



# The Bulletin

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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-

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,

Georgann Shuhart, Treasurer AGCVFRA LA, Betty Grabenstein, PP LAMSFA and AGCVFRA LA, Pam Kyle, President FCFF, Sheila Sines, Friendsville Auxiliary.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for everything to be in. Next meeting will be February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hours

**Fire Prevention & Education** – Rodger Long reported

**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.

#### **What to do if your car is on fire**

- Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so, be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop
- Once you have stopped, TURN OFF the engine
- GET everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car for anything
- MOVE everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away 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
- 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 1, 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**



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

**Fire Chaplains** - Rodger Long – Jim McKenzie – Chaplains seminar in Salisbury March 12, 13<sup>th</sup> \$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. Poto-mac submitted 4 By-Law changes. Free Tax Preparation at LaVale Methodist church on Tuesdays at nine.

**Flintstone Auxiliary**

Hoagie Sale

Order	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

**Flintstone VFC**

2020 Functions

Feb. 29	150 Club
May 16	150 Club
July 31—Aug 2	Hill Climb
Sept. 19	Gun/Cash Bash
Nov 7	150 Club
For information call: 301-478-2311	
<b>Blood Drive</b>	
1:30 pm—6:00 pm	
March 27	September 17
June 9	December 17

**MSFA and LAMSFA**

2020 Cancer Support Committee Toy Chest Raffle

\$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5

Email [kellyotta@gmail.com](mailto:kellyotta@gmail.com)

Drawing: June 24, 2020 in Ocean City



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

**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

**5th Annual MSFA Cancer 5K**

Courage to Walk!

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Maryland Fire & Rescue Memorial

Annapolis, MD

Registration—0700

Opening Ceremony 0830

Deadline to register: March 31st

**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 PCR's 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://miltenbergersseminar.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 "PUF" (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.



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

Report Date: January 28, 2020

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	GCCTTC	8/19/19	MW/Sun	14	Testing
EMT	-	WMRTC	8/20/19	T/Sat	19	Testing
EMT Pilot	-	WMRTC	1/13/20	MW/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
<b>*Haz Mat Ops</b>	<b>HM-102-S048-2020</b>	<b>WMRTC</b>	<b>3/2/20</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>*EMR</b>	<b>EMS-105-S015-2020</b>	<b>Deep Creek</b>	<b>3/3/20</b>	<b>T/Th</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>Open</b>
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
<b>*FD Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	<b>MGMT-216-S012-2020</b>	<b>WMRTC</b>	<b>3/29/20</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Open</b>
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

Notes:  
1. Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students  
2. \*red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start  
3. OOS represents students from out of state

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

\*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.  
\*MFRI Region I is in need of instructors. If you know of someone that would be interested please have them contact the office.  
\*The following email domains are no longer able to receive to the MFRI email system. If you are using any of these please provide us with an alternate email : Yahoo AOL Verizon



## 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*

### Eastern Garrett Co. V.F.R.D.

#### Spaghetti Dinners

2nd Saturday each month

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.00

Children: \$3.50

#### Turkey Dinners

4th Sunday of:

March

April

September

### Midland Fire Company

#### Chicken Dinner

Friday, February 21

1600—1830 hours

Adults—\$9

Children—\$5

Includes: 1/2 chicken, fries or mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll, desert

### Ellerslie/LaVale VFDs

#### Annual Bash

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Held at LaVale Station I

Doors Open at 11:30

\$25 Donation

Early Bird Drawing 12:00

Wayne's Meats Package

### Bowman's Addition Vol Fire Co

&

Cumberland Raiders Roller Hockey

#### CASH BASH

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Doors open at 1230

Tickets: \$20 Donation

### Midland Fire Company

#### Fish or Chicken Dinner

#### Every Friday during Lent

Beginning Friday, February 28

Last night: April 10

1600—1830 hours

Adults—\$9

Children—\$5

Includes: Fish or 1/2 chicken, and choice of two sides: fries, Mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw,

Roll and desert

### Midland Firemen's Tavern

#### WINGS Wednesdays

### Midland Fire Company

Sunday, March 15th

\*St. Patrick's Day Bingo

Saturday, March 28

\*Comedy Show

Saturday, April 25

\*Spring Gun Bash

### Barton Ladies

#### Auxiliary

#### Public Dinners

2nd Tuesday of the month

From 3:00 pm to 6:30

Cook books for sale call

301-697-0923

Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 A.M. Remember to "spring ahead" and set your clocks forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour). (We do this Saturday night when we go to bed.)**



### Oldtown/District 16 Vol Fire Depts

#### 11th Annual CASH BASH

March 14, 2020

Allegheny County Fairgrounds

Multipurpose Building

Noon til 6pm

Doors open at 11

\$20 Donation for ticket

\$10 for guest at gate

### Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

#### Spring Gun Bash

Saturday, February 29, 2020

1130 hours

See members for tickets

### Spaghetti Dinner

Good Will Fire

Company

First Friday of

each month

4pm-6pm

Fireman's Armory

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***Getting to the call safely is  
the most important job you  
have!  
Buckle up!  
Remember  
Everyone Goes Home!***



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.

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