers and Past President badges.

Reason:
Current amount of $1.00 does not cover the cost of the badges. This proposed change allows the cost of registration to reflect current costs without the need to make further changes to the Constitution and By-laws.

Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws # 2 - Proposed by the Audit Committee

Article IX, Section 2.

Currently reads:
The Auditing Committee shall be comprised of four (4) Past Presidents, one appointed as chairman, appointed annually by the President, to audit the Financial Records of the President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and the Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman. All books shall be audited three times yearly. The first audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Fall Conference, report to be given at the Fall Conference. The second audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Spring Conference, report to be given at Spring Conference. The third audit to be after May 31st and prior to the Annual Convention, report to be given at Convention. Officers named shall attend the audits at the designated time and place. A copy of the report shall be submitted to the above named Officers and the Recording Secretary.

Proposed change:
The Auditing Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Past Presidents, one appointed as chairman, appointed annually by the President, to audit the Financial Records of the President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and the Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman. All books shall be audited three times yearly. The first audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Fall Conference, report to be given at the Fall Conference. The second audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Spring Conference, report to be given at Spring Conference. The third audit to be after May 31st and prior to the Annual Convention, report to be given at Convention. Officers named shall attend the audits at the designated time and place. A copy of the report shall be submitted to the above named Officers and the Recording Secretary.

Reason:
By-laws currently state four (4) past presidents, with so many different records to be audited, we find that having five (5) members is a more viable way to handle the audit.

Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws # 3 - Proposed by the Audit Committee

Article VIII, Section 5.

Currently reads:
The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Financial Secretary and give receipt therefore and deposit said monies in the bank within ten (10) days; pay all bills on orders signed by the President and Financial Secretary; secure bond for President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman, Ads and Patrons Chairman, Conference Chairman and Ways and Means Chairman, retaining same. Report financial transactions occurring from conference to convention, with an annual report printed in the procedure book. Treasurer’s report shall be condensed for the minutes, as the report printed in the book is complete for the year. (Each item to be clearly identified.) The Treasurer shall when her/his term is up (after Convention) forward a complete copy of the financial report to the Treasurer.
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of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to be filed
with the Association’s tax forms. She /he shall receive
a working fund of fifty dollars ($50.00). She/he shall be
reimbursed for expenses limited to supplies, postage and
telephone and receive seventy-five dollars ($75.00) to
defray other miscellaneous expenses.

Proposed change:
The Treasurer shall serve as ranking financial officer.
All officers and committee chairmen who handle
money will be under the directives of the Treasurer.
The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Financial
Secretary and give receipt therefore and deposit said
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defray other miscellaneous expenses.

Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws
# 4 - Proposed by the Marian Nicholson, Pins and
Badges Chairman

Article IX, Section 19

Currently reads:
The Pins and Badges Committee shall be responsible
for purchasing the pins and badges for all officers, the
immediate Past President, and convention. It shall arrange
to purchase and sell articles denoting membership in
L.A.M.S.F.A., M.S.F.A., and items relating to Ladies
Auxiliary, Auxiliary, Fire Department, and EMS.
The Pins and Badges Committee shall be authorized
to purchase needed articles to be sold when inventory
of supplies reaches the level of $500.00. Must submit
a financial report (example printed in the procedure
book) with monies turned in to the Financial Secretary
at Conferences and Convention with a copy to the
Recording Secretary, and will submit an annual report to
the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the procedure
book. She/he shall receive a working fund of fifty dollars
($50.00).

Reason:
This change allows the Pins and Badges committee to
provide a broader range of items to serve all the roles of
our members. It increases the level of inventory from a
value of $200.00 to $500.00 which better reflects current
economic values.

Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws
# 5 - Proposed by the Constitution and By-laws
Committee

Article VI, Section 5

Currently reads:
Any member of an auxiliary, which maintains active
membership in the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Maryland
State Firemen’s Association, shall be entitled to candidacy
for the office provided a nomination form, signed by the
secretary and president of her/his auxiliary for said office
is submitted. Candidate must be present, or submit a
logical reason for absence in writing, at the first session
of convention or her/his name will be crossed from the
ballot. A letter of endorsement shall accompany the
nomination form for a first time candidate. No auxiliary
is entitled to more than one (1) elective office. All officers
shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year. The
President cannot succeed herself/himself. A candidate
for the presidency must have served as Junior or Senior
Vice President in the Auxiliary. All officers shall take the
oath of office. An officer, who is deemed derelict in the
performance of her/his duties by the Executive Committee,
shall appear before said committee to answer the charges
of her/his dereliction. If the committee, by a majority vote
of those present and voting, finds the charges valid after
the hearing, she/he shall be removed from office. (This
section shall be included on the nomination blanks that go
to the auxiliaries.)
Best wishes for a safe and successful 2012 Convention from the Officers and Members of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

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Proposed change:
Any member of an auxiliary, which maintains active membership in the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, shall be entitled to candidacy for the office provided a nomination form, signed by the secretary and president of her/his auxiliary for said office is submitted. Candidate must be present, or submit a logical reason for absence in writing, at the first session of convention or her/his name will be crossed from the ballot. A letter of endorsement shall accompany the nomination form for a first time candidate. **No auxiliary is entitled to have members holding offices simultaneously.** All officers shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year. The President cannot succeed herself/himself. A candidate for the presidency must have served as Junior or Senior Vice President in the Auxiliary. All officers shall take the oath of office. An officer, who is deemed derelict in the performance of her/his duties by the Executive Committee, shall appear before said committee to answer the charges of her/his dereliction. If the committee, by a majority vote of those present and voting, finds the charges valid after the hearing, she/he shall be removed from office. (This section shall be included on the nomination blanks that go to the auxiliaries.)

Reason:
This is a clarification change. Auxiliaries do not hold the offices, members hold the offices.

**Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws**

**# 6 - Proposed by the Constitution and By-laws Committee**

Article VIII, Section 4.

Currently reads:
The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for the purpose, a complete and permanent record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Auxiliary and Executive Committee. She/he shall prepare a mailing list of member auxiliaries (periodically forwarding changes to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution to officers and committee chairman): mail to each member auxiliary, officer, and Past President, forty five (45) days after Fall Conference and before June 1st for Spring Conference condensed minutes of conferences, respectively including motions, amendments to Constitution and Bylaws, and financial reports. She/he shall make an annual report to the Auxiliary and such other reports as the President and Executive Committee may require: mail credential sheets to each auxiliary by February 1st of each year. She/he shall prepare a roll of the active auxiliaries and deliver this roll together with the credentials of the delegates and alternates to the Credential Committee Chairman by June 1st. She/he shall receive a working fund of one hundred dollars ($100.00). She/he shall be reimbursed for expenses limited to supplies, postage and telephone, and receive fifty dollars ($50.00) to defray other miscellaneous expenses. The outgoing Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and delivery of the procedure books to the current Recording Secretary at Fall Conference for distribution and mailing immediately to all auxiliaries and Past Presidents not present at Fall Conference. The current Recording Secretary shall coordinate the February 1st mailing with the Corresponding Secretary.

Reason:
The Corresponding Secretary is the officer who maintains the labels and provides them to officers and committee chairs. Makes a single point of contact and quicker response to address changes ensuring address labels are accurate and current as possible. It eliminates the pass through of information.

**Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws**

**# 7 - Proposed by the Constitution and By-laws Committee**
Best Wishes
To The
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
On your 120th Convention
From the
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board, Inc.

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June 18, 2012
11:30 A.M.
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Or
The State Certification Office at MFRI, 301-226-9922 or 301-226-9926
Article VIII, Section 7

Currently reads:
The Corresponding Secretary shall receive all communications and answer same; mail a sample ballot of all proposed amendments 30 days prior to the opening of annual convention and other correspondence requested by the President; send all changes of address to officers and committee chairmen; be responsible for the printing and distribution of nomination forms to member auxiliaries by February 1st and make a report of same at the Spring Conference; be responsible for printing and providing to the Credentials Chairman at convention the list of candidates to correspond to the line numbers on the ballots for the election of officers and proposed amendments; and make a report at the annual convention. Immediately following each convention she/he shall send any Past President who could not attend convention an acknowledgement note. She/he shall receive a working fund of fifty dollars ($50.00). She/he shall be reimbursed for expenses limited to supplies, postage and telephone, and receive fifty dollars ($50.00) to defray other miscellaneous expenses. She/he shall coordinate the February 1st mailing with the Recording Secretary.

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Reason:
The Corresponding Secretary is the officer who maintains the labels and provides them to officers and committee chairs. Makes a single point of contact and quicker response to address changes ensuring address labels are accurate and current as possible. It eliminates the pass through of information.

Proposed Change to the Constitution and By-laws

# 8 - Proposed by the Constitution and By-laws Committee

Article IX, Section 7

Currently reads:
The Credential Committee shall consist of at least twelve (12) members including the Chairman, and receive from the Recording Secretary all credential sheets and the roll of active auxiliaries from which the committee shall prepare a credential book to be used at meetings. This committee shall be responsible for reporting at each session the number of auxiliaries, officers, delegates, alternates, Past Presidents and guests present. The Credential Committee Chairman shall receive a working fund of twenty dollars ($20.00). Must submit a financial report (example printed in the procedure book) with any monies turned over to the Pins and Badges Committee for submission to the Financial Secretary at Conferences and Convention with a copy to the Recording Secretary, and will submit an annual report to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the procedure book.

Proposed change:
The Credential Committee shall consist of at least twelve (12) members including the Chairman, and receive from the Recording Secretary all credential sheets and the roll of active auxiliaries from which the committee shall prepare a credential book to be used at meetings. This committee shall be responsible for reporting at each session the number of auxiliaries, officers, delegates, alternates, Past Presidents and guests present. The Credential Committee Chairman shall receive a working fund of twenty dollars ($20.00). Must submit a financial report (example printed in the procedure book) with any monies turned over to the Financial Secretary at Conferences and Convention with a copy to the Recording Secretary, and will submit an annual report to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the procedure book.

Reason:
Proposed change corrects a conflict within the Constitution and By-laws. All monies are turned over to the Financial Secretary for accountability and auditing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Soper, Chair, Constitution and By-Laws
ATTENTION

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The Convention Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 20th starting promptly at 1300 hours, rain or shine. Line-up will continue to be at the inlet parking lot. The actual Parade Route will start at 16th Street and run to 33rd Street on Baltimore Avenue.

To be judged for prizes, apparatus must have been placed in service for emergency response in its home jurisdiction before coming to Ocean City, and must be equipped. Apparatus will be judged on appearance, cleanliness, neatness, and uniformity of the personnel. No sirens or horns at any time. Absolutely no drinking of any alcoholic beverage. No discharging of water or other agents. No unbecoming behavior. No drilling or performing at the judges reviewing stands or that does not maintain forward progress at all times.

All awards are for units in the line of parade. Actual numbers and types of trophies in certain categories may change due to number and types of entrants at day of parade. There will be two judges reviewing stands. Violations of any of the rules and regulations will result in disqualification and possible removal of the unit from the line of parade.

The Convention Committee has adjusted the previous Trophies and Awards List. Changes have been made to the awards that have been given in the past. This will be the first year for use of these new award categories.

**2012 TROPHIES AND AWARD LISTING**

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance -- Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award

Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance

Presidents Award

Company Coming Longest Distance

Company Coming Second Longest Distance

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)

Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)

Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel

Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance

Second Best Appearance

Third Best Appearance

Honorable Mention (7)

Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance

Second Best Appearance

Third Best Appearance

Honorable Mention (7)

Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance

Second Best Appearance

Third Best Appearance

Honorable Mention (3)

Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance

Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance

Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance

Brush Unit - Making Best Appearing
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance
    Honorable Mention (3)

Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance

Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance

Squad Truck Making Best Appearance
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance

Ambulance Making Best Appearance
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance
    Honorable Mention (5)

Emergency Services Special Unit Making Best Appearance
    (Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, Etc.)
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance
    Honorable Mention (5)

Best Appearing Company from Delaware
    Second Best Appearing

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania
    Second Best Appearing

Best Appearing Company from Virginia
    Second Best Appearing

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (Over 25 Years Old In Service)
    Second Best Appearance
    Third Best Appearance
    Honorable Mention (2)

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (25 years or older not in service)
    Second Best Appearing
    Third Appearance
    Honorable Mention (2)

Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance (25 years or older)
    Second Best Appearing

Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform
    Second Best Appearing
Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance
Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
   Third Best Appearing
   Honorable Mention (1)
Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance - Governors Award
   Fire Prevention Entry Making Second Best Appearance
   Fire Prevention Entry Making Third Best Appearance
Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
   Third Best Appearing
   Fourth Best Appearing
   Honorable Mention (2)
Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
   Third Best Appearing
   Fourth Best Appearing
   Honorable Mention (2)
Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
   Third Best Appearing
   Fourth Best Appearing
   Honorable Mention (2)
Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
   Third Best Appearing
   Fourth Best Appearing
   Honorable Mention (2)
Best Appearing Junior Or Cadet Company
   Second Best Appearing
Marching Band Making Best Appearance ($500)
   Second Best Appearing ($250)
   Third Best Appearing ($200)
Best Drum And Bugle Corp
Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes
Majorettes Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
   Third Best Appearing
   Fourth Best Appearing
Pom Pom Squad Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearing
Comic Entry Making Best Appearance
Mascot Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
Hard Luck Award
Judges Awards (10)
PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!

Parade prizes and awards will be presented at 1700 hours, (or as close to this time as possible), on the North East Loading Dock of the Convention Center. The Convention Committee will provide free hot dogs, soda, and other light food for all parade participants starting at 1630 hours in the front parking lot of the Convention Center in appreciation for your participation and to ensure a safe trip home.

THANK YOU 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.

YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IS APPRECIATED, AS THE PARADE ROUTE CHANGE WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THIS YEARS EVENT. THE CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IS COMMITTED TO PLANNING A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP AND ASK THAT YOU ASSISTS THE MSFA IN SUPPORTING THESE CHANGES.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION REVISED PARADE RULES

All Participants in the Maryland State Firemen’s Association 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 with the approval of Parade Marshal. Parade monitors have the authorization to advise and correct any immediate safety concern in a professional matter and advise the Parade Marshal. The Parade Marshal or his designee will be the only person that can remover or disqualification a unit from parade. 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 thru parade route
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 standing and/or riding in the jump seat or rear step areas shall be cautious and stay alert for quick stops or actions
11. Driver’s should use caution and stay alert of their personnel and people along the parade route
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 seatbelt's or other safety devices are provided by the manufacturer then they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All “Jake Brakes” or like equipment shall be used in proper manner or turned off during parade, as “hot riding” is unsafe and will not be tolerated.
16. Fire Prevention Queens and/or other representatives riding on the roof/top of apparatus and/or hose bed, shall be in a safe position sitting directly on the roof/top or hose bed, not on a chair or other device.

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!

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has ~ Margaret Mead

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Maryland Author

A.L. Collins
Manchester, Maryland

**Bastion: Prequel to War**

**Twined**
Avalin Marsh has seen something that no eleven year old should ever see! Years later she is tormented by voices and visions. Thinking she may be insane, Avalin struggles to put her life back together with the help of an intriguing young man named Albert.

**Scarlett's**
Jaime Williams just wanted to fit in. After falling on hard times, she took a job at the local diner. Jaime finds her solace in the help and encouragement she gives to others. When a friend finds an old binder full of writing under her bed, Jaime's life is about to change.... Karma really is a wonderful thing!

For more information about A.L. Collins and his upcoming books and projects go to one of his many blogs or social media sites including Goodreads:

- [www.themagicofbastion.blogspot.com](http://www.themagicofbastion.blogspot.com)
- [www.thebookofscarlettes.blogspot.com](http://www.thebookofscarlettes.blogspot.com)
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Phone: 420-228-1211
September of 2011 marked the 100th Anniversary of West Annapolis Fire and Improvement Company Incorporate and 100 years of proudly serving our community! We would like to share a little it of our beginnings and history with you.

During the summer of 1912, a movement was started by Edward Jesson to organize a volunteer fire and improvement company in the, then village, of West Annapolis.

The idea was brought before the only organization in the village at the time, the West Annapolis Baseba11 club. A writer was appointed as a temporary secretary to notify the male residents of the community to meet at the old school house to organize a fire and improvement company.

The meeting was held in September 1911, and the following officers were elected for one year: Fred W. Shaw jr, President; Alvin Oaksmith, Treasurer; Clinton S. Shaw, Recording Secretary; Roy E. Proskey, Financial Secretary, and Eugene O. League, Foreman.

A building committee was appointed to arrange for the construction of a suitable building, and a contract was awarded at a cost of $2,800. The building was completed in the summer of 1912 and the County Commissioners allowed the company an annual sum of $100 towards operating expenses.

The company struggled until 1920 when it was reorganized. This year started the beginning of the Annual Fair which later grew into a highlight attraction as a caravel. In 1922 the WAVFD purchased its first apparatus, a one-ton Chevrolet truck with a 35 gallon tank. The first regular staffing occurred in 1928 with the assignment of a driver.

In September 1930 the company purchased its first Studebaker ambulance. Men were trained to support the medically equipped ambulance and they responded to calls throughout the county. By 1935 the membership had grown to 100 but during WWII most of the men in the area were drafted into the service, to which many belonged to the West Annapolis Volunteer Fire Department. Thdre were barely enough men left to respond to calls so twelve or fourteen of young boys in the neighborhood were trained to answer the tire alarm - this formed the junior fire brigade. Women were also hired to drive the company ambulances to augment the shortage. Women were able to join as members of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1926 and were then able to staff the equipment in the late 1970s.

In 1973 the company moved to its present site on Jennifer Road and continued to serve everyone west of the Severn River. As did our ancestors, WAVFD continues to server their community as volunteers and purchases and equips our apparatus through donations from the community as well as stipends from the County Government. Thanks to all how have supported West Annapolis throughout the years and all who have joined the ranks to make a difference within our neighborhoods!
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FROM THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
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This page is dedicated in memory of
Robert Mumma
Who was a great leader to the
Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co.
17737-6/29/11
CONGRATULATIONS!

JOHN DENVER, MSFA PRESIDENT

2012-2013

WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

FROM THE

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The Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company has recently placed in service two 2011 Ford/Lifeline Medic Units

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Board Of Directors (3 year Term)

- Jay Merk
- Mark Stevens
- Mel Wehrman

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5.3k/10k Rescue Run
Saturday, October 6, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

ORGANIZED BY AND SUPPORTING THE
ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (AVFD)

START AND FINISH: Crofton Country Club, 1619 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, Maryland 21114

RUNNER'S AMENITIES INCLUDE: T-shirt (if registered before September 6th), refreshments and awards, water stops on course and at start/finish, course monitors, ample parking, and results distributed shortly after the race.

DIRECTIONS FROM DC: Take Route 50 East to Route 3 North. Go approximately five miles to Crofton entrance on right (Clubhouse Gate Rd) and turn left on Crofton Parkway to Crofton Country Club. DIRECTIONS FROM BALTIMORE: Take I-97 South to Exit 7 (I-97 Routes 32 and 3 South). Go approximately six miles to Crofton entrance on left at light (Crofton Blvd) and right on Crofton Parkway to Crofton Country Club.

PARKING: Adjacent parking lot between the Crofton Country Club and Prince of Peace Church

ENTRY FEE: $30.00 (Registration must be received by September 26th); $35.00 on day of event

REGISTRATION: Register on-line at www.Active.com (Registration open on-line until October 3rd) or mail the completed form below, check payable to AVFD, by September 26, 2012, to: AVFD, Attn: Race Director, P.O. Box 3310, Crofton, MD 21114

RACE PACKET PICK UP: Participants may pick up their race packet the night before the race from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the fire station (2380 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD, 21054) or on race day from 6:30-8:00 a.m. at race start location. Participants must show their driver's license or other identification to pick up race packet.

RACE DAY TIMELINE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. - Check-in
7:30 a.m. - Participants can join a warm-up session with Professional Trainer,
AVFD Member Jessica, near the race start location
8:00 a.m. - 10k Start
8:30 a.m. - 5k Start

PLEASE NOTE: We will be the guests of the Crofton Country Club on race day and can't interfere with the golfers. Clubhouse and Pro Shop facilities are strictly off limits. Warm up on roads/sidewalks. Park only in designated areas. No pets during run.

We appreciate your cooperation!

For more information, email arundelvfd7@yahoo.com

Entry form for mail-in registration. Please print clearly.

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Address
City State Zip Code
Phone Number
Age on Race Day
Gender: □ Male □ Female
Adult Shirt Size (Circle One): S M L XL XXL
Race Selection: 5.3k 10k

Release and Waiver (Must be Signed): I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I'm medically able and properly trained to participate in this event. I assume all risks with running in this event, including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, heat and humidity, and road conditions, with the potential for heat stroke or exhaustion, and even death. All such risks are known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release and discharge the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department, the Civil Association, all race sponsors, their representatives and successors, and the race directors from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use any photograph, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I attest that I have properly trained for this event.

Parent or Guardian must sign for runners under 16 years of age.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
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May 21, 1921—November 18, 2011

Mom was a devoted member of the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary for 30 years

We love and miss you and Dad everyday.

Rose and Danny Davis
Heather, Patrick, and your new great grandson, Jack Flaherty.

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Celebrating 100 Years of Service
1912 to 2012

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Antique apparatus
Display

Huge
Fireworks
Display At
Dusk

Date         Saturday July 21st 2012
Time         Parade at 6pm.
Location     Arcadia Fair Grounds
Parade       Parade entries needed.
              Contact Doug at 410-374-6562

Events!     Check out our fund raising events for 2012 below.

Bluegrass   29th Annual Bluegrass Festival September 20 – 22, 2012.
Festival     For info. Call 410-374-2895.

Demolition  Derby Dates are July 14th, August 25th, October 13th
Derby

For more info call 410-887-1576
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www.levelvfc.com

The Officers and Members of the Level Volunteer Fire
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Send our Best Wishes and Congratulations

To

Lori Denbow

LAMSFA’s 2012-2013 Vice Chaplain

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Annual AVFD Carnival
July 16-21, 2012

Bingo, Games, Raffles, Food
7:00pm Monday 16th – Parade
7:00m – 11:00pm Mon-Thursday
7:00pm-Midnight Fri & Sat

Rides and Amusements
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$$ Cash Raffle $$
$12,000 in Cash Prizes

A prize every 10 minutes
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Only 5000 chances sold (www.arbutusvfd.org)
Tickets: $5 per chance
Drawings: Saturday, November 10, 2012

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct  Photo Fund Drive
Oct 13th  Fall Festival / Kid Safety Day
Nov-Jan  - Train Garden
Dec 1st  - Cookies & Milk with Santa
Dec 9th  - Pancake Breakfast w/ Santa

Check our website frequently for events:
www.arbutusvfd.org

BINGO

Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department
5200 Southwestern Boulevard

Monday, Thursday, Saturday
@ 7:15pm
(Doors open @ 5pm)
≥15yo / Smoke Free / 3 hours for $15

The members and officers of the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank President David Lewis for his leadership and dedication to the MSFA over the past year. We would also like to offer our support to John Denver as he seeks to take over the reins as President of the MSFA.
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Assistant Chief
Captain
1st Fire Lieutenant
2nd Fire Lieutenant
3rd Fire Lieutenant
Sergeant 8-1
Sergeant 8-2
EMS Captain
1st EMS Lieutenant

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