



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Representing the Maryland Emergency Services Officers with Progression While Maintaining Tradition

**Maryland Fire Chiefs Association
General Membership Meeting
Walkersville Rescue Company
July 7, 2018**

Opening:

Meeting called to order at 1300 by President Sullivan. Opening prayer led by Chaplain Bower followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting – motion carried. John Hoglund was recognized for his attendance.

Guest Statements/Reports:

Chief Topper Cramer welcomed and thank the MFCA members to Walkersville and Frederick County. He also recognized his staff who had prepared the meal.

Alex Caredella from the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center gave a short 20 minute overview on his agency and the actions and support they give to First Responders in the State of Maryland. He encouraged all responders to take their training ask for a tour of the facilities and get more involved with the agency going forward as we see more incidents that can assist on happening in the state.

Contact number for the agency is 1-800-492-TIPS

President's Report:

President Sullivan reported that Spring newsletter should be released soon. New members fees are increasing to \$60.00 for both Active and Associate members. Renewal fees for Active and Associate member will increase to \$20.00. The fees for chaplains will remain at \$15 for both new memberships and renewals. Chaplains will not receive the new member package. MFCA had a good showing in Ocean City and we did well. We enrolled many new members, collected lots of dues and sold lots of product. The Hospitality House at the American Legion was also well attended (130+). We are going to look into changing the night of the Hospitality event as it conflicts with other events that may harm attendance. The trailer suffered some body damage while parked in the parking lot at the convention center. All officers now have a new email addresses. MFCA submitted a new AFG Safer Grant. We are already working on information for next year's grant request. National Fallen Firefighter foundation Memorial Weekend is coming up the first week of October. All members encouraged to attend. MFCA provides financial support for this event. The Executive Board voted to establish a Junior Leadership Award not to exceed \$50.00 to award to various VO-TECH/high school cadet programs.

First Vice President's Report:

First VP Bill Smith gave a quick report: PG needs a recruiter, Charles County will have new politicians please get to know them, Legislative Committee will set up a meeting to meet the new elected delegates to the State Assembly, Cadet Program in Charles county has 20 students, Car Seats from the trailer are in Bill's garage check for the expiration date as they are good for 10 years only

Second Vice President's Report:

Second Vice-president thanked everyone for their attendance. The Gun Bingo to be held at Gamber on September 15th-tickets \$40.00 Gamber is donating their hall for the event

Past President's Report:

Past President Hugh Owens thanked everyone for their help at the Ocean City Booth. Reported a profit of \$10,000 on the MFCA book.

Secretary's Report:

No report

Assistant Secretary's Report:

No Report

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Rick Hemphill reported that the Bank of America account has \$9098.45, BBT has \$4911.61 and \$901.55 for a total of \$20,294.27.

Membership Secretary's Report:

No report

Chaplain's Report:

Chaplain Bower recognized Robin Howard. Chaplains meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month –regionally. Setting up a chaplain network, working on putting a 30 minute presentation on what the chaplains do in the fire service in Maryland

Director Reports:

Region 1:

No report

Region 2:

No report

Region 3:

No report

Region 4:

Director Scott Wood thank everyone for all they did to support the Ellicott City floods.

Region 5:

Director Jeff Wickline reported that he attended the Carroll County Association meeting. Otherwise nothing new to report

Region 6:

No report

Region 7:

Doug Howard reported that he assisted with June 28 incident in Annapolis

Region 8:

Director Timothy Delehanty reports that he is looking for two corporate sponsors for training seminars and events. Calvert County doing fine.

Region 9:

No report

Region 10:

Bob Phillips reported that Calvin is not doing well please call him it lifts his spirits to hear from friends

Committee Reports:**Fire Prevention:**

Fire Prevention essay winner Sarah Hawkins was introduced and explained the essay she wrote to win the award.

Eastern Division IAFC:

Eastern division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs thanked everyone for the help at the two day seminar and gave a check back to the association for \$5,000.00.

Legislative Committee:

Harve Woods - Gave update in the last legislative session. Made it known that there will be a turnover in Annapolis of 15 seats in the Senate and 33 seats in the House of Delegates. We need to get down to Annapolis after election and make a concentrated effort to get these folk son board with the issues we are promoting for the individuals in the fire service in Maryland.

SAFER Oversight Committee:

President Sullivan provide information within his report.

Training Committee:

Tim Delehanty advised that the Training Committee will be meeting on July 19, 2018 at 1900 hours at the Ellicott City VFC.

MSFA President Rick Blair:

The MFSA Executive Board will meet in Hagerstown in August.

Organizational Business:

Old Business:

Motion made to accept the by-law change that was submitted by President Sullivan changing the process for how by-laws are changed. The by-law changes were submitted and discussed at the January 25, 2018 and May 31, 2018 meetings. Motion passed.

New Business:

No new business.

Good of the Organization:

None.

Motion made to adjourn, motion passed, meeting adjourned

Next meeting to be held at Kent Island VFD on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Crawford

Secretary