



# The Bulletin

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## *Midland 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 met Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Midland Fire Company. President Bobby Pattison called the meeting to order. The

Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Gene Kidwell. The Association was welcomed by Barbara Knippenburg. Twenty companies and thirteen Past Presidents were in attendance. Guests

included: Betty Grabenstein, PP LA MSFA, PP LA AGCVFRA; Pam Kyle, President A. Mike Walters Chapter FCFR

#### *Information Sharing*

**MSFA -Volunteer Company Assistance Fund—Barbara Knippenburg reported** that their next meeting would be held Sunday, August 25, 2019 at Odenton. If your company is interested in submitting an application for a loan, please contact Barbara.

**Information Technology – Jonathan Dayton** reported that Convention information is available for download from website: agcvfra. net

**Convention –** Committee met two weeks ago. Forms are on the website to download. Meals will be catered. Breakfast and lunch will be the only meals served. Bowling Green will be in charge of the parade. Convention Ribbons have been ordered. Joint awards program will be presented following the noon meal. Checks for meals and convention book ads should be made out to Allegany Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

**By-Laws – Robert Knippenburg** – none have been submitted

**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 May 4th at Oldtown Fire Company with nineteen present.

**Fire Prevention Events –** working on creating more interest in Miss Fire Prevention competition.

**Smoke Alarms – Gary Carpenter** reported that he is working on getting a better price on the alarms. He will be purchasing a limited number of alarms at any one time since they have an expiration date.

**Scholarship Committee - Rod Bowser** reported that he has only received two applications and will be setting up a meeting of the committee.

**Recruitment and Retention** Jonathan Dayton – reported

that the Firefighter competition will be held in September. It will lead up to Fire Prevention Week.

**LODD Memorial Committee –Gary Carpenter –** Working on the latest Past President brick for PP Aaron Winters.

**Insurance & Benefits –** John Shuhart reported that Relief fund has not been paid by Bedford Road, Eastern Garrett, Bowman's Addition and Orleans.

**Auditing – Mike Simmons** reported that the books will be done this month.

**Unfinished Business:** Dues have not been received from Bloomington, Ellerslie Ambulance, and Orleans.

**Next Meeting: June 1, 2019**  
*Convention at Fairgrounds*

**Next Prayer Breakfast:**  
*June 1, 2019 Convention at Fairgrounds*

#### **Beach Safety Tips**

**RIP CURRENTS/DANGEROUS WAVES**

*Know Your Action*

Swim at a beach with lifeguards  
Never swim alone  
If caught in rip...relax and call for help and swim along the shoreline

**HEAT**

*Know Your Action*

Remain hydrated  
Use sunscreen  
Find shade—beach umbrella  
Cool off in water

**LIGHTENING**

*Know Your Action*

Remain weather-ready  
If you hear thunder or see lightning—go immediately to an enclosed building or hard-topped vehicle

**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

Get beach-specific forecasts at [weather.gov/beach](http://weather.gov/beach)



#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- **Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee – Convention June 15, 2019 Ocean City Convention Hall**
- **A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast— June 1, 2019 Convention at Fairgrounds**
- **AGCVFRA - June 1, 2019 Convention at Fairgrounds**
- **Garrett County Fire Rescue Association— May 29, 2019, 1930 hours at Northern Rescue at Friendsville**
- **LA AGCVFRA— June 1, 2019 Convention at Fairgrounds**



## AGCVFRA Meeting

### Safety—Wayne Rounds—

#### Firefighter injury cause: Exposure to hazards Hepatitis A & B

It's been said numerous times before, "firefighting is a dangerous occupation." The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that approximately 80,000 injuries occur annually to firefighters. Data analysis further tells us that approximately 20 percent of firefighter injuries are caused by an exposure to a hazard. Hepatitis can cause inflammation of the liver and comes in four forms, the first two are:

1. Hepatitis A—acquired through contact with stool (feces)

2. Hepatitis B (HBV)

(a) Acquired through contact with blood and other bodily fluids.

(b) Known to live in dried blood for many days, posing a risk for long after most other common viruses would have died.

(c) Can be deadly.

(d) Can cause cancer of the liver.

(e) Hepatitis B shots are a critical vaccination to help prevent a disease that can cause cancer.

How does this relate to your organization's experience? What can you do to help prevent this type of injury?

Recognizing how to prevent injuries and illness is EVERYONE'S responsibility

### Ways & Means – Gary Carpenter – Christmas Quilt— Tickets will be 6 for \$5— Drawing in November



Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute  
University of Maryland  
Western Maryland Regional Training Center  
Post Office Box 5153  
13928 Hazmat Drive  
Cresaptown, MD 21502-5153

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

Report Date: April 30, 2019

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	2/20/19	Sun/W	25	Active
Firefighter I	-	Deep Creek	2/7/19	Th/Sun	10	Canceled
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	Completed
Site Operations	-	LaVale Fire	3/6/19	M/W	19	Active
Trench Rescue	-	WMRTC	4/28/19	Sat/Sun	(10)	Canceled
Haz Mat Ops	-	WMRTC	4/8/19	M/W	15	Active
EVO	-	Bittinger	4/13/19	Sat/Sun	14	Active
FD ISO	MGMT-217-S023-2019	Bowling Green	5/4/19	T/Th/Sat	(15)	Open / Active
EMT Refresher	-	GCCTTC	5/4/19	Sat/Sun	(6)	Canceled
<b>*EMT Refresher</b>	<b>EMS-203-S046-2019</b>	<b>WMRTC</b>	<b>6/1/19</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>*EMT Skills</b>	<b>EMS-202-S026-2019</b>	<b>WMRTC</b>	<b>6/3/19</b>	<b>M/W</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>Open</b>

- 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

- Fall courses are online at [www.mfri.org](http://www.mfri.org).
- New gas props have arrived at WMRTC. Should be in place for the fall semester.

## Summer Safety Tips

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

**Fire safety**

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.

**10 feet**





## IN MEMORY



*John M Ackerman, McHenry Deep Creek Fire*

*Eddie Parker, Baltimore Pike Vol Fire Co*

### Baltimore Pike Fire Department

**Indoor Yard Sale**  
**May 24 & 25**  
**0800—1300 hours**

**Roast Beef Dinner**  
**June 8th**  
**1500 - 1800 or sold out**  
**Includes:**  
**Roast beef,**  
**mashed potatoes,**  
**green beans,**  
**salad,**  
**roll,**  
**desert,**  
**iced tea or water**  
**\$9.00**

**Bowling Green VFD**  
**Bingo Every Friday Night**

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

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  
June 11

September 19  
December 19

### Flintstone Auxiliary

#### Hoagie Sale 2019

Order in:	Pick up:
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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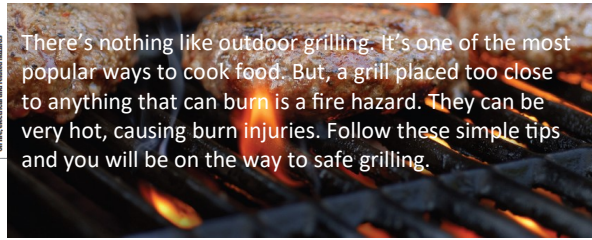
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WEB—  
AGCVFRA.NET

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

## Grilling Safety



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.



### 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.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- \* There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- \* If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- \* Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- \* There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- \* When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container

### Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill. If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **15 minutes** before re-lighting it.

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