



# The Bulletin

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## One Hundred Seventh Annual Convention

### *Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association*

#### A. Mike Walters Chapter Fellowship of Christian Firefighters

##### Prayer Breakfast

Pam Kyle, President FCFE welcomed everyone to the prayer breakfast. Midland Fire Company, welcomed everyone to Midland Fire Company. Breakfast was served by the DNR Forest

Service in appreciation for all of the help they receive from the volunteer Fire and Rescue companies. The message was given by Association Past President Dick DeVore. President

Pam Kyle invited everyone to attend the first Saturday of each month at 0830 hours.

##### Memorial Service

The Memorial Service was held at The Allegany County Fairgrounds. Chaplain Calvin "Pete" Walbert greeted the group.

The colors were presented by the Presidents Robert Pattison and Jane Ann McAlpine., Vice Presidents Gene Kidwell and Tricia Blank.

The message was given by Rev. Thomas Morgan

Reading of Deceased Members:

Rose Schurg, Secretary LA Linda Teaford, Chaplain LA

Dick DeVore, Secretary AGCVFRA Calvin Walbert, Chaplain AGCVFRA

Bell Ringer: Dave Kyle

Line of Duty Deaths: Dick Devore

The bulletin for the service was donated by Chaplain Pete Walbert in memory of the Past Presidents and the Fallen Emergency Personnel.



##### Safety Tips

Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

>Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.

>If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.

>Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning. Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.

>Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.

##### Upcoming Meetings:

- Maryland State Firemens Association Executive Committee— September 21, 22, 2019 Bay District VFD
- A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast—July 6th— 0830 hrs— Delegate Mike McKay's Home
- AGCVFRA - July 14th— 1400 hrs—Bittering Fire Company
- AGCVFRA Convention June 6, 2020
- LA AGCVFRA—September 23, 2019 Eastern Garrett VFD
- Garrett County Fire Rescue Association— Oakland -July 31st —1930 Hrs.





# 107th Convention AGCVFRA

## Awards Ceremony

The 107th Annual Convention of the Allegheny Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association was called to order by President Robert Pattison on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at The Allegany County Fairgrounds. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Gene Kidwell. The Association was welcomed by Cumberland Hose Company, the first Volunteer Company in Allegany County.



Firefighter of the Year Award: Eli Crowe



Fire Prevention Award presented to Potomac Fire Company. Accepted by Chief Tim Dayton



Hero Award: Brycen Ritchie



Robert Shimer Award: presented to Jonathan Dayton



Junior Firefighter of the Year: Dawson Ternent

*Hall of Flame—*  
Baltimore Pike  
Charles "Buddy" Jones  
Gary Carpenter  
Steve Hout



EMS Person of the Year: Mahlon Peachy



1st Place  
Fire Lady of the Year—  
Penny Lewis



2nd Place  
Fire Lady of the Year -  
Donna Struntz



1st Place Auxiliary of the Year —Eastern Garrett County VFRD Auxiliary



2nd Place Auxiliary of the Year—Goodwill Fire Company Auxiliary



MSFA 2019/20 Jr. Miss Fire Prevention Western Maryland:  
Taylor Simmons





# 107th Convention AGCVFRA

## Patricia A. Bowser Emergency Services Scholarship



Patricia A. Bowser Emergency Services Scholarship presented to Lacey Day, Allegheny County (above) by Rodney Bowser,

Patricia A. Bowser Emergency Services Scholarship presented to Cameron Hook, Garrett County (below) by Rodney Bowser, Committee Chairman.



# 107th Convention



Outstanding job by the DNR Forest Service!





***Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association  
2019—2020 Officers***



Pictured Left to Right: Treasurer John Shuhart, Vice President Jonathan Dayton, President Gene Kidwell, Secretary Rodney Bowser, Chaplain Calvin “Pete” Walbert, and absent from picture Editor Barbara Knippenburg

*Photo by Ron Watkins*

***107th Annual Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association  
Parade Winners Bowling Green VFD Parade***

***Best Appearing in Association***

***Engine 1500 GPM and up— Mt. Savage VFD***

***Engine 1250 GPM and above— Rawlings***

***Brush Truck - Bloomington VFD***

***Mini Pumper - Barton Hose Company***

***Tanker - Midland Fire Company***

***Ambulance— Tri-Towns EMS***

***Engine Tanker - Potomac Fire Company***

***Engine Rescue— Baltimore Pike VFD***

***Utility— Ellerslie VFD***

***Company— Goodwill Fire Company***

***Best Appearing out of Association***

***Engine, Ridgeley***





## Association

**IN MEMORY**

2018-2019

## Auxiliary

Accident VFD

Dale F. Rodeheaver

Baltimore Pike VFD

Eddie Parker

Bittinger VFD

Leon D. Beitzell

Bloomington VFD

Donald G. Harvey

Bowling Green VFD

Davie M. Zimmerman

Cresaptown FD

Carl E. Winters

Deep Creek VFD

John M. Ackerman

Deer Park VFD

Ralph W. Iivengood

Larry L. Lewis

District 16 VFD

Harold L. McDonald

Frostburg VFD

Donald F. Dickel

George's Creek Ambulance

Betty M. Dawson

Goodwill VFD

Alexander "Cue" McAlpine

Grantsville VFD

Virgil C. Beachy

Kitzmiller VFD

Shirley A. Coleman

George E. Brady, Jr.

Midland Fire Company

William Urbas

Ronald H. Rennie

Oldtown VFD

PP Dennis R. "Denny" Mallery

Shaft VFD

Patricia M. McGowan

PP G. Aaron Winters

Bittinger FD

Doris D. Knox

Marguerite L. Brenneman

Bowling Green FD

Sharron L. King

Bowmans Addition VFD

Dorothy Boyd

Corriganville VFD

Helen M. Norris

Cresaptown VFD

PP Shirley A. Walbert

Deep Creek VFD

Mary L. Bowman

Eastern Garrett VFD

Beatrice C. Opel

Mary M. Ward

Good Will VFD

PP Harriet W. Hutcheson

Grantsville VFD

Ruth E. Newmad

Shelby M. Diehl

Stella Edwards

*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

## Accident's Homecoming

Thursday

July 4, 2019

Events starting at  
0900

Parade at 1100

Everyone Welcome!

Spaghetti  
Dinner

Good Will Fire

Company

First Friday of  
each month

4pm-6pm

Fireman's Armory

## 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

Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department

## Chicken BBQ

Saturday, July 13th starting at 3

Saturday, August 10th starting at 3

Includes "Original" Bittinger Beans,  
coleslaw, and roll

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

1600—1830 hours

Adults—\$9

Children—\$5

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

What is  
your  
company  
doing this  
summer?



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### **When the warmer weather hits, there's nothing better than the smell of food on the grill.**

Seven out of every 10 adults in the U.S. have a grill or smoker\*, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

In 2013-2017, fire departments went to an annual average of 10,200 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, including 4,500 structure fires and 5,700 outside or unclassified fires. These fires caused an annual average of 10 civilian deaths, 160 civilian injuries and \$123 million in direct property damage.

#### SAFETY TIPS

- \*Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- \*The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- \*Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- \*Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- \*Never leave your grill unattended.
- \*Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it

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

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