



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Safety and Health Committee

Minutes of meeting held December 19, 2022

The Safety and Health Committee of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association held a meeting on December 19, 2022, at 1900 hours, via Zoom. Members of the committee present were:

David Lewis, Chairman
Dick Devore
Roger Marks
Steve Maloney
Meghan Quinn
Dave Black
Dave Reid

A draft of the January newsletter, using the new format, was emailed to all committee members prior to the meeting. A discussion was held concerning possible changes to the draft, and the final copy will be ready for dissemination on January 1. Since Chief Marks' article took two pages, the newsletter uses 7 pages, going against our goal to keep even pages for double-sided printing. The committee decided to let it go at 7 instead of deleting an article or having to write another one.

Based on the new format, the committee assigned the following writing assignments for the February newsletter:

- Life Safety Initiative #2 – Accountability – Dave Reid
- Feature article – Steve will reach out to Drexel and ask for discuss on conducting a safety climate survey for your department
- Cardiac health – Meghan with key to Valentine's Day (save your heart)
- General health and wellness – Dave Black on mental wellness
- Operational safety – Dave Lewis will discuss considerations for the pump operator
- Best practices – Roger will write a recap report on the FDSOA and FRCE conference

The following schedule was agreed to:

- January 15 – draft inputs to Dick Devore (Roger gets a late excuse since the conference doesn't end until January 20. His input will come after the January 23 meeting.)
- January 23 at 7pm – Zoom meeting to review/approve newsletter
- February 1 – release newsletter

Chairman Lewis advised that a request has been approved for SAFER grant funding to support up to six people for the 1st Responder Conference on mental wellness on March 30-31, 2023, in Ocean City. The grant will reimburse registration fees and two night's lodging. Chairman Lewis will be putting an

announcement out for all MFCA members in a few days. First priority will go to members of the Safety and Health Committee, and members serving on the joint Mental Wellness Task Force. See <https://1stresponderconferences.org/ocean-city%2C-md> for additional details on the conference.

The committee will meet again (via Zoom) on Monday, January 23, at 7pm, to discuss the draft and review next steps. The link for the meeting is <https://umgc-edu.zoom.us/j/9191998865>

Thanks again for everyone's continued support and participation.

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

Submitted by: David Lewis, Chairman