

# THE REPORT



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Vincit Omnia Veritas

*Maryland Troopers Association, Inc.*

**August 2011**



# *President's Message*

Greetings:

Since our last newsletter, we have learned from the Accounting Office of Wilner & Scherr that two members have filed as candidates for office of MTA Vice-President. As such, there will be balloting for this office in the 2011 election of officers. The offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer have not been challenged in this election cycle and will be filled over the next two years by the incumbents. On September 1, 2011, Wilner & Scherr will forward ballots to all of our voting members. We ask everyone to review the candidate provided material included, make your selection on the ballot and return the completed ballot in the enclosed self-addressed, postage paid envelope immediately. These ballots must be postmarked by September 19, 2011 and received by the offices of Wilner & Scherr no later than September 23, 2011.

As noted in the July report, Colonel Marcus Brown assumed the office of Superintendent of the Maryland State Police on August 1, 2011. Immediately after taking office, Colonel Brown invited representatives of the various employee groups to meet with him to discuss matters of mutual concern. In this meeting, Colonel Brown was very positive about the future of the department and his perception of the MSP and its personnel. I left this meeting encouraged and I look forward to working with the new Superintendent. Colonel Brown published a message to the employees which is included in my report.

The MTA Convention is just around the corner. If you have not done so, please reserve your rooms for the convention as soon as possible. The Convention will be held from September 29, 2011 to October 2, 2011 and as always, it is a very moderately priced. Room prices include the hospitality suite, BBQ on Saturday evening and much more. This is a great opportunity to meet with old friends, talk about old times and make new memories. We hope you will join us and get involved in your MTA. The reservation form is enclosed.

Until next time, I remain...

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Kirk Daugherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. Kirk Daugherty  
President

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The Maryland Troopers Association's August 2011 Executive Board Meeting was called to order on August 16, 2011 at 1700 hours by President Kirk Daugherty. Vice-President Chris Sasse and Executive Director Bob Devers were present. Secretary/Treasurer Vicki Patterson was absent. Roll call was taken by the Executive Director and the following Lodge Presidents were present:

Tri-County - C. Horner; Lodge 1 - D. Cameron; Lodge 13 - D. Morris; Lodge 14 - R. Ruff; Lodge 15 - J. Vogt, Lodge 17 - B. Gill; Lodge 19 - S. Murphy; Lodge 20 - E. Bredenburg; Lodge 40 - Absent; Lodge 51 - P. Grotte; Lodge 76 - J. McLeary ; Lodge 88 - B. Kloos ; Lodge 96 - C. Creswell. With a quorum present, the President declared the meeting in order.

The minutes from the July 2011 Executive Board meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Tri-County Lodge to adopt the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded by Lodge 76 and the motion passed.

## President

M. Kirk Daugherty

On August 4, 2011, the leadership of MSP Employee Groups met with Colonel Marcus L. Brown to discuss issues of mutual concern. As president and vice-president of the Maryland Troopers Association, Chris Sasse and I attended the meeting at HQ with other employee groups to include SLEOLA, CBMST, FOP 76 and FOP 69.

At the meeting, Col. Brown noted that he was very honored to be appointed to this position. He has always had high regards for the department and looks forward to his future with the MSP. He arrives with no intentions of making immediate changes to staff or personnel and everyone will be evaluated on the work they do including himself.

He plans to have quarterly meetings with the employee groups to exchange information and ideas concerning the department and its members. We look forward to this exchange. The Superintendent forwarded the following message to members of the department outlining his vision of leadership.

Colonel Brown sent the following communication to members of the Department upon his arrival.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE  
COLONEL MARCUS L. BROWN  
AUGUST 4, 2011

It was with the utmost pride that I accepted the appointment as Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. I am honored to wear the uniform of a Maryland state trooper. I assure you I will work every single day to earn the respect the uniform and badge of the Maryland State Police represent. I have often admired and appreciated how all the troopers I encountered have worn this uniform with pride. I believe that pride is indicative of the hard work, ethical standards, and professionalism the men and women of the Maryland State Police, both sworn and civilian, adhere to each day as they serve the people of our state.

Tuesday evening, I attended National Night Out activities with Governor O'Malley in Takoma Park, New Carrollton, and Bowie. I was very proud to hear the positive comments about the Maryland State Police that came from elected officials and citizens at all three of these locations. I am certain our commanders received similar comments as they attended 16 other events that night throughout the state.

Those positive comments and attitudes about this Department are the result of your diligent public safety efforts. On Tuesday, troopers from the Forestville Barrack responded to a six vehicle crash on both the inner and outer loops of the Capital Beltway at the height of the morning rush hour. Two people were killed, two were injured and the extensive scene created a significant investigative challenge. The Forestville troopers and our CRASH Team responded quickly and pieced together a complicated crash while working hard to reopen the interstate and reduce the frustration of thousands of motorists.

Over the past weekend, our Homicide Unit responded to a double shooting in Salisbury with one person dead and one wounded. In less than two days, two men were in custody and charged with murder, including one who was tracked down out of state.

In the same region, a county detention center inmate scaled a fence and escaped with the help of his girlfriend. The State Apprehension Team tracked down the pair and had them both in custody less than 18 hours after the escape.

In two weeks, our Forensic Sciences Division Laboratory

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will be awarded the highest level of international accreditation available. This is a major accomplishment that is evidence of a real commitment to excellence made by all our lab personnel.

These are the types of actions by our sworn and civilian employees that generate the positive comments the Governor and I received Tuesday night. Exemplary public safety performance like this is what builds value in the Maryland State Police and upholds the outstanding reputation you have helped build during the past 90 years.

Our greatest asset is you, the men and women who make up this Department. The competence, trustworthiness, loyalty, commitment, and willingness to work hard are extremely important to our goal of moving the Maryland State Police forward. The individual actions and decisions you make daily are what will drive the future of this Department.

As we look to the days ahead, I ask that you join me in doing several things. First, I ask that you work hard. You should fulfill your duties in the best interest of the Maryland State Police and the public safety of our citizens.

Second, I ask that you aspire to be a leader, regardless of your rank. Your very presence and the image you project impact everyone you come in contact with. Be a leader in your work group, your barrack, and your community.

Third, I ask that you treat people the way you want to be treated. That includes people within this organization and the citizens you touch in your duties each day. I will not tolerate racial discrimination or sexual harassment. Ask yourself if you are treating people the way you would like a member of your family to be treated if he or she encountered someone from our Department. Remember that every time you make contact with someone, you are appearing in your own commercial for the Maryland State Police. You are representing everyone else who wears this uniform.

There are times we lose sight of why we chose this profession. Remember the reason you became troopers. I believe it is because of the character inside you. It is character that drives you to do your best in providing quality law enforcement services to our citizens.

At the end of your shift, I want you to ask yourself an important question. What did you do today to make

Maryland a safer place to live, work, and visit? If you can adequately answer that question, you will have done your job and helped us build value as one of the finest police departments in the nation.

Together, we can make a difference for ourselves, the Maryland State Police, and the people we serve. I am honored to serve with you as a member of "Maryland's finest."

**Vice-President**  
Christopher Sasse

Attended the Finance Committee meeting on August 3, 2011 and the meeting with the Superintendent on August 4, 2011. Some additional points that I took away from the meeting with the Colonel was that he didn't come with a pocket full of money and any issues which need to be resolved will need to be addressed by all of us. He is focused on helping the field accomplish their mission.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report**  
Vicki Patterson

**Executive Director's Report**  
Robert Devers

The deadline for the election filing has past and we have been notified by the Office of Wilner and Scherr that the office of Vice-President has been contested. We are currently in the process of preparing the mailing materials and ballots. The ballots will be mailed to all eligible members on September 1, 2011.

**National Troopers Coalition Liaison**  
Charles Horner

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**By-Laws:** S. Murphy - Nothing to Report

**Finance:** B. Devers for J. Diggs - On August 3, 2011 the Finance Committee held its monthly meeting at the MTA Office. In attendance were Finance Chairperson Jay Diggs, Earl Bredenburg, Pete Edge, Bob Kirk, Walt Mills, Mike Smith, Vice President Sasse and Executive Director Bob

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Devers.

MEETING DATES: September 28, 2011 @ the MTA Convention; October 11, 2011, 10Am @ the MTA Office (Budget Meeting)

## STATE OF THE MTA:

1. UBS Account – \$545,121

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board approved July's Finance Report.

2. The 2011 Convention. – The Convention Flyer is available on line. Rooms are filling up quickly. Lodge Presidents are reminded to reserve and pay for their rooms. We all know participation in the convention has weaned in the past decade. Only serving to reduce participation even further is the fact that former Aviation Division retirees, the MSP Alumni and the MTA are having events in Ocean City back to back to back. The Finance Committee believes it would be a great idea to approach the Alumni and Aviation retirees to consolidate the efforts and have one big function. Bob will be contacting the Alumni and Diggs will be contacting the Aviation Retirees to discuss this proposal.

3. Affinity Program – The MTA has a new affinity partner in Capital One. Visit the MTA web site for more information and how to apply. This is a great way to support your organization. I like most people will not be renewing my old MTA credit card with Bank of America in light of the way they have treated us as a customer.

4. The Treasurer's Report for June 2011 that was tabled from the August Finance Meeting was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

5. Every Board Member, Committee Chairmen and MTA Employees having a budget request for 2012 must submit their request in writing to either Bob Devers (rdevers@erols.com) or Jay Diggs (jrdiggs@mdsp.org) before September 28, 2011

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Requests for Donations: None

2. FORM 106 REVIEWS:

A. Lobbyist Bernard Shaw's Form 106 for July 2011 in

the amount of \$83.00 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.

B. Executive Director Bob Devers' Form 106 for July 2011 in the amount of \$211.51 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.

3. The Treasurer's Report for July 2011 – A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Time Start: 1000 hours  
Time Ended: 1200 hours

1. Recently, the MSP lost some fine gentlemen. Juan Snyder and Jesse Roach. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

2. Get well wishes are in order for Marvin Hollinger.

3. Welcome Back! Bob Kirk after successful surgery.

The President called for a motion to accept the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion was made by Tri-County Lodge, seconded by Lodge 76 and passed.

**Legislative/Political Action:** Bernie Shaw - Nothing to Report.

**Legal Advisory** - B. Wamken for J. Nicols - Byron reported that James spoke with Gary Tracey earlier in the day and that there were no issues for the Board.

**Minority Affairs** - Ron Ruff - Nothing to Report

**Scholarship:** Brian Kloos - Still one outstanding check for lodge 76.

**Retirees:** Dave Cameron - The MSPAA is currently working on a Southern Maryland location for a meeting this coming year. I attended the viewing for Jesse Roach which had a very large turnout by his MSP friends.

**SLEOLA** - B. Gill - We are currently preparing for negotiations. Anyone with any issues, ideas or suggestions you would like addressed in the negotiation process, please let us know. The exact start date has not been determined at this time.

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Dave Cameron inquired why the entry on pay stubs for SLEOLA dues has changed to "Union Dues." Brian indicated that he does not know why this change was made but that he would make that inquiry.

Brian also noted that the fair share deduction has been applied to all MSP personnel regardless of whether they are covered by SLEOLA or not. As you are aware, Commissioned Officers are not covered by SLEOLA and the deduction should not be taken from their checks.

Bob Devers asked Brian to clarify what fair share entitles non SLEOLA members to participate in. Brian indicated that those represented by SLEOLA, whether a member of SLEOLA or not, could always present their ideas for bargaining. Bob asked about attendance at meetings and Brian indicated that he did not think they would be allowed to attend meetings but he would ask.

## LODGE REPORTS

Lodge 1 - D. Cameron - Dave indicated that he would be contacting Supply Division in the very near future concerning a problem with the helpfulness of personnel in the warehouse. It appears that a trooper was denied access to the use of a telephone while making a pick-up there.

Lodge 17 - B. Gill - Retired D/Sgt. Phil Brown inquired whether we were going to have an open enrollment in 2012 because he didn't know that we had one this year. He does not have e-mail. Bob asked Sheri to make sure that he is added to the paper newsletter list.

Lodge 17 will also be having a crab feast in September however the date has not yet been determined.

Lodge 20 - E. Bredenburg - The Christmas for Kids Golf Tournament was held at the Links in Gettysburg on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. We had 32 teams and it was a great event.

We also held our crab feast in August with 120 in attendance.

Lodge 76 - J. McLeary - We had 43 members, including 3 active, at our last meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

President Kirk Daugherty nominated Earl Bredenburg and Chuck Creswell to count ballots for this year's election with Wilner & Scherr on September 27, 2011. A motion was made by Lodge 76 to accept the nomination. The motion was seconded by Lodge 1 and passed.

## GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

I am sad to report that Senator Jim Mathias lost his wife, Kathy, to breast cancer at the age of 58 yesterday. Arrangements have been made and I will be attending to represent the Association.

Sympathies also go out to the Lusby family on the death of Ginny Mae. Kirk indicated that he spoke with George shortly after learning of his wife's death.

At 5:40 P.M. a motion to adjourn was made by Tri-County Lodge, seconded by Lodge 1 and passed. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

## Chesapeake Investment Advisors Martin Knight

If you have questions concerning the DROP (or any other investment issues), give Marty a call (410-810-0735). The best time to do the research is before your exit-date so very little time is lost reinvesting your assets. Marty can help your transition from active State Trooper to retired investor. And rest assured, he will always put your financial interests first.

Martin Knight

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**2011 MTA CONVENTION**  
**Carousel Hotel**  
**11700 Coastal Highway**  
**OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**  
**September 29 - October 1, 2011**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone – Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**AVAILABLE CONVENTION PACKAGES**

	<u>3 day (Thursday Check-In)</u>	<u>2 day (Friday Check-In)</u>
Ocean Front	[ ] \$350.00	Not Available
Atrium & Ocean View	[ ] \$325.00	[ ] \$300.00
All Other Rooms	[ ] \$290.00	[ ] \$275.00

All packages: Check In time 3:30 P.M. / Check Out time: Sunday 12 noon

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

All room reservations must be made by contacting Marvin Hollinger at: (410) 259-5143 to determine room preference availability. Room assignments and availability will be made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be received **no later than September 1, 2011**. When your room preference is confirmed, please complete this registration form mail form and payment to: **MARVIN HOLLINGR, MARYLAND TROOPERS ASSOCIATION, 1300 REISTERSTOWN ROAD, PIKESVILLE, MD 21208**. Checks made payable to MTA must be received within 10 days of reservation confirmation to hold room reservations.

There will be a Catered Theme Picnic on Saturday Night (Two tickets per room are included – Additional Adults are \$17.00 & Children under 12 are \$8.50) – Time to be announced. Menu will include Barbecued Spare Ribs, Fried Chicken, Red Bliss Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Corn Muffins and Assorted Desserts. Soda, Coffee & Tea. Cash Bar will be available at the picnic.

Hospitality Room will be open on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights from 5:00 PM to 12 Midnight

Activities – Movie Passes, Mini-Golf, Ice Skating, Ice Cream Bar, Moon Bounce, Indoor Pool

Maryland Troopers Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 30, 2011

Rooms will go fast, so make your reservations early. Join us to renew old friendships, make new ones, swap war stories and just enjoy all that Ocean City has to offer at a very reasonable price.