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Flintstone 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, September 9, 2018 at the Flintstone Fire Company. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Gene Kidwell. The Association was welcomed by Steve Bowman, Chief of Flintstone Fire Company. Nineteen

companies and eleven Past Presidents were in attendance. Guests included: Betty Grabenstein, PP LAMSFA, PP LA AGCVFRA, Georgann Shuhart, Treasurer LA AGCVFRA, Barbara Corbin, PP LA AGCVFRA, Todd Dyche, MFRI, Mike McKay, Delegate, Pam Kyle, Pres Fellowship of Christain Fire Fighters, Mary Carr, Secretary Fel-

lowship of Christain Fire Fighters, Bill Valentine, Allegany County Commissioner, Amie Hober, Candidate for House of Representatives.

Information Sharing

MSFA

Second Vice President Dick DeVore reported that they are working on an agenda for legislative issues. They have requested an extension on the safer grant to expend all of the funds from that grant

Executive Committee will meet in Snow Hill December 1 & 2.

Volunteer Company Assistance Fund – Barbara Knippenburg reported that the VCAF would meet October 7th at Union Bridge in Carroll County. There are two applications to be considered at that meeting. Fairmount Volunteer Fire Company from Somerset County and Eldorado-Brookview Fire Company of Dorchester County. Any company from Allegany or Garrett County wishing to submit a request should contact her.

Allegany County Emergency Services - Radio system is still being tested. Collecting information from companies for October 1st appropriations, Rocky Gap funds will be release at that time.

Garrett County Association: The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2018 at Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department beginning at 19:30 hours.

Allied law Enforcement Agencies –

Fire Police – Gary Capenter – reported that they had assisted MSP on the Tractor Trailer fire on I 68 (The Great Pepper Fire), Iron rail fest, and Company 9 for flooding in Cresaptown

Fellowship of Christian Firefighters – Secretary Mary Carr reported that they met September 8, 2018 at Bedford Road with 21 present.

Fire Prevention Events - Fire Prevention Week is October 7 – 13, 2018. The Theme this year: Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fires can happen anywhere.

LODD Memorial Committee Gary Carpenter reported that the Allegany County memorial service will be held October 14th, at 1500 hours at the County Office Building. He reported that Christopher Pryor's name has been added to the monument and a spelling error has been corrected. Garrett County memorial service date has not yet been determined.

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Upcoming Meetings:

- **Maryland State Firemens Association Executive Comm— December 1 & 2, Snow Hill Fire Company**
- **A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast—October 6, Barton**
- **AGCVFRA - October 7, Friendsville Vol. Fire & Rescue Department**
- **Garrett County Fire Rescue Association—September 26, Friendsville VFRD 1930 Hours**
- **LA AGCVFRA—November 11th—Flintstone Fire Co.**



Reports

Smoke Alarms: Gary Carpenter reported no progress at this time.

Convention – Dick DeVore reported that they are working on the book.

Insurance & Benefits – John Shuhart reported that accident insurance forms have been distributed to the companies. Please respond with your company's intentions. If your company has worker's comp, we will offer a supplemental plan for workers other than responding to a call.

Past Presidents – Dick DeVore – Past President's Picnic was held at the Accident Community Park in August. A gathering is being planned at Hobos in October. Christmas Party plans are in the works.

Good of the Association: There was a question about the Allegany County LOSAP. At end of 10 years, it will start paying out. Every thing is still on course to do that. They have had two audits by VFIS on that system. Baltimore Pike Fire Company will be doing a flag pole dedication on Tuesday, Sept 11th at 1800. Flag will be raised by their 102 yr old member, who was on the beach at Normandy. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MFRI—Todd Dyche

Additional information:

- 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. If you are interested in running a drill with this equipment, please let the office know.

- Spring Course Request Sheets will be out soon. Be thinking of what classes you would like to host.
- New air compressor will be in service soon at WMRTC. It will accommodate the new SCBA units that utilize higher pressures.
- WMRTC will soon be upgrading to all LP props with some new props being added. More to follow.
- Fiber optics now in place at WMRTC. This will increase the internet speed and capacity for the facility.
- Maryland Weekend at NFA classes are scheduled. If you want to know what they include please contact the office. Dates will be February 9 and 10.

Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Fiscal Year 18 Statistics

Emergency Services Programs 1,897

<u>Field Operations</u>	1,422
<u>Special Programs</u>	271
<u>Company Drills</u>	123
<u>Seminars</u>	81

Students by Programs 35,919

<u>Field Operations</u>	27,296
<u>Special Programs</u>	4,695
<u>Company Drills</u>	2,022
<u>Seminars</u>	1,906

Students by Discipline 35,919

<u>Fire</u>	7,401
<u>EMS</u>	6,029
<u>ALS</u>	1,636
<u>Rescue</u>	2,625
<u>Management</u>	5,773
<u>Hazardous Materials</u>	2,188
<u>Specialty</u>	3,409
<u>Company Drills</u>	2,022
<u>Seminars</u>	1,906
<u>Simulation Center</u>	2,930

Student Hours by Program 782,258

<u>Field Operations</u>	704,493
<u>Special Operations</u>	64,181
<u>Company Drill</u>	6,066
<u>Seminars</u>	7,518



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 7, 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	(14)	Open / Active
Firefighter II	FIRE-201-S007-2019	WMRTC	9/16/18	Sun	(18)	Open / 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	RES-210-S009-2019	Westernport	9/29/18	Sat	(10)	Open
*EMR Refresher	EMS-207-S003-2019	Grantsville	10/1/18	M/W	(4)	Open
*EMS Officer I	MGMT-203-S003-2019	Frostburg Ambulance	10/2/18	Tues	(0)	Open
*Haz Mat Ops	HM-102-S017-2019	WMRTC	10/15/18	M/Thur	(2)	Open
*EVO	FIRE-130-S012-2019	GCTTC	10/20/18	Sat/Sun	(8)	Open
*Fire Officer II	MGMT-202-S011-2019	Grantsville	10/29/18	M/W	(4)	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



Region I MIEMSS Update September 2018

Protocol Update

EMS Protocol Update for 2018 is active, providers should have taken the course by July 1, 2018. Providers should have received a pocket protocol, if not please see your jurisdictions highest EMS official. Providers that have not taken their protocol by the July date will receive a letter not allowing them to run call as an EMS provider in the Region and if not taken the protocol by October they will have their Region I affiliations revoked. An updated list of providers who have not taken their protocol will be provided to the jurisdiction this week.

Recertification and MIEMSS Licensure System

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

Grants

50/50 matching grants should be out in a few weeks, Mechanical Chest Compression devices have been added and can be applied for using this grant. Priority will be given to 12 Lead acquisition, then AEDs, and then to the mechanical chest compression devices.

Region I EMS Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being accepted, see attached form. Call Region I office for more details

Star of Life and Right Care When it Counts Awards

Nominations are being accepted all year long, there are online nomination forms on MIEMSS website. If you know of any outstanding EMS cases or outstanding events that a child helped with, please let the Region I office know and we can help with the nomination.

Region Inspections

Tuesday October 2nd Garrett County Inspections

Wednesday October 3rd Allegany County Ambulance and ALS Chase units, and October 5th Allegany County BLS First Response units—Call Bobby Pattison to get scheduled.

Assistant State EMS Medical Director

Dr. Timothy “Tim” Chizmar has been chosen as the new Assistant State EMS Medical Director, he will work with Dr. Alcorta until Dr. Alcorta’s official retirement in November. See attached memos.

Upcoming events

- Region I EMS Council –Oct18, 7pm, Western Maryland Health System Regional Medical Center
- Miltenberger 2019 March 8-9 Rocky Gap

Dwayne Kitis, work: 301-895-5934, cell: 410-350-1368, email: dkitis@miemss.org



MIEMSS Region I EMS Hall of Fame

In 2017 the MIEMSS Region I EMS Advisory Council Introduced a hall of fame recognition award for anyone with significant contributions to the EMS systems of Allegany and Garrett Counties. The Region I EMS Council will bestow this prestigious honor on people who have served in our great Region I Emergency Medical Services System. **Nominees must have served at least 15 years in our EMS system in any capacity including but not limited to: EMS provider, EMS educator, EMS facilitator, EMS administrator, counselor/CISM team member, medical director, EMS council member, and EMS/fire/rescue company officer, or EMS/fire/rescue company elected official.**

Since the Regional EMS Council may not know the specifics of your nominee, please include all pertinent information in this nomination form or by attaching to this nomination form the related documentation on why your nominee should receive this great honor. Nominations must be received by the MIEMSS Region I Office at the contacts below, no later than January 17, 2019 to be considered for the 2019 induction.

MIEMSS Region I Office, P.O. Box 113, Frostburg, MD 21532

dkitis@miemss.org, or Fax 301-687-0129

MIEMSS Region I EMS Hall of Fame

Nominees Name: _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Provider Level _____ Affiliated Service _____

Nominated By _____

Nominator email Address _____

Nominator Phone Number _____

Pertinent Information Concerning this Nominee:

The assistance to firefighter SAFER grant announcements. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded a total of \$3,357,129 in competitive grant funding for Allegany County first responders. US Senators Cardin and Van Hollen presentation was held Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Frostburg Fire Department.





**LOOK.
LISTEN.
LEARN.**

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org



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2018 Campaign

This year's FPW campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Also, Sparky the Fire Dog® has a new friend, Simon, who is helping teach this year's FPW messages – He's a smart, resourceful character who will join Sparky in spreading fire-safety messages to adults and children alike.

About Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Importance of Fire Prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

On this site, you'll find loads of educational resources to make sure that every person knows what to do in case of a fire. We have everything from apps to videos to printables and much more, to make sure you have the resources you need to keep your family, your community, and your city safe.

Bring Awareness

While children under 5 and adults over 65 are at the highest risk for injury or death in a fire, people of all ages are vulnerable. In fact, the risk of a nonfatal fire injury is highest for those between 20 and 49, showing that fire safety education is essential for everyone. Additional risk factors include race, socio-economic status, education level, and geographic location.

The purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to bring awareness to the risk of death in case of a fire and provide educational resources to people of all ages, races, and socioeconomic status in order to keep everyone safe.



IN MEMORY



Ralph W. Livengood, Deerpark Volunteer Fire Co
Shirley Ann Coleman, Kitzmiller Vol Fire Co
Stella Edwards, Grantsville Vol Fire Co Auxiliary
Carl Eugene Winters, Cresaptown Vol Fire Co
William Urbas, 60 year member of Midland Fire Company
Ronnie Rennie, 49 year member of Midland Fire Company

Out of Association:

Patricia McGowan, Shaft Vol. Fire Co.

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

Sept 19 Sept 25

Oct 24 Oct 30

Midland Firemen's Tavern

WINGS Wednesdays

starting at 1700 hours.

Goodwill Fire Company

GUN & CASH BASH

Saturday, September 15th

3:00 pm

\$20 per ticket

(2 numbers per ticket)

See members for tickets

Eastern Garrett County Volun- teer 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

September 22 150 Club

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

4th Annual Holiday Bash

Corriganville Fire
Department
December 1

Bowling Green VFD
Bingo Every Friday Night

MIDLAND FIRE COMPANY

Chicken Dinner

Friday, September 21st

4—6:30 or until sold out

Eat in or carry out

Chicken BBQ
Corriganville Fire
Department
September 22
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!**

FACTS

*A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

*According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.

*While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it.

*One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- » **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- » **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- » **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- » **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- » **PRACTICE** using different ways out.
- » **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- » **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- » If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- » If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- » **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.



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