

Past President David Smarte not in attendance.

Regional Reports: No report.

Committee Reports:

ALERT Network: Rick Hemphill reported that at MACO, they will be testing equipment.

Apparatus: No report.

ATAC: Harve Woods reports there is a new Director. He will setup a meeting.

Auditing: No report.

Budget: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Convention: No report.

Convention Program Book: Hugh Owens reported 2010 Book back cover being reserved for by Pierce.

Data, Technical Info.: No report.

Fallen FF / EMS Memorial - MD: Gala is on September 25, 2010 at Turf Valley.

Fallen FF / EMS Memorial - NFFF: Robert Small reported MFCA starts on the 29th (Wed.). Operations command post will be in the Marriott Hotel complex. Need more help with transportation. Margaret stated that all of the shirts are in for the weekend. On Friday evening, the Family meet and greet will be at the Walkersville VFC. The Red Helmet ride (Sat.) will start from the Walkersville VFC.

Finance / Fundraising: Roger Steger reported things are now in MFCA control. All of the mail is being delivered to him. Door to door collections are low.

Fire Prevention (Incl. Smoke Alarms): The Queen's Program and Jr. Fire Chief's program scheduled for October...at Prince George's County Fire Services Building.

Doug Alexander reported Sprinkler legislation having its ups and downs. Several Counties are against mandating residential sprinklers. Some marked success though. Se FM Barnard's report.

Dunkirk VFD holding a side-by-side sprinkler demo on October 9, 1200 noon.

Historical / Archives: No report.

IAFC - VCOS: Pete Mellits reported that there will be positions opening up. Please submit interests to President Thompson.

IAFC – EDIAFC: FRI Eastern luncheon went very well. Good showing. MFCA was represented as well.

- Ladies Auxiliary:** No report.
- Legislative (State & Fed.):** Harve Woods reported there some changes. Some impacts to the fire service anticipated due to several “friends” being unseated.
- MACO:** The reception was held on August 19, 2010 at the Convention Center – Sunset Room. Good showing.
- Membership:** Seeking a new OC MSFA Convention booth coordinator.
- MFRI:** No report.
- NFPA:** No report.
- President’s (MFRI) Advisory:** John Roth reported that the next meeting is to be held in January.
- Scholarship:** Need to send out information for next year. The Staffing and Command Class will be in OC Maryland next year. Need to confirm number of number approved to fund.
- Sponsorship:** Hugh Owens reported he was in contact with Nextel. He is working on other donations as well.
- Tags (License Plates):** Kara Small reported Motorcycle tags program is coming along, 7 committed so far.
- Training and Safety:** Hugh Owens reported that the Chief Officers Seminar is moving along. MD Fire Equipment donating \$2,000 for food. Contract from Shady Grove received. Logistics discussed and a preliminary listing of instructors was discussed.
- MSFA Oct. 10, Denton VFD Water Supply drill.

Allied Association Reports:

MSP Aviation: No report.

Office of the State Fire Marshal – September 23, 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 Staffing:** – Currently, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has six full-time vacant positions, four Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFM) positions, one Fire Protection Engineer (FPE) position, and one Fire Safety Inspector (FSI) position. Dennis Gentzel, Chief Fire Protection Engineer, (CFPE) retired from State service to accept a position with the U.S. Fire Administration. A. Larry Iseminger Jr. was promoted to (CFPE) on September 8, 2010 after having served in an acting capacity since the retirement of CFPE Dennis Gentzel. A hiring freeze exemption request was submitted to fill the FPE position created by the promotion. Interviews have been completed to fill the vacant FSI position at the Southern Regional Office. The FSI position should be filled prior to November 1, 2010.

❖ **Fire Deaths – Update:** – Thus far as of September 20, 2010, the fire death total stands at 42. This compares very favorably with a total of 60 fire deaths during the same time period in 2009, a decrease of 30 percent.

2010 Fire Deaths by jurisdiction are as follows:

Anne Arundel County – 4
Baltimore City – 11
Baltimore County – 8
Calvert County – 2
Cecil County – 3
Charles County – 1
Fredrick County – 1
Garrett County – 1
Harford County – 1
Howard County – 1
Kent County – 2
Montgomery County – 1
Prince George’s County – 5
St. Mary’s County – 1

❖ **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. The MFIRS reporting has improved somewhat. The OSFM has received MFIRS reports from all but 16 fire departments for calendar year 2009. Only five departments submitted no reports, eleven were missing at least one month of reports. The OSFM submitted all reports to the United States Fire Administration for calendar year 2009 prior to July 1, 2010.

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Residential Fire Sprinkler Progress – The State Fire Marshal testified in Worcester County on September 21, 2010 in favor of the new requirement to install residential sprinklers for all newly constructed one and two family homes as required by the 2009 edition of the IRC. On September 28, 2010, the Hagerstown City Council is expected to vote on whether or not to require fire sprinklers for all newly constructed one and two family homes. Unfortunately, the Garrett County Commissioners and the Washington County Commissioners amended out of fire sprinkler requirements for one and two family homes when they adopted the 2009 edition of the IRC.

❖ **Campus Fire Safety Month** – As previously reported, Governor Martin O’Malley proclaimed September, Campus Fire Safety Month in Maryland in support of educating students and families about the dangers of fire in off-campus housing. It is estimated that 80% of student fire deaths occur in off campus housing. Additionally, the OSFM issued a news release addressing the importance of fire safety behavior so students can better protect themselves. As we have done in the past, the OSFM worked with the Maryland Higher Education Commission to spread the word about fire safety on and around college campuses.

❖ **Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference** – The 2010 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at the John Hopkins APL, Kossiakoff Conference Center, in Laurel, Maryland. Ms. Gina M. Russo, Survivor of “The Station” Nightclub Fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island, is the keynote presenter. The conference is sure to be another success again this year. Registration for the conference is \$50. Registration information along with a copy of the Conference brochure can be found at <http://mfri.org/announcements/lsc/2010lsc.pdf>. At this point, approximately 185 registrations have been received, so more space is available. Checks are to be made payable to FABSCOM. For the first time payments can be made by credit card or PayPal by visiting www.fabscom.org and faxing your registration form to 301-314-1497 or mailing your registration form to: Karen Haje, F.A.B.S.C.O.M. c/o Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

❖ **Fire Prevention Week** – Governor Martin O’Malley has proclaimed the week of October 3-9, 2010, as Fire Prevention Week in Maryland. This year’s theme is, “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With.” The theme aims to educate the public on how smoke alarms save lives and why they should be maintained in every home. Having working smoke alarms can cut the chances of dying in a fire by 50%. The public information campaign focuses on how to choose, install and maintain smoke alarms.

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❖ **News Releases** – On September 10, 2010, The OSFM issued a News Release notifying the public that an Illinois gas distributor had provided a warning that some deliveries to the east coast may lack the chemical odorant which gives propane its rotten egg smell and enables people to detect possible leaks. A follow up News Release was issued on September 17, 2010, advising the OSFM had been in contact with the Maryland based distributors receiving propane from Aux Sable Liquid Products in Illinois. Tests performed by the distributors on the shipments received indicated that the amount of odorant in the product has been determined them to be at appropriate levels.

❖ **Port Security Grant** - The OSFM was fortunate to have been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to develop a team of bomb technicians to address issues related to explosives in the underwater environment. Currently, three OSFM Bomb Technicians are in the training process and a significant amount of equipment is on order.

❖ **National Capitol Region Grant for OSFM** – On Friday, August 27, 2010, The OSFM was notified by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security that the OSFM grant has been approved by the National Capitol Region Grant of \$266,000 to upgrade and purchase equipment consistent with supporting NCR Bomb Squads. For the past two years the OSFM has been working with the Governor’s Homeland Security Advisor to secure NCR funding in support of OSFM bomb squad operations to support NCR bomb squad operations.

❖ **Maryland Chief's of Police Association Award** – The State Fire Marshal was notified that Deputy State Fire Marshal Edward Ernst has been selected to receive the Maryland Chief's of Police "Exceptional Police Performance Award for 2009." The award will be presented to DSFM Ernest at the MCPA Annual Conference in Ocean City on November 8, 2010. Congratulations to DSFM Ernst!

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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Old Business: Purchase of a trailer completed by John Spiker. Gator Trailers, 7' x 16', white in color at a cost of \$3,300.00. \$600 cost to MFCA, balance by 1800-Board Up.

New Business: MFCA purchased a fire truck podium.
Jeff suggested a MFCA newsletter.
Letter of support for Washington Co. Training Center at Hagerstown CC.
Letter of support for tuition reimbursement to the State. 1st Small, 2nd Spiker. Appr.
Would like to resend letter to MIEMSS re: being against the extended EMT hours.

Meeting Notices: Nothing.

Next Regular Meeting: Branchville VFD (Prince George's County) – November 21, 2010 @ 1100 hrs.

Next Executive Board Meeting: October 28 – Board – Fisherman's Inn 19:00 hrs

MEETING SCHEDULE 2010

November 21– Branchville VFD – Prince George's – Regular - lunch 11:00 hrs, meeting 12:00

December – Merry Christmas – No Meeting

MEETING SCHEDULE 2011

January 27, 2011 – Board – Fisherman's Inn 19:00 hrs

February 24, 2011 – Board – Fisherman's Inn 19:00 hrs

March 24, 2011 – Board – Fisherman's Inn 19:00 hrs

April, 2011 – **ANNUAL ... TBA** – lunch 11:00 hrs, meeting 12:00 hrs

ALL BOARD MEETING ARE OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP

April, August and November are full membership meeting and are held at fire company locations/dates to be announced when they are scheduled.

**MARYLAND FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
2010-2011**

Western: Garrett, Allegany, Washington, and Fredrick / **Rick Hemphill**
Northern: Baltimore, Carroll, Howard, and Hartford / **Doug Alexander**
Southern: Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's / **Robert Small**
Central: Prince Georges, and Montgomery / **Hugh Owens**
Central: Anne Arundel / **John Spiker**
Upper Eastern: Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne / **Bill Hildebrand**
Central Eastern: Caroline, Talbot, and Dorchester / **Calvin Stack**
Lower Eastern: Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester / **Roger Steger, Sr.**

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Maryland Fire Chief's Report on the 2010 FRI Conference

The following report reviews my activities attending the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Conference in Chicago, Illinois from August 24, 2010 – August 28, 2010.

I departed Washington, DC for Chicago on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 with Chief Jim Seavey, Mary Seavey, and Chief Paul Sterling and upon our arrival got the lay of the land in Chicago.

On Wednesday, August 25, 2010, in the morning, I attended the Seminar on Recovering from the Economic Storm. In the afternoon I attended the Seminar on First Due Considerations: Basement Fires.

On Thursday, August 26, 2010, in the morning, I attended the Seminar on Alternative Funding Solutions for Emergency Service Organization. That morning I attended the Opening General Session where a former Maryland Fire Chief, Tom Carr (now Chief of Charleston, South Carolina Fire Department) was awarded the Career Fire Chief of the Year and the keynote speaker was Dr. Tony Kern who spoke on Complacency in Twenty Seconds or Less. That afternoon I attended the Eastern Division IAFC Luncheon where the Award for Valor was awarded to a DC Fire Department Lieutenant for an incident that occurred last year. After the luncheon, myself and Chiefs Seavey and Sterling went to Chicago Memorial Hospital and visited with Chief Bill Huttenloch and his wife Elaine. Bill has had heart pump surgery and enjoyed our visit. Later that afternoon, I attended the seminar: Fired Up, Engaging Your Volunteers.

On Friday, August 27, 2010, in the morning, I attended the seminar: Everyone Goes Home Adopting and implementing the 16 Firefighter

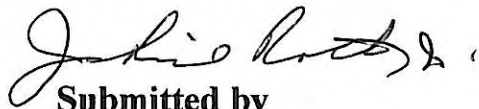
Life Safety Initiatives. Later in the morning I attended the General Session where, Eric Snow, formerly of the NBA spoke on Developing and Leading High Performers. Most of the afternoon was spent viewing the exhibit hall full of vendors for apparatus and fire and rescue services. Still later in the afternoon, I attended the seminar Ambulance/Rescuer Safety. That evening I attended the EDIAFC hospitality suite.

On Saturday, August 28, 2010 we departed Chicago, Illinois and returned to Washington, DC.

The seminars varied in interest but were still a valuable experience for me. The unfortunate part of a conference like this is that many interesting seminars are scheduled at the same time, which precludes you from attending those.

The experience for me was invaluable in that I obtained information that I carried home and will share with my colleagues. Not only the information learned but also the networking with member companies from all over the world gave me an interesting perspective of the fire and rescue services globally.

I would finally like to thank the Maryland Fire Chiefs' Board for allowing me to attend the FRI and I look forward in sharing my knowledge learned and experiences from the conference.



**Submitted by
Johnie Roth, Jr.
MFC Delegate**

**METROPOLITAN FIRE CHIEFS COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, September 23, 2010
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: South River Golf Course
 3451 Solomon's Island Road
 Edgewater, Maryland 21037

pm Attended.

1. Welcome – Chairman, Chief John Robert Ray ✓
 - Introductions
2. Chairman's Report – Chief John Robert Ray ✓
3. Special Presentation on State 700 MHz system by Mr. Charles V. Bryson from RCC ✓
Consultants
4. Agency Reports

- a. MDE – Division Chief Geoffrey Donahue
- b. SEMSAC – Director Joe Brown
- c. MIEMSS – Dr. Robert Bass
- d. MFRI – Director Steven Edwards
- e. MEMA – Regional Administrator John Dulina
- f. MOSH – Craig Lowry – LOCATED IN HUNT VALLEY, DOWN.
- g. OSFM – State Fire Marshal William Barnard – SEE REPORT.
- h. MSFA – President Doyle Cox – MTG. w/ PARTNERS, BMT. CO. & CITY
- i. MSP-Aviation – Director William Bernerd – STILL ON HOLD. PAPERED.
- j. MHA – Manager Joseph Sagal
- k. Professional Firefighters of Maryland – President Mike Rund

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NEW DIRECTOR

HWY SAFETY GRANT

REVIEWING NEW EMAILS.

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5. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications (Deputy Manager of EOC Larry Mabe – Harford County)
 - b. Diversity (Division Chief Julian Jones – Anne Arundel County)
 - c. Fire Marshal Sub-Committee (Chief Edward Torbert-Wicomico County)
 - d. Legislative – (State Fire Marshal William Barnard)
 - e. Safety – (Director Charles Rogers – Baltimore County)
 - f. MFRETC (Division Chief Michael Robinson – Baltimore County)
 - g. Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) (Chief Joe Herr – Ret.-Howard County)
 - h. Baltimore Region Incident Management Team (Deputy Chief John Scholz-Anne Arundel Co.)
 - i. MDOT-PSC – (Liaison Assistant Chief Michael Baker)
 - j. BRAC Committee – (Chief William Goddard-Howard County)

*OPEN HOUSES - NO
TRAINING - YES*

6. Old Business
7. Jurisdiction News and Reports
8. Date and Location of Next Meeting

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*DECEMBER, EARLY - HOWARD COUNTY POST TRAINING CTR.
16th*

**University of Maryland
Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute**

Report To

Metropolitan Fire Chief's Council of Maryland

The following report is a synopsis of significant events that have occurred within the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute since our last meeting.

 **MFRI Program / Student Statistics**

Preliminary statistics for MFRI programs for FY 2010 are below:

Emergency Services Programs:	1,545
Field Programs Section	1,044
Special Programs Section	265
Company Drills	172
Seminars	64

Students by Programs:	31,147
Field Programs Section	21,497
Special Programs Section	4,525
Company Drills	3,619
Seminars	1,506

Student Hours by Program:	860,272
Field Programs Section	721,493
Special Programs Section	94,643
Company Drills	32,014
Seminars	12,122

Students by Discipline:	31,147
FIRE	7,443
EMS	6,517
ALS	2,114
RES	1,714
MGMT	4,447
HM	2,668
SPECIALTY	1,119
CDs	3,619
SEMINAR	1,506