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Grantsville 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 Vice President Gene Kidwell on Sunday, February 3rd, at Grantsville Volunteer Fire Company. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Gene Kidwell. The As-

sociation was welcomed by John Vought. Eighteen companies and Twelve Past Presidents were in attendance. Guests included: Kayli Dunithan, Miss Fire Prevention AGCVFRA, Joel McCrea, Candidate 2nd VP MSFA, Barbara McCrea, Pam Kyle, President FCFE,

PP LA AGCVFRA, Todd Dyche, MFRI, Betty Grabenstein, PP LAMSFA, PP LA AGCVFRA.

Information Sharing

MSFA -2nd Vice President Dick DeVore reported that President Richard Blair has scheduled his next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for Saturday, February 9, 2019 and Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the Kent Island Elks, 2525 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD. The meeting will be hosted by the United Community Volunteer Fire Department and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 0900 hours.

Volunteer Company Assistance Fund—Barbara Knippenburg reported that they met January 20, 2019 at Branchville VFD. Three loan applications were approved. Madison VFD, \$242,112 for a new engine, Water Witch VFD, \$228,000 for a new engine, and Fallston, \$387,255 for a new tanker. If your company is interested in submitting an application for a loan,

please contact Barbara.

Garrett County Association: Mike Simmons Next meeting March 27, 2019 at 1930 hours at Kitzmiller.

A. Mike Walters Fellowship of Christian Firefighters Secretary Mary Carr reported that the February 2, 2019 meeting at Ellerslie was cancelled due to weather. The next meeting will be March 1, 2019 at Bloomington.

Information Technology – Jonathan Dayton –reported that the new website is complete, ready to go live. He is looking for information going back to 2015 of Award winners. He would like to have pictures from each company to go with their information.

Special Awards and Recognition— Mike Simmons reminded everyone that it is Banquet season. Don't forget to submit your award

winners to Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Maryland State Firemen's Association. Information on where to submit is available on the website.

Smoke Alarms – Gary Carpenter reported that more donations are coming in. He has been talking to First Alert to get a better deal – Fire Marshall suggested to not purchase too many at a time, as they are only good for ten years.

Legislation:

Legislative Update – John Shuhart reported that MSFA is tracking about 40 different bills. They are working on legislation to increase the income tax modification to \$10,000. To see all of the bills MSFA is watching, go to msfa.org, documents, Legislative updates. They are posted weekly, on Thursdays.

February Fire Safety Resources

U.S. Fire Administration

- *Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February.
- *Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.
- *Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your home.
- *Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
- *Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- *Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- *Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- *Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



Upcoming Meetings:

- **Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee — February 9 & 10, 2019 at United Com VFD, Queen Anne's County**
- **A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast— March 1, 2019 at Bloomington**
- **AGCVFRA - March 3, 2019 at Kitzmiller VFD**
- **Garrett County Fire Rescue Association—March 27, 2019—1930 hours at xx**
- **LA AGCVFRA—March 10, 2019—Friendsville Volunteer Fire Company**



AGCVFRA Meeting

Ways & Means – Gary Carpenter – Baltimore Pike Auxiliary will be making a quilt to raffle, benefitting the Association.

Scholarship Committee: Rod Bowser reported that the *Wings for Pat* event will be held April 13th at Friendsville.

Recruitment and Retention Jonathan Dayton – Working on flyers to be distributed to high schools. Involved in videos to recruit volunteers.

Past Presidents – Dick DeVore reported that he is working on a get-together for the Past Presidents in the near future.

Insurance & Benefits – John Shuhart reported that company

lists of members and beneficiaries was distributed and will be mailed to companies not at the meeting. Payments are due on February 15, 2019. Corriganville has yet to pay for their accident insurance.

Safety – Wayne Rounds – Firefighter cancer—be aware of asbestos in older homes. Firefighters need to have breathing protection during overhaul. Be aware of skin cancer. There was a good article on sprinkler systems in the realtors section of the newspaper this past week.

During an emergency safety and survival alert, personnel are urged to postpone non-emergency tasks to focus on critical safety and survival

MSFA Past President Robert Knippenburg made a motion for the Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association to support Joel McCrea for 2nd Vice President MSFA at the Convention in June. The motion passed.

Good of the Association: Memorial Service for MSFA Convention forms are on the MSFA web page. Pictures and forms must be submitted by March 1st.

Please take action by using the information in the link below to educate and raise the awareness of your Firefighters, EMTs and other responders.

training. During this alert, we will remember the many brothers and sisters whose lives have been lost working on our roadways due to multiple incidents of personnel and apparatus being struck. Firefighters & EMS personnel being struck on our roadways has become an almost daily occurrence. Additionally, there are numerous learning links within the below link.

<https://www.iafc.org/blogs/blog/iafc/2019/02/01/iafc-fire-and-ems-national-emergency-safety-and-survival-alert>

Region I MIEMSS Update February 2019

Region I EMS Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being accepted. Call the Region I office for details.

Recertification and MIEMSS Licensure System

- Every provider (EMR, EMT, CRT, and Paramedic) before their recertification date must sign on 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 into the system, call: 1-800-762-7157 or 410-706-3666 ask for Licensure & Certification

Upcoming events

Miltenberger 2019 Mrch 8-9 Rocky Gap

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13928 Hazmat Drive
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Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County (note: may not reflect entire schedule)

Report Date: January 30, 2019

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	8/15/18	W/Sun	20	Completed
Haz Mat Awareness	-	SGCRS	1/8/19	Tues	16	Completed
EMT	-	GCCTC	1/14/19	M/W/Sat	(5)	Canceled
EMT	EMS-106-S051-2019	WMRTC	2/20/19	Sun/W	(26)	Full / Active
Fire Officer II	MGMT-202-S022-2019	Grantsville	2/4/19	M/W	(7)	Open / Active
Firefighter I	FIRE-101-S049-2019	Deep Creek	2/7/19	Th/Sun	(11)	Open / Active
Firefighter I	FIRE-101-S054-2019	WMRTC	2/12/19	M/Sat	(25)	Open / Active
Fire Officer IV	MGMT-401-S010-2019	Shaft	2/17/19	Sun	(12)	Open / Active
*Pump Operator	FIRE-113-S029-2019	Deep Creek	3/4/19	M/W	(6)	Open
*Firefighter II	FIRE-201-S037-2019	WMRTC	3/5/19	T/Th	(7)	Open
Site Operations	RES-101-S036-2019	WMRTC	3/6/19	M/W	(13)	Open / Active
*Trench Rescue	RES-206-S005-2019	WMRTC	4/6/18	Sat/Sun	(6)	Open
*Haz Mat Ops	HM-102-S063-2019	WMRTC	4/8/19	M/W	(7)	Open
*EVO	FIRE-130-S052-2019	Bittinger	4/13/19	Sat/Sun	(3)	Open

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

Additional Information

1. Updated federal standards have modified the Haz Mat classes.
2. Massive thank you to A/G Association for purchasing a new ice machine at WMRTC (see attached).
3. WMRTC will receive new 6000 psi compressor and LP props from last AFG.



IN MEMORY



Dale E. Rodehaver, Accident VFC

Leon D. Beitzel, Bittering VFC

Midland Fire Company

Chicken Dinner

Friday, February 15, 2019

1600—1830 hours

Adults—\$9

Children—\$5

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

Bittering Vol. Fire Dept.

SPRING CASH BASH

April 6, 2019

Doors open at noon

2 chances to win per ticket

Tickets \$ 30

Guests \$25

MARCH GUN RAFFLE

Eastern Garrett Co VFRD

March 2, 2019

1—6 pm

Food & Beverages included

Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Co

ALL YOU CAN EAT

WINGS

Starting at 3:00 pm

February 8, 2019

April 12, 2019

May 10, 2019

June 14, 2019

Spaghetti Dinner



Good Will Fire Company

First Friday of each month 4pm-6pm

Fireman's Armory in Lonaconing

Midland Firemen's Tavern

WINGS Wednesdays

starting at 1700 hours.

Friendsville Vol Fire Dept

GUN BASH

February 23, 2019

11am—6pm

Bowling Green VFD

Bingo Every Friday Night

Flintstone VFC

March 2 150 Club

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:
February 20	February 26
March 20	March 26
April 24	April 30
June 19	June 25
July 24	July 30
August 21	August 27
September 18	September 24
October 23	October 29

Barton Ladies Auxiliary

Public Dinners

2nd Tuesday of the month

From 12:00 to 5:30

Cook books for sale:

301-697-0923

Oakland Fire Department

2019 MEGA BASH

March 9, 2019

Noon—6pm Doors open at 11

185 Drawings

\$33,550 in prizes

Only 500 tickets sold

2 chances to win per ticket

Food & Beverages included

\$100 per ticket includes one guest

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

Deep Creek Vol Fire Co

Gun & Cash Bash

March 23, 2019

1—6 pm doors open at noon

Donation \$25

Guest \$25

Includes chances to win 10 guns, cash prizes and a grand prize of a 4-wheeler



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AGCVFRA.com

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

**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



Fire Safety during Winter Storms

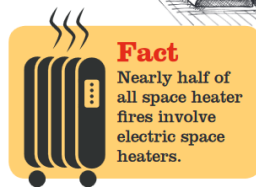
Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Fact

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

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