



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Safety and Health Committee

Minutes of meeting held November 27, 2023

The Safety and Health Committee of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association held a meeting on November 27, 2023, at 1900 hours, via Zoom. Members of the committee present were:

David Lewis, Chairman
Dick Devore
Steve Maloney
Dave Black

Despite a low attendance, the committee reviewed progress on the January 1 issue of Back Step Talks. This issue will feature NFFF Life Safety Initiatives # 7 (Research) and #8 (Technology). The following writing assignments were previously identified:

1. Dave Lewis – lead-in article on how research and technology have changes the way we operate
2. Dave Reid – Overview of LSI #7 (Research) and #8 (Technology)
3. Dave Lewis – What Life Safety Summit #5 said about Research and Technology
4. Pete Mellits – What we have learned from past incidents – the importance of post-incident analysis
5. Steve Maloney – What we learned from CO emergencies – EMS units now carry CO monitoring devices
6. Dave Black – What we learned from Flynn/Laird LODD's – changes in building codes for CSST piping
7. Jon Johnson – What we have learned from PFAS research and looking to changes ahead
8. Rhonda Cohen – Looking to the new year – what intentions/resolutions should you have for health and safety
9. Joe Chornock – Highlights from the VCOS Symposium in the Sun

The committee also discussed upcoming events that should be noted for "Save the Date" announcements in the next issue:

January 13	MFCA General Membership meeting Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company
January 20	Mark G. Falkenhan Operational Leadership Seminar Carroll County Public Safety Training Center
February 24-25	Maryland Weekend at National Fire Academy
March 2-3	John W. Hogleund Officers Seminar
March 3-8	National Fire Service Staff & Command Course https://zone.mfri.org/sac/sac.html
March 23	Five Alarm Leadership Ocean City Fire Headquarters

The schedule for this issue will be:

Draft inputs completed by December 10

Committee meeting on the draft – December 18

Publication release – January 1

The committee will meet again (via Zoom) on Monday, December 18, at 7pm. The link for the meeting is <https://umgc-edu.zoom.us/j/9191998865>

Thanks again for everyone's continued support and participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1915 hours.

Submitted by: David Lewis, Chairman