



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Safety and Health Committee

Minutes of meeting held March 25, 2024

The Safety and Health Committee of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association held a meeting on March 25, 2024, at 1900 hours, via Zoom. Members of the committee present were:

David Lewis, Chairman
Dick Devore
Dave Black
Joe Chornock
Rhonda Cohen
Jon Johnson
Pete Mellits
Dave Reid

This committee meeting was scheduled to discuss the draft of the April issue of Back Step Talks. There were a few updates discussed and the list of "Save the Dates" was reviewed for the next quarter. A final draft of the next issue will be sent to committee members prior to the April 1 release for a final review.

It was discussed that the next issue (July 1) will be focused on Life Safety Initiatives #10, 11, and 12. LSI #10 covers grants and that is probably not enough for a standalone issue. LSI #11 discusses response policies and #12 discusses violent incident response. It was decided that since #11 and #12 are both response related, they should be covered in the same issue. Committee members were asked to come to the April 22 meeting with ideas on topics related to LSI#10, 11, and 12.

The upcoming schedule for committee actions is (dates tentative and subject to change):

April 22 – Committee meeting to begin planning for July newsletter
May 20 – Committee meeting to review progress for July newsletter
June 9 – Inputs due for April issue
June 14 – Draft released to committee for review
June 25 (Tuesday) – Meet by Zoom to review July draft
July 1 – Release of Back Step Talks

The committee will meet again (via Zoom) on Monday, April 22, at 7pm. An invite from the Zoom account will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support and participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hours.

Submitted by: David Lewis, Chairman