

Constitution and Bylaws: AWARDS: Chief Long discussed the Leslie B. Thompson Award rules for issuance and the participation of the sponsoring companies being included in the awardees' selection process. The award announcement is to occur in November for the April award date.

Convention: Robert Small reported that help is needed to set up. Setup starts Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Convention Program Book: Hugh Owens reported book report was completed and is dedicated to all who have served the fire service. \$9,525 has been collected, for ads, to date.

Data, Technical Info.: No report.

Fallen FF / EMS Memorial - MD: Robert Small reported that this year's program is scheduled for June 7, the 1st Sunday at 2:00 pm. He attended the recent planning meeting. Six (6) names are to be added this year; two (2) MSP Troopers, two (2) Baltimore County Firefighters, one (1) Waldorf EMS and one (1) from Sudlersville. The program is anticipated to last 45 minutes. The Fire Chief from Pittsburgh, PA is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

Fallen FF / EMS Memorial - NFFF: Robert Small and Terry Thompson reported that the MFCA had concerns with the past Frederick County command of the program. They attended the May 5 planning meeting. Robert spoke with Ron Siarnicki....waiting to hear. Terry suggested that we meet with Ron directly. A June 5 planning meeting is pending.

Finance / Fundraising: No report.

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

Historical / Archives: Hugh Owens, no report.

IAFC - VCOS: David See reported on the ISO Partnership. Upcoming classes are pending. The VCOS elections currently underway. The annual VCOS Conference is scheduled for November, in Clearwater Beach, Florida.

IAFC – EDIAFC: Pete Mellits reported that he attended the EDIAFC Annual Conference in York, PA on May 14-16, 2009. Pete stated that the meeting notes were distributed.

Ladies Auxiliary: Fire Prevention Queens in attendance. They are willing to help with any pending activities.

Legislative (State & Fed.): Harve Woods briefly discussed the IRS issue, W2 vs. 1099s. Need to visit with your with your politicians.

MACO: The reception will be on August 13, 2009 at the Convention Center – Sunset Room. Help will be needed. Rick Hemphill is taking the lead on the pamphlet.

MSFA: Membership: Robert Small reported for Kara. Please pay your dues and include names with companies.

MFRI: No report.

NFPA: No report.

President's (MFRI) Advisory: John Roth asked if there any issues pending for next week's meeting. MSFA Convention seminar to host a 1403 training session. Robert Small questioned the EMT B class extension times. Additionally asked, why the current protocol changes and tests are being issued outside of the standard refresher cycle.

Scholarship: No report.

Sponsorship: No report.

Tags (License Plates): No report.

Training and Safety: Hugh Owens volunteered for the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference Committee. Next year will be the 50 year anniversary. It is anticipated to be at the JHAPL.

Chief's Seminar location, for next year, still in discussion. The Committee is trying to set new dates. Discussions held.....Pete to call and follow up.

MSP Aviation: No report.

Office of the State Fire Marshal – May 28, 2009 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 eight full time vacant positions; six Deputy State Fire Marshals, one Fire Safety Inspector, and one Fire Protection Engineer. Funding will determine if or when any of these positions can be filled.
- ❖ **Fire Deaths – Update** – The 2009 fire death total for the year, stands at 37. During the same time period last year there were 29 fire deaths. Twenty-seven of the 37 fire deaths this year have occurred in three jurisdictions, Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Prince George's County, accounting for 73 percent of all fire deaths reported.

The 2009 Fire Deaths by jurisdiction are as follows:

Baltimore City – 15
 Baltimore County – 7
 Carroll County -- 1
 Cecil County – 2
 Fredrick County – 1
 Howard County – 1
 Kent County – 1
 Prince George's – 5
 St. Mary's County -- 1
 Washington County – 3

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Fire Sprinkler Update** – This fall in Baltimore, the International Codes Council (ICC) will be holding code development meetings for the 2012 edition of the ICC model codes in conjunction with the ICC annual meeting. As you may recall at the ICC final action meetings last fall in Minneapolis, the requirement for the installation of fire sprinklers in all newly constructed one and two family dwellings was approved for

inclusion in the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC). An appeal filed by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) related to code provision was denied. Since then, the NAHB has been approaching state legislative bodies in an effort to ban fire sprinkler requirements for one and two family dwellings. Most likely, NAHB will attempt to have the requirement removed from the 2012 edition of the IRC. If you are a member of the ICC, please make sure your membership status is current. Additional information is forthcoming.

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❖ **NFPA Training Classes** -- On May 12 and 13, 2009, the OSFM in partnership with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department and National Fire Protection Association sponsored two one-day training programs for fire code officials on NFPA 25 – Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems. The National Fire Protection Association provided the instructors and course materials, Anne Arundel County Fire Department provided the training facilities and the OSFM conducted the registration. Over 150 fire code officials attended the training program.

During the week of August 17, 2009, there will be three one-day classes on the 2009 editions of NFPA 1 and 101 for experienced fire code officials. During the week of August 24, 2009, there will be a four-day class on NFPA 1 and 101 for newly appointed fire code officials. These training programs are being held in preparation for the adoption of the revised State Fire Prevention Code. The classes will be held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), in College Park.

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.

Thank you.

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Question to Bill Barnard....what is the availability of the hearing impaired smoke detectors? Discontinued?

Discussion re: NFIRS report submissions and the method of outstanding report notifications.

Old Business: Discussion regarding the NFFF Program participation.

New Business: Motion made for \$150.00 for Fire Prevention Queens from the Fire Prevention budget by Terry Thompson and seconded by Robert Small, approved.

Nextel phones for the ALERT Network are in question. Skip to report next month.

Discussed the length and content of the Regular meetings and the Board meetings.

Next Regular Meeting: Chestertown – August 9, 2009 @ 1100 hrs.

Next Executive Board Meetings: No Ex. Bd. Meeting in June due to the MSFA Convention.

Fisherman’s Inn, Kent Island, MD – July 23, 2009 @ 1900 hrs.

No Ex. Bd. Meeting in August due to the Regular Meeting

Fisherman’s Inn, Kent Island, MD – September 24, 2009 @ 1900 hrs.

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