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MSFA Mentorship Program

MSFA Mentorship Program Roll Out and Casting Call: Our SAFER Regional Coordinators are excited to bring the new MSFA Mentorship Program to your regions! Mentorship is a vital tool to build relationships between members, keeping your recruitment and retention efforts healthy and strong, but it isn't always easy creating a program from scratch; let us help! If your department would be interested in hosting a training, please get in touch with Heather Gorski at hgorski@msfa.org to coordinate.

We are also looking for those who have had positive experiences with a formal or informal mentorship program in your departments to share your experience. Individuals who have been mentors, mentees and someone who has been integral in the development of a successful program are asked to please send Executive Director Loveless your contact information at kloveless@msfa.org. SAFER Marketing Manager Stephen Jenkins will reach out to coordinate.

REMINDER: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 1-2, 2023 AT FLINTSTONE VFD



MSFA News

MSFA 2nd Vice President Candidate Position for 2023 Now Open:

If you or someone you know is interested in running for the Office of 2nd

- Vice President of the MSFA in 2023, please submit a formal interest letter to the Office of the Secretary.

2023 Convention News

Submissions of department credential forms began on **January 1st** at

- [Convention.msfa.org/registration/department-credentials/](https://convention.msfa.org/registration/department-credentials/)

Program Book ads are now available for purchase online

- [Convention.msfa.org/sponsors/advertising-opportunities/application/](https://convention.msfa.org/sponsors/advertising-opportunities/application/)

Have a class you would like to teach at the beach?

Classes will be limited so get your RFP submitted ASAP.

- The deadline to submit in **March 1, 2023**. The online RFP form is live at [Convention.msfa.org/registration/instructor-proposal/](https://convention.msfa.org/registration/instructor-proposal/)

Maryland State Firemen's Association hosts its annual legislative session at the Calvert House in Annapolis with emergency service partners Maryland State Police Aviation, Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial, Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.





VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

Firefighters

Firefighters do much more than just put out fires. As designated protectors of their communities, they attend to emergency events from fires to road accidents to floods. They also meet with their communities to teach and raise awareness for fire safety.

EMTs

Emergency Medical Technicians are certified to render first aid to patients in the field, then triage, stabilize and transport patients to the hospital. In some areas, EMTs are also special operations personnel that do more than medical assistance.

Support/Admin

We are in constant need of professionals with specialized skills-sets from ALL backgrounds. Non-operational volunteer contributions are critical in day-to-day operations as well as attaining long-term department goals.



Hundreds of Volunteer Fire & EMS departments statewide are seeking passionate, dedicated individuals interested in joining their team as volunteer firefighters, EMTs, support, or administrative member.

Visit Marylandvolunteer.org to learn how you can make a difference and find your second family



Training Save the Dates:

- **March 8-11, 2023** Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar
- **March 12-17, 2023** Staff And Command Course; Annapolis, MD.
Register at WWW.MFRI.ORG.
- **March 25, 2023** Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar; MFRI HQ
College Park
- **March 30-31, 2023** 1st Responder Conference on Mental Health and Wellness;
Ocean City
- **April 23, 2023** Annual MSFA Cancer Walk of Hope, Annapolis

Online Training

Free NFPA Courses to Reduce Risk and Help Firefighters Stay Safe in 2023:

Visit info.vectorsolutions.com/nfpa-firefighter-cancer-awareness-ptsd-training for more information

"Firefighting is a dangerous profession – not only on the fireground where the risks are obvious. Cancer and PTSD are well-known threats for first responders. To help the fire service reduce their health risks and raise awareness, Vector Solutions, formerly TargetSolutions, is making two of its most important NFPA training courses free of charge.

NFPA 1851: Cancer-Related Risks of Firefighting

NFPA 1500: PTSD in the Fire Industry

These two online video-based courses are written to NFPA standards and feature engaging interactions, real-life case studies, and critical lessons and prevention strategies for first responders."

Editor's Corner



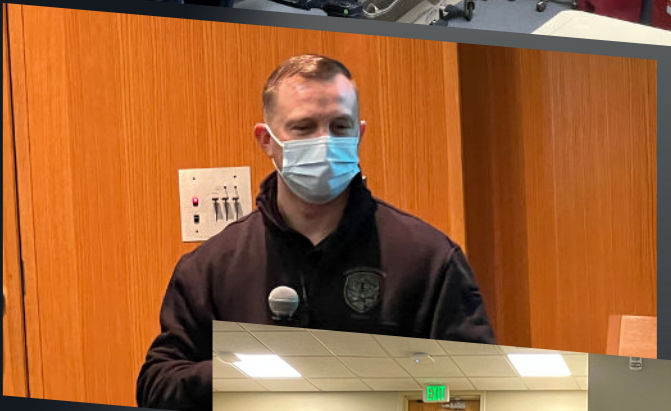
My second topic for the Editor's Corner will focus on **young member engagement in non-fire suppression** activities. I've been involved with the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association for several years. Over those several years, I have witnessed the unfortunate decline in participation to where it has become hard to have enough delegates to have a quorum at specific meetings. With an aging population of members participating in these groups and no younger members stepping up to give their time to help better the fire service, it has become a unique challenge.

I have various opinions, but members need to be engaged in operations and administrative duties, including volunteering some time with your local fire rescue association. It no longer can be a good ole boy network for senior members, and a culture of "things will always remain the same" attitude from younger. Senior members must have open minds about new ideas and changes that can ultimately improve firefighter safety, operations, community involvement, recruitment, and retention. Younger members can't always complain about no change if they don't get involved on different committees, like recruitment and retention, legislative, safety, etc. It's easy for me to sit here and type away and say find the balance among your department and members, but it's much easier said than done and takes time, cool heads, and open minds. Some of the smartest Chiefs and Presidents I know lack this mindset, and some of my fellow firefighters lack it. So please take a second to reflect on your feelings and perceptions; the fire service will be better for it.

This new section of the Volunteer Trumpet will highlight everything from member departments, volunteers, leadership development, operational and tactics quizzes, officer development, recruitment and retention best practices, and so much more.

Because this section of the newsletter is meant to share ideas and start conversations, I want to hear from the readership new topics that I should cover and ways that we can work on expanding the readership of the Trumpet. If you have a topic you'd like me to write about, please send ideas to Jonathan Dayton at jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com.

Jonathan



The Maryland State Firemen's Association Safety Committee recently visited the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland. Shock Trauma is dedicated to treating the critically sick and severely injured and employing groundbreaking research and innovative medical procedures with one goal in mind: saving lives.

Chip's Firehouse Logbook
Volunteer Trumpet
By Chief Clarence "Chip" Jewell
Long Gone Fire Companies of MSFA Past
Presidents

At a recent MSFA Executive Committee meeting, several people were talking about some of the long-ago past presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This led to an additional discussion of the locations of some of the volunteer fire companies some of these president's that have been lost to history. A review of the listing of past president's notes volunteer fire companies in Roland Park, Hamilton, Raspeburg, and Sparrows Point as home departments. Some further research has led to some interesting questions.

B. Z. Stanton was president of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in 1907 – 1908. According to the book *Hands, Horses and Engines*, co-authored by the late Gary Frederick, retired Baltimore City Fire Department Assistant Chief and noted fire service historian, a fire station was constructed in Roland Park, then in Baltimore County, in 1895 by Joseph J. Willis. Interestingly, there is no notation the fire company was a volunteer station, but rather the history notes two members were "appointed," making the station Baltimore County Engine 11. Another book by Chief Frederick noted later in this article changes the company number to Engine 12

Hands, Horses, and Engines also state the existence of the Roland Park Fire Board, which indicates an independent governing organization outside the scope of the Baltimore County Fire Department. The Roland Park Fire Board purchased the first motorized fire apparatus in Baltimore County in 1901. The unit was a Webb-Thomas motorized pumping engine with a 750 GPM pump, chemical engine, 700 feet of 2 ½ inch hose, and two ladders. Roland Park responded with an engine to assist at the Great Baltimore Fire in 1904. In the Technical Report of the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 by Chief Frederick that Roland Park responded as Engine 12, indicating the station at the time was a part of the Baltimore County Fire Department.

In 1905, the Roland Park Citizens Committee requested the county commissioners purchase a new combination chemical and hose wagon. The unit was ordered from Charles T. Holloway in April



arrived at the fire company in time to be displayed at the Maryland State Firemen's Convention in Hagerstown. Roland Park was annexed into the City of Baltimore on January 1, 1919. This fire station is still in service today as the home of Engine 44 and Truck 25 of the Baltimore City Fire Department. C. O'B. Diehm from Sparrows Point served as the president of the MSFA from 1911-1913. Around 1900, several volunteer fire companies were organized in the Sparrows Point area. Maryland Steel provided a hose reel to each fire company. In 1907, the volunteer companies even added a hook and ladder, which Maryland Steel provided horses and a paid driver. In 1904, personnel from the Sparrows Point Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 responded to assist at the Great Baltimore Fire with members riding the trolley into the scene. Bethlehem Steel ultimately took over the firefighting responsibilities from the volunteer fire companies and, in more recent years, merged into the Baltimore County Fire Department.

The presidents that are listed from Raspeburg and Hamilton are more confusing. The Raspeburg Post Office presently exists on Bel Air Rd. south of Northern Parkway in the City of Baltimore just prior to entering Baltimore County. There is no indication of an organized fire company in the community area of Raspeburg. However, two fire companies were located along Bel Air Rd., Alert Volunteer Fire Company at Spring Avenue and the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Company located on Hamilton Avenue east of Harford (Bel Air) Rd.



F. G. Kelch was president of the Maryland State Firemen's Association from 1915 – 1916. The latest proceedings book notes he was from Raspeburg. Also serving MSFA as a president from Raspeburg was R. W. Bell in 1923. 1923 was well past the time the Raspeburg area was annexed into the City of Baltimore. When the annexation occurred, the volunteer companies and county fire stations were absorbed into the Baltimore City Fire Department. It may be possible one of these fire companies retained their identity after the city annexation just to maintain an organizational membership. In 1917 – 1918, J. H. Baumgartner served as MSFA president from Hamilton. The Hamilton Volunteer Fire Company was organized in 1902. In 1908, the company utilized an automobile and built a piece of fire apparatus. The company also purchased an Auto-Car truck for use as fire protection. As with other fire companies, the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Company ceased to exist as it was located in the area annexed by the City of Baltimore. The history book, published in 1982, also noted the original firehouse building was still in use with "Hamilton Volunteer Fire Company" displayed over the top.

As Hamilton Avenue is just a short distance south of the Raspeburg Post Office, the question presents if all three presidents were members of the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Company. How past presidents' fire company representation is listed in the proceedings book is inconsistent. Some MSFA presidents from Frederick are simply listed as "Frederick," whereas others are shown by the company name, such as "Citizens" or even one entry, "Frederick-United." Some are simply listed from Hagerstown without specific reference to a fire company. Obviously, an additional in-depth research is needed to fully vet

the actual representation of some of the early presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Most of the information in this article was retrieved from *Hands, Horses and Engines, A Centennial History of the Baltimore County Fire Service*, co-written by Betsy Weaver and Chief Gary Frederick and published in 1982 by the Baltimore County Fire Service Centennial Committee.

Before I close, I must express my sincere sympathy for the loss of two great friends that were iconic fire service historians. I first met Takoma Park Chief Jimmy Jarboe and the Jarboe brothers at a fire training class at the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension training facility in College Park in 1970. Jimmy's brother Ted was the primary instructor, but Jimmy had come over to assist. We received a very detailed and wet lesson on the distributor nozzle, also known as a "cellar nozzle." As Ted Jarboe urged the class to come closer to the demonstration table, Ted climbed on top and signaled his brother Jimmy to turn on the water, which was "distributed" over all the students anxiously watching the demonstration.

Jimmy was not only a great historian but also an outstanding advocate for fire and life safety. His "doodles" in the Volunteer Trumpet and other media were made exclusively by Jimmy, each with a short and pertinent message. God bless you, Chief Jimmy. I already miss our frequent telephone conversations.

I first met Blaine Snyder in 1972 at the Bell and History Day in Frederick. Blaine brought the First Hose Company of Hagerstown 1946 Ahrens-Fox for display alongside the 1939 Ahrens-Fox of the United Steam Engine Company No. 3 and the former United 1919 Ahrens-Fox now owned by the Gladhill family. Blaine was the heart and soul of Engine 1 and the caretaker of "Slugger," the nickname of the 1946 Fox. He was a true volunteer and loved to talk fire service history or anything to do with trains. He helped lead the charge to save the Hagerstown Roundhouse. Though this effort to save the roundhouse was unsuccessful, Blaine continued to be active in the Train Room and Museum in Hagerstown. We will miss you at the convention this year. Rest in Peace, Blaine.

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, and SAFE 2023! ~ CHIP



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Featured in front of the Second Alarm Brewhouse is the infamous Lake Shore Volunteer Honor Guard! The Second Alarm Brewhouse is a grassroots non-profit organization supporting awareness and recruitment of the volunteer fire service – a local coffee shop by day and a members-only speakeasy at night.

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