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Bittinger 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 Gene Kidwell on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at the Bittinger Fire Company. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Jonathan Dayton. The Association was welcomed by Assis-

tant Chief Darren Yoder. Seventeen companies and nine Past Presidents were in attendance. Guests included: Pam Kyle, President FCFF, Georgann Shuhart, Treasurer LA AGCVFRA, Betty Grabenstein, PP LA AGCVFRA, PP LA MSFA, Barbara Corbin, PP LA AGCVFRA, Dwayne

Kitis, MIEMSS, Mike Faust, President MSFA, Chuck Walker, First Vice President MSFA, Joel McCrea, Second Vice President MSFA, Delegate Mike McKay, Donna Struntz, Sr. Vice President LA MSFA

Agencies and Organizations

MSFA

President Mike Faust: Secretary will send out a report to each County Association President following each executive committee meeting. Please keep the three presidents and kate informed about anything important going on in companies throughout the state. Recruitment and Retention are a major priority this year. President Faust is requesting that each company that received a VCAF Loan this past year to send a letter to their legislators requesting them to support funding of this resource for the volunteers of our state. Ben Kurtz candidate for 2nd VP in 2020

1st Vice President Chuck Walker: If there is anything that MSFA can do for you or your company let them know.

2nd Vice President Joel McCrea: Reported that they have met with the partners, since convention to kick off the year. They plan to keep an open line of communications with the partners. Thanks to Tim Dayton for agreeing to serve on Executive Committee

Executive Committee—Tim Dayton reported that .

\$10,000 – Raffle Winners -
\$10,000 -Bunker Hill VFC -
Prince George’s County
\$2,500 - Michael Carey

\$1,500 - Mark Dixon
\$1,000 - Janet Bliss
\$750 - Potomac Fire Company
\$500 - Heather Haller
\$250 - Danuta Walters
\$100 - Huntingtown VFD
\$100 - Union Bridge VFC
\$100 - Michele Amereihn
Volunteer Company Assistance Fund—Barbara Knippenburg reported that the next meeting Sunday, August 25th at Odenton Fire Department. Please contact Barbara if you are interested in submitting an application. If you have received a grant or loan in the past, please write a letter to your legislators supporting increasing this fund.

Summer Safety Tips

Activity safety

*Never swim near a marina, boat, or boat launching ramp.

*Always use U.S. Coast Guard approved life safety jackets.

*Adults need to stay with children when they are around water.

*Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls, and toys after you get out of the pool.

*Always swim with a buddy.

*Always wear a bike helmet and bright clothes when cycling so people can see you. Put reflectors on your bike.

*Ride with both hands on the handlebars. Ride in single file with traffic. Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights



Upcoming Meetings:

- **Maryland State Firemens Association Executive Committee— September 21, 22, 2019 Bay District VFD**
- **A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast— August 3rd 0830 hours—District 16**
- **AGCVFRA - August 4th— 1400 hours—Northern Garrett Rescue Squad**
- **AGCVFRA Convention June 6, 2020**
- **LA AGCVFRA—September 23, 2019 Eastern Garrett VFD**
- **Garrett County Fire Rescue Association— Oakland -July 31st —1930 Hrs.**



Congratulations to the new inductees into the MIEMSS Region I Hall of Fame! Pictured are (left to right) Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS Region I and II Administrator; Jonathan Dayton, AGCVFRA Vice President; James Dawson, Inductee George's Creek Ambulance Service; Allen Ruby, Inductee, Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company; Dr. Richard Perry, Inductee Garrett County Jurisdictional Medical Director; Dr. Ted Delbridge, MIEMSS Executive Director; Dr. Timothy Chizmar, MIEMSS State EMS Medical Director; Dr. Janelle Martin, MIEMSS Region I Medical Director.

Photo courtesy of Doug Bietzel



AGCVFRA Meeting

Past Presidents—the group is planning a picnic at Bittering Fire Company sometime in August. The date will be announced when plans are finalized.

Fire Police—If you would like them to work your event, send a letter, at least 30 days in advance, to: Sheriff Dept. PO Box 359 Cumberland, MD 21502, attention President of Fire Police and one to Gary Carpenter.

Fire Prevention: Donna Struntz reported the Committee is working on rebuilding this committee, events, and fund raising,

Jonathan Dayton reported that the meeting they held was very productive. They are coming up with new ideas for promoting fire prevention. There will be a TV and gift card to be raffled off during Fire Prevention Week. They are looking to put out advertising for companies. They have taken over the AGCVFRA mail box for Fire Prevention and Recruitment and Retention committees. The Fire Prevention Ambassador application had to be updated to be compliant with State Association.

Smoke Alarms: Gary Carpenter reported that he has found a source for reasonably priced smoke alarms and will be sending out information to the companies when he receives them.

Scholarship Committee – Rod Bowser reported that checks have been sent to Frostburg University for the two Patricia Bowser Scholarship winners this year.

Recruitment and Retention: Jonathan Dayton reported that they are working on videos to reach out to the public.

Convention – The next AGCVFRA Convention will be held at Bowman's Addition

Insurance & Benefits – John Shuhart - All companies have paid their relief fund.

Dwayne Kitis—MIEMSS Region I Update July/Aug 2019

MIEMSS Region I and II Regional Administrator

Dwayne Kitis will now serve as the Regional Administrator for both regions I & II. In his expanded role, Dwayne will serve as the agency's representative to Garrett, Allegany, Frederick, and Washington Counties. Additionally, we intend to hire one Associate Regional Administrator in the near future to assist Dwayne and Diane in providing coverage to these four counties.

2019 Protocol Update

Protocol updates are on the MIEMSS learning management system should have been completed by June 30th

Pocket Protocols are being distributed see your county EMS Chief. Latest list of those who have not completed the update was sent to the jurisdictions beginning of July.

Lifepak 12 Modem Upgrade

Lifepak 12 monitors purchased before 2018 will need their modem upgraded for transmission of 12 lead ECG. 3G modems will no longer be supported after December.

Pediatric High Performance CPR Rollout

The Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model is a voluntary, five-year payment model that will provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address emergency health care needs of Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) beneficiaries following a 911 call. Medicare currently pays for emergency ground ambulance services only when beneficiaries are transported to a limited number of covered destinations. This creates a perverse incentive to bring beneficiaries to high-acuity, high-cost settings (e.g., hospital emergency departments (EDs), even when a lower-acuity, lower-cost setting may more appropriately meet an individual's needs. A payment model that corrects these misaligned incentives has the potential to improve the quality of care and lower costs to Medicare by reducing avoidable transports to the hospital ED and potentially reducing avoidable inpatient admissions.

Triage – including 911 call centers triaging patients and transferring calls to appropriate medical professional (i.e. social work, Register Nurse, etc)

Transport- Transport to alternative destinations (i.e. local urgent care, detoxification facility, psychiatric facility, etc.)

Treat & Release- Treat in home without transport

Jurisdictions wishing to utilize these models and the ability to be reimbursed by Medicare must submit the application to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (available soon) and have an MIEMSS approved protocol/program for any of the ET3 Models.

Upcoming events

Region I EMS Council –July 18, 7pm, Garrett College CTTC, Accident

Ambulance/EMS Vehicle Inspections: Garrett County Tuesday, October 1st

ALLEGANY GARRETT COUNTIES VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 HOFFMAN FIELD, FROSTBURG ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring the whole family to cheer on your hometown fire company as they compete in feats of strength and agility. While you're watching the competition, visit with local groups to learn more about how to live a healthier life and earn great prizes!

Admission is free!

Learn more by visiting: [f @hometownhealthyallegany](https://www.facebook.com/hometownhealthyallegany)

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

Report Date: July 15, 2019

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	2/20/19	Sun/W	25	Active
FD ISO	-	Bowling Green	5/4/19	T/Th/Sat	15	Completed
EMT Refresher	-	WMRTC	6/1/19	Sat/Sun	13	Completed
EMT Skills	-	WMRTC	6/3/19	M/W	11	Completed
Protective Equipment and SCBA	-	Kitzmilller	6/12/19	W/Th	10	Completed
*EVO	FIRE-130-S002-2020	Tri-Towns	8/10/19	Sat/Sun	(5)	Open
Site Ops	RES-101-S001-2020	Kitzmilller	8/14/19	W/Th	(16)	Open / Active
*HM Awareness	HM-103-S002-2020	Kitzmilller	8/17/19	Sat	(4)	Open
*EMT	EMS-106-S004-2020	GCCTTC	8/19/19	M/W/Sun	(5)	Open
*EMT	EMS-106-S005-2020	WMRTC	8/20/19	T/Sat	(11)	Open
*Firefighter I	FIRE-101-S003-2020	Grantsville	8/26/19	M/W	(4)	Open
*EMS Officer I	MGMT-203-S003-2020	GCCTTC	9/3/19	T	(0)	Open
Firefighter II	FIRE-201-S004-2020	Deep Creek	9/3/19	T/Th	(13)	Open / Active
*Fire Officer I	MGMT-201-S001-2020	WMRTC	9/15/19	Sun	(4)	Open
*Firefighter I	FIRE-101-S004-2020	WMRTC	9/15/19	W/Sun	(11)	Open
*Fire Officer III	MGMT-301-S001-2020	Grantsville	9/23/19	M/W	(5)	Open
*Protective Equip & SCBA	FIRE-099-S002-2020	Southern Garrett	9/25/19	M/W	(1)	Open

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



IN MEMORY



Edgar Roy Yoder—Northern Garrett Co Rescue Squad

Betty Grace Wolford—Corriganville Vol Fire Co Auxiliary

Esther McGann—Mt Savage Ladies Auxiliary

George L. Shingler—Tri-Towns Vol Fire Co

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

Cumberland Valley
Volunteer Firemen's
Association
Convention is in
Berkeley Springs
August 1-3 with the
Parade and Muster in
Hancock on Saturday
August 3. Information
is at www.cvvfa.org

FRIENDSVILLE GUN BASH

SATURDAY, October 5, 2019

Friendsville Volunteer
Fire & Rescue Department

\$30 Donation

Two numbers on each ticket

Doors open at 1500 hrs

Ticket must be presented at door

Must be 18 to attend

Flintstone VFC

2019 Functions:

August 2-5	Hill Climb
Sept 21	150 club
Nov. 16	Holiday Bash

Blood Drive

1:30 - 6:00

September 19

December 19

For questions or information call 301-478-2311

Midland Firemen's Tavern

WINGS Wednesdays

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

Midland Fire Company

Chicken Dinner

Friday, July 19th

Friday, August 16th

1600—1830 hours

Adults—\$9

Children—\$5

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

Spaghetti Dinner

Good Will Fire



Company

First Friday of

each month

4pm-6pm

Fireman's Armory

in Lonaconing

Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department

Chicken BBQ

Saturday, August 10th starting at 3

Includes "Original" Bittinger Beans,
coleslaw, and roll



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



Motor homes, campers, and recreational vehicles are used for living and traveling. Each year, fires in them cause deaths, injuries, and millions of dollars in damages. Fires can start in the kitchen. They can start in the engine area. Sometimes the fires are electrical. With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent these fires from happening.

SAFETY TIPS

- *Install smoke alarms. Make sure they work.
- *Stay in the kitchen while you cook. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- *Only use one heat-producing appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet.
- *Refrigerators, furnaces, ovens and stovetops use propane for fuel. Check them for leaks. Keep an updated gas detector on board.
- *Have your propane system inspected to make sure it still works properly.
- *Have two ways out. Make sure windows open easily.
- *Have everyone practice the home fire escape plan.
- *Do not keep camping heaters and lanterns on while sleeping.
- *Before setting up a campfire, make sure it is allowed.
- *If campfires are allowed, they need to be at least 25 feet away from anything that burns.
- *Have your vehicle serviced by a qualified mechanic.
- *Keep a portable fire extinguisher on board.

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