



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Representing the Maryland Emergency Services Officers with Progression While Maintaining Tradition

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Executive Committee Meeting

Calvert Taphouse

September 27, 2018

Members Present:

President Paul Sullivan, First Vice-President Bill Smith, Secretary Dave Crawford, Asst. Secretary Ron Watkins, Chaplain Richard Bowser, Region 3 Director Robert McHenry, Region 4 Director Scott Wood, Region 7 Director Doug Howard, Region 8 Director Tim Delehanty, Region 10 Director Robert Phillips, Region 10 Director Calvin Stack, Robin Howard and Joe Angylof

Opening:

Meeting called to order at 1905 by President Sullivan. Opening prayer led by Chaplain Bower followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Tim Delehanty and second by Calvin Stack to accept the minutes of the previous meeting – motion carried. Craig Wolf, Republican candidate for Maryland Attorney General spoke to the Executive Board and asked for the endorsement of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association in his campaign for public office.

President's Report:

Attended both funerals for the LODD Nathan Flynn and Jim Seavey. Attendance was outstanding at both events and the tributes were very well done for both gentlemen. Website still a work in progress. The solicitation firm was told to cease and given 60 days to turn over all funds that have been collected. 1st VP Smith is working on business cards. Committee sign ups going okay most folks have signed up for Safety and Training Committees. Hope to have all committees finalized by the end of the week and will send out committees with members listed. Ways and Means – the gun bingo was cancelled. We still need to do some fundraising to support the organization. We submitted a SAFER Grant again. The grant was put together by 1st VP Smith, Pete Mellits and Eric Bernard. Current SAFER grant is expiring. The MSFA/MFCA was given a one year extension of the current grant. MFCA secured \$80,000 for training and \$20,000 for marketing. Funds have been earmarked for the trainings the association will host in Ocean City, Carroll County and the John Hoglund Leadership Seminar. Progress on the high school award program. MFCA license plate applications are available from the Secretary, Membership Secretary or myself. Newsletter almost finished would like to dedicate to Jim Seavey.

First Vice President's Report:

Business cards have been ordered. Southern Maryland Convention in 2019 will be held at Ridge VFD. I will not be able to attend the October General Membership Meeting. I will be attending the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Weekend from Thursday through Sunday.

Second Vice President's Report:

No report.

Past President's Report:

Past President Hugh Owens was not in attendance but provided the following report: We have about 80 to 100 golfers coming to our tournament on Friday. We have about 65 signs, if you have money or checks for hole sponsors bring them to the meeting and give them to Rick. We will need help to make this work and be very successful event for us. I will be at the golf course about 0600 to start setting up everything. This can be our best one we have had. I want to thank all of you for help make this work, we did it as a **TEAM**.

Secretary's Report:

No report

Assistant Secretary's Report:

No Report

Treasurer's Report:

No Report.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Nick Thompson reported that nine new members have joined since September 1 2018 and one Chaplain joined.

Chaplain's Report:

Richard Bower reported that there are three new Deputy Chaplains. He has gained a lot of interest in folks joining the Chaplain part of the organization. Conducted three video conferences and they are being conducted on the third Tuesday of the month. He is receiving overwhelming support for this program. Setting up a day long training at Carroll County to mirror the fire training being conducted the same day by the MFCA. Hoping for it to be a success.

Director Reports:

Region 1:

No report

Region 2:

No report.

Region 3:

Director Robert McHenry reported that he attended the County Convention where the current President was re-elected. Recruited a new Chaplain, Chaplain Rory.

Region 4:

Director Scott Wood reported that the Howard County Association elections were held with only change - the Secretary. The investigation into the LODD is ongoing. The radios and SCBA were checked and they did not fail.

Region 5:

No Report.

Region 6:

No report

Region 7:

Director Doug Howard reported that he attended all local county meetings.

Region 8:

Director Timothy Delehanty reported that Calvert County agrees with MSFA and has given them their support in the re-alignment process that MEIMSS is under taking. The region agrees the EMT Program needs to be re-examined.

Region 9:

Director Jeff Thompson was unable to attend however reported has been attending his company and county meetings and also the Eastern Shore Firemen's Association Meeting in Easton. He has been promoting the upcoming golf tournament and has forwarded Chief Owens the hole sponsors that he was able to obtain. The NFFF Memorial Weekend is all set and the MFCA will have approximately 40 people representing our association. We will once again have our Command Post set up in the Hampton Inn in Gettysburg on the fourth floor. Our information booths will be set up in the Wyndham and the Court Yard. As always, our main objective is to make the family members attending feel comfortable and meet all of their transportation needs. This marks the 17th year that the Maryland Fire Chiefs have participated in the weekend and I think I speak for everyone in saying that is indeed an honor.

Region 10:

Attended the Wicomico County Meeting. Attended the MFSA Gala, it was a very nice event

Committee Reports:

SAFER Oversight Committee:

President Sullivan advised that MFCA applied for another grant. The current grant has to be completed and all paperwork filed by May. Moving forward the MFSA and MFCA will pursue grants independently. However they will communicate on the grants being applied for. We have to manage all the grants going forward to make sure the funding is handled correctly.

Training Committee:

Tim Delehanty advised that the following training is scheduled:

- December 8-9, 2018 - Leadership Training - Ocean City, MD - Registration open. Reimbursement amount for lodging is \$79.00 a night
- January 19, 2019 – Leadership Training - Carroll County Training Center
- February 8-9, 2019 - Maryland Weekend - National Fire Academy
- March 9-10, 2019 - John Hogle Leadership Seminar - Universities at Shady Grove

EMS Committee:

Bob McHenry reported that the MIEMSS Meeting that was to be held on September 16th was cancelled because of the weather and rescheduled for October 6th in Pikesville. MFCA stated they have concerns on where the state is headed in regards to certifications, training and testing procedures. He will make the MSFA EMS Committee aware of the MFCA's concerns at the meeting.

Bylaw Committee:

President Sullivan advised that the changes voted on and approved at the July 7th General Membership Meeting have been made. The current bylaws are available on the MFCA website for review.

Organizational Business:

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Motion was made by Doug Howard and second by Bob Phillips to write a letter of support for Craig Wolf's election campaign to show an endorsement from MFCA. Motion carried. President Sullivan to write a letter of endorsement.

Motion made by Scott Wood and second by Tim Delehanty that beginning on January 2019 the MFCA will no longer pay for meals at the Executive Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tim Delehanty and second by Calvin Stack to authorize the Secretary to investigate and correct any issues with tax exempt status rating of 501 C-4. Motion carried.

Good of the Organization:

- Discussion held over the changes that need to be made to the EMS system and make sure it encompasses all emergency services not just the larger departments.
- NFFF support, the group has not met yet and we need to look at how we support going forward
- Robin Howard was inducted into the Anne Arundel County Hall of Fame

Motion to adjourn by Timothy Delehanty and second by Doug Howard. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 2125 Hrs.

- Next General Membership Meeting will be held on October 13th at Kent Island
- Next Executive Board Meeting will be held on November 15th in Frederick

Benediction

Chaplain Bower provided the benediction

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Crawford
Secretary



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Executive Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Location: Calvert Tap House - Calvert County

Date: 9/27/2018

Name (Print)	Position	Signature
Paul E. Sullivan, Jr.	President	<i>[Signature]</i>
William "Bill" Smith, Jr.	First Vice President	<i>[Signature]</i>
Gerald "JJ" Lynott	Second Vice President	
Hugh D. Owens	Past President/Assistant Treasurer	
Dave Crawford	Secretary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ron Watkins	Assistant Secretary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Rick Hemphill	Treasurer	
Nick Thompson	Membership Secretary	
Richard "Chappy" Bower	Chaplain	<i>[Signature]</i>
John W. Hoglund	Chaplain Emeritus	
Rick Blair	Regional Director - Region 1	
Eric Smothers	Regional Director - Region 2	
Robert McHenry	Regional Director - Region 3	<i>[Signature]</i>
Scott Wood	Regional Director - Region 4	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jeff Wickline	Regional Director - Region 5	
Brandon Watkins	Regional Director - Region 6	
Doug Howard	Regional Director - Region 7	<i>[Signature]</i>
Timothy Delehanty	Regional Director - Region 8	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jeff Thompson	Regional Director - Region 9	
Robert Phillips	Regional Director - Region 10	<i>[Signature]</i>
Calvin Stack	Regional Director - Region 10	<i>[Signature]</i>
Teresa Crisman	President - Ladies Auxiliary	
Angela Taury	Staff Attorney	
Robin Howard	Deputy Chief Chaplain	<i>[Signature]</i>
Joseph Angyelo F	Boj Fairleigh Heights VFC	<i>[Signature]</i>

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