



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Safety and Health Committee

Minutes of meeting held April 22, 2024

The Safety and Health Committee of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association held a meeting on April 22, 2024, at 1900 hours, via Zoom. Members of the committee present were:

David Lewis, Chairman
Dave Black
Jon Johnson
Pete Mellits
Heather Miller
Dave Reid

This committee meeting was scheduled to discuss the proposed content for the July issue of Back Step Talks. The July issue 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. Following discussion, the following topics and writing assignments were agreed to:

- Cover page summary of LSI 10, 11, 12 – Dave Reid
- Safety impacts of check patient (reference HB404) – Jon Johnson
- You can't help if you don't get there (response policies) – Dave Black
- Acquiring grants to meet operational needs – Dave Lewis
- MFCA – meet the new officers/congratulate award winners – Pete Mellits
- What is ATAC/MCAC and how the fire service interacts with them – Alex Cardella
- What is the AAIWG and what does the fire service need to know – Randy Linthicum

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

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, May 20, 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