



# The Bulletin

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*Dennis Mallery*

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*Gone, but not forgotten...*



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## Upcoming Meetings:

- Maryland State Firemens Association Executive Committee — December 1 - 2, Snow Hill Fire Company
- A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast—November 3, Flintstone, 10 am, PG County will be there
- AGCVFRA - November 4, Georges Creek Ambulance, Lonaconing
- Garrett County Fire Rescue Association—Grantsville, November 28, 1930 hours
- LA AGCVFRA—November 11th—Flintstone Fire Co.



Apparatus purchased with assistance from VCAF

# Barton Hose Company No. 1



# Good Will Fire Company No. 1



# Tri-Towns EMS



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: September 24, 2018

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	8/15/18	W/Sun	20	Active
Firefighter I	-	Oakland	8/21/18	Sun/T	13	Active
Firefighter I	-	WMRTC	8/22/18	W/Sat	18	Active
EMS Officer I	-	GCCTTC	8/27/18	W/Sat	(6)	Canceled
Fire Officer III	-	Shaft	9/9/18	Sun	11	Active
Pump Operator	-	Deep Creek	9/15/18	Sat	(6)	Canceled
Confined Space Rescue	-	Gorman	9/15/18	Sat	9	Testing
Firefighter II	-	WMRTC	9/16/18	Sun	15	Active
Haz Mat Ops	-	Deep Creek	9/18/18	T/Th	(6)	Canceled
Fire Officer I	-	Allegany PS	9/22/18	Sat	(1)	Canceled
VME	-	Westernport	9/29/18	Sat	(13)	Open / Active
EMR Refresher	EMS-207-S003-2019	Grantsville	10/1/18	MW	(5)	Open / Active
EMS Officer I	-	Frostburg Ambulance	10/2/18	Tues	(1)	Canceled
<b>*Haz Mat Ops</b>	<b>HM-102-S017-2019</b>	<b>WMRTC</b>	<b>10/15/18</b>	<b>M/Thur</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>CANCELED</b>
<b>*EVO</b>	<b>FIRE-130-S012-2019</b>	<b>GCTTC</b>	<b>10/20/18</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>*Fire Officer II</b>	<b>MGMT-202-S011-2019</b>	<b>Grantsville</b>	<b>10/29/18</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>*EMT Refresher</b>	<b>EMS-203-S017-2019</b>	<b>GCCTTC</b>	<b>11/3/18</b>	<b>Sa/Su</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>Open</b>

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. Each MFRI Region now has a Driving Simulator which can be scheduled for a Company Drill. This simulator utilizes your current apparatus and has a VR component for immense simulation. We will provide the simulation equipment and instructors and if you are interested in running a drill with this equipment, please let the office know.
2. Spring Course Request Sheets have been sent out via email. Please list your training needs and return to appropriate contact by October 15, 2018.
3. A new air compressor will be in service soon at WMRTC. It will accommodate the new SCBA units that utilize higher pressure.
4. Fiber optics now in place at WMRTC. This will increase internet speed and capacity for the facility.
5. WMRTC will be upgrading to all LP props with some new props being added. More to follow.
6. Maryland Weekend at NFA classes are scheduled. If you want to know what they include please contact the office at your convenience. Date will be February 9 and 10 of 2019.

**Allegany County Line of Duty Death  
Memorial Service  
October 14, 2018 at 3 PM  
Allegany County Office Complex  
701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD**



## IN MEMORY



*Dennis Mallery, Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department, Past President, Past Editor, Allegheny Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association,*

### MIDLAND FIRE COMPANY

#### GUN BASH

November 10, 2018

1300—1800 hours

Food and Beverages included

Tickets: \$20

Tickets available from members or at Firemen's Tavern

### ORLEANS Vol. Fire Department

Events for 2018

#### October 14th \*\*\* Hoagie Sale

\$6.00 each— Contact any member to order

#### Nov 9th \*\*\* Meat & Cheese

Drawing

Starts at 7:00 pm

#### December 16th \*\*\* Christmas Dinner

Bring a covered dish, dinner starts at 5:30 pm, Santa at 6:30 pm. Santa will bring a gift for the children.

Fire Department will supply meats.

### 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 LADIES

AUXILIARY

#### HOAGIE SALE

Order Pick-up

Oct 24 Oct 30

### Midland Firemen's Tavern

WINGS Wednesdays

starting at 1700 hours.

### BITTINGER VFD

#### AYCE WINGS & FRIES

Friday, November 2nd

Dine-in: 5pm—8 pm

Adults \$15

10 & under \$6

176 Brenneman Rd

Bittinger, MD

301—245-4414

### Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company Ladies Auxiliary

#### CRAFT FAIR

October 20

9am—2 pm

Food & Bake Sale

Silent Auction

### Barton Ladies Auxiliary

#### Public Dinners

2nd Tuesday of the month

From 3:00 pm to 6:30

Cook books for sale: 301-697-0923

### Spaghetti Dinner

Good Will Fire Company

First Friday of each month 4pm-6pm

Fireman's Armory in Lonaconing



### FLINTSTONE VFC

November 17 Holiday Bash

Questions/information call

301-478-2311

### Oakland VFD's 41st annual Oktoberfest celebration

Celebrating 124 years of service with the Annual Autumn Glory Festival Firemen's Parade on Thursday October 11, 2018.

Parade forms at 5 pm and moves promptly at 7 pm.

This is an open invitation to all Fire and EMS departments.

Any questions email [ovfd.oktoberfest@gmail.com](mailto:ovfd.oktoberfest@gmail.com)

## 4th Annual Holiday Bash

### Corriganville Fire Department

## December 1

Bowling Green VFD  
Bingo Every Friday Night

### MIDLAND FIRE COMPANY

Chicken Dinner

Friday, October 19th

4—6:30 or until sold out

Eat in or carry out

Chicken BBQ  
Corriganville Fire  
Department  
October 13

### All You Can Eat WINGS

Ellerslie Fire  
Department  
October 12  
November 9  
December 14



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

### Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.

# BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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## HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »»» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »»» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »»» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »»» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »»» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »»» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »»» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)



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