

**Maryland State Firemen's Association  
Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee**

**Miss Fire Prevention Program**



**December 1, 2022 – UPDATED INFORMATION**

Miss Fire Prevention Contestant:

Congratulations on being selected to represent your county and / or association in the 2023 Maryland State Firemen's Association Miss Fire Prevention Contest.

**This year the Workshop which is Mandatory for all contestants will be held on:**

***Updated information will be made available after confirmation of the location.***

The contest will be held on **Sunday June 18, 2023** at the Ocean City Convention Center. Those selected to represent the Maryland State Firemen's Association as Miss Fire Prevention Ambassadors will have a very memorable, rewarding, and busy year.

It is a great honor and also a great responsibility.

**Enclosed in this packet are a number of important items:**

- Application
- Parental Consent Form (must be returned with signatures if under 18)
- Contest Rules
- Contest Questions
- Itinerary (still very tentative at this point)
- Expectations

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- Important Dates
- Please review all of this information carefully as you are filling out the application. The information contained in the packet is extremely beneficial as you prepare for the contest.

**From this packet of information, you will find and it is to be returned to the email group the following:**

- **Application**
- **Parental Consent Form**
- **Risk Watch Participation Form**
- **Endorsement Letter by the President of the County Association that you are representing. If no endorsement letter is received by the May meeting you can be excused from the program. We understand at times it might be difficult to get with the President but it is important that this task be completed.**
- **4X6 photograph of yourself in crown and sash.**

**All materials must be returned to the committee by May 1, 2023.**

**Any application received after that date will *not* be accepted.**

**Each application MUST be sent via email with a  
Confirmation email receipt to the following email address:**

**[msfaqueen@msfa.org](mailto:msfaqueen@msfa.org)**

As you are putting together your application packet, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. Best of luck as you prepare for the contest!

Sincerely,

Lori Denbow and Bridget Weishaar - Co-Chairs

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**2023-2024 MSFA MISS FIRE PREVENTION APPLICATION**  
**(Please print legibly or type)**

<b>NAME:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b> Click here to enter text. <b>AGE:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>CONTACT NUMBER: (CELL)</b> Click here to enter text. <b>(HOME)</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>CONTACT EMAIL:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b><u>PARENTS/GUARDIANS NAME:</u></b>
<b>MOTHER:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>FATHER:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>ESCORTS NAME:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>EDUCATION INFORMATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE <input type="checkbox"/> TRADE SCHOOL
<b>NAME OF INSTITUTION:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>HOBBIES THAT YOU PARTICIPATE IN: (this area will expand when information is added:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>ENDORSEMENT SECTION:</b>
<b>NAME OF COUNTY/ASSOCIATION YOU WILL BE REPRESENTING:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>PRESIDENTS CONTACT INFORMATION:</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S NAME:</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>CONTACT PHONE:</b> Click here to enter text.

Initial and Date: Acknowledgment of the application/rules: Name(Int) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT EMAIL:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

WHAT TO SEND VIA EMAIL

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY **MAY 1, 2023!**

ALL PACKETS **MUST** BE RETURNED VIA EMAIL WITH A CONFIRMATION EMAIL

RECEIPT TO **msfaqueen@msfa.org**

**ENSURE THE FOLLOWING IS ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL PACKAGE**

\_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ PARENTAL CONSENT FORM (IF UNDER 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ RISK WATCH PROGRAM FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ ENDORSEMENT LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

**(MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION – IF NOT INCLUDED THE APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SAID LETTER IS ATTACHED)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4x6 PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF IN CROWN AND SASH

(FOR POSTER)

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## **2023-2024 MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest Rules:**

1. Must be between sixteen (16) and twenty-four (24) years of age, single, never married, have no children, or be pregnant as of the date of the contest. Contestants under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian consent form signed.
2. **In order to ensure that the representative chosen as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is able to perform her duties, MSFA requests that applicants, who are attending college, attend a college within the state of Maryland. Exceptions may be made for those students attending college outside of the state of Maryland at the discretion of the fire prevention committee if it is felt that the college is close enough to Maryland that her location will not interfere with her capability to act as Miss Fire Prevention. It is important to note that a possible decision can be made at the application period prior to the contest date so that adequate amount of time can be given to seek a new representative.**
3. One contestant per County, one contestant from the Maryland Fire Chief's, and one contestant from Harford-Cecil. A letter of endorsement from the sponsoring county, Association, or Maryland Fire Chief's must accompany the contestant's application. This letter must be on company letterhead signed by the President of that association.
4. Each contestant will be interviewed by a panel of judges in the preliminaries and the same judges will officiate the finals.
5. Judges will not be with MSFA or the LAMSFA or members of Maryland Companies or Departments.
6. Judging will include the following point assignment: highest earned points will determine the winner:
  - a. General Appearance 0 – 10 points
  - b. Poise and Personality 0 – 10 points
  - c. Speaking Ability 0 – 30 points
  - d. Fire Prevention Knowledge 0 – 50 points
7. Preliminaries will include:
  - a. General fire prevention questions selected from a list that will be sent to the applicants.
  - b. **A seven to ten minute presentation by the contestant on fire prevention at private session with panel judges. Time with the judges should not exceed 15 minutes.**
  - c. General interview questions from the judges.
  - d. **You must be able to handle your project on your own. Contestants will not be permitted to have someone help them set up their project due to time constraints.**
8. The finals will be completed on-stage and will include:
  - a. The question "What is your agenda for promoting fire prevention across Maryland?"

- b. One randomly selected fire prevention question from the list provided.
9. Applications must be returned via email by May 1, 2023 (MIDNIGHT) to [msfaqeen@msfa.org](mailto:msfaqeen@msfa.org)
10. This is not a talent or beauty contest.
- 11. We must respect that your hair color remain in a natural color. No colors are allowed. Example Hot Pink, Red, Blue, Yellow, Purple, Green.**
12. Judges decision is final.
13. MSFA Miss Fire Prevention will be responsible for sending a report of her activities quarterly to the **Executive Committee at [report@msfa.org](mailto:report@msfa.org)** and the [msfaqeen@msfa.org](mailto:msfaqeen@msfa.org) email.
14. If the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is unable to fulfill her duties, it is her responsibility to contact her Runner-up to fill in for her.
15. The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and Runner Up are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that represents her and the association in a respectable manner. Any conduct unbecoming of a Miss Fire Prevention may be cause for the removal of title, based on a decision of the Fire Prevention and Executive Committee.
16. Once you hold the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention or MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Runner Up, you will not be able to compete again.
17. A written report (summary of year's events) must be submitted for printing in the MSFA Convention book. This report must be submitted to the **Secretary of the MSFA [report@msfa.org](mailto:report@msfa.org)** and the [msfaqeen@msfa.org](mailto:msfaqeen@msfa.org) email by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The winners of the contest MUST attend predetermined activities of the M.S.F.A. during the week of the convention. The itinerary is included in this packet.

You must also give full support to the M.S.F.A. and L.A.M.S.F.A. during your reign by attending state and county functions when requested, to the best of your ability. If you hold another state or county title and the term of those titles exceeds two months, you agree to give up those titles upon becoming M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention.

If chosen, I agree to all of the above.

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SIGNATURE

All applications must be returned by May 1, 2023

**Email applications to: [msfaqueen@msfa.org](mailto:msfaqueen@msfa.org)**

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# **PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM**

M.S.F.A MISS FIRE PREVENTION AND 1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER UP

THE M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION AND M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION 1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER UP WILL GIVE HER FULL SUPPORT TO ALL STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL FUNCTIONS BY ATTENDING & PARTICIPATING TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE M.S.F.A. I WILL BE CHAPERONED TO ALL EVENTS BY MY PARENTS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF MY COUNTY ASSOCIATION OR FIRE COMPANY.

## **I AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE**

Print your name:

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Signature:

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Date of Birth:

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Parent / Guardian Signature:

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**ALL CONTESTANTS MUST SIGN THIS FORM. CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS MUST HAVE A PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE. NO EXCEPTIONS. CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS WILL BE CHAPERONED.**

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## Risk Watch and Convention Support Program

### **MANDATORY – Program Support at Convention**

**All contestants will be required to give two hours to the RISK WATCH AND FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SHOWCASED AT THE MSFA CONVENTION**

**Sign up for this event will take place at the May Ambassador Training and support meeting will be sent to the contestant once the location is finalized.**

### **Signature Acknowledging the program:**

**Failure to attend this activity will result in points being deducted from your score.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Judging

*The committee wishes that each contestant be fully prepared and understand what will be expected of them during the contest and activities to the convention.*

*Explained below is an outline of what the panel of judges will be reviewing:*

*Each contestant will be interviewed for 20 minutes this will include a 5 minute interview about yourself and you will also at that point present to the judges your 15 minute presentation on your Fire Prevention and Life Safety Topic.*

*Again if you have any questions please feel free to contact the committee chairs or one of the Miss Fire Preventions for assistance.*

1. The contest will be interviewed by a panel of judges in the preliminaries and the same judges will officiate during the finals. The judges will not be within the Maryland State Firemen's Association. BUT will be made up of experts from the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Field.
2. The judges' decision is final.
3. Judges will include the following points system. The contestant with the highest number of points will be the winner; the contestant with the second highest number of points will be the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up.
  - a. **General Appearance 0 – 10 points**
  - b. **Poise and Personality 0 – 10 points**
  - c. **Speaking Ability 0 – 30 points**
  - d. **Fire Prevention Knowledge 0 – 50 points**
4. The preliminary portion of the contest will consist of a three to five minute interview by the panel of judges. The judges may ask any questions from the list of questions provided to both the contestants and judges. The judges may also ask questions relevant to the contestant's application.
5. ***The contestant will also perform a 7-10 Minute Presentation to the Judges on any Fire Prevention and Life Safety topic that they wish to perform. Time with the judges should not exceed 15 minutes.***
  - ***You are allowed to use PowerPoint, presentation boards and other means to present your project to the judges***
  - ***ALL Projects will be placed on display at the Stage Portion of the Program for the audience to view.***
  - ***This is a mandatory part of the presentation.***

6. The finals will be completed on-stage and will include:  
The question “What is your agenda for promoting fire prevention across Maryland?”  
One randomly selected fire prevention question from the list provided drawn “fish bowl” style.
7. You must be able to handle your project on your own. Contestants will not be permitted to have someone help them set up their project due to time constraints.

## WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU

### M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention

- Tiara, sash, and flowers will be presented at the contest
- Magnetic car door signs (which are passed on each year)
- Business cards

### M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention Runner Up

- Tiara, sash, and flowers will be presented at the contest
- Magnetic car door signs (which are passed on each year)
- Business cards

## WHAT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FOR YOU

1. No financial compensation or reimbursement, no exceptions.
2. All expenses incurred throughout your reign are your responsibility; however your County Fireman's Association, County Ladies Auxiliary and your home fire company may offer financial support at your request.
3. No vehicle is provided.
4. No lodging or food.
5. No pagers, cellular telephones or computers however, you may use your personal equipment.
6. No clothing, dry cleaning, make-up hair or nail, etc expenses.

## M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION EXPECTATIONS

### **DRESS CODE:**

1. Formal events or special occasions : full-length gown or tea length gown (banquets, parades/charity events)
2. Informal events : dress or business skirt/suit (dances, fairs, open houses, carnivals, church functions)
3. Presentation or education activities : pantsuit or dress slacks and blouse (schools, lectures, seminars, meetings, senior centers, etc)

### **DEFINITION:**

1. Banquets OR parades / charity events
2. Dances, fairs, open houses, carnivals, church functions
3. Schools, lectures, seminars, meetings, senior centers, or Safetyville

**Tiara and sash should be worn for all of these functions. Tiara should not be worn for memorial services.**

Note: At no time are you permitted to wear jeans, shorts, flip flops, yoga pants, or T-shirts while presenting yourself as M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention or First Runner-up and wearing your tiara and sash. All dresses or skirts should not be above knee level. All high heels should not be any higher than two inches. Your appearance reflects on the M.S.F.A and all Maryland Fire and Rescue Personnel.

## **ALL MSFA FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE MANDATORY**

Basic Clothing Requirements:

Full-length gown, dress, business skirt suit, or pantsuit, accompanied by the appropriate accessories.

Any conduct unbecoming of the M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention or the First Runner-up will result in the termination of your reign. This includes consuming alcohol and / or smoking while presenting yourself as M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention even if you are legally old enough to do so. The President of the M.S.F.A. may suspend you from your position. The President will make a full report at the next M.S.F.A. Executive Committee Meeting. The Executive Committee will then make the final decision. Remember to conduct yourself at all times in a professional manner.

You represent the M.S.F.A. and all Maryland Fire, Rescue, Emergency Personnel, and Ladies Auxiliaries throughout the state even when you are not wearing your sash and crown.

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## **ACTIVITY EXPLANATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

### ***BANQUETS:***

Any banquet or installations of officers of which you are invited, even if you do not participate in the giving out of awards or are asked to make a speech. Your sash and crown represents you from the M.S.F.A., always wear a gown, dress, or a skirt.

### ***CARNIVALS:***

Volunteer to help in some category such as the fire prevention booth if they have one. Again, your presence is most valuable as a reminder that fire prevention should be practiced.

### ***CHARITIES:***

Any charities would be most happy to have M.S.F.A Miss Fire Prevention or First Runner-up participate in their fundraiser and promote fire prevention.

### ***DISTRIBUTING FIRE PREVENTION LITERATURE:***

When distributing items such as pencils, bookmarks, notepads, buttons, etc. take the opportunity to talk about fire prevention.

### ***MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST:***

Contact fire departments about contests; send a business card and volunteer to help. You may be requested to be a judge or provide advice.

### ***FIRE PREVENTION LECTURES:***

Lectures may be presented to schools, churches, citizens associations, fraternal organizations, to fire department members and their families, nursing homes, teen clubs, scouts, etc. Send a flier with your photo, name, and telephone number where they can reach you.

### ***JOURNALISM:***

The media can reach many people through newspapers, radio, television, creating a brochure for distribution to the community stores and shopping malls.

### ***MEETINGS:***

As a representative of M.S.F.A., you are expected to attend meetings of the M.S.F.A. Some of the important meetings are the Executive Committee, Fire Prevention Committee, the Ladies Spring and Fall Conferences, and any meetings of the Miss Fire Prevention contest Sub-Committee. Other meetings that you attend are County Volunteer Fire Association or out of state association conventions such as Delaware, Pennsylvania, or Virginia.

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**Be prepared to speak and give a fire safety message including a topic and reason (i.e smoke alarms or residential sprinklers).**

***OPEN HOUSE:***

Open houses are held during fire prevention week, as well as throughout the year. The fire departments would be honored if you would attend their event. This is a great chance to promote and educate the public about fire prevention.

***PARADES:***

When appearing in a parade, give an index card with the following information: Name-"M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention" Representing all fire, rescue, emergency personnel and Ladies Auxiliaries in Maryland. In addition, do not forget to include this year's N.F.P.A. slogan.

***PROGRAMS:***

Learn Not to Burn; Risk Watch Injury Prevention, Stop, Drop, and Roll, EDITH, Baby Sitter, Etc

***SEMINARS:***

The county fire safety seminar, the Mid Atlantic fire safety conference, the Maryland Fire and Rescue seminar and any educational seminars. You may be requested to participate.

***STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS:***

This is a great opportunity to meet the public. You should distribute literature or business cards, and be ready to answer any fire prevention questions from the public.

***OTHER:***

There may be OTHER activities that are not listed and it is possible you will initiate some imaginative fire safety activities. Such as: a video, song, poem, or an actor/actress in a play.



## Quarterly Report – VERY IMPORTANT

This report is a written summary for the following monthly quarters.

June thru September / October thru December / January thru March / April thru May

**This report is required to be submitted electronically prior to each MSFA Executive Committee Meeting to the [reports@msfa.org](mailto:reports@msfa.org) and [msfaqueen@msfa.org](mailto:msfaqueen@msfa.org) including date, activity, round trip miles, and a description.**

Essay (Summary of Highlights of your quarterly activity) due by May 1<sup>st</sup> for printing in the convention booklet. This could change if the Convention Book Committee request for information due to printing needs.

**A written and verbal report must be given at the meetings of the fire prevention committee.**

## EXAMPLE QUARTERLY REPORT

### MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 2015 – 2016 Susan Hilton

Quarterly Report # 4 February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 – April 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

Date	Activity	Trip Miles	Description
2-5-16 / 2-6-16/ 2-7-16	Executive Meeting (Hollywood)	199.2	I attended the meeting, gave my report and sang the smoke alarm song. I also got to meet two special young kids.
2-16-16	Sprinkler Hearing in Annapolis	114.4	I attended the hearing for HB-19. I got to meet a couple of state delegates and I also listened to testimonies.
2-18-16	Washington County Meeting (Halfway)	107.2	I attended their meeting and also gave a report of upcoming fire prevention dates.
2-19-16 / 2-20—16 / 2-21-16	Maryland Weekend in Emmitsburg	108.6	I attended the National Fire Academy and took Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction.
2-20-16	West friendship Banquet	95.8	I attended the banquet as Johnie's guest.
2-22-16	D.V.F.D & D.V.F.D.A Monthly Meeting	8.4	I attended their meeting and gave a report of what I have been doing.
2-24-16	Lisbon Vol. Fire Dept. Spaghetti Dinner	15.4	I attended and supported their dinner.
2-27-16	Cancer Committee Meeting (Laurel)	51.6	I attended the cancer meeting and we also talked about the upcoming walk.
2-29-16	Fire Caucus Meeting (Annapolis)	114.4	I attended the meeting and listened to people talk about different issues in Annapolis.

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3-3-16	Annapolis	114.4	I visited 17 state circle.
3-3-16	Prince Georges Aux. County Meeting (Beltsville)	68.4	I attended their meeting and thanked them for supporting me this year.
3-5-16	X-Box to Box Alarm (Frederick)	54.4	I attended the training and learned the differences in age gaps and tools to use to everyone involved.
3-5-16	Level Banquet	149.2	I attended their banquet and had a nice evening.
3-7-16	Harford County Aux. Meeting Jarrettsville	143.5	I attended their meeting and gave a report. Also thanked them for their support this year. It was a nice evening getting to network with others.
3-11-16 / 3-12-16/ 3-13-16	Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade	416.2	I attended my 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade, helped put the float together and also rode in the parade.
3-15-16	Annapolis	114.4	I visited 17 state circle, attended the Senate of the Maryland General Assembly I also got to look at a couple of bills and watched hearings on the computer.
3-15-16	Wicomico County Meeting (Pittiesville)	419.3	I attended their monthly meeting and also gave a report.
3-17-16	Montgomery County Meeting BCC	58.86	I attended their meeting I also gave a report on what I have been doing. I was asked to join the M.C.V.F.R.A Miss Fire Prevention Committee.
3-18-16	Montgomery County Aux. Meeting Hyattstown	27.5	I attended their meeting, and gave a report of what I have been doing. They also backed me by sponsoring my ABC book.
3-19-16	Public Life Safety Education Seminar Collage Park	51.3	I attended the training, also learned how to make a white board video. There was also speakers on NFPA, elderly people & Collage Fire Safety.
3-19-16	Jefferson Banquet	99.4	I attended their banquet, I also got to see one of my friends get an award.
3-20-16	Fire Prevention Booth at Frederick Home Show	51.3	I helped to promote fire prevention and also got to use Sam the Fireman Puppet to help talk to little kids about fire prevention.
3-24-16	Frederick County Aux. Meeting Woodsboro	60.6	I attended their meeting, gave a report and thanked them for their support. We also played bingo.
3-27-16	PEEP show Westminster	53.6	I attended the show were I saw a fire truck & the Maryland State Flag made out of PEEP's.
3-28-16	Southern Maryland Meeting (Rita B's)	192.8	I attended their meeting, gave a report and also thanked them for having me. I enjoyed networking with others and telling them of upcoming fire prevention events.
4-1-16	AACVFA meeting	102.8	I attended their meeting, I also gave a report of upcoming fire prevention events, and thanked them for their support threw out the year.

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4-2-16	Carrol Manors Banquet at Brunswick	81.6	I attended their banquet, had a nice meal, & also enjoyed the banquet.
4-2-16	Cancer Meeting at Laurel	51.6	I attended the meeting and we talked about different things for the upcoming walk on May

Events – 28

Miles – 3,126.16

Total Events #1, #2, #3, #4 - 132

Total Miles #1, #2, #3, #4 – 9,501.66

**THE WEEKLY ITINERARY UPON WINNING THE TITLE'S OF  
M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRST RUNNER-UP**

(MUST WEAR SASH AND TIARA TO ALL EVENTS)

**Must attend – \*\*\*\*\* If a problem arises you are to contact the Chair so that it can be resolved!!**

**ONE TICKET FOR EACH EVENT IS PROVIDED FOR M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTIONS  
Times are subject to change**

**M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTESTANTS**

**MSFA CONVENTION WEEK ITINERARY**

**Must attend!!**

**Times are subject to change – Updated information will be issued the day of the  
ambassador training and the day of the contest with updated request.**

**SUNDAY OF CONVENTION**

- 9:00AM MISS FIRE PREVENTION INTERVIEWS WITH JUDGES  
Location to be determined.  
PLEASE WEAR SASH ONLY – NO CROWNS. BUSINESS ATTIRE IS APPROPRIATE.
- 1:00PM MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Location to be determined –  
PLEASE ARRIVE BY 1:30PM. CONTESTANTS SHOULD WEAR  
SASH ONLY – NO CROWNS. GOWN SHOULD BE WORN.
- 3:00PM JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – CONVENTION CENTER MAIN  
BALLROOM – SASH ONLY – NO CROWNS – BUSINESS ATTIRE TO BE WORN.
- 7:00PM MD FIRE RESCUE MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER AT FISHTALES –  
***IT WILL BE DETERMINED WHAT IF ANY SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED.***

**MONDAY OF CONVENTION**

- 8:30 AM Opening Ceremonies
- TBD Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal report

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6:30 PM Family night at Jolly Roger Amusement Park

### **TUESDAY OF CONVENTION**

8:30 AM Meet back stage to participate in the awards ceremony during the MSFA meeting. After award ceremony, you will be escorted over to the LAMSFA meeting to be introduced.

10:00 AM Work with the Risk Watch Committee in the Fire prevention area

TIME TBD Joint Installation of Officers (Main Hall – Convention Center)

### **WEDNESDAY OF CONVENTION**

7:30 AM Prayer Breakfast – Location to be determined

10:00 AM \$10,000 Raffle drawing (Main Hall – Convention Center)

11:00 AM Parade (Meet in front of Convention Center for Bus)

TIME TBD Parade Awards (Meet in front of Convention Center)

### **THURSDAY OF CONVENTION**

9:00 AM Executive Committee meeting (Location to be determined)

## **M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST QUESTIONS**

Please be prepared to answer any of the following questions during some portion of the contest. These questions have been phrased for Miss Fire Prevention, whose primary responsibility is to speak to groups about fire safety.

Each participating contestant will be required to answer the following first question:

***Using your program that was presented to the Judges the following question will be asked:***

***Using your platform/program presented how can you use this message for promoting Fire Prevention and Life Safety across Maryland?***

***(all contestants will be required to explain their program)***

The remaining questions will be asked by the judges for interview and 1 additional question will be asked for the onstage portion of the contest.

1. When you are speaking to a group of babysitters, what do you believe are the most important items of information they should know?
2. When you enter a public place or stay at a hotel, what are the things you should note prior in the event of a fire?
3. What is the proper procedure for storing flammable liquids and what danger will occur when flammable liquids are misused?

4. What fire safety procedures should be employed with fireplaces, stoves, and portable space heaters?
5. Why are planned escape routes and fire drills so important?
6. Please explain the Fire Tetrahedron?
7. When speaking to a community group about kitchen fires, what precautions would you give them to prevent kitchen fires?
8. There are two styles of smoke alarms that are currently on the market for use by the consumer: Photoelectric and Ionization. Please explain the difference in the two.
9. Where should smoke alarms be placed in the home, and how often should they be tested?
10. Explain the importance of the 10 year smoke alarm law introduced by the state and what the new law will require for the consumer/retail market to the state?
11. We know residential sprinklers save lives and property. How would you promote their use? What was the first county in Maryland to have successful laws passed for Sprinklers.
12. What are the dangers of turning in a false alarm? Explain the penalties for this crime.
13. Explain the proper use of a fire extinguisher and when you should or should not use one.

14. What are the five (5) classes of fire extinguishers and what class of fire would you use them for?
15. What hazards are caused by smoking materials and how can they be prevented?
16. What is the importance of educating people of all ages in fire safety?
17. What precautions should be used around fireworks and sparklers and what items are legal in Maryland? –There are two counties that do not allow fireworks for sale to the consumers. Name the two counties.
18. Describe an electrical octopus hazard and explain how electrical appliances can be safely used in the home.
19. When using outdoor cooking devices, (gas or charcoal grills) when should you use these grills and what precautions should you take with them?
20. In Maryland, what area of the home do more fires occur and what measures can be taken to reduce this statistic?
21. We know the importance of smoke alarms in the home, how can a hearing impaired smoke alarm be obtained? What styles are being offered by the state?
22. Explain the proper placement/install location for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm, and how often should they be tested? What circumstances would not require a home to have a CO Alarm installed?