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Luke Volunteer Fire Company

Hosts Allegany and Garrett Counties

Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Meeting

The meeting of the Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association was called to order by President Bobby Pattison on Sunday, April 14th, at Luke Volunteer Fire Company. The Pledge to the flag

was led by President Pattison. The Association was welcomed by Wayne Rounds. Fifteen companies and seven Past Presidents were in attendance. Guests included: Betty Grabenstein, PP LA MSFA, PP LA AGCVFRA,

Tricia Blank, VP LA AGCVFRA, Donna Struntz, Jr. VP LA MSFA, PP LA AGCVFRA, Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS

MSFA -Executive Committee—Tim Dayton reported: **DNR MD Forest Service** -After 31 years Monte Mitchell is retiring. The 2019 VFA grant applications hopefully will be able to be distributed in May. Fire Departments can submit a request for federal excess property using the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/1qWaR9Oh87p2odQR2>
Fire & Injury Prevention and Life Safety Committee Reminded everyone that all the TIP Sheets are on the MSFA site and can be downloaded and printed. Teresa can be reached @ 240-882-6772 tacrisman@co.pg.md.us
Incentives Programs Committee

An updated MSFA-P.2.2 was sent out in to each County Points Coordinator along with a cover letter announcing the next \$250.00 increase bringing the deduction to \$4,750.00 for 2018. Also included was a letter they can send to each company for distribution to those members qualifying. Each subsequent year an updated form increasing the amount by will be distributed in the same manner until we reach the \$7,000.00 limit.

MD Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation Report Our Annual Memorial program is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, at 2p.m. at the Memorial site. Five LODD names will be placed on the Wall of Heroes. At this time Governor Hogan is scheduled to be our Guest Speaker. We hope to have

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good representation from throughout the state, and members of the MD fire service are encouraged to participate in our Sea of Blue.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command The Aviation Command recently celebrated forty-nine years of transporting the most critically ill and/or injured patients from Maryland's highways and communities. Temporary Service Reduction - Cumberland Section. Due to work force shortages of both Pilots and Trooper/Paramedics, the Cumberland Section continues to have duty shifts that cannot be covered. We are committed through our recruiting efforts to return the Cumberland Section to a 24/7 operation as soon as practical.

Office of the State Fire Marshal. Fire Fatalities: Year to date for 2019 there has been 21 fire fatalities across the state compared to 30 deaths at this same time in 2018.

Ways & Means Report \$10,000 Raffle if you are returning ticket stubs and money by mail it needs to be mailed by June 1. Please mail them to Mitch Vocke P.O.

Box 401 Jarrettsville, MD 21084. Or if you get them to Tim, he will be happy to get them to Mitch.

MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee Looking at sprinklers as a big tool to reduce FF cancer.

LOSAP - is not taxable by the State of Maryland - no need for a 1099. The AGCVFRA voted to support Doug Alexander for Trustee. Chuck Walker was appointed as 2nd Vice President MSFA and Lee Lutz was appointed Executive Committee member to replace Chuck Walker. Credentials need to be submitted on line. Bedford Road, Bowling Green, Flintstone, Mt. Savage, Tri Towns EMS, Bloomington, and Friendsville have submitted theirs.

Volunteer Company Assistance Fund—Barbara Knippenburg reported they met in a conference call on March 18, 2019. Westminster's request for a loan of \$923,000 to purchase a replacement for their 20 year old E-ONE Tower was approved and will go before the MSFA Executive Committee at Friendsville on April 6, 2019. If your company is interested in submitting an application for a loan, please contact Barbara.

Spring Clean!
Think
Fire
Safety

U.S. Fire
Administration

As you are cleaning out this spring, don't forget about fire safety.

- Test your smoke alarms, and replace any alarms that are 10years old or older.
- Test your carbon monoxide alarms, and replace any alarms that are 7 years old or older.
- Check your dryer vents and clean the hosing.
- Clean clutter inside and outside your home.
- Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.
- Practice your home fire escape plan.

For more information and free resources, visit

www.usfa.fema.gov.



Upcoming Meetings:

- **Maryland State Firemens Association Executive Committee — Convention June 15, 2019 Ocean City Convention Hall**
- **A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast— May 4, 2019 at Oldtown**
- **AGCVFRA - May 5, 2019—at Midland Fire Company**
- **Garrett County Fire Rescue Association— May 29, 2019, 1930 hours at Northern Rescue at Friendsville**
- **LA AGCVFRA—April 28, 2019—Northern Garrett Rescue**



AGCVFRA Meeting

Garrett County Association:
Mike Simmons Next meeting May 29, 2019 at 1930 hours at Northern Garrett Rescue in Friendsville.

A. Mike Walters Fellowship of Christian Firefighters Secretary Mary Carr reported that they met April 6 at Baltimore Pike Fire Company with 24 present.

Smoke Alarms – Gary Carpenter reported that he received donations from AFS and Verso .
Information Technology – Jonathan Dayton - AGCVFRA mailing address: PO Box 935 Frostburg, MD 21532 New web page is up and running:

www.agcvfra.net Special Log In: Each Committee may have their own page. Jonathan needs to know specific committee chairpersons. There are Company Section Pages with news, events, and recognition for each member company.

Scholarship Committee: Rod Bowser reported that the *Wings for Pat* event held April 13th at Friendsville was well attended. Applications are currently being accepted.

Recruitment and Retention Jonathan Dayton – reported four companies in Allegany County and one in Garrett County held recruitment/retention open houses. Recruitment and Retention Bootcamp will be held at MFRI Headquarters in College Park, May 18 and 19. Jonathan suggested we look into a new modern patch idea. Firefighter Olympic Games, Family Recruitment and WMHS Population Health Event in August. The association voted to partner with WMHS for FF Olympics day in August. Details to come.

Insurance & Benefits – John Shuhart reported that If your company has a death, please con-

tact John to receive payment. Companies who have not yet paid their Relief Fund: Bedford Road, District 16, Eastern Garrett, Bowman's Addition & Auxiliary, and Orleans. **Convention** Request for ads in Convention Book and meal tickets should be out soon and will need to be returned by May 1st.

Dues have not been paid by Bloomington, Ellerslie, Ellerslie Ambulance, Potomac, Orleans, Tri Towns EMS.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2019 at Midland

Next Prayer Breakfast: May 4, 2019 at Oldtown

Good of the Association:
MSFA PP Robert Knippenburg and Executive Committee member Tim Dayton presented a plaque from Maryland State Firemens Association to Barton Hose Company members Wayne Rounds and John Shuhart in honor of their 100th Anniversary.



Safety—Wayne Rounds—Emergency Response Vehicle Operation—Avoid pulling up behind a vehicle and suddenly sounding the siren. Avoid passing on the right. Fluctuate the siren throughout tonal range. Keep near center of roadway so vehicles will see red light. Maintain safe distance when following emergency vehicle. Use red lights and siren judiciously on freeway. Use air horn minimally, may drown out siren. When responding Code 2 or 3, night or day, turn headlights on. Headlights provide an additional margin of safety by assisting in drawing attention to the vehicle.



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Western Maryland Regional Training Center
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13928 Hazmat Drive
Cresaptown, MD 21502-5153

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

Report Date: April 5, 2019

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	2/20/19	Sun/W	25	Active
Fire Officer II	-	Grantsville	2/4/19	M/W	9	Completed
Firefighter I	-	Deep Creek	2/7/19	Th/Sun	10	Active
Firefighter I	-	WMRTC	2/12/19	M/Sat	25	Active
Fire Officer IV	-	Shaft	2/17/19	Sun	14	Active
Pump Operator	-	Deep Creek	3/4/19	M/W	17	Active
Firefighter II	-	WMRTC	3/5/19	T/Th	(9)	Canceled
Site Operations	-	LaVale Fire	3/6/19	M/W	19	Active
Trench Rescue	RES-206-S005-2019	WMRTC	4/28/19	Sat/Sun	(13)	Open / Active
Haz Mat Ops	-	WMRTC	4/8/19	M/W	(16)	Open / Active
<i>*EVO</i>	<i>FIRE-130-S052-2019</i>	<i>Bittinger</i>	<i>4/13/19</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>(9)</i>	<i>Open</i>
FD ISO	MGMT-217-S023-2019	Bowling Green	5/4/19	T/Th/Sat	(18)	Open / Active
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S043-2019</i>	<i>GCCTC</i>	<i>5/4/19</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>(6)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S046-2019</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>6/1/19</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>(5)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Skills</i>	<i>EMS-202-S026-2019</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>6/3/19</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>(6)</i>	<i>Open</i>

Notes:

- Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students
- *red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start
- OOS represents students from out of state

Additional Information

- Course Request Sheets have been finalized. Fall schedule will be posted soon.

Region I MIEMSS Update April 2019

2019 Protocol Update

Protocol updates are on the MIEMSS learning management system in are required to be completed by June 30th

Grants

50/50 matching grants were prioritized, agreement letters will be sent shortly. Priority was given to 12 Lead acquisition, then AEDs, and then to the mechanical chest compression devices.
Garrett County Emergency Services \$17986.39 LP15 12Lead
Deep Creek VFD \$1295.00 LP 1000 AED
Allegany County Emergency Services \$27508.61 (7) Lucas 3 Chest compression Devices (for Cumberland Fire, Cresaptown VFD, Ellerslie Amb., Flintstone VFD, Georges Creek Amb., Lavale Rescue, Tri-Towns EMS)
State Homeland Security Grant: \$200,000 competitive grant, priorities are active assailant, Incident Management Team training, Ambulance Strike Team programs.

MIEMSS Executive Director

Dr. Theodore Delbridge has been announced as the new MIEMSS Executive Director, he started on February 13, 2019

Recertification and MIEMSS Licensure System

- Every provider (EMR, EMT, CRL, and Paramedic) before their recertification date must sign on to the licensure system, under the applications tab select renewal to start the recertification process. If you have not received your new certification card call the Region I Office or MIEMSS Main Office for assistance.
- Providers can view their total credit hours towards recertification by going to training and clicking on reports. To view individual classes use the drop down date selection, click on the go button, then click on the small PDF icon button above the date drop down boxes.
- Everything that a provider needs to do such as affiliation, reinstatement application, application for initial certification, extension request, and change of address etc. should be done on this site. The Licensure System is accessed by going to www.miemss.org and clicking on the large red provider login button at the bottom right of the screen. If anyone has trouble getting on the system they should call 1-800-762-7157 or 410-706-3666 ask for Licensure & Certification.

Pediatric High Performance CPR Rollout

New protocol for HPCPR for pediatric patients is now in new protocols. Classes with high fidelity infant mannequins is available through the Region I Office with 2 hours of continuing education credits.

Upcoming events

- Region I EMS Council –April 18, 7pm, Allegany County DES, Frostburg
- EMS Care April 24th-28th Ocean, City
- Miltenberger 2020 March 14-15th Rocky Gap

Wayne Kitis, work: 301-895-5934, cell: 410-350-1368, email: dkitis@miemss.org



IN MEMORY



Mary Bowman, Deep Creek VFD Auxiliary

Mary Ward, Eastern Garrett County VFR Auxiliary

Bernadena Opal, Eastern Garrett County VFR Auxiliary

Aaron Winters, Shaft VFD, Past President AGCVFRA

Alex "Que" McAlpine, Goodwill Fire Company

Donald Harvey, Bloomington Fire Company

Midland Fire Company

Fish or Chicken Dinner

Every Friday during Lent

Beginning Friday, March 8, 2019

Last night: April 19, 2019

1600—1830 hours

Adults—\$9

Children—\$5

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

Roll and desert

Bowling Green VFD

Bingo Every Friday Night

APRIL 26th and 27th

CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY BBQ CHICKEN -

Dinners are still only \$7.00 and include 1/2 chicken, roll, and choice of two sides OR french fries. Side choices are: mac. salad, potato salad, and baked beans. Dinners start at 11am to 7pm or until sold out. Pre-sale orders also available!

Spaghetti Dinner

Good Will Fire Company

First Friday of each month 4pm-6pm

Fireman's Armory in Lonaconing



MIDLAND FIRE COMPANY

Chicken Dinner

Third Friday of the Month

Next one:

May 17th

1600—1830 or sold out

Adults \$9

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

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

Flintstone VFC

May 4 Gun Bash/Cash Bash

August 2—5 Hill Climb

September 21 150 Club

November 16 Holiday Bash

Questions? Call 301-478-2311

Blood Drive

1:30 –6:00 pm

March 15 September 19

June 11 December 19

Flintstone Auxiliary

Hoagie Sale 2019

Order in: Pick up:

April 24 April 30

June 19 June 25

July 24 July 30

August 21 August 27

September 18 September 24

October 23 October 29

Midland Firemen's Tavern

WINGS Wednesdays

starting at 1700 hours.

Barton Ladies Auxiliary

Public Dinners

2nd Tuesday of the month

From 12:00 to 5:30

Cook books for sale:

301-697-0923

Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Co

ALL YOU CAN EAT WINGS

Starting at 3:00 pm

May 10, 2019

June 14, 2019

GUN BASH

Midland Fire Company

June 15, 2019

1-6 pm

Food and Beverages included

Tickets \$20

Available from Tavern or members



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



Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.!!

•CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

•Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height. •Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory

•Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.

•Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

•If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

•If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.

•If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

•During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

•A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.

•Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

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