



MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, July 27, 2006

President Robert Small called the MFCA Board meeting to order at 1900 hours, at the Fisherman's Inn Restaurant on July 27, 2006. Assistant Chaplain Margaret Gouty gave invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. MFCA Officers present were as follows: President Robert Small, 1st VP Jack Gouty, 2nd VP David Smarte, Secretary Jackie Olson, Asst. Treasurer Scott Kaiser, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty, and Regional Directors Rick Blair, Roger Steger and Calvin Stack. Treasurer Leonard King 2nd VP, Membership Secretary Kara Small, Asst. Secretary Ron Watkins, Chaplain John Hoglund and Regional Directors Jon Black, Charles Austin and Tracy Schulz were excused. Margaret Gouty made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Calvin Stack. Motion passed.

President Small reported that the Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial Dedication was very successful. He thanked everyone for his or her help on Sunday, June 11th, 2006. A lot

of hard work and dedication has finally come to fruition. President Small discussed the MFCA Booth at the Ocean City Convention and that more staffing of the booth is needed. The MFCA Ladies Auxiliary offered to help next year. We sold raffles and clothing and made \$5, 179.00.

First Vice President Jack Gouty reported that he attended the Eastern Division of the IAFF Annual Convention in New Jersey. He congratulated Chief Pete Mellits on his recent election to Eastern Division IAFF Maryland Director. He also attended the MSFA Convention and Conference Critique.

Second Vice President David Smarte reported that he helped set up the MFCA booth at the MSFA Convention and was sorry he couldn't do more due to his work schedule. He also reported that the AFLEC issues is done and put to bed.

Committee Reports:

Convention Program Book Committee – Hugh Owens reported that he turned in an addition \$700 tonight and that brings the total collected to \$19,965, with \$2,250 still outstanding. The program book made approximately \$23,000 with a profit of about \$10,000 going to the organization. A discussion was held in regards to the contract with the printer and how we can make more profit for our organization. The committee will look into other options of raising the color page ad price as well as black and whites and look into other printers possibly in the future.

Webpage - Rick Hemphill asked that we look into changing the webpage name from marylandfirechiefs.org to mdfirechiefs.org., it has become a problem with trying to reach the originator of the webpage and this way he could make the appropriate changes. A motion was made by David Smarte to change the name and Roger Steger seconded. Motion passed.

Constitution and Bylaws – Bob Seibel reported that he is still looking for members to help on his committee, and has received no recommended changes.

EDIAFF – Maryland Director Chief Pete Mellits thanked everyone for their support and encourage to run for the Maryland Director. He attended the EIAIFF Annual Conference in New Jersey as was installed as the Maryland Director. He also attended the Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial and thanked everyone for his or her help to see this vision come to fruition. He will be visiting each County Chief's Association Meetings to promote membership and a chance to network. He has visited Anne Arundel, Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties and hopes to get to at least two counties a month. He talked about the upcoming training being hosted by the Volunteer Company Officers Section of the IAFF, The "Beyond Buckets and Hoses" class will be held on October 28 & 29, 2006 at the Anne Arundel County Training Center. Flyer is attached with registration form.

MFCA Ladies Auxiliary - President Jackson reported that they would love to help out at the MFCA booth at the convention and will start to organize a list of volunteers at the next meeting. She also reported that if anyone needs anything,

don't hesitate to call upon them.

Statewide Alert Network - Chairman Skip Menzies reported that progress is being made on the West Virginia server. He is receiving a lot of compliments on the network from around the state. He will be doing a CBRN Class on October 5 in Belair (Hartford/Cecil), more details to come. The CBRN Class held on June 18th at the MSFA Conference and Convention had about 50 students and was well received. The Staff and Command Seminar will be held March 21 – 27, 2007 at Ocean City. MFCA will pay registration and motel and food is on your own. Charlie Black will host an Open House at the Museum that week, more information to come.

Ways & Means - Margaret Gouty encouraged all members to bring more sales to the MFCA booth at Ocean City. She sold out of the MFCA hats and t-shirts. She reported on the National Fallen Firefighters Weekend and will be attending a meeting in August to discuss this year's event. She also reported the John Hogle's sister in law passed away and could we keep them in our prayers.

State Fire Marshal Office - Bill Barnard reported that they have had a lot of new personnel changes. Linda Smith retired after 18 years of service and is replaced by Brenda Thacker. Joe Flanigan was appointed to Chief Deputy Fire Officer. There are three new Deputy Chiefs and they are in the Law Enforcement Academy. He complimented Doug Alexander on beating the bushes and educating the public on Residential Sprinklers. At this time, Fruitland passed Ordinance that requires all new duplexes to have sprinklers, there is a Public

Hearing in Frederick City and Havre de Grace in the next month or two; Charlestown is working towards Ordinance; and Charles County is putting something in the works. He has been meeting with Fire Team USA who will be here on August 22nd and 23rd. Go to FIRETEAMUSA.com for more information, you can register online for this weekend. We are getting the word out about but need to do more in regards to Smoke Alarms, his office has seen a decrease but need to keep getting the word out. There have been 31 fire deaths thru the first six months of 2006, possibly 37 by end of July. That is a decrease of 22 since this time in 2004 and we have cut fire deaths in 1/2 in the past two years. Again, keep your efforts up and inform your neighbors and communities in regards to Fire Alarms. The New State Fire Prevention Code as been finalized and is awaiting signature and then a Public Hearing will be held. There are several job opportunities for Fire Safety Inspectors and it would be working with Health Care Facilities. They are putting together an eligibility list for full-time Fire Safety Inspectors and the announcement should come out in September. The three new bomb squads are ready to hit the streets, more details about these units to come. The 2006 Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference will be held on September 26th. For further information contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 1-877-636-2872. Bill brought up the 2nd Annual Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial Gala which will be held on September 30th, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Raddison Hotel in Annapolis. For more information go to their website at www.mdfirerescuemem.org. Motion was made by Roger Steger to purchase a table for the Gala, Jackie Olson seconded. Motion passed. A discussion was held to ask Doug Alexander to do a presentation on Residential Sprinklers to our organization.

Unfinished Business – Constitution and By-Laws Chair Bob Seibel asked about the Endowment Fund. According to the By-laws we are to have a written report of this committee at least twice a year. The committee consists of Joe Robison, Charlie Black and Leonard King. President Small was contact the Chair of the Committee, Joe Robison and schedule a meeting. Bob also asked about a meeting schedule and could we finalize one for the upcoming year. Secretary Olson will work on this project.

New Business - Constitution and By-Laws Chair Bob Seibel asked if there was a list of members of the MFCA. He would like to publish a list to identify the organization's Associate, Regular, Deceased, Life and Corporate members. He will contact Membership Chair Kara Small and work on this project. The next meeting of the MSFA Training Committee will be held on August 11 at MFRI at 9:00am.

Good of the Organization - Chief David See thanked everyone for their support is his nomination to the Volunteer Career Officers of the EA IAFF. Salisbury Fire Department nominated him for this position. MSFA Volunteer Firefighters Room Chair Bob Seibel informed MFCA that he has space in the room (Museum) for any MFCA material that we would like to have displayed.

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The Maryland State Firemen's Association, The Maryland Sheriff's Association and the Maryland Fire Chief's Association will be hosting a joint reception for the 2006 Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference on Thursday, August 17, 2006, 4pm - 6pm at the Sunset Room, next to the O.C. Convention Center in Ocean City.

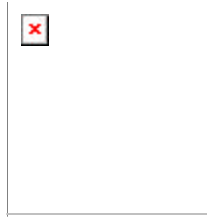
With no further business, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty gave the benediction and David Smarte made a motion to adjourn, Jack Gouty seconded, motion passed. President Small adjourned the meeting at 2015 hours.

The next Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, August 13, 2006 at Clear Spring VFD at 9:00am. The next Executive Board meeting will be held on September 28, 2006 at 1900 hours at Fisherman's Inn.

**Respectfully
submitted,**

**Jacqueline
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**Jacqueline
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MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2006

President Robert Small called the MFCA Board meeting to order at 1900 hours, at the Fisherman's Inn Restaurant on May 25, 2006. Chaplain John Hoglund gave invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. MFCA Officers present were as follows: President Robert Small, 1st VP Jack Gouty, 2nd VP David Smarte, Secretary Jackie Olson, Membership Secretary Kara Small, Asst. Treasurer Scott Kaiser, Chaplain John Hoglund, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty, and Regional Directors Rick Blair, Jon Black and Calvin Stack. Treasurer Leonard King 2nd VP, Asst. Secretary Ron Watkins and Regional Director Tracy Schulz were excused. Rick Hemphill made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Ron Graf. Motion passed.

President Small reported that he attended several meetings on the Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial Dedication, to be held on Sunday, June 11th, 2006 at 3:00pm. The parade will start at 1:00pm and should be approximately one mile, and line up will be at the Maryland Hall of Arts. For those companies who have had a LODD, you will be asked to bring one piece of apparatus and many members from your company. All other companies will be asked to bring representatives from their company.

President Small also discussed the MFCA Booth at the Ocean City Convention. We will start setting up on Sunday at 10:00am and we need help during the week to volunteer at the booth.

First Vice President Jack Gouty reported on the CFSI Dinner which was held in April. He also reported that he was a FEMA grant reviewer and suggested some ideas on how to write grants. The Eastern Division Conference will be held on June 3rd and 4th, see him for more information. He thanked everyone for their support of his nomination of Vice President to the Eastern Division IAFF.

Second Vice President David Smarte reported on his dealings with AFLEC and has been in touch with the AFLEC's corporate offices in regards to problems with their representative.

Committee Reports:

Convention Program Book Committee reported that the book went to the printers and it will be ready for the convention at the Ocean. The Program Book has 154 pages with 54 color ads. Hugh reported that the book raised a total of \$20, 000 and has collected a total of \$15,775. They added to the book a Table of Contents to include a vendor list, and fire department ads list. President Small thanked the committee for their work and dedication to the book. Ron Graf thanked Evelyn Graf for her work on the cover and helping to put the book together.

Statewide Alert Network - Chairman Skip Menzies reported that progress is being made on the West Virginia server. Discussions was held on the upcoming political race and how we need to retain the Governor's support of the network. Chaplain Hoglund discussed getting letters ready to write to the new Governor to support keeping the following people in office, Bill Barnard, Dennis Shrader, Jone Droneburg, etc. The committee will also be presenting a CBRN Class on June 18 at 2:00pm in Room 215 at the MSFA Conference and Convention. Also they will be doing a CBRN in Southern Maryland in September and another class in Hartford/Cecil/Baltimore county in November, dates will be announced along with locations.

Ways & Means - Margaret Gouty encouraged all members to stop by the MFCA booth at Ocean City. She is also doing a raffle for MFCA at the Ocean, so stop by and see what surprises she has in store. She thanked Steven Jacobs for all his hard work on the trailer, it looks great, she needs a MFCA logo to put on the side. Charlie Black will take care of getting her one. Also we discussed MFCA Badges for Officers and Charlie Black will look into that and get some information for us.

State Fire Marshal Office - Bill Barnard thanked everyone for their support of HB1300 it passed in the House but failed in the Senate. He discussed that the surcharge bill that passed in the last hours with it being 50/50 and the rest going to Maryland State Police. They are hiring new investigators in Southern Maryland and are almost up to full staffing. He also discussed several other positions to include Chief Deputy and an Office

Manager. Ken Bush and John Bender were recognized as Fire Engineers. Residential Sprinklers are getting great support and Indian Head, La Plata, Charleston and Have de Grace are coming on board. Salisbury Fire Department is looking into a tax incentive or impact fee to help cut the cost of residential sprinklers. There have been 24 Fire Deaths so far in regards to 33 in 2005 at this time, this is a 25% reduction and it seems we are getting the message out. In the next 30 days there will be three new bomb squads on the road, they will be placed at Salisbury, Hagerstown and Southern Maryland. A lengthy discussion was held on Mist Demonstrations. Remember to practice safety when it comes to grilling and fireworks. The 2006 Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference will be held on September 26th. For further information contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 1-877-636-2872.

A discussion was held on Prince George's County career and volunteer issues regarding the legislation for the Firefighters Bill of Rights. It is in it's second draft, once finalized they hope it will be picked up by other counties and become statewide.

Unfinished Business – President Small presented Evelyn Graf will her 2005 Trustee Award. ATAC of Maryland presented two awards to Marcy Murphy and Dave Bauer. The Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council of Maryland will be holding their meeting on May 24, 2006 at the Howard County Community College Business Training Center.

With no further business, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty gave the benediction and David Smarte made a motion to adjourn, Jack Gouty seconded, motion passed. President Small

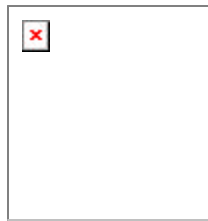
adjourned the meeting at 1945 hours.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 1900 hours at Fisherman's Inn.

**Respectfully
submitted,**

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**MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE
MEETING**

Thursday, March 30, 2006

President Robert Small called the MFCA Board meeting to order at 1900 hours, at the Fisherman's Inn Restaurant on March 30, 2006. Chaplain John Hogleund gave invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. MFCA Officers present were as follows: President Robert Small, 1st VP Jack Gouty, Treasurer Leonard King, Secretary Jackie Olson, Asst. Secretary Ron Watkins, Chaplain John Hogleund, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty, and Regional Directors Rick Blair, Jon Black and Tracy Schulz. 2nd VP David Smarte, and

Membership Secretary Kara Small were excused. Guest in attendance was Michael Walker from Nextel. Ron Watkins made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Ron Graf. Motion passed.

Michael Walker from Nextel thanked President Small, Past President Steger and Chief Schulz for their logistical help in organizing volunteers to go Louisiana to help the Katrina victims. A plaque was presented to the MFCA.

President Small thanked MFRI for their support of the Chief's Officers Seminar. The evaluations were positive and attendance was good. He met with Bill Barnard, State Fire Marshal' in regards to HB1300 – Maryland Cigarette Fire Safety & Firefighter Protection Act, at this time it has passed the House and is now in the Senate. The Maryland Fire & Rescue Memorial dedication will be June 11, 2006 at 3:00pm. For those companies who have had a LODD, you will be asked to bring one piece of apparatus and many members from your company. All other companies will be asked to bring representatives from their company. The parade will start at 1:00pm and should be approximately one mile, more details to come.

Regional Representative Jon Black reported on the Wicomico County Chief's Meeting and discussed that the City of Salisbury Fire Department and other companies are working on legislation for Residential Sprinklers. The MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee met with the Salisbury Fire Department on Monday, March 27th. He also reported that the Grants Class was well attended and a lot of positive feedback.

Regional Representative Rick Blair reported on he attended

the West Virginia Chiefs Meeting and presented them with a plaque from MFCA for their support of the Statewide Alert Network. Margaret made a motion to pay for the plaque given to West Virginia, Ron Watkins seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means - Margaret Gouty reported that she sold \$2,325.00 in merchandise at the Chief Officer's Seminar and will have plenty of new and old items available at the April meeting.

Statewide Alert Network: Chairman Skip Menzies reported that he has been contacted by the FBI in regards to a CBRN Class with will be co-sponsored by the Joint Terrorist Task Force, National Terrorist Center, and the Maryland National Guard. It will be held at the Emergency Operations Center in Allegany County. The committee will also be presenting a CBRN Class on June 18 at 2:00pm in Room 215 at the MSFA Conference and Convention. Also they will be doing a CBRN in Southern Maryland in September and another class in Hartford/Cecil/Baltimore county in November, dates will be announced along with locations.

Co-Chairman Rick Hemphill thanked the West Virginia Fire Chief for their support of the alert network. Recently a back up server has been placed at West Virginia University in Morgantown. The IT department has donated Internet capability and facility space (which amounts to approximately \$1500), a test of the server will be done at the end of the week. A lengthy discussion was held in regards to the cost of the Network Alert, who has paid for these expenses in the past with donations, grants or monetary donations. As well as, what will

the future expenses be and could we be looking at monthly bills in the next coming years.

Convention Book - Chair Hugh Owens reported that he has about 40 ads sold for the program book. He has collected money for 13 ads sold which totaled \$2,680. A reminder that all Officers report must be turned in at the April's meeting. All ads must be in by May 7, 2006.

Legislation – Laura Woods reported that she attended the hearing for HB1300 today.

State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard reported on HB1300 asking all members to find out who is on the Finance Committee and if it is a Senator in your area please call or write them asking them to vote in favor of this bill. He also asked for the members support on

HB1668, this bill would add money to the VCAF and Helicopter replacement fund.

Good of the Association: The CFSI Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 6th. The Joint Reception of the MSFA/MFCA will be 4:00 – 6:00pm in the Edison Room.

Bill Barnard reminded all members that this weekend is Daylight Savings and when you change your clock, change your battery in your Smoke Alarms. He also thanked the MFCA members and President Small for their support of HB1300.

With no further business, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty gave the benediction and Ron Watkins made a motion to adjourn, Jon Black seconded, motion passed. President Small adjourned the meeting at 1945 hours.

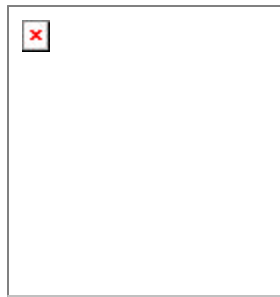
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The next meeting of the MFCA will be Saturday, April 22, at 9:00am at Sharptown VFC on Rt 313 in Salisbury.

**Respectfully
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**Jacqueline
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**MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING
Thursday, February 23, 2006**

President Robert Small called the MFCA Board meeting to order at 1900 hours, at the Best Western Conference Room on February 23, 2006. Chaplain John Hogleund gave invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. MFCA Officers present were as follows: President Robert Small, 1st VP Jack Gouty, 2nd VP David Smarte, Secretary Jackie Olson, Membership Secretary Jon Black, Asst. Membership Secretary Kara Small, Chaplain John Hogleund, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty, and Regional Directors Charles Austin, Rick Blair and

Calvin Stack, Asst. Secretary Ron Watkins, Treasurer Leonard King, and Regional Director Tracy Schultz were excused. Guest in attendance: William Barnard, State Fire Marshal, Terry Thompson, MEMA, MFCA Past President Roger Steger and Doug Alexander, MSFA Residential Sprinkler Chairperson. Ron Graf made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded by Hugh Owens. Motion passed.

President Small reported that a letter has been sent to AFLEC in regards to several problems with their company representative. In the letter, the MFCA advise AFLEC that we would no longer be doing business with them due to the conduct of their representative. Several phone conversations and emails have transpired since that later and a the supervisor has specified that he would still like to do business with our organization and is willing to come to the Spring Meeting to discuss several options to get things back on track.

President Small reported on the CFSI dinner, which will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006. MFCA would like to purchase tickets for one table. Discussion was held on back payment for this event and the cost for this year. Roger Steger made a motion to purchase one table and pay for half of the joint reception, Chaplain John Hogle seconded. Motion passed. Hugh Owens is still working on the donation of a second table and will let us know if that happens.

President Small reported that he received a gas bill of \$1000 from Criswell. Criswell provides cars for NFFM weekend and in the past years when we did not have enough vehicles we agreed to pay them for gas. Discussion was held to possible look

for donations for October 2006. After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that the NFFM Committee for MFCA get a plan together, compose a budget of what expenses occur during this weekend and set up a meeting with Ron Siarnicki, NFFM Director. Terry Thompson made a motion that we pay the gas bill from Criswell's, Ron Graf seconded. Motion passed.

President Small discussed phone solicitation issues in Southern Maryland, and it was suggested that he would meet with Bill Cooke.

First Vice President Gouty received a request from Tom Collins for a MFCA Citation of Appreciation for Chief Richard Goring, who is a Charter member of MFCA and has dedicated over fifty years of fire service. Rick Hemphill made a motion to provide a Certification of Appreciation to Chief Goring, Hugh Owens seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President Gouty also discussed a request that he received in regards to financial support of the Eastern Division IAFC annual Conference. Terry Thompson made a motion that we donate \$500 to the Eastern Division IAFC to help with their annual conference, Calvin Stack seconded. Motion passed.

First Vice President Gouty asked that the MFCA write a letter of endorsement for him as he is running for the Eastern Division IAFC 2nd Vice President. Chaplain John Hoglund made a motion that we write a letter of endorsement for Vice President Gouty, seconded by Calvin Stack. Motion passed. Discussion was held about who would replace Vice President Gouty in his current position as Eastern Division IAFC Director for Maryland.

Second Vice President David Smarte talked about the

Committee Reports:

Fire Prevention – Chairman Evelyn Graf suggested that we streamline the MFCA Fire Prevention Queen Contest and have one standing committee for Fire Prevention. It was suggested that we ask Theresa Thompson if she is still interested in serving on the sub committee or if Patty Thompson was interested in taking over as Chairperson. Discussion will be held at March’s meeting.

Maryland Fire & Rescue Memorial - Chaplain John Hoglund reported that June 11, 2006 is the Dedication Ceremony, please mark your calendars. Discussion was held in regards to activities for this event and more information is to come. The Gala will be held on September 30, 2006, more details to come.

Meeting Schedule – the Next MFCA Board meeting will be held on March 30th at 1900 hours at Fisherman’s Inn. The April meeting will be held at Sharptown VFC on Rt 313 on April 22, 2006 at 9:00am. We are looking at the August meeting to be held in Western Maryland on August 13, 2006 and the December meeting to be held at the Waldorf VFD on December 3, 2006, dates and locations to be confirmed at the March Executive Board meeting.

Terry Thompson talked about the MSFA Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee and how this committee is moving around the state to promote this program. Lt. Governor Steele stopped by and saw the demonstration at the Maryland Municipal League Convention; he was very interested in supporting this initiative. A motion was made by Bill Barnard, seconded by Leonard King to send a letter to Chair Doug Alexander in support of this initiative and to offer him any assistance that the committee needs. The next meeting of this committee is Tuesday, July 19 at the Mt. Airy VFC at 1900 hours.

Bill Barnard talked about the upcoming events of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Foundation Memorial Committee, groundbreaking is September 11, 2005 at 1600 hours, the Gala will be on September 30, 2005 and a golf tournament will be held on September 16 at Mt. View Golf Club, for more information check the memorial website. The Life and Safety Conference will be held on September 27, 2005.

Margaret Gouty discussed the NFFM Weekend, which is held October 7 – 9, 2005, help is also needed on Thursday, October 6th. MFCA is there to provide services for the families and Volunteers are needed for this weekend. We need car seats, strollers, diapers, wheelchairs as well as drivers and transportation. The next meeting of the NFFM will be Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at 10:00am at the NFA in Emmittsburg. If you need any hotel rooms and are able to provide transportation please contact Margaret Gouty at 410-551-5962.

Motion was made by Rick Blair to provide the kids of the families with t-shirts, David Smarte seconded, motion carried with one no vote.

Convention Book Chair Hugh Owens reported that we made about \$12,000 and about another \$1000 to come, Rick Blair commented on the great job that was done by the Convention Book committee, the Officers for editing and proofreading (especially Kara). This year's book was one of our best program books. Discussion was held to add an index page in the back to list ads with page numbers and vendors information.

Treasurer Leonard King reported that all the bills were paid and checks are in the mail.

Margaret Gouty reported on some new products to include a MFCA blanket and a die cast metal miniature chief helmets to sell.

With no Old or New Business the meeting moved to Good of the Association:

President Steger discussed updated the web page with new events and linking our web page with NFFM to purchased the NFFM bracelets.

With no further business, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty gave the benediction and David Smarte made a motion to adjourn, Jon Black seconded, motion passed. President Steger adjourned the meeting at 2045 hours.

The next meeting of the MFCA will be Saturday, August 6, 2005 at 12:00pm at the Goodwill VFC, in Centreville, Maryland. (lunch will be served at 11:00am)

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Olson

Jacqueline Olson, Assistant Secretary

MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING - AUGUST 6, 2005

GOOD WILL VFC, CENTREVILLE

The quarterly meeting of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association was called to order by President Roger Steger at 1205 PM. Fifty members were in attendance. Maryland State Firemen's Association Lee Sachs led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain John Hogle offered the invocation. The MFCFA was welcomed to the Centreville VFC facility by Good Will VFC Treasurer Lester Downes. President Steger thanked the company for providing a fine lunch and for the use of their fine facility.

Officers in attendance today are President Steger, 1st VP Robert Small, 2nd VP Jack Gouty, Secretary Ron Watkins, Treasurer Leonard King, Membership Secretary Jon David Black, Chaplain John Hogle, Asst. Secretary Jackie Olson, Asst. Treasurer David Smarte, Asst. Membership Secretary Kara Small, Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty, and Regional Representatives Rick Blair and Charles Austin. Representatives Calvin Stack and Tracy Schultz were excused. Past Presidents in attendance were Joe Robinson, Leonard King, Ron Watkins, Paul Sterling, and John Hogle.

Guests in attendance were MFSA President Lee Sachs, MSFA 1st VP Bobby Balta, MSFA Chaplain John Long Jr., MEMA representative Terry Thompson, Maryland Fallen FF Memorial Foundation Chairman J. Donald Mooney, MFFF representative Kathy Hedricks, and Ron Siarnicki, of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

MSFA President Sachs was called upon by President Steger for his remarks, as he had to leave early. He spoke on the recent untimely death of newly elected MSFA Treasurer Louis D'Camera, and noted that Ron Siarnicki has been appointed to complete the term. Past President Robert Jacobs has accepted an appointment to the

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position of Asst. Treasurer. He remarked on the many activities coming up for the MSFA, and noted that there are several people on the "disabled" list, and asked that we all remember them as they recover

The minutes of the meeting of 5/7/05 were presented. MOTION by Hugh Owens, 2nd by John Spiker to approve the minutes with amendments presented. PASSED.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Steger - noted that there had been several activities since our last meeting. He attended the MSFA Convention in Ocean City, helped with the Fill the Boot Drive for the MFFF at the Firehouse Expo in Baltimore, and attended meetings at MEMA, where the MFCA ALERT system was discussed. They are trying to find ways to get the ALERTs out to everyone.

1st VP R. Small - reported that the booth at the MSFA Convention was an excellent opportunity to get some good publicity for our group. A highlight of the Convention was the day Past President Charlie Black was able to attend the booth.

2nd VP J. Gouty - The International Association of Fire Chiefs will hold their meeting in Denver, CO on August 10 - 12. He will be attending.

Treasurer L King - reported that he had received some good news on our investments recently. All were doing well.

Secretary Ron Watkins - reported the Secretary's office had recorded the minutes of the organization's meetings, responded as needed to all correspondence, and had been working with the Bylaws Committee to produce the final draft of the Bylaws and to get notice of the proposed Bylaws to the attention of all MFCA members so that they can be voted on at this meeting. Thanks to Bob Seibel for his work on this project. Still working with the Membership Secretary's office to refine our mailing list and to convert as much as possible to the use of electronic mailing to communicate with our members.

Membership - Asst. Secretary Kara Small - reported that they got 32 new members at the booth in Ocean City, as well as recovering 10 members that had been in arrears. She also noted that there was a good number of membership renewals.

Chaplain John Hoglund - noted that there had been a great many deaths in the fire department family since our last meeting. He asked that we keep the families of those

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deceased in our prayers, and also remember those who are suffering from illnesses and ailments

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention Books - Hugh Owens - Hugh noted that he had books today for members, and that copies of the book were being distributed State-wide by the MD Fire Dispatch representatives and the MFCA Regional Board representatives. Hugh Owens - Hugh

Ways and Means - Margaret Gouty - reported that she had many new MFCA items for sale - blankets, white helmets, etc. Members need the red shirts for helping at the NFFF Memorial weekend. She also noted that Howard County is hosting 20 EMT's from Malaysia, who are receiving training there. She suggested that, as a courtesy thing, we give each one of the MFCA white helmets as a remembrance of their time here. MOVED by Mark Trader, 2nd by Hugh Owens, to give the appropriate number of helmets to the Malaysian student EMT's. PASSED.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

MSFA - 1st VP Bobby Balta - noted that he had attended the recent President's meeting of the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association, where there was much concern about traffic safety for our members. There is a program to be presented on this topic. He spoke to the need for the fire service to set up partnerships with Social Services Assistance agencies. Finally, he encouraged us all to push the values of the volunteer fire service in Maryland throughout the State, to individual County politicians.

State Fire Marshal William Barnard - SFM Barnard sent a written report going over the activities of the FM Office over the past few months. On a special note, regarding Amoss Fund monies - some departments have been found to be spending the money from this Fund outside of legal boundaries. Investigations of the Fund appropriations are being made. These monies are now being handled by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, instead of the State Police. Some discussion about this. As a note, Leonard King reported that all of the money the Maryland fire service receives is almost 1 million dollars LESS than the Baltimore Zoo! John Hogleund questioned why the money had been shifted from the State Police to MEMA. Answer was that the State Police no longer wanted to work with this. The group was reminded that the

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Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference was coming up at the Johns Hopkins APU on September 27.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Weekend at the National Fire Academy - Margaret Gouty and Katy Hedricks spoke on the upcoming National Fallen FF Weekend activities to be held on October 7 - 9. Help will be needed from October 6 - 11, to pick up family members and help move them around to the various activities. They expect 90-95 families, with up to 1,000 members to attend. There will be much for people to do. Discussion ensued, concerning extraneous trips beyond those Foundation activities, the types of trips that can be done, etc. Security needs info on any vehicle that will be used as a transport vehicle as soon as possible. There are about twenty rooms available for our people that need them. Another possible snag is that a new security group will take over the Emmitsburg campus on October 1.

Bylaws - The proposed Bylaws changes were brought to the floor for consideration. Copies of the final draft had been posted on the MFCA Web Site and sent electronically to all of the officers of the organization. David Smarte MOVED that the Bylaws be approved as proposed and posted to the membership. 2nd by John Spiker. Question by Bylaws Chairman Robert Seibel, noting that there were some areas that needed changing. It was determined that there were only some minor changes in syntax and wording, with no significant changes to the content of the Bylaws, and could be amended at a later date. David Smarte called for the question. Motion was PASSED. Asst. Secretary Jackie Olson will work with Mr. Seibel on the needed changes. Chairman Seibel asked President Steger to replace two of his committee members, due to lack of participation.

Rick Green, Gamber, Carroll County, spoke on a State-wide initiative for residential sprinklers. He thanked the MFCA for their help and partnership in this effort. He offered help in providing local jurisdictions with education, etc. on how to go about getting this established in Maryland, and called for a residential sprinkler law in our State. Carroll County recently enacted such a law in their county requiring residential sprinklers installed in all new residential construction.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Mooney, Chairman of the Maryland Fallen Firefighter Memorial Foundation, spoke on how things are progressing in the effort to get the Memorial built. He noted several fund raising events that are coming up. They are planning the ground-breaking

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ceremonies to be held on September 11 at 2:00 PM in Annapolis. They have a Gala planned for September 30 at the Earleigh Heights VFD in Anne Arundel County. There are two tables left at this time. The Foundation has been working to get the Memorial built since they started meeting in 1997.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ron Siarnicki talked about the NFFF work, the Maryland Fallen FF Memorial, and the "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Information was presented about the Phoenix Society, which works to help with long term recovery efforts from severe burns.

The World Burns Congress meeting will be held in Baltimore at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in the last week in August. The MFCA will probably receive a request for help during this meeting.

The "Everybody Goes Home" program is going well, and gaining momentum.

Hugh Owens reported he has received \$12,160 in ad money for the Convention book, and will have a total of \$13,360 when all monies are in.

Lester Downes reported that the Good Will VFC will be holding a parade on September 17, all are invited, and he donated the money paid for the meals today back to the Association.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on November 13, 2005, at the Earleigh Heights VFD. The meeting will begin at Noon, and will be followed by a light fare banquet.

The Maryland Association of Counties will hold their Convention at Ocean City on August 18. Our officers will be on hand for that meeting

Chaplain John Hoglund reported to the group that the State of Connecticut has

Done some major work to prepare for potential disaster. They have located 34 semi-trailer units throughout the State that are loaded with WMD equipment. This was done with grant money.

MOVED by David Smarte to adjourn. 2nd by Ron Graf. PASSED

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Benediction offered by Asst. Chaplain Margaret Gouty. Adjourned at 1400 hours.