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Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad Hosts Allegany and Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Meeting

The January meeting of the Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association was called to order by President Gene Kidwell on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Jonathan Dayton. The Associa-

Maryland State Fireman's Association – Joel McCrea, 2nd Vice President-Training schedule for Convention on Website. Check it out. 5th Annual MSFA Cancer 5K Courage to Walk! Sunday, April 26, 2020. Maryland Fire and Rescue Memorial, Annapolis. Registration at 0700 hrs, Opening Ceremony 0830 hrs. MSFA and LAMSFA 2020 Cancer Support Committee Fire Truck Toy Chest Raffle-Dollar a ticket or 6 for \$5.

MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund - Barbara Knippenburg reported that the next meeting is February 23, 2020. Location Union Bridge Fire Company in Carroll County. New application deadline is February 9, 2020 at 11:59 PM. Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department has completed the online application for a loan to purchase a tanker. tion was welcomed by Rich Ford, Past President of Southern Garrett Rescue. Eighteen companies and nine Past Presidents were in attendance. Guests included:

MIEMSS, Alex Kelly, Joel McCrea, MSFA 2nd Vice President, MSFA, Pam Kyle, President FCFF,

Agencies and Organizations

Contact Barbara if you are interested in submitting an application.

Garrett County VFR Association— Mike Simmons march 25, 1930 hours at Bloomington.

Information Technology Jonathan Dayton – Website is up to date - Meeting schedule up to Convention on Facebook. Website renewal valid for 1 yr.

Fellowship of Christian Firefighters – Secretary Mary Carr –Met February 1, 2020 at Ellerslie with 27 present.

Convention - Dennis Bonner reported that they met in January. Meal tickets will be mailed this week – May 1st is the deadline for everything to be in. Next meeting will be February 27th at 1800 hours

Fire Prevention & Education – Rodger Long reported Georgann Shuhart, Treasurer AGCVFRA LA, Betty Grabenstein, PP LAMSFA and AGCVFRA LA, Pam Kyle, President FCFF, Sheila Sines, Friendsville Auxiliary.

that they are still looking for

an AGCVFRA Fire ambassa-

dor, Jr Miss FP for AG and

Past Presidents—PP Gene

Kidwell reported that they

will meet February 20th at

Recruitment & Retention

eration—Jonathan Dayton

reported that Recruitment &

Retention day will be April

 21^{st} across the state – At the

State level - working on ide-

as for April to be used across

the state. County level plac-

ing ads on Facebook.

Special Awards - Mike

Simmons - Banquet and

Awards Dinners happening

this time of year. Make sure

to nominate your award win-

ners for AGCVFRA awards

Safety—Dave Kyle – still

er – be careful driving

have a chance for bad weath-

and MSFA awards.

and Reaching the next gen-

Bob Evans at 1730 hrs.

MSFA

from traffic • CALL 9-1-1.

Know the danger signs

• Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once

What to do if your car is on firePull over as quickly as it is safe to

do so, be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe loca-

tion off the road such as the break-

• Once you have stopped, TURN

• GET everyone out of the car.

Never return to a burning car for

• MOVE everyone at least 100 feet

from the burning car and well away

down lane or rest stop

OFF the engine

anything

- Oil or fluid leaks
- Oil cap not on securely

• Rapid changes in fuel or fluid level, or engine temperature

Upcoming Meetings:

- Maryland State Firemens Association Executive Committee— March 28,29, 2020 at Level VFC
- A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast— March 7 at Bloomington
- AGCVFRA March I, 2020—1400 hours— at Tri-Towns Rescue Squad
- AGCVFRA Convention June 6, 2020—Bowman's Addition
- LA AGCVFRA—March 8, 2020 Bedford Road VFD
- Garrett County Fire Rescue Association–March 25, 1730 hours at

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Flintstone VFC

LODD - Gary Carpenter -Rod Bowser - Bricks are still available - would like to move the memorial service to the third weekend in September.

Long – Jim McKenzie – Chaplains seminar in Salisbury March 12, 13th \$200 for the weekend, overnight stay not included

Pat Bowser Scholarship -Rod Bowser - donation \$1,000.00 from Carolyn and Melvin Humberson to the scholarship fund

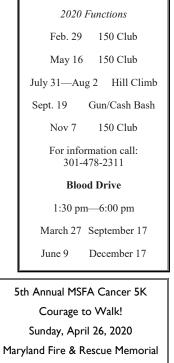
Good of the Association -All of the letters have been sent out for the LA AGCVFRA awards. Potomac submitted 4 By-Law changes. Free Tax Preparation at LaVale Methodist church on Tuesdays at nine.

Flintstone Auxiliary						
Hoag	Hoagie Sale					
<u>Order</u>	Pick up					
Feb 19	Feb 25					
March 25	March 31					
April 22	April 28					
June 24	June 28					
July 22	July 28					
Aug 19	Aug 25					
Sept 23	Sept 29					
Oct 21	Oct 27					

EMS/FD Decorative Wooden Flag Raffle



Two Winners: 1st winner gets choice Drawing: March 8, 2020 \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5 Benefit: George's Creek Ambulance Service



Annapolis, MD

Registration-0700

Opening Ceremony 0830

Deadline to register: March 31st



MARYLAND

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Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County (note: may not reflect entire schedule)

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Report	Date:	January	28.	2020	

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	GCCTTC	8/19/19	M/W/Sun	14	Testing
EMT		WMRTC	8/20/19	T/Sat	19	Testing
EMT Pilot	-	WMRTC	1/13/20	M/W/Sat	14	Active
Firefighter I		WMRTC	1/21/20	T/Th	13	Active
Haz Mat Ops		Deep Creek	1/21/20	T/Th	(7)	Canceled
ICS-300		Cresaptown	2/1/20	Sat	(31)	Full / Active
Instructor I	-	WMRTC	2/3/20	M/Th	(16)	Open / Active
ICS-400	MGMT-264-S010-2020	Cresaptown	2/29/20	Sat	(33)	Full / Active
*Haz Mat Ops	HM-102-S048-2020	WMRTC	3/2/20	MW	(3)	Open
*EMR	EMS-105-S015-2020	Deep Creek	3/3/20	T/Th	(2)	Open
Rope Rescue	RES-205-S004-2020	Shaft	3/8/20	Sun	(20)	Open / Active
Instructor II	MGMT-210-S012-2020	WMRTC	3/23/20	M/Th	(10)	Open / Active
*FD Health & Safety Officer	MGMT-216-S012-2020	WMRTC	3/29/20	Sun	(0)	Open
EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S051-2020	Eastern Garrett	4/4/20	Sat/Sun	(12)	Open / Active
Pump Operator	FIRE-113-S028-2020	Shaft	4/19/20	Sun	(12)	Open / Active
Site Ops	RES-101-S032-2020	Barton	4/25/20	Sat/Sun	(15)	Open / Active

Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students real color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start

*New schedule requests will be sent out soon. Be looking to submit your training needs for the Fall Semester.
*Maryland Weekend at NFA will occur on 2/8 and 2/9. *The following email domains are no longer able to receive to the MFRI email system. If you are using any of the

these please provide us with an alternate email : Yahoo AOL Verizon

Fire Chaplains - Rodger

MSFA and LAMSFA

2020 Cancer Support Committee Toy Chest Raffle \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5

Email kellyotta@gmail.com

Drawing: June 24, 2020 in Ocean City



Dimensions: 59" L, 26" H, 26" W, Weight: app 100#

MIEMSS Region 1 AGCVFRA Report Alex Kelly

February 2, 2020

~eMeds Elite –

As of February 4, 2020 - Internet Explorer will no longer be supported as a browser when completing eMeds Elite Patient Care Reports.

Any PCRs started with IE should be completed as soon as possible and submitted prior to 2/4/2020.

~Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome browsers are both compatible with eMeds. MIEMSS IT Department recommends Chrome if you have a choice.

~Miltenberger Seminar –

The website is live and you can register at any time.

This is an excellent opportunity to hear from world-renowned presenters "right in our own back yard"!

http://miltenbergerseminar.com/

~`Novel Coronavirus –

All PSAPs (911 centers) in our Region are interrogating callers if they complain of trouble breathing / flu like symptoms to establish possibility of coronavirus contagion.

If there is a suspicion from the PSAP they should inform responding units that the caller is a "PUI" (Patient Under Investigation) - gowns, N95 masks and eye protection should be utilized.

The death toll is over 300 (almost exclusively in central China) as of this writing. So far the deceased have been elderly with poor health before infection.

IN MEMORY



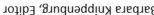
Rosetta Pope, Mt Savage Auxiliary

Maxine Crabtree, Oldtown Auxiliary

Harlan L. Bean, Bedford RD

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27





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Getting to the call safely is the most important job you have! Buckle up!

Home fire sprinklers save lives and property. In many situations, a family who has survived a fire will also have their "home" to live in and enough of the items and space in their home to continue living their lives as they did before. The cost of a home fire sprinkler system in a new home averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot totaling an amount similar to what is spent for carpet upgrades, paving stone driveway or a whirlpool bath. Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2013. A home fire sprinkler system can reduce the homeowner's insurance premium. Fire departments typically use roughly 10 times as much water as a fire sprinkler would use to contain a fire. Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2010. Fire sprinklers are environmentally friendly. They can reduce the amount of water run-off and pollution, fire damage by up to 71%, and water usage to fight a home fire by as much as 91%. Source: FM Global and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Study 2010. Cigar smoke or burnt toast will not activate a fire sprinkler. Only the high temperature of a fire will activate the sprinkler. A home fire sprinkler system is easy to maintain. Just inspect your home to make sure the sprinklers are not blocked by something that would prevent the water from coming out such as paint and be sure the main control valve is never turned off. Home fire sprinklers are effective in cold and warm climates. Guidelines have been created for the proper installation of systems to avoid pipes freezing. A home fire sprinkler system should be winterized the same as you winterize a domestic water supply.

SMOKE ALARM

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Everyone Goes Home!

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