

Oxford Volunteer Fire Company
 Trappe Volunteer Fire Company
 St Michaels Volunteer Fire Department

Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue
 Association

Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.
 Easton Volunteer Fire Company
 Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company
 Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

ROLL CALL

Date: 6/15/2023

20	Mark Ledford	60	Tim Knotts
30	Nick Newnam	70	Debby Sweet
40	Dan Mautz	80	Doreen Riggs
50	Jimmy Eason	DES	Holley Guschke
Association	Bill Keswick, Steve Mroczek, Dan Tarrant and Holley Guschke	Chief's Committee	None
Guests	Bob Phillips, MSFA, & Clay Stamp-Talbot County Manager	R&R	Absent

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-

President Keswick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of the Allegiance, and prayer. Roll Call of Officers and Roll Call of Delegates was completed.

President Keswick asked for the minutes from the May meeting to be read. Jimmy Eason made a motion for minutes to be accepted, Dan Mautz second. Minutes approved.

President Keswick would like to thank everyone for their support while he served as President and Vice President of Talbot County Fire and Rescue Association. He would also like to give a sincere thank you to Treasurer Dan Tarrant, Vice President Steve Mroczek, and Secretary Holley Guschke

TREASURER'S REPORT

R&R	\$19,246.05
Career Tech	\$ 4,496.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$ 5,244.77
Admin	\$ 1,075.12
Checking:	\$11,603.16
CD	\$15, 285.28

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report.

Thank you to Mr. Tarrant for all his hard work over the past few years serving as Treasurer. His dedication didn't go unnoticed, and we thank him for his service and wish him well.

GUEST-

Bob Phillips- MSFA

- MSFA Convention in Ocean City begins this weekend. Sunday registration starting at 0700 hours. There will be a Worship Service at 1000 hours, 1100 hours the Exhibit doors will open, Joint Memorial Service will begin at 3PM. Monday Call to Order begins at 0830 hours. Tuesday will begin voting for several amendments and name change. 1 amendment is to change the number of people who serve on the Executive Committee. Currently there are 12 will increase to 13 and the 14th will be the outgoing President.
- There will be 5 options for a name change for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Association is supporting changing the name to Maryland State Firefighters Association. There has been political pressure to get the name changed, and as a result the Legislature Committee saw several bills which did not get passed or out of committee.
- The official schedule for the convention can be found online and updated.

Clay Stamp- Talbot County Manager

- Mr. Stamp thanked the outgoing President for their hard work over the past year and was present to show support to the incoming officers. The County worked hard with the TCFRA to show support to the Fire Departments and was able to make significant increases to the budget. If there is anything he can help with in the future, please feel free to reach out to him.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee –

Graham Norbury, Station 20

- Chief Engineers group has voted to accept Mistress for the County Wide Hose Testing. The testing is anticipated to take place later this year and funding would therefore be part of the FY24 budget. Will work with the TCFRA on this matter.
- Congratulations to Sonny Jones, Phil Jones, and Graham Norbury for passing the ARFF class which was held at Station 60 and BWI.
- There will be no Chief's Committee meeting in June; therefore, the next Chief's Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday July 19, 2023, at Talbot Center.
- Geneva Schaffle will be present at the next Chief's Committee meeting to discuss the rewrite of the Emergency Operations Plan.

R&R –

Danielle Starkey

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 5, 2023, at Talbot Center

Career Tech-

- 2 people graduated from the Career Tech Program at MFRI and graduated from Easton High School. We wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors. It looks like next year there will be no candidates for the Career Tech Program.

OLD BUSINESS

- All the outstanding bills from Mistress for the Hose Testing have been paid by Talbot County.
- Budget has been passed and each department has received a letter stating what the increases will be for this year. 25% increase for Operational Budget// 10% increase in other categories// County will have line item for Hose Testing
- All Stations have been distributed Blue Point Hospitality Gift Cards along with certificates from the State of Maryland Comptrollers office.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections were held for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Ballots were distributed by the Secretary to each Delegate of Fire Departments. Ballots were counted by Mr. Bob Phillips and

Clay Stamp. Results were as followed; President- Phil Starkey, Vice President – NOBODY ELECTED- Treasurer- Steve Mroczek, and Secretary Holley Guschke. All officers were sworn in by Mr. Bob Phillips and President took his seat at the table and concluded the meeting.

- The 100th Anniversary will be coming up in less than 2 years. A committee needs to be formed. So far Sonny Jones and Phil Starkey have shown interest in being on the Committee. The President would like the names of anyone else interested by the October meeting.
- Had a brief discussion on the MACO R&R Committee which has been formed to help volunteers across the State of Maryland. There is a study which is about to be started, with the hopes of being finished by December, followed by a report. Mr. Clay Stamp spoke about the County Council giving full support to the Volunteer Fire Departments, and they understand the challenges being faced across the county with the shortage of volunteers. They will work with all departments to figure out a way to accomplish this goal.
- There is an article which was published by National Public Radio on Recruitment and Retention efforts – here is a link to read the article <https://www.npr.org/2023/06/13/1181131195/volunteer-firefighters-older-shortage-younger-workers-fire>

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- Rummage Sale will be held Saturday June 17th starting at 7AM// Mike Young was recognized by MIEMSS with an EMS Achievement Award.
- 30- Annual Fair starts next week with the Parade being on Saturday June 24th at 6PM// all are invited to attend
- 40- E45 will be in service by the end of June
Pit Beef and Turkey will be held on June 24th
Fireworks in the Miles River scheduled for July 1st
- 50- Cooler of Cheer Raffle is currently happening
Cash Bash will be held in during the Halloween Weekend
Country Fair will be held August 3-4-5 with the Parade on August 5th at 6PM// all invited to attend//
Would like to thank the outgoing officers and incoming officers
- 60- 2 new engines are completed and final changes being made/ Committee will be going to Sutphin after the Convention/ Brush Truck waiting Chassis
New Day Room renovations have started to take place; kitchen and bathroom renovations will Occur after that.
The Training Center Committee met with an architect and having a meeting to discuss moving forward
- 70- Bingo is being held the 2nd Friday of each month; next one will be June 14 at 7PM
- 80- Grocery Bingo June 26th doors open at 5:45PM

The next meeting is a regular meeting will be **July 12, 2023, at Talbot Center**

Tim Knotts motioned to adjourn; Jimmy Eason seconded; meeting adjourned 7:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Holley Guschke

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Secretary, TCVFRA