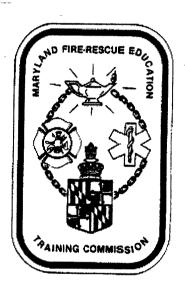
# 2005 AÑNUAL REPORT

# MARYLAND FIRE-RESCUE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION



Service Readiness Through Education and Training

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## Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission

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July 1, 2005

The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor State of Maryland The State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Ehrlich:

I am delighted to be a part of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission and to have the privilege of forwarding to you this year's Annual Report. The membership of this Commission is blessed with individuals who command a stellar knowledge of the emergency services. We have spent the past year assessing our current education and training systems. We find them to of high quality and truly comprehensive in nature. Our goal is to effectively and efficiently coordinate these systems for their best use, continued enhancement and to bringing them into accord with the National Incident Management System and your Executive Order that calls for its adoption.

Among the variety of initiatives this Commission is studying, one in particular comes to the forefront. That is, how to better train our heavy emergency services vehicle operators. Emergency vehicle accidents kill and injure more of our people and cause more damage to the public than any other activity in which we are involved. Our vehicle operators must be given the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in a controlled training environment away from public roads. No heavy vehicle driver/operator training facilities exist in Maryland. This issue is under review and recommendations will be forthcoming.

We are also looking to harness the powers of high-speed communications. We believe that through systems such as *net.work.Maryland* and through the interconnectivity of our institutes, academies, departments and individuals, we will be able to bring distant learning/training technologies directly to our personnel, on-demand, in a time efficient manor. Nothing will ever replace the need for hands-on training for the emergency services, but the addition of this delivery system will greatly improve our ability to provide needed education and training directly to an individual at their duty station or on their own personal computers in an efficient, interactive, time sensitive manor.

This fall we will be hosting a retreat for chief officers and other emergency services department heads. The purpose of this retreat will be to set forth, coordinate and prioritize our education and training objectives and bring them into concert with the National Incident Management System, our terrorism response programs, our programs of higher education, our training standards and certification systems. We appreciate your support in these efforts and thank you for this opportunity to serve the citizens of Maryland.

Sincerely yours, R. Michael Clemens Chairman

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# THE MISSION OF THE MARYLAND FIRE-RESCUE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

The primary objective of all fire, rescue, and emergency medical related services is to protect life and property. The Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission (MFRETC) has the responsibility of overseeing education and training activities for Maryland's emergency services personnel. This is accomplished by correlating systems, by establishing minimum standards, and by promoting high quality education and training. Created by legislative mandate to be the state level-coordinating agency for the education and training of Maryland's fire, rescue and emergency medical services, the Commission assures that local jurisdictions, responsible for the delivery of these services to all that reside in the state, have the best possible programs for their personnel.

The MFRETC is a division of the Maryland Higher Education Commission under the authority of the Secretary of Higher Education, Dr. Calvin Burnett. Composed of 13 members, appointed by the Governor of Maryland, the MFRETC represents the State's various segments of the emergency services. One member represents the general public at large. The Governor designates the Chairman.

The MFRETC provides focus for developing and maintaining an emergency services State Master Plan, program approval activities, and improved emergency services education and training. Educational institutions that are part of the system include universities, colleges, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services systems, county service academies, municipal academies, fire departments, and rescue squads. This relationship recognizes that the responsibilities of the MFRETC are a part of the postsecondary education and training mission of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

To meet the mandated duties required of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission, as listed in the Annotated Code of Maryland\*, the Commission members and staff work through a standing committee system with all actions subject to MFRETC approval and final actions that result in law or regulation subject to approval by the Maryland Higher Education Commission or legislative remedy. Through the work of the committees and staff, and in cooperation with providers and users, the MFRETC strives to carry out this mission.

\* Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Title 11, Sections 501, 502, and 503, 2000 Replacement Volume. (See Appendices)

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The MFRETC operates under the authority of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and at the pleasure of Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., the Governor of the State. It is a division of the Maryland of Higher Education Commission.

The Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission addressed a variety of issues in 2004-2005. Six regular MFRETC meetings were held as were a number of committee meetings. Formal minutes of the regular meetings are available on request. Also, representatives attended the majority of meetings at the State level, which included fire, rescue, education and training items as a part of the agenda.

This past year has been dedicated to establishment and implementation of the working committees. Seven committees have been organized and members appointed. Each of the committees has a written mission statement and is currently working to reach the objectives that will lead to the accomplishment of their assigned missions.

Under this structure, the MFRETC continues to serve the fire, rescue and emergency medical services community by cooperating with training academies, training institutions, colleges and universities to coordinate this State's emergency services education and training system. In part this is being done through the work of the following MFRETC committees. Committee membership may includes individuals who are not members of the MFRETC. The work of all who have made contributions is acknowledged and sincerely appreciated.

# COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP AND CHARGE

# "Service Readiness Through Education and Training"

#### **➤** Executive:

R. Michael Clemens, Chair

Stephan D. Cox, Vice Chair

This committee directs, coordinates and monitors all activities of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission (MFRETC) and serves as liaison to the other committees.

#### **➣** High Speed Blended Learning:

Dian May, Chair

Rebecca Spicer-Himes

John C. Holloway

**Daniel Stevens** 

**Anthony Trohanis** 

R. Michael Clemens, Liaison

This committee reviews and makes recommendations to the MFRETC regarding information distance learning technologies that may be used for improving the emergency services education and training system. The committee determines the status of "net.work.Maryland", which is the backbone of the State's high-speed communications network, by contacting the necessary departments and agencies

including the Department of Budget & Management's Office of Information Technology. Findings are to be provided in a report or reports to the MFRETC that defines the State network, identifies how to access this network and recommends the hardware and software that would best serve the education and training needs of this State's emergency services and their personnel.

#### **➤** Higher Education:

John Dulina, Chair

Ronald Blackwell

Michael Robinson

William J. Goodwin, Jr.

R. Michael Clemens, Liaison

This committee reviews and recommendations to the MFRETC the current status, projected need and enhancement of Maryland's college level programs in the fire and emergency medical services disciplines.

#### **➤** Minimum Standards:

Daniel Stevens, Chair

Gregory J. DeHaven

Lynn Gilroy

**Anthony Trohanis** 

Russell Strickland

Steven Carter

Stephen Cox, Liaison

This committee facilitates the MFRETC's review, development, coordination and/or dissemination of State standards, guidelines, protocols and approval processes for emergency services training. Particular attention is to be given to any proposed or adopted Federal standards, the need for a program approval process and currency/recertification requirements for fire, rescue and haz-mat personnel.

#### ➤ Planning:

Michael W. Robinson, Chair

Ronald Blackwell

John Dulina

Diane May

**Daniel Stevens** 

R. Michael Clemens, Liaison

This committee prepares and recommends a plan of action for the MFRETC that will identify and set priorities for meeting the future education and training needs of this State's emergency services training system. It will identify and outline any corrective actions needed in training for response to any hazardous situation.

#### > Training Center Enhancement:

Gregory James DeHaven, Chair

Ronald Blackwell

Larry Preston

Robert Cumberland

John C. Holloway

Stephan Cox, Liaison

This committee develops and recommends to the MFRETC proposed legislation that will establish a State aid program that will serve to enhance Maryland's public emergency services (fire, rescue, and emergency medical) training academies and institutes.

#### > Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) / Terrorism:

Lynn Gilroy, Chair

William J. Goodwin

Russell Strickland

David Lewis

Stephan Cox, Liaison

This committee analyzes and recommends to the MFRETC any education, training or exercises that my be needed to prepare this State's emergency services personnel to respond to or be protected from incidents involving WMD/Terrorism. The committee monitors U. S. Department of Homeland Security's activities and in particular their "National Incident Management System (NIMS)" and recommends to the MFRETC a course of action that will prepare Maryland's emergency services education and training system to work in concert with the Department of Homeland Security.

#### OF SPECIAL NOTE

Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. Under the direction of Steven T. Edwards, the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute is, without question, one of the Nation's top institutions of its kind. The nature and complexity of the issues and situations facing our dedicated emergency services providers on a daily basis continues to challenge them to train and stay ready to respond to all calls for assistance. Through the industry of its staff and the monetary support of the State, the MFRI excels in providing much needed training. MFRI is truly the cornerstone of this State's emergency services education and training system.

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System. Under the leadership of Dr. Robert R. Bass, MD, this Institute works diligently on all aspects of the State's emergency medical services. From Maryland's First Responder to EMT-B and on to the Paramedic programs, MIEMSS remains among the finest agencies of its kind in the Nation.

Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board. This Board is promulgated under authority of the Code of Maryland Regulations. As of June 1, 2005 this Board certified 579 Instructors, 197 recognized Instructor Evaluators, and 26 certified Instructor Trainers who are licensed to teach emergency services programs in Maryland. A listing of instructors and specific information can be found on MFRI's web site: <a href="https://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/micrbfind">www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/micrbfind</a>

Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. A recognized leader in the certification of individuals with fire service training and qualifications, the Board has operated for 19 years. Throughout the nation, Maryland's fire service certification system is the "model" system. The Board's concepts and structure as a voluntary certification system has been assessed and emulated by the fire service, both nationally and internationally. Today, Maryland leads the nation in the area of certified fire service professionals. Individuals are certified to more than 20 different levels, encompassing all recognized fire service professional qualifications model standards as developed by National Fire Protection Association. Certifications range from firefighter to fire officer.

Maryland's fire, rescue and emergency medical services personnel. The members and staff of the MFRETC recognize that is through the dedication and will of the men and women of the emergency services, that critically needed fire, rescue and emergency medical services are successfully provided in Maryland. These men and women are to be recognized for their efforts and commended for their work.

# FIRE-RESCUE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION MEMBERS

R. Michael Clemens Middletown, Maryland Term: 4 years from July 1, 2002

R. Michael Clemens was appointed to the MFRETC for a 4-year term that began on July of 2002. His start in the fire service began in 1966 with the Mt. Rainier Volunteer Fire Department in Prince George's County, Maryland. Currently Mr. Clemens is an Assistant Chief of the Training Division for the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service. During his 37 years, he has worked in Operations and the Training division. He is responsible for all County Fire & EMS Training Programs. He is the immediate past Chairman of the Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue Training Academies, a position he held for six years. He is currently a member of the National Capital Region's Type 3 All Hazards Incident Management Team and sits on the National Capital Region's, Exercise and Training Oversight Panel representing the State of Maryland. He has completed his formal education in Fire Science with Montgomery College and is completing his degree with the University of Maryland University College in Fire Science and Business Management. He is presently the Chairman of Maryland Fire & Rescue Education and Training Commission. He represents career fire service personnel who are instructors.

Stephan D. Cox Chester, Maryland Term: 4 years from July 1, 2001

Stephan D. Cox was appointed to the MFRETC in 1997. He has been a volunteer firefighter for over 35 years. He served three years as chief of the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company after serving all subordinate fire line offices. Mr. Cox served as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association 1996-1997, President of the Association of the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services of Harford County 1997-1998, and President of the Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company 1998-2000. Mr. Cox holds an Associates Degree from Harford Community College in Law Enforcement, a Bachelors Degree from National Louis University in Behavioral Sciences and a Masters Degree form National Louis University in management. Professionally, he retired as manager of the Field Operations Section of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, University of Maryland. He is employed by the Department of the Navy, his position there is Assistant Director of Fire and Emergency Services. He serves as the Commissions Vice Chairman and represents the volunteer emergency services personnel.

Ronald D. Blackwell

Term: 4 years from July 1, 2003

Bowie, Maryland

Ronald D. Blackwell was first appointed to the MFRETC in 2001. A native of Missouri he began his fire service career in 1970 as a Fire Protection Specialist in the United States Air Force.

From 1975 until 1999 he served as a member of the Wichita Fire Department where he progressed through the ranks from firefighter to Deputy Fire Chief in 1989, representing his Department as City Fire Marshal. In June of 1999, he was appointed as a Deputy Fire Chief for Prince George's County Maryland. On September 11, 2001 he was appointed as the ninth Fire Chief of the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department. In August of 2004, he accepted the position he currently holds, Fire Chief in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. He is a graduate of Wichita State University with a Masters of Public Administration and a Bachelors degree in education. Mr. Blackwell represents career emergency services personnel.

Robert P. Cumberland, Jr. Term: 4 years from July 1, 2003 Westminster, Maryland

Robert P. Cumberland, Jr. was first appointed to serve on the MFRETC in 1991. He is a 42-year active volunteer member of the Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Co. #1. He has served as chief, assistant chief, lieutenant, president and vice-president. Mr. Cumberland served as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, 1987-88. He serves as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the National Volunteer Fire Council. He is a past President of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association, and serves as a member of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Board of Advisors. He continues to serve on numerous other State and Carroll County Firemen's Association Committees. Mr. Cumberland represents the volunteer emergency services personnel.

Gregory James DeHaven Term: 4 years from July 1, 2001 Gaithersburg, Maryland

Gregory J. DeHaven was appointed to the MFRETC for a four-year term that began July 1, 1997 and was reappointed in 2001. His start in the fire service began in 1974 with Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department in Prince George's County. Currently, Mr. DeHaven is a Fire Rescue Assistant Chief with the Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service. During his 25-year career, Mr. DeHaven has worked in the Division of Communications, Training, Fire Investigations, and Operations. Mr. DeHaven is a Level II certified Emergency Services Instructor and Instructor Evaluator with the State of Maryland. Mr. DeHaven is a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1664, and the Montgomery County Career Fire Rescue Officers Association. Mr. DeHaven has earned a Bachelor of Fire Science Degree from the University of Maryland, University College, and holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Montgomery College in Criminal Justice. Mr. DeHaven represents the career emergency services personnel.

John E. Dulina Term: 4 years from July 1, 2002 Middle River, Maryland

John E. Dulina was appointed to the Commission in 2002. He has served as a volunteer firefighter and officer for many years with Middle River Volunteer Fire Company of the Baltimore County Fire Department. Mr. Dulina is an active member of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He has been a member on many fire service related committees. He currently holds the rank of volunteer fire captain. Mr. Dulina represents the volunteer emergency services.

Lynn D. Gilroy
La Plata, Maryland

Term: 4 Years from July 1, 2002

Lynn D. Gilroy was first appointed to the Commission in 1999. He has been associated with the fire service for over 39 years. Mr. Gilroy is a Member and Treasurer of the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department where he has served since 1992. Mr. Gilroy is a member of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and has been involved in that organization in a variety of capacities for more than ten years. Mr. Gilroy is the past president of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association. He is certified as an Emergency Services Instructor II by the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board, and is a Field Instructor for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. He retired from the Metropolitan, Washington Airport Authority Fire Department at Reagan National Airport for whom he worked as a Captain and shift training officer. He now works for Charles County Fire and EMS Communications as a dispatcher. Mr. Gilroy represents the volunteer emergency services.

William J. Goodwin Jr.
Baltimore City, Maryland

Term: 4 years from July 1, 2001

William Goodwin was appointed to a four-year term that began July 1, 2001. A Baltimore native and third generation fireman, Goodwin has been a career member of the Baltimore City Fire Department for 28 years. He was promoted through the ranks to his present post of Chief of the Department. The Baltimore City Fire Department is a major urban fire department consisting of an estimated 1,600 members. Prior to being appointed Chief, Goodwin served as director of training in the department since 1999. William Goodwin has a Master in Science degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Sciences Degree from the University of Maryland. Mr. Goodwin represents emergency services instructors who are career personnel.

John C. Holloway Berlin, Maryland Term: 4 years from form July 1, 2003

John C. Holloway was appointed to the Commission in 2004 to fill a vacated four-year term. He serves as a Fire-EMS Lieutenant with the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, Department of Emergency Services. Mr. Holloway began his career with the department in 1986 and was promoted to his current position as Shift Commander in 2000. He is a member of the Ocean City Career Firefighter/Paramedics Association and IAFF Local 4269. Hr. Holloway is also a 22-year member of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company where he served as a fire line Lieutenant and Captain and has held the offices of Director, Vice President and served as the President in 1997-1998. Mr. Holloway earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency Health Services from the University of Maryland Baltimore County in 1983. Mr. Holloway represents the career emergency services personnel.

Diane M. May Term: 4 years from July 1, 2004

Westernport, Maryland

Diane May was first appointed to the MFRETC in December of 2003 to fill a vacated fouryear term. She is the Security and Property Conservation Supervisor for New Page Corporation's Luke Mill where she has been employed for 24 years. Diane has also been employed by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute for 20 years as a part time instructor and currently is certified as an instructor training. She has been involved as an emergency services volunteer for 29 years and has been active in both Fire and EMS organizations. She was elected to the Board of Directors for the NFPA Industrial Division.

Diane currently serves as Training Officer and Fire Prevention Coordinator for Luke Volunteer Fire Company. She also is the Coordinator and Training Officer for New Page EMS. Diane has received several awards for her emergency services participation including 1987 Firefighter of the Year for the State of Maryland, 2003 Silver Spring Award and the 2005 NVFC Fire Prevention Award. She also coordinated the Fire Prevention efforts at Mead Westvaco, which led to the receipt of three national awards. Diane has an AA Degree in Nursing, a BS degree in Fire Science Management, and a Masters Degree in Education. Diane is married to Walter May and they have two children Robert and Kristina, she represents the volunteer emergency services personnel who are instructors.

Michael W. Robinson

Term 4 years from July 1, 2004

Reistersown, Maryland

Michael W. Robinson was first appointed to the MFRETC in 2000. His fire service began in 1975 with the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company in Anne Arundel County. He served that organization for 29 years at various ranks, which included 9 years as Chief of the Department. He is currently a life-member. He also served as the president of the AACO Volunteer Firefighter's Association and as the Chair of the Anne Arundel County Fire Advisory Board. Currently, Mr. Robinson is a Battalion Chief with the Baltimore County Fire Department and is the commander of the Fire-Rescue Academy. During his 21-year career he has served as a paramedic, lieutenant in the EMS Division and a Captain assigned to the Fire-Rescue Academy. He is certified as a Maryland Level II Emergency Services Instructor and nationally certified as a Fire Officer IV and is a Maryland licensed EMT-Paramedic. He is currently a field instructor for the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute and is an instructor at the National Fire Academy.

Since 1989 he has served as the Chair of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. He has just completed an 11-year tenure as a member of the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications. He also serves as a member of the National Fire Protection Association's Professional Qualifications Correlating Committee and is a member of the MFRI Board of Advisors and Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board. Mr. Robinson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Stetson University and a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resource Development from Bowie State University. He is married with four children and resides in Reisterstown. He represents career fire service personnel who are instructors.

Term 4 years from July 1, 2001

**Daniel J. Stevens**La Plata, Maryland

Mr. Stevens was appointed to the MFRETC in 2001. A 43-year volunteer firefighter, he is currently a member of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, Waldorf, Charles County where he serves as chief. Mr. Stevens has also served his company as, assistant chief, captain, and chairman of the board of directors. He also serves the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association and EMS Association as Chairman of the Joint Fire EMS High School Cadet Committee and as Chairman of the joint County Radio Committee. Mr. Stevens serves on several committees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association including Safety, Training, Awards, and Lo Interest Loan. He presently serves as the Chairman of the MSFA Training Committee. Since 1980 Mr. Stevens has served as a Certified Fire Instructor with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. Professionally, Mr. Stevens retired as the Director of the Tobacco and Peanut Analysis Staff with the United States Dept. of Agriculture and is responsible for the management of both programs. Mr. Stevens holds an Associates Degree in Business for St. Mary's College of Maryland, a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Maryland and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics with minors in statistics and finance from Texas A&M University. Mr. Stevens represents the volunteer emergency services personnel.

#### MARYLAND FIRE RESCUE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING SYSTEM

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#### **Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems**

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#### Administrative Officers:

Executive Director
State EMS Medical Director
Deputy Director of Administration

Robert R. Bass, M.D. Richard Alcorta, M.D. Robert A. Dubansky

#### **Regional EMS Administrators**

Questions, problems, and concerns regarding certification/recertification should be handled through your regional EMS office. Listed below are the names of the administrator and the address and phone numbers for each of the MIEMSS regional offices.

Region I – Appalachia
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David P. Ramsey
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Region II – Mid-Maryland
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Carroll, Harford, Queen Anne's, Talbot
Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester
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## **Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Training Academy**

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Assistant Chief R. Michael Clemens

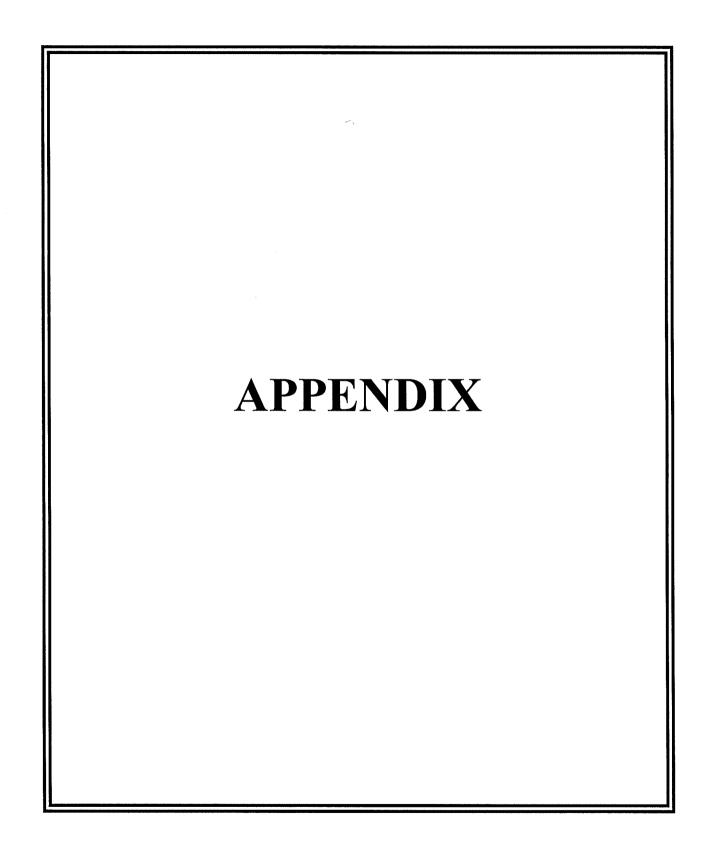
Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department Training Academy 9190 Commo Road Cheltenham, MD 20623 (301) 856-2940

Director . . . . . . Gerald O. Morganthall, Jr.

#### University of Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute

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Lower Eastern Shore Regional Training Center	(410) 749-0313	
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# ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND Education Article

#### Subtitle 5. Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission

#### §11-501 Definitions

- (a) In general -- In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) Emergency services -- "Emergency services" means fire, rescue, and ambulance services.
- (c) Schools -- "Schools" means the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, any emergency services training academy operated by any city, county, or municipal government, any community college offering emergency services education and training courses, any public school offering emergency services education and training courses, and any private or governmental institution or body providing emergency services education and training courses.

#### §11-502 Established; members; officers; meetings.

- (a) Established -- There is a Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission in the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
- (b) Members
  - (1) The Commission consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the members:
    - (i) Each shall be qualified to deal with the matters within the authority of the Commission.
    - (ii) Six shall be volunteer emergency services personnel or instructors.
    - (iii) Three shall be emergency services instructors who are career personnel representing the academies.
    - (iv)Three shall be career emergency services personnel who are not instructors;
    - (v) One shall be a member of the general public.
  - (2) Each member serves for a term of 4 years and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. These terms are staggered as required by the terms of the members serving on July 1, 1978.
  - (3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and

#### qualifies.

- (4) A member may be removed by the Governor:
  - (i) For neglect of duty.
  - (ii) If he believes the member's continued membership is not in the public interest.
- (5) Each member of the Commission:
  - (i) Serves without compensation; but
  - (ii) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the standard State travel regulations.
- (c) Officers' meetings:
  - (1) The Governor shall designate one of the members of the Commission as the chairman of the Commission. The chairman serves at the pleasure of the Governor.
  - (2) Each year, the Commission shall elect a vice-chairman and any other officers it requires.
  - (3) The Commission:
    - (i) Shall meet at least once every 2 months.
    - (ii) May meet at any other time the chairman designates; and
    - (iii) May adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings.
  - (4) A quorum consists of seven members, one of whom shall be the chairman or vice-chairman.
- §11-503 Duties; staff services.
  - (a) Duties --Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Higher Education, the Commission shall:
    - (1) Keep minutes of its meetings and any other records it considers necessary.
    - (2) Cooperate with and assist schools in coordinating and improving all emergency services education and training activities.

- (3) Cooperate with the University of Maryland in developing a program for accrediting emergency services instructors.
- (4) Consult with emergency services instructors and personnel, to develop minimum uniform education and training standards for emergency services instructors, personnel and schools.
- (5) Cooperate with schools, to help standardize course content and reciprocity of college credits for emergency services education and training.
- (6) Cooperate with appropriate government agencies to develop and maintain a current master plan for emergency services education and training.
- (7) Cooperate with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute to develop and operate a system for collecting, analyzing, and exchanging information on emergency services education and training.
- (8) Encourage, promote, and review new techniques, methods, and procedures for emergency services.
- (9) Cooperate with and review material from other states and federal agencies on emergency services education and training.
- (10) Recommend to the Secretary rules and regulations necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes and objectives of the Commission.
- (11) Review any proposed or adopted national standards or certification programs for emergency services and recommend to the Secretary the actions that should be taken regarding them.
- (12) Prepare an annual report on the activities of the Commission to the Secretary, the Governor, and, subject to the 2-1312 of State Government Article Code, the General Assembly, and
- (13) Provide a place of storage for the records of the Commission and the original Governor's Commission on Fire Services.
- (b) Staff services -- The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff services for the Commission. (ED § 12-113; 1988, ch. 246. § 2)