



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

Safety and Health Committee

Minutes of meeting held December 30, 2024

The Safety and Health Committee of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association met on December 30, 2024, via Zoom.

Members of the committee present were

David Lewis, Chairman
David Black
Rhonda Cohen
Dick Devore
Pete Mellits
Heather Miller
Jon Johnson

The meeting was scheduled to review the draft of the January 2025 edition of Back Step Talks. The draft was provided to committee members prior to the meeting. Chairman David Lewis offered some comments on the draft without any additional comments from the committee. David Lewis and Dick Devore will coordinate the final edits before the release of the newsletter on January 1, 2025.

It was noted that MSFA/MFCA will provide scholarships for members to attend FDSOA in January and the First Responder Conference in March. We envision that some good information will be brought back that can be disseminated to the MFCA membership.

The committee discussed a theme for the April 2025 newsletter. We have completed the review of the NFFF 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives and can now focus on new topic areas for each newsletter. The committee felt it would be beneficial to address live fire safety, both in incidents and during training. Committee members were asked to think about specific topics related to the theme and be prepared to offer them at our next meeting (January 27).

The committee will meet again (via Zoom) on Monday, January 27, at 7pm. An invite from the Zoom account will be sent out before the meeting.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support and participation.

Submitted by: David Lewis, Chairman