



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

ROLL CALL

Date: 12/14/2022

20	Mark Ledford	60	Tim Knotts
30	Shirley Quidas, Robert Quidas	70	Patty Anderson
40	Dan Mautz	80	Dennis Starkey, Corky Starkey
50	Megan Thornton & Jimmy Eason	DES	Brian LeCates
Association	Bill Keswick, Steve Mrozek, Dan Tarrant, Holley Guschke	Chief's Committee	Sonny Jones
Guests	Bob Phillips, MSFA	R&R	Danielle Starkey

President Keswick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge and prayer.

President Keswick suspended the meeting to allow for dinner to be served by Cordova Firemen's Association and Auxiliary.

After the dinner was served, President Keswick initiated the Hall of Fame Induction (found in Old Business) after the induction called the meeting back to order. He asked for the reading of the minutes. Tim Knotts made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed via email, and Dan Mautz 2nd. Minutes were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

R&R	\$19,700.00
Career Tech	\$ 4,496.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$ 9,270.21
Admin	\$ 2,000.00
Checking:	\$10,311.21
CD	\$15,247.43

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer will be sending out budget information to all Presidents and Treasurers for the upcoming year. All information is due back in a timely manner, to meet the County budget request.

GUEST:

Bob Phillips- MSFA Executive Committee

- Next executive committee meeting will be held February 11-12 in Prince Frederick
- Forestry Wildlife Defense Program has a 1-billion-dollar fund over the next five years. At this time, not county in Maryland has applied for the money.

- There is an excess of military vehicles, generators, lighting systems etc available for any company or department that is in need. There is contact information available with the Chiefs Committee on who to contact
- The name change for MSFA is still moving forward. There will be Town Hall meetings in person and online in the upcoming months to discuss changes, and how that should move forward for the Convention ballot.
- The VOCAF Committee has funds available for new equipment loans. As of right now there is approximately 4 million dollars available. The next application cycle is coming up. Dave McQuay from Station 70 is the representative on the committee for Talbot County.
- MACO wants to partner with the MSFA R&R committee, which would allow more additional funding for this project.
- Passed out MSFA raffle tickets to each company for the \$10,000 raffle held during the convention.

DES

Brian LeCates, Director

- County is moving forward with the building on Mary's Court for 911 and Talbot County Sheriff
- EMS has received the two new ambulances and will be working on putting them in service
- Still working with the landowner in Cordova area for North Station. Now that harvest season is over, soil samples will be taken, and will wait for results.
- Next Gen 911 will cut live in February
- Thank you to the Chiefs Committee for working with TCDES and Mission Critical to get the information needed to move forward with the purchasing of a new CAD System.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee –

Sonny Jones, Station 50

- Still waiting on County Attorney to sign the MOU for Calvert County
- Station 80 is still actively pursuing holding an electric vehicle drill for the County
- The Peachblossom Fire hot wash, which was supposed to be held last night was postponed until a later date
- Thanks to all the departments who assisted Station 80 with the large fire last night. Everyone was able to work well together and get the job done
- There have been 100 gallons of new foam used recently; decision was made to wait on purchasing any new foam until more is needed, in order to save money buying at a bulk rate.

R&R –

Danielle Starkey

- Gift Cards for classes will be given out to departments that have submitted the information.

OLD BUSINESS

- Hall of Fame Induction was held- President Keswick thanked the committee members (Mark Ledford, Steve Mrozek, and Dan Mautz) and acknowledged this year the County Association received the most nominations it had ever received with a total of 11. President Keswick read the letters from the inductees for 2022-2023. They are as follows: Tim Knotts from Station 60, Jamie McNeal from Station 60, Bud Harrison from Station 70, and Phil Starkey Jr. from Station 80. The committee was then dismissed.
- President Keswick is working with EOS for departments that are using that system to get better pricing for the County. Also, meetings are being held to discuss the CAD to CAD feature and how that will work with Talbot Center and the departments who purchase that feature.
- 2 Career Tech students are still in class and have passed Firefighter 1 and Hazmat Ops.

NEW BUSINESS

- Would like to invite the new County Council to the February meeting in order to get to know them and let them know exactly how the departments operate and what we do. Motion/2nd/Passed to extend an invitation and to ask each company to bring one piece of equipment to the meeting and to also go over any new purchases the departments are making, and how much money is being spent on new equipment due to supply chain issues, and inflation. The February meeting will be held at Station 60.
- Station 80 would also like to thank everyone who assisted on their fire last night.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- No Breakfast in January- Next Breakfast February// Rummage Sale January
- 30- Santa Run will be held on 12/22 and Soup Sale on 1/6/23
- 40- Santa Run will be held on Christmas Eve
- 50- Signed to purchase a new Sutphin
- 60- Train Garden is operation until 12/25 and Santa Run will be happening this weekend
- 70- Bingo 1/13/23
- 80- Gun Raffle Tickets available now for February lottery

The next meeting is an Executive Meeting at Talbot Center on January 11, 2023 at 7PM

Tim Knotts motioned to adjourn; Dan Mautz seconded; meeting adjourned 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Holley Tyler Guschke

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Secretary, TCVFRA