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- Attended Queenstown VFC banquet and issued a Resolution for their 75 year history.

Regional Reports: No reports.

Awards: Thompson Award nominations will close 30 days prior to the Annual meeting. Rules to be updated and outlined in the Convention Book.

Committee Reports:

ALERT Network: Skip Menzies, no report.

Apparatus: No report.

ATAC: No report.

Auditing: No report.

Budget: David See offered the new year's budget for acceptance.

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Convention: No report.

Convention Program Book: No report.

Data, Technical Info.: No report.

Fallen FF / EMS Memorial - MD: Robert Small is attending a planning meeting in February. Program in June.

Fallen FF / EMS Memorial - NFFF: Terry Thompson and Robert Small reported that they are participating in planning meetings for 2010. Program in October.

Finance / Fundraising: No report.

Fire Prevention (Incl. Smoke Alarms): No report.

Historical / Archives: No report.

IAFC - VCOS: David See reported that he will be attending the various meetings in DC connected with CFSI and the VCOS Board meeting in DC.

IAFC – EDIAFC: Secretary Pete Mellits discussed the MD Directors position and the need to fill as Pete will be moving to 2nd Vice President.

- Discussed upcoming ED IAFC Conference in York, PA.
- Discussed MD Director position being filled.
- Discussed MFCA paying for IAFC dues for MD Director/VP position if the members Department was unable to pay.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report.

Legislative (State & Fed.): Harve Woods and Bill Barnard. HB 191 – SB226 (novelty lighters) pending.

MACO: The reception will be held in August, 2010 at the Convention Center – Sunset Room.

Membership: No report.

MFRI: No report.

NFPA: No report.

President's (MFRI) Advisory: No report.

Scholarship: No report.

Sponsorship: Roger Steger motioned for acceptance of the outline provided by Hugh Owens, minimum dollar amount levels and plaques. The plaques will be issued on a case-by-case basis. Motion by Rick Hemphill and 2nd by Bob Seibel. Approved.

Terry Thompson is coordinating the tables for the Shock Trauma Gala (in Baltimore) and the MD Fallen Firefighters Gala (in Hunt Valley).

CFSI Dinner, motion made by Rick Blair and 2nd by Spiker to hold a reception room at the Hilton. Approved. Room to be sponsored by 1-800-Board Up. Provident is sponsoring / donating a table for 10.

Tags (License Plates): No report.

Training and Safety: Bill Barnard reported that the MFCA is now listing on the Life Safety Committee.

MD Chief Officers Seminar scheduled for March 13 and 14 in Shady Grove.

- Saturday lunch donated by Firehouse Subs.
- Caterers invoice for snacks and Sunday lunch is \$3,500.00. 1-800-Board Up will cover up to \$3,600.00.
- Approximately 250 attendees expected.

Allied Association Reports:

MSP Aviation: No report.

Office of the State Fire Marshal – January 28, 2010 Report to the MFCA as prepared by the OSFM

Mr. President, members of the *Maryland Fire Chiefs Association*, it is my pleasure to present to you this report on the activities and events pertaining to the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal since the last meeting of the Association.

- ❖ **OSFM Staff Positions** – Currently, the OSFM has six full time vacant positions; five Deputy State Fire Marshals and one Fire Protection Engineer.

- ❖ **Fire Deaths – Update** – During calendar year 2009, there were a total of 73 fire deaths reported in Maryland. During 2008, there were 60 fire deaths reported, tying the all time record low. Residential fire fatalities accounted for just 77% of all fire fatalities this year. The average for the past five years is 83%. A complete analysis of fire deaths for calendar year 2009 will be available on the OSFM website within the next 10 days.
- ❖ **Maryland Building Performance Standards** – Effective January 1, 2010, the Maryland Codes Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has adopted the 2009 edition of several International Codes Council model codes, including the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC). Within six months, local jurisdictions are required to adopt or modify the Maryland Building Performance Standards as adopted by DHCD.
- ❖ **State Fire Prevention Code Update** – Effective January 1, 2010, the State Fire Prevention Commission adopted the updated State Fire Prevention Code. All appropriate training for the implementation of the updated State Fire Prevention Code update has been completed.
- ❖ **MFIRS** – Several fire departments and/or counties are not submitting MFIRS reports to the OSFM in a timely manner. MFIRS reports for each month should be forwarded to the OSFM by the tenth day of the following month. Please continue to remind all fire departments of the importance of submitting accurate and timely MFIRS reports to the OSFM.

Mr. President, and members of the Association, this completes my report to you today. As always, it is our pleasure to provide you with this updated information. Thank you for your dedication and hard work in making Maryland a better place to live.

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New Business: Discussed the following policies for consideration:

- Whistleblower
- Records Destruction
- Conflict of Interest

Old Business: None discussed.

Meeting Notices:

Next Annual Meeting: Sudlersville VFD – April 25, 2010 @ 1100 hrs.

Next Executive Board Meetings: No Ex. Bd. Meeting in April due to the Annual Meeting

MEETING SCHEDULE 2010

February 25 – Board – Fisherman’s Inn 19:00 hrs

March 25 – Board – Fisherman’s Inn 19:00 hrs

April 25 – Annual – lunch 11:00 hrs, meeting 12:00 hrs

May 27 – Board – Fisherman’s Inn 19:00 hrs

June 12 – 18 – MSFA Convention – No Meeting

July 22 – Board - Fisherman’s Inn 19:00 hrs

August – Regular...TBA – lunch 11:00 hrs, meeting 12:00 hrs

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