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8:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION	Auditorium Lobby
9:00 a.m.	OPENING CEREMONIES and REMARKS	Richard K. Brooks, III, Moderator
	NATIONAL ANTHEM	
	WELCOME	William E. Barnard, Maryland State Fire Marshal Dr. Samuel J. Seymour, New Business Coordinator, Johns Hopkins APL
9:30 a.m.	MORNING ADDRESS	“Making a Difference: The Power of One” R. Wayne Powell Fire and Life Safety Specialist Marriott International Washington, DC
10:15 a.m.	MORNING BREAK and OPEN EXHIBITS	
10:30 a.m.	WORKSHOP SESSION #1	

A “Promoting Home Fire Sprinklers: Challenges and Resources”

Peg Paul, Communications Manager, Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, Frankfort, IL

This presentation will provide an overview of home fire sprinkler facts and challenges in educating various target audiences about the life-safety benefits fire sprinklers offer. In addition, the workshop will review the various resources provided by the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition.

B “Fire at the Cancun Cantina: The Tragedy that Wasn’t”

Frank Fennell, CFPS, Lt.; Charles Parlin, CFPS, Inspector, Fire Marshal Division, Anne Arundel County Fire Department, Millersville, MD

In December 2006, an arsonist ignited a fire that endangered 250 people, injured a firefighter, and caused \$1.5 million in damages. This case study compares this fire to what first-arriving units thought would be another Station Nightclub fire. Learn the inside story and why fire marshals, and the owner, feel it had a positive outcome.

C “Off-campus Fire Safety”

Tim Knisely, Board of Directors, Center for Campus Fire Safety; Amherst, MA; Senior Fire Inspector, Centre Region Code Administration, State College, PA

Eighty percent of campus-related fires occur in off-campus housing. This program will provide an overview of this problem and help identify resources available, and provide details about a new training program offered in FEMA regions in 2007 and 2008.

D “Gaining Legislative and Executive Support for Fire Safety Initiatives”

Delegate James E. Malone, Jr., Maryland House of Representatives; Lt. (Ret.) Baltimore County, MD Fire Department; Arbutus VFD, Arbutus, MD; Deputy Secretary of the State of Maryland Brian Moe; Master Firefighter Howard County Fire Department; Laurel VFD, Laurel, MD

Share the insight of two of Maryland’s most experienced elected state legislators, appointed executives, and fire service officers. Learn how to gain legislative and executive government support for successful fire safety initiatives such as fire prevention codes, sprinklers and safer cigarette regulations.



E “Making the Most of Your Media Moments”

Michelle Sigona, Correspondent, America’s Most Wanted, Bethesda, MD

This workshop will help educate fire department personnel on how to develop and maintain a positive working relationship with the media including how to handle incidents for camera, what it means to be camera ready, what to say, how to dress, and how to keep their department or members in a positive light. In addition, the workshop will discuss the fundamentals of a newsroom, how it works, and what the media is looking for.

12:00 noon **LUNCH**

Honorable Martin O’Malley, Governor; William E. Barnard, Maryland State Fire Marshal
Introduction and remarks by sponsoring agencies; Excellence in Fire Safety Education Award Presentation

1:30 p.m. **WORKSHOP SESSION #2**

A “An Old Friend Faces New Challenges: Fire Protection in Multi-Family Occupancies”

Robert S. Zobel, PE, PhD, Executive Director of MAFSCAC, Haymarket, VA; Karl Houser, PE, EBL Engineers, MAFSCAC, Baltimore, MD

This seminar will concentrate on new challenges to provide fire safety in multi-family construction. Particular attention will be paid to construction methodologies, performance, and suggested ways to improve life safety and property protection through code amendments, ordinances, and improved design methodologies.

B “Legal Perspective of Code Enforcement Concerns”

Stuart M. Nathan, Member, Board of Fire Commissioners, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore, MD

This workshop will combine the knowledge and experience of a practicing attorney with the fire service background necessary to address modern circumstances and concerns of the fire safety official. Learn more about the roles of lawyers, judges, and attorneys in maintaining the integrity of the judicial process.

C “Building Connections: The Ties that Bind”

Mike Love, Division Chief, Community Risk Reduction Services, Montgomery County, MD

The presentation will offer insight into how fire and life safety educators can build their influence to change culture through how you connect with your community.

D “Psychological Resilience for Responders: Enhancing Safety and Wellness”

Victor Welzant, Psy.D, International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Ellicott City, MD

This workshop will address the link between stress and the safety in the workplace, with a focus on effective strategies for building stress resilience in emergency personnel. Practical programs for managing stress, strategies for incorporating stress into existing health initiatives, and disaster related stress management will be discussed.

E “Bringing an Arsonist to Justice: The Success of Collaboration”

Scott R. Fulkerson, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Baltimore, MD; Scott K. Hoglander, Battalion Chief, Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department, Fire Investigations Office, Largo, MD

An overview of the 22 month serial arson investigation that brought the DC area serial arsonist to justice. Included will be an in-depth look into the mind of the person responsible for over 350 fires that took place over a 27 year period.

3:00 p.m. **Adjournment and Presentation of Conference Certificates**



PRE REGISTRATION FORM

The registration fee for the conference is \$40. For registration forms with payment or purchase order postmarked on or before September 15, 2007 the registration fee is \$30. Jurisdictions sending five or more persons will be able to send the sixth for free. Make checks payable to FABSCOM. Payment must accompany registration.

For workshop sessions, please indicate your first and second choices for programs in each of the workshops throughout the day. We will make every effort to honor first choices for workshop sessions; however, this may not be possible due to occupant capacity of some rooms. Registration is on a first-come, first-choice basis. A written confirmation of your registration will be sent to you.

Acknowledgments will include a map. Registration is limited to 400 persons.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

MIEMSS will award eight Continuing Education Units for Local Option B (ALS providers - CRT and EMT/P) and M (BLS providers - First Responders and EMT/B) categories for persons in attendance for the full day.

Nominations for Public Fire Life Safety Educator of the Year are sought. Nominations should be submitted to Becky Spicer-Himes, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 (301-226-9907) by September 1, 2007.

**For further information, contact:
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