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Mental Health Awareness Month

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES BARNHART, JR.

MAKING CHANGE

SAFE KIDS MARYLAND



MSFA Annual Cancer Support Walk, 2024



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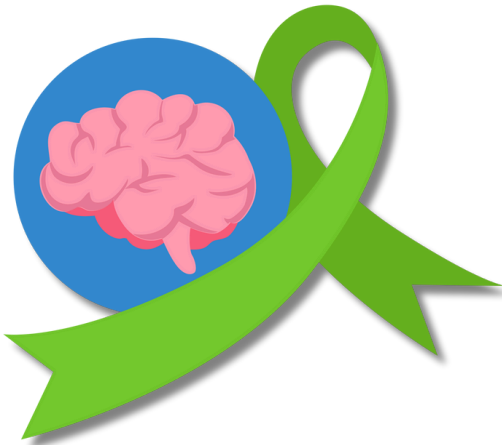
Mental Health Awareness Month

According to the National Institute of Mental Health:

"Learning what causes or triggers your stress and what coping techniques work for you can help reduce your anxiety and improve your daily life. It may take trial and error to discover what works best for you. Here are some activities you can try when you start to feel overwhelmed:

- Keep a journal.
- Download an app that provides relaxation exercises (such as deep breathing or visualization) or tips for practicing mindfulness, which is a psychological process of actively paying attention to the present moment.
- Exercise, and make sure you are eating healthy, regular meals.
- Stick to a sleep routine, and make sure you are getting enough sleep.
- Avoid drinking excess caffeine, such as soft drinks or coffee.
- Identify and challenge your negative and unhelpful thoughts.
- Reach out to your friends or family members who help you cope in a positive way."

Call or text 988 to connect with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The Lifeline provides 24-hour, confidential support to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.



Editor's Corner



My tenth topic may be somewhat of a repeat, but it focuses on the **retention of your members** and easy recognition. If you have read some of my previous topics, I mentioned and preached that you don't have to focus nearly as hard on recruitment if you prioritize retention. One of the easiest ways to submit your members for local and state awards. The Maryland State Firemen's Association solicits nominees from January 1st through mid-April and usually receives very few submissions from the hundreds of member departments in Maryland. It takes only a few minutes to complete a nomination and submit a worthy member for recognition, recognition that they likely don't receive enough of. Our volunteers deserve recognition for their selfless service and dedication not only to their departments but the community in which they serve so proudly and, most times, without thanks.

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 want me to write about an issue, please send ideas to Jonathan Dayton at jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com. About the Editor, Jonathan is a volunteer Firefighter/EMT serving Allegany County, MD. MSFA Committee Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association Past President, President and Public Information Officer, Member of the Maryland Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council, and Nation Fire Service Speaker and Educator. Jonathan holds an associate's degree in Fire Science and bachelor's and master's degrees.

Jonathan

-FIND THE FIRE TRUCK-

We're back with the "FIND THE ____ Challenge" for this month! This time you are tasked with finding the fire truck (to the right), hidden somewhere throughout this issue. Starting on **June 7th**, once you find all 3 small items hidden within the publication, you must email Stephen Jenkins (sjenkins@msfa.org). It can be located on ANY page EXCEPT the front and back cover, and they will not be all together. The first correct person to discover the truck will win the opportunity to submit one free 1/4 page ad!



Training/Announcements

Call to Action: Please Help Reauthorize the Fire Grant Program

Earlier this week, representatives of America's fire service met on-line to discuss strategies to force Congress and the Senate to pass the reauthorization bill for AFG/SAFER/FP&S and the USFA. We have decided that the time is NOW to ask the fire service to unite and fill up the inboxes of Congress/Senate to address this critical issue. -Together, AFG, SAFER, and USFA help to improve fire and life safety across the country.

For more information, visit <https://www.cfsi.org/support-afg-safer-and-usfa-take-action-now/>

SAFER Marketing Grant Program Round Two Announcement: The MSFA SAFER team is excited to announce round two of the SAFER Marketing Grant Program. This program is designed to help member departments increase community awareness through items designed for recruitment events. In the second phase of this program, which will run from March 1st through April 15th. \$1200.00 will be allocated for another 65 departments for event materials. We have 13 departments already on the waiting list from the first round, so be sure to get your request in early. We have partnered with Activate Canopy once again to provide a customizable Event Kit, which will be available through an online shopping platform. Each kit includes a color 10x10 Tent with a Logo and Department Name, One Table Cover with a Logo and Department Name, and a Backwall with a logo and Department Name (customizable). There will be an opportunity to add additional items to spend the entire \$1200.00

*To be eligible to apply for this grant program, your department cannot participate in any other SAFER grant program (as per FEMA). Your department must also have an up-to-date profile on MarylandVolunteer.org and must have an individual who will be able to communicate with the vendor directly.

To apply, please send the following info to kloveless@msfa.org no later than April 15th:

- Name, Address, and Phone Number of the Department
- Contact information for the person applying
- Any information that needs to be updated on the department's MarylandVolunteer.org profile, especially the recruitment contact info (if applicable)
- If you do not have a department profile on the MarylandVolunteer.org website, one can be created here:
- <https://www.firstarriving.com/maryland/>

Once approved, you will be sent a link to the online shopping cart. The vendor will work with your department directly to customize the kit and coordinate shipment.

June 16-22, 2024; Safety Standdown 2024 Fire Training: Back to Basics; Online resources and planning. The 2024 Safety Stand Down will take place June 16-22 and emphasize the importance of a solid, foundational training program with the theme "Fire Training: Back to Basics." Five daily focus areas will highlight building the foundation of a training program, assessing the needs of the community and department, safety during training, physical and mental health considerations, and the 10 commandments of firefighter training. Use the online resources on this site to start planning your Safety Stand Down event. More resources and planning tools will be added over the coming months: www.safetystanddown.org

MSFA News

The 132nd MSFA Convention and Conference is scheduled for June 16 – 21, 2024

- Registration platforms are now OPEN! Department Credentials, Vendor Registration, Sponsorships, and Program Book Ads are all available online at <https://convention.msfa.org/>
- The Seminar Schedule is now available!
<https://convention.msfa.org/calendar/category/education/list/> We are excited to offer classes on many topics from instructors around the country on relevant fire service issues. Note that the EMT Refresher and PDI registrations will only be available on the MFRI website.
- The First Mailout and Awards Packet will be distributed to all departments shortly. You can also review all awards online at <https://www.msfa.org/awards/>.
- There are also opportunities to submit requests for Certificates of Recognition from the MSFA for EMS Top Responder, Fire Top Responder, Rescue Top Responder, Active Military Service, Three or More Generations in the Fire Service, Over 90 Years of Age and Still Active, 50 Years of Service, and the Life Saving Award. Requests can be made online here:
<https://www.msfa.org/awards/recognition-certs/> Be sure to take the time to review these lists and nominate your members! Remember, recognition of a job well done is a fantastic retention tool!
- The Convention Events page has been updated for 2024 and will include additional information as we get closer to the Convention.
- Be sure to visit the website <https://convention.msfa.org/> often for the most up-to-date info!

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- The Volunteer Trumpet Committee is looking for contributors! Are you a subject matter expert in Health and Wellness, Firefighter Safety, Recruitment, and Retention, or have a cool story to share? Contact Chair Jonathan Dayton for more info. <https://www.msfa.org/committees-2/trumpet/>
 - Interested in serving on an MSFA committee? Submit your interest here:
<https://www.msfa.org/committees/interest-form/>

**Be sure to check Facebook, Instagram,
and MSFA.ORG for future updates!**

**Dear Volunteer Trumpet Safety
Advocates and Readers,**

Maryland Kids in Safety Seats has just released the 2024 schedules for car seat checks. As you know, these are free opportunities for families to get help from a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician with their car, car seat/s, and children. Appointments are required for most of these, and virtual checks are also an option.

Please refer families to these specific checks or to Maryland Kids in Safety Seats (www.MdKISS.org). Do NOT tell families to stop at a fire or police station, as it is highly unlikely that they'd have someone certified in child passenger safety and available to help!

If you want the schedules for other parts of the state go to MD KISS' website by scanning the QR code!



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8 years in insurance*

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Cancer Walk 2024

The Annual MSFA Cancer Walk was held on April 28th, 2024, a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Around 100 walkers came together with their walking shoes to support the MSFA Cancer support committee by stopping by 17 state circles, shopping, eating ice cream, and enjoying the sights through Annapolis and after the walk event ending at Stan and Joe's. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, walked, and volunteered. – Susan Hilton MSFA Cancer Support Committee Chairman



The Maryland State Firemen's Association's Executive Committee met on Saturday, April 6th and Sunday, April 7th, at the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Company.





This weeklong Fire, Rescue & EMS experience gives children ages 9-14 years old a firsthand look into the world of public safety. Students are challenged with team-building skills and physical fitness while also learning about the tools, equipment, and fundamentals of the fire & EMS service. Students also receive Hands Only CPR & Stop the Bleed certifications. This action-filled week includes onsite and offsite demonstrations by mutual aid partners within the public safety system.

**By Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company
April 14, 2024**

After a year long process, President Dwyer and Chief Hipsley were able to broker a deal to return our 1931 American LaFrance (200 gallon booster tank with 750 gpm pump) from it's previous owner Todd Calhoun. We wish to thank Todd for affording the fire company this opportunity to retain our history. Come see our history in person during our new station dedication.



Cape Saint Claire Volunteer Fire Company holds "Let us Egg your Yard" fundraiser where the community ordered pre-stuffed eggs from them and they hid them for you using their bunny helpers featured in the picture.

The Stockton Volunteer Fire Company held its annual Awards and Installation Banquet and celebrated 100 Years of Service! Our members were able to enjoy a night of celebration and awards. Each of our incoming officers took their oath of office and officially take their positions! Awards included: FF Gavin Taylor received the Chief's Award for Excellence in Service, Chief Engineer Brad Chambers received the Chief's Award for Excellence in Service Captain Jordan Chambers received the Firefighter of the Year Award Kathy Pusey received her 5 Years of Service Recognition



KIDS CORNER



Hey kids! Fire Dog Spotty is on a beach vacation! He's on a treasure hunt and he needs YOUR help to find these _ items! Can you help him?

Red Bucket

Flying Seagulls x2

A Dolphin

Beach Ball

Yellow Flag

Pink Sandals x2

Green Crab

Pink Pearl

Beah Umbrella

Watermelon

Lime Slice

Blue Airplane





In Memory of Charles Barnhart, Jr.

Deacon Charles E. "Charley" Barnhart, Jr., 69, of Taneytown, passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024, at Carroll Hospital after a battle with cancer. Born December 5, 1954 in Gettysburg, PA, he was the son of the late Martha (Jeffcoat) Barnhart and Charles E. Barnhart, Sr. Charley graduated from Francis Scott Key High School in 1972 where he was active in the choral music department, singing all four years and participating in musicals. Family life for Charley was not a bed of roses. He believed the church would never have influenced his life had it not been for Mary and Kent Hall. They took him into their home and taught him that as God's child he was someone who mattered. They challenged Charley to live life to the fullest and to live it by being a part of God's kingdom and participating in the church. The Messiah United Methodist Church in Taneytown gave Charley a strong foundation of God's love to build his life on.

Helping people gave Charley a great deal of satisfaction. He had a long history of serving within the fire community beginning with the Taneytown Fire Co. in 1973, where he was Recording Secretary, Chaplain, and Ambulance Captain over the years. During this time he was also employed as a Dispatcher at the Carroll County 9-1-1 Emergency Center and in 1983 became the first paid engineer at Reese Vol. Fire Co. Charley also became the first EMS Training Coordinator for the county. He was elected President of the Carroll County Vol. Fireman's Association in 1989 and was made an Honorary Life Member of the Union Bridge Fire Co. In 1998, he became a life member of the Taneytown Fire Co. He served as Chaplain for the Cumberland Valley Fireman's Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He was a school bus driver and eventually owned and operated Barnhart's Bus Service serving Carroll County Public Schools. More recently, he worked for some of the local funeral homes.

In addition to fire service, Charley was very involved in the work of the Lord. He served as Choral Director from 1987-1998 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown. He also served as Deacon at Trinity until he left to become Deacon at Keysville Lutheran Church up until his death. He has officiated many weddings and funerals throughout the community and will be missed by many.

He is survived by foster mother Mary G. Hall, foster siblings Lura Kappes, Matthew Hall (Meagan), and Allison Lindahl (Doug), long-time friend A.J. Makibbin, 5 nieces and 1 nephew. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Ronald and Michael, and foster brother-in-law Mickey Kappes.

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR OSHA'S UPDATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE STANDARD

"On February 5, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to modernize the agency's "Fire Brigades" standard with a proposed new "Emergency Response Standard." This NPRM's publication triggered the beginning of a public comment period that was initially scheduled to conclude on May 6. Thanks to feedback from the emergency services community, OSHA has extended this public comment period to June 21, 2024.

The proposed updated standard would issue several new requirements that would be very burdensome, and in many cases impossible, for volunteer fire departments to comply with. Specifically, there would be prohibitively restrictive standards on physical exams, the purchase of new equipment, and the formation of emergency plans that exceed the staffing capabilities of many volunteer departments." ~ National Volunteer Fire Council

**THE TWENTY-TWO MEMBER COMPANIES OF THE
HARFORD-CECIL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
PROUDLY ENDORSE**



ROBERT F. MULLER



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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



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Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company - Susquehanna Hose Company - Havre de Grace
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Volunteer Fire Company - Fallston Volunteer Fire Company - Delta-Cardill Volunteer Fire
Company - Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company Volunteer Fire Company # 1 of Chesapeake City
Singerly Fire Company - North East Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - Charlestown Volunteer Fire
Company - Community Fire Company of Perryville Maryland - Water Witch Fire Company
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun - Hacks Point Volunteer Fire Company



Chip's Firehouse Logbook
Volunteer Trumpet
May, 2024
Chief Clarence "Chip" Jewell
MAKING CHANGE

Here we go again. The 2024 MSFA Convention and Conference will once again have an amendment on the annual election ballot to change the name of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to the Maryland State Firefighters Association.

At the December 3, 2023, meeting of the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in Westminster, the representatives of the MSFA Executive Committee overwhelmingly voted, 12 in favor and 1 opposed, to submit an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to change the official corporate name to the "Maryland State Firefighters Association".

In accordance with the Constitution of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS, "... proposed amendment or revision shall have been submitted, in writing, by the Executive Committee or a member company..." Thus, as stated in the Constitution, the Executive Committee has the authority to submit changes and amendments to the Constitution. To highlight the importance of the issue of changing the name to a gender-neutral nomenclature, the Executive Committee has voted to submit a specific name change to the membership for a vote at the 2024 MSFA Convention.

The issue of changing the name of our great association has been a point of discussion for over 10 years. This is the fourth article I have written regarding the need to change the name. Over 30 state fire service organizations nationwide and most of the county associations in Maryland have already adopted a gender-neutral name. Most

recently, the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association has passed a resolution to change the name to Cumberland Valley Firefighter's Association without controversy. The issue of changing the name of the MSFA has been a millstone around the neck of our association for several years. Though we have had political pressure to make the change, the real pressure is coming from the change in society.

The Executive Committee has taken the leadership role on this issue by being the entity that submits the amendment change. Hopefully, this will be the only amendment submitted. Last year, the amendment for "Firefighters" received a majority of votes but did not receive the necessary 66 2/3 required to pass.

We continue to receive negative media coverage in newspapers and even on local television, critical of the MSFA for failing to change our name. After the last convention, headlines such as "Maryland State Firemen's Association Fails to Change Name" or "Maryland Firemen Refuse to Change Name" were prevalent in newspapers, online posts, and television news stories. We are missing out on positive media coverage for our association by having to constantly respond, comment, and try to defend why we fail to bring our name into the 21st century.

We are a political organization. In 1893, the Legislative Committee was one of the two original committees that had been implemented when MSFA was organized. We need to accept that political issues are part of doing business. With an extremely liberal legislature with a substantial number female legislators, this issue will not simply go away. The more we delay, the more potential negative media coverage, public reaction, and possible negative action within the state and even federal government. I am very concerned that, at some point, there could even be possible questioning at the federal grant level if this issue continues to expand.

Our public image is getting tarnished with each negative vote. As we launch aggressive recruitment of young members of our communities to join the fire & rescue service, we must project the image of an organization poised for the future. How can we recruit young females into the fire and rescue service when our names do not provide an open invitation? Not all females are offended by our present name. But, in today's society, with a more open-minded and more demographically diverse service, our name must reflect our intent that this is an organization NOT comprised of males, but an organization that has developed into the leading state fire and rescue organization in the nation that is diverse and welcoming to all. Our new name will demonstrate this intent.

Nobody likes the excessive pressures from outside sources that we have had to endure in the last few years. I fully realize there are individuals and local associations that are adamantly against any change. I am also very aware that many individuals, yours truly included, were very much in favor of an "all service" approach to the name change with "Rescue" or "EMS" included in our name. However, we all must be willing to meet the middle ground with a compromise that will affect the needed changes to meet today's societal expectations and help retain much of the integrity of the tradition, history, and identity of the MSFA. Our logo will remain the same, and the acronym MSFA will remain the same.

This change would be the least costly change as we

annually make numerous business changes with the change of presidents. Thus, the name change would occur in coordination with the change of president.

I am hopeful that 66 2/3 of the member companies understand the importance of this critical issue and will support the amendment submitted by the Executive Committee and vote in favor of "The Maryland State Firefighters Association" in June of 2024.

See ya' at the ocean!
BE SAFE
CHIP

Meet an MSFA Past President Robert "Bob" Cumberland, 1987

Retired BGE, working part-time at McDaniel College and Walmart.

Joined the Fire Service - August 1963
Years in the Fire Service - 60
Years in the MSFA - 50

Reason for joining the Volunteer Fire Company - Interested in firefighting and had friends that belonged.

"As MSFA president, the most significant event was having the association and auxiliary decorate the governor's mansion at Christmas and set up the train garden during the years I was vice president and president. My greatest accomplishment as MSFA President was helping to start income subtraction."

Any Past President mentors? - C. Oscar Baker, Marvin Gibbons, Leslie B. Thompson

What is your current office/position at your fire company/department? - County Delegate CCVESA, Past President, Past Chief

Previous Offices and Positions at your fire company/department? - Past President, Past Chief, Treasure, Board of Directors

What is the most significant event at your fire company/department? - Being on the committee to help the department celebrate our 200th anniversary last year.

Greatest accomplishment at your fire company/department - Serving on the committee to purchase land for a new fire station in 1998.



Safety Committee Meeting R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center



The Safety Committee, chaired by Mike LeCompte, met at Shock Trauma in Baltimore. Members also participated in a tour. The Safety Committee shall promote a statewide safety program among member companies. The program will be planned so as to provide companies with material and literature on safety on the scene of any emergency and driving of equipment to emergencies, drills, and parades.

Past President Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

June Birthdays

Rose Davis – June 2
Joyce Hurlock – June 23
John Denver – June 26

June Wedding Anniversaries

Barbara Sue and Speedy Nelson – June 14

July Birthdays

Mark A. Bilger – July 2
Paul Sterling – July 6
Bobby Balta – July 7
Leone Gatton – July 7
Jean Fleshman – July 9
Barbara Sue Nelson – July 12
Phil Hurlock – July 18
Dennie Mattingly – July 29
Pat Deamond – July 30
Sharon Walker – July 31

July Wedding Anniversaries

Gayle and Fran Jester – July 5
Vivian and Ron Boyd – July 12
Darby and Kevin Byrd – July 14
Anne Price and Mike Davis – July 19
Sandi and Lee Lutz – July 21
Lori and Jeff Denbow – July 25



2023 Awards Banquet
April 27, 2024
VFW Post 8185

Celebrating 180 Years of Service
Also Celebrating 60 Years of
Emergency Medical Service

Crisfield Fire Department is celebrating 150 years this year. They have t-shirts, hoodies, challenge coins, tumblers, and patches for sale. Check out their awesome new banner.



Support your local volunteer fire company! Feel free to submit department events to sjenkins@msfa.org; we can't publish everything in the Trumpet, but we would be happy to share on social media!

**Comments on Proposed OSHA Regulations on Fire
Service Health and Safety
By: Chief Clarence "Chip" Jewell, Chairman MSFA
Executive Committee**

NFPA standards have long been the gold standard for the nation's fire and rescue service. Over the years, this standard-making body has extended into developing consensus standards for every facet of the fire and EMS service. Firefighter training standards, medical/physical standards, apparatus standards, and numerous operational standards are viewed as the industry standards our fire and rescue departments strive to achieve.

Standards are not legal and binding but can be used during civil litigation as the industry standard that should be utilized. Though failing to follow the standard does not result in criminal actions, a court could hold an emergency service negligent for failing to comply with the established and accepted standards. To adopt NFPA standards into federal regulation would effectively place many fire and rescue departments in non-compliance that could have a disastrous effect, particularly on the nation's volunteer fire and rescue service.

Even major fire and rescue organizations that are fully career or combination departments would be faced with unfunded legal mandates that will pose a tremendous fiscal burden on fire departments, municipalities, and county governments. I fully support and endorse every effort to enhance the health of our personnel. However, many, many departments simply cannot afford the financial burden. The implementation of NFPA 1582, NFPA 1500, and aggressive programs such as the 16 Life Safety Initiatives have dramatically reduced operational line-of-duty deaths over the last 40 years.

Unfortunately, every fire department does not have the manpower or financial resources to fully implement NFPA 1582 and most likely would never be able to comply with mandatory regulations. Many volunteer fire and EMS departments struggle each day to meet daily expenses to keep the doors open and apparatus running. Some volunteer fire departments have an operating budget of less than \$10,000 a year. Carnivals, chicken dinners, and bingo are held just to raise funds to pay monthly bills. Even larger suburban and metropolitan fire and emergency service organizations struggle to recruit personnel and convince political leaders to provide funding.

One size does not fit all. The volunteer fire and rescue service of our nation is as varied as the nation's climate, from the very large urban volunteer and combination fire

departments with over a hundred members to the one-engine rural departments lucky to have three people responding to an incident. Our country's thousands of emergency service organizations stand as sentinels protecting villages, cities and counties throughout our nation. A fire company that has limited funds will be forced to choose to pay the insurance bill or provide annual physicals to members. As many volunteer fire departments depend on older members, medical physicals could easily cost \$2,000 per person.

Even more of a concern would be the proposed requirement to ensure members are fit for duty. Pre-employment or member testing and fit-for-duty evaluations would not only be time-consuming but also a deterrent to potential new and incumbent members. The record-keeping and human resource requirements would essentially create a need for a full-time human resources person in every department. Our nation is suffering from a decrease in volunteer participation in fire and EMS. Many volunteer companies are struggling to recruit and retain volunteers, and adding more time and bureaucracy to what is often an already somewhat burdensome process will pose another barrier to keeping members on the rolls or convincing the public to join their local fire department. Though most companies do provide some basic form of evaluation for fitness for new operations, to mandate a specific regimen as outlined by NFPA 1583 would be time-consuming and burdensome, ultimately defeating the purpose.

Training requirements, particularly those to assure members are trained to the most recent standards, would be cost-prohibitive and extremely time-consuming for the volunteer service. Can you even imagine how many NFPA standards are frequently changed and the time and effort it takes to ensure every member meets any updates annually? In many states, the individual firefighter or the volunteer fire company must pay for training from a college or other training service or agency.

Other proposed regulations based on NFPA standards could ultimately create voids in emergency services in many communities. The 10-year gear requirement is well-intentioned. In many situations, the turnout gear rarely sees interior firefighting. Many small departments do not have the financial ability to replace gear every ten years. And though the Fire Act Grant is presently available for such purchases, these funds are limited and a constant target of budget hawks in Congress. The present standard for two sets of gear is cost prohibitive, even for many large career departments. Adopting these standards into regulation will again be unachievable for many departments. Even larger departments simply do not have

the funding available to meet these well-intentioned but very costly standards.

Presently, OSHA conducts operations with a more positive attitude, working with organizations to meet compliance rather than the more government-hard hammer of the past. Even so, many fire and rescue companies will never be able to comply with NFPA standards that are proposed to become regulations. No one can predict the actions of OSHA or field representatives of OSHA that could use a more aggressive stance against fire and rescue companies that are non-compliant and potentially forcing many departments out of business, thus jeopardizing public safety.

The Maryland State Firemen's Association is very much involved in this issue on many levels. President Smothers, Executive Director Loveless, Past President Cox, and Executive Committee Chair Jewell are all providing input on a committee organized by the Maryland Occupational Health and Safety Administration. Past President Dave Lewis is a Maryland director with the National Volunteer Fire Council and is involved in the issue on many fronts. Executive Committee Chair Jewell is a member of the Small Business Administrative Administration OSHA Emergency Response SBREFA Panel. MSFA is active on many fronts. We are NOT opposed to initiatives that enhance the health and safety of our personnel. The NFPA standards are the best practices that our volunteer fire and rescue service strive to achieve. We are very

fire and rescue service strives to achieve. We are very concerned that making these standards a legal and binding regulation puts many volunteer companies in jeopardy of being immediately in violation of a law, thus subject to citations and fines.

The efforts of fire and rescue companies of our nation in the last two decades to address health and safety are evident when reviewing the past history of line-of-duty deaths. Our service has continued to see a decrease in operational line-of-duty deaths in the last 40 years due to the continued work by departments to implement NFPA standards as practical. Efforts to decrease exposure to cancer and increase medical evaluations are ongoing. Though I am very supportive of efforts to achieve every NFPA standard, utilizing these standards as OSHA regulations will not have the desired effect but rather pose an unnecessary and often unachievable legal regulation that could create an increased void of volunteers and service delivery to communities across our county.

Clarence "Chip" Jewell has 54 years in the Frederick County Fire and Rescue service and is the chairman of the MSFA Executive Committee. He retired in 2017 as the Deputy Chief/Director of the Frederick County Division of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services and a former MFRI instructor for over 20 years. He has served on MSFA committees since 1972.



"The reproduction of a Junior Fire Company "Junior Defender" militia unit uniform that was most likely worn by the fire company militia unit during John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry is one of the newest displays at the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum."

Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum Opens with New Exhibits By Clarence "Chip" Jewell

The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum, located at 300B South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, has opened for the summer season with several new exhibits. The 1919 Ahrens-Fox pumper on loan from the Gladhill family and formerly owned by the United Fire Company in Frederick will continue to be displayed until the United 1939 Ahrens-Fox is returned from repairs.

The Junior Fire Co. No. 2 of Frederick has loaned a recreated uniform of a "Junior Defender," one of the fire company militia units in Frederick that responded to John Brown's raid of Harper's Ferry. An 1850's tin type of Junior Defender wearing the actual uniform is also on display. Additionally, the Junior's 1876 Silsby hose reel has been restored and is on display. Pictures from the collection of the late John Hognlund have been loaned to the museum and provide some interesting reflections on the MSFA. The museum has many items relating to the history of the MSFA.

The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum is located at 300B South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg about a block north of the National Emergency Training Center is open Saturday and Sunday each weekend (closed holiday weekends) from 12 noon – 4PM. For more information go to www.frederickmdfiremuseum.org

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Maryland State Firemen's Association

Established in 1893

Our Mission Statement:

To serve, promote, advocate, and represent the interest of the volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services of Maryland.

The **Maryland State Firemen's Association** (MSFA) is a cumulation of the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS companies of the state of Maryland, and seeks to ensure adequate training and education, as well as standards in leadership and equipment to ensure the citizens of the state of Maryland receive consistent, professional emergency services no matter where in the state they reside.

The leadership of the organization is freely elected by its membership. The organization consists of multiple committees, including Fire Prevention & Life Safety, Reaching the Next Generation, Recruitment & Retention, the Executive Committee, and many more. We're always looking for new ideas, consider joining a committee today!





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2024

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2024

ATTENDANCE:

- MSFA membership: 350+ fire, rescue, and ambulance departments, and 200+ member auxiliaries
- 14,500 Convention members
- 35,000 Convention guests in total, including family, friends, volunteer, career, gov't agency emergency services personnel
- Convention guests from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey!

The MSFA Convention Headquarters are located at 4001 Coastal Highway (MD Route 528) and 40th Street.

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Heatstroke to Children Left in Cars

Outdoor Stand-Up Temperature Display

Available for Use for Maryland Community Events

On average each year, 38 children die from heatstroke when left alone in cars. In 2023, **29** children died this way. Awareness and behavior modification among caregivers are key to preventing the majority of these tragic deaths. The Outdoor Stand-Up Temperature Display is an excellent tool to create awareness of how a vehicle can quickly heat up in the sun to where the inside temperatures would kill a child. This display features:

- A tall metal (78") **or** tripod free-standing display with two LCD temperature monitors attached at the top: one for the in-vehicle temperature and one for outside/ambient temperature.
- Cable connectors with thermometers to place in and outside the car.
- Large magnet-signs to place on display car to convey message.
- Safe Kids display sign for the middle of the frame.
- 100 foot extension cord.
- How to use display video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBFh3M4Kp74 ; tripod version: <https://youtu.be/zGPB8fYatDU>
- Handouts and posters for the public.



To Reserve the Display: click on this QR code

Or contact Susanne Ogaitis-Jones, MIEMSS' CPS
& OP Healthcare Project at cps@miemss.org



Guidelines for Use

- Arrange for pick up and return of the large and heavy display in its storage case.
- Return the display within four business days to the pre-arranged location.
- Arrange for an outdoor location for this: a parked vehicle is needed within 10 feet of the temperature display.
- Access to electricity is needed; a 100 foot extension cord is included with display.
- Do not expose the display to rain.
- Allow at least 30 minutes for set up time, with at least two strong people helping.
- Follow the directions for assembly carefully. Call 410-706-8647 if there are questions or concerns, or after hours, call Susanne Ogaitis at 410-491-7803.
- Ensure that someone will be near the display at all times.
- Properly pack and transport the display in its original case.
- Clean the display if needed with a soft, damp cloth.
- If any damages occur, you will be responsible for repairs or replacement.

Additional Activities to Accompany Display

- Place a doll or stuffed animal that doesn't look real strapped into a car seat inside the hot car. Use a car without dark windows to allow the car seat to be seen.
- Ask local car dealers to loan the vehicle, as a public service.
- Have supplemental materials available: handouts, posters to give away, or incentive items with campaign messages.
- Invite local media to cover the campaign and film the temperature changes.
- Cover the campaign on social media, with frequent updates of temperature changes and what that would mean to a child occupant of the car.
- Simultaneously conduct an inside display on the same subject by borrowing one of the 6' tall stand up posters ("Cars can overheat rapidly..." or "Take action..."). Contact cps@miemss.org to arrange this.

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