

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

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TOMORROW! REMINDER TO REGISTER: 2024 MSFA/LAMSFA Cancer Support Walk of Hope:

Sunday, April 28, 2024. This year's walk will begin at 4pm (registration at 3pm) for an "Evening Stroll Through Annapolis", ending at Stan and Joe's Restaurant. The After-Walk fundraising event at the restaurant will be held in support of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Foundation. Register to walk/be an event sponsor here: <https://www.msfa.org/2024-msfala-cancer-support-walk/>

SAFER Marketing Grant Program Round 2 Extended to APRIL 30: The MSFA is excited to announce Round 2 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 30th**, \$1200.00 will be allocated for another 65 departments for event materials. ***There are a few spots left so apply today!***

Each kit includes: One Full Color 10x10 Tent with Logo and Department Name; One Table Cover with Logo and Department Name; Backwall with 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 be participating 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 that will be able to communicate with the vendor directly.

****To apply, please send the following info to kloveless@msfa.org no later than April 30th:**

-Name, Address, and Phone Number of Department -Contact information for 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.

Recruiter Training Announcement: *Please note location change for May 18-19

The MSFA R&R Team is excited to present regional offerings of the MissionCIT Retention and Recruitment Officer Course!

May 18-19	Northeastern MD	MFRI North East
September 14-15	Upper Eastern Shore	MFRI Centreville
October 19-20	Lower Eastern Shore	MFRI Princess Anne
October 26-27	Northern MD	Frederick County Public Safety Training Facility
November 2-3	Mid-State	MFRI College Park

-This SAFER-funded two-day workshop takes a retention-first approach to help participants evaluate the type of environment they're inviting potential members into and offers keen insight and process improvement from the moment of inquiry, to application and acceptance, and through the onboarding phase. -NOTE: **To ensure a personalized experience, the course will be open to a limit of 24 attendees per region (and limited to two people per department) so be sure to register early!** This course is for those that are active in their department's retention and recruitment efforts.

-Mileage will be reimbursed for all attendees traveling 50+ miles one way.

-Lodging will be reimbursed for one night up to \$175 for those traveling 75+ miles one way as well as mileage.

Register here: <https://missioncit.com/maryland-state-firemens-association-retention-and-recruitment-officer/>

NERIS Data Framework and Development Update: May 2nd, 2024; 1200 - 1300 hrs.

This webinar will share the latest NERIS developments and explore how the USFA is moving towards a modernized approach in managing emergency response data and analytics across the nation.

Through this virtual session, we'll cover key updates and advancements on the NERIS project, and you'll have an opportunity to: Learn about the latest progress and next steps for NERIS - Explore the newly launched beta version of the Core Data Schemas - Hear first-hand insights from Fire Chiefs testing the prototype version - Engage directly with the NERIS team in a Q&A segment

Register here: <https://web.cvent.com/event/fb4dc5b4-0aa4-483a-8a1b-772f343cc457/summary>

Featured Speakers

- Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, U.S. Fire Administrator, USFA
- Dr. Steve Kerber, Vice President and Executive Director, FSRI
- Tom Jenkins, Research Manager, FSRI (Moderator)
- Don Lombardi, Chief, West Metro Fire and Rescue (CO)
- John Butler, Chief, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue (VA) and the President of the IAFC

First Responder Center for Excellence Survey: If you are a firefighter between the ages of 18-65, please take this survey on firefighter behaviors and viewpoints. “The Firefighter Behaviors and Viewpoints Survey is an ambitious effort to measure success of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives that resulted from discussions begun 20 years ago at the Firefighter Life Safety Summit in Tampa FL.”



Lights & Bells in all 50 States: The NFFF Needs Your Help Next Week! Each year, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation invites you to join them in remembering our nation's fallen firefighters. At this year's National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, May 4-5, 226 fallen firefighters from across the United States will be honored.

There are many ways you can remember these fallen heroes in your own community. Two of these are by participating in Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters (May 4-5) **Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters** and Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters (May 1-5) tributes. **Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters**

- For next month's national tribute, the NFFF is seeking Lights and Bells participants from all 50 states.
- The NFFF invite individuals, families, fire departments and organizations, landmarks, and communities from coast to coast to participate in this nationwide effort.

Please sign up for one or both of these important remembrances, and you'll be added you to the national map. Your participation can help inspire others to sign up, too—and most of all, it shows our Fire Hero Families that we remember their heroes.

2024 Convention News:

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

-The **2024 Program** had been posted to the convention website under Shortcuts: <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. Schedule attached to this report. Please share these offerings with your members and encourage registration.

Note that the EMT Refresher (Sat and Sun) registration will only be available on the MFRI website; <https://www.mfri.org/register/EMS-202-S038-2024/msfs>

-The **Convention Events** page has been updated for 2024 and will include additional information on as we get closer to Convention. *Be sure to visit the website <https://convention.msfa.org/> often for the most up-to-date info!

-**Credentials:** Reminder for all Departments to submit their credentials by June 1st.

-**Award Nominations** are still being accepted. **Please note that there are specific deadlines for some of the awards so be sure to nominate today.** Visit: <https://www.msfa.org/awards/> for more info.

There are also **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.

COR Requests can be made online here: <https://www.msfa.org/awards/recognition-certs/>

Upcoming Training:

-**May 4, 2024; Lithium Ion Battery Fires: First Responder Awareness;** 10AM-1PM Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department 101 Sunset Blvd Ridgely MD 21660 Register: <https://www.mfri.org/course/seminars/SEM/141/>

-**May 15, 2024; NVFC Webinar - Responding to Warehouses and High Challenge Facilities: Considerations for Volunteer Departments** 1400 hrs. Sponsored by Stonehouse Media

Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TzAfWDltRWu1uG1TqexSHA#/registration

-**May 18-19, 2024; Northeastern MD Recruitment and Retention Officer Course;** MFRI North East

Register here: <https://missioncit.com/events/the-retention-and-recruitment-officers-rro-role-in-organizational-success-sponsored-by-the-maryland-state-firemens-association-north-eastern-md/>

-**May 20-21, 2024; Supervising Emergency Medical Services (SEMS)** 0800-1700 MFRI Headquarters;

College Park, MD Register here: www.mfri.org/register/NFA-230-S001-2024/seminars

-**May 21, 2024; Mental Management & Mindful Movement for First Responders** 1000-1330 Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore 301 Tilghman Rd. Suite 101, Salisbury, MD

Register here: <https://bit.ly/MMMM-May244>

-**May 22, 2024; NVFC Roundtable Talk - Answering the Call: Volunteer EMS Recruitment & Retention Strategies** 1400 hrs Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oXCnAsMASxySBRZb3SJ6kw#/registration

-**May 22, 2024; Port and Shipboard Firefighting Seminar** 0800-1600 Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), Maritime Conference Center 692 Maritime Blvd, Linthicum Heights, MD

Register here: <https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-142-S001-2024/seminars>

-**May 29, 2024; NVFC Webinar - Managing Combination Departments: Leadership Challenges** 1400 hrs

Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QIW4aPGCRRihPmUtRR2Lfg#/registration

-**June 8-9, 2024; Maryland Weekend at the National Fire Academy** has been Rescheduled! Visit

<https://www.mfri.org/course/seminars/SEM/119/> to download the application. Must be mailed in by April 30

-**June 15-16, 2024: National Women's Weekend Program at NFA** National Emergency Training Center; Emmitsburg, Maryland <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/about/usfa-events/2024-06-15-womens-weekend/>

Don't miss this chance to meet women firefighters from across the U.S. This program strengthens the fire service community by providing education, personal networking and a shared collegial experience.

-June 15-16, 2024; Maryland EMT Skills Refresher, 0800-1600; MSFA Convention and Conference; Ocean City, MD Register here: <https://www.mfri.org/register/EMS-202-S038-2024/msfs>

-June 17-18, 2024: MSFA Convention and Conference Training Seminars, Ocean City Convention Center <https://convention.msfa.org/calendar/category/education/list/>

-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

-June 26, 2024; 12-Lead ECG and STEMI Masterclass 0800-1200; MFRI Headquarters, College Park MD <https://www.mfri.org/course/seminars/SEM/135/S001/2024/> **This course is also available on June 27, 2024.**

**To add training to this report, email the info to KLoveless@msfa.org

MSFA Committee Notices/Meeting Dates:

-The Scholarship Committee has announced that the Scholarship application period for 2024 is now open **through April 30, 2024**. There have been additional scholarship opportunities posted to the committee page so please visit <https://www.msfa.org/committees-2/scholarship/> for more information!

***New to the Scholarship program this year is the opportunity for individuals or departments to donate to the Scholarship fund in a loved one’s name. The donation will be awarded to a deserving volunteer at the Convention in June.**

-The Incentives Committee will be holding a meeting for all LOSAP coordinators at the MSFA convention in Ocean City on Tuesday, June 18th after elections in Room 208.

-The Cancer Support Committee would like to assist any Maryland volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services personnel who are facing a battle with cancer. We would like to provide a gift card that can be utilized to help offset fuel costs or purchase needed supplies. You can submit a request through this form: <https://tinyurl.com/382scb7a> . To donate to the Cancer Support Committee program, please contact Chair Susan Hilton at shilton2323@yahoo.com

-The Volunteer Trumpet Committee is looking for contributors! Are you a subject matter expert in Health and Wellness, Firefighter Safety, Recruitment and Retention or just have a cool story to share? Contact Chair Jonathon Dayton for more info. <https://www.msfa.org/committees-2/trumpet/>

-The Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Foundation is selling bricks! Honor those that have made an impact in your life by buying a brick in their name to be placed at the Annapolis memorial. For more information, visit <https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/marylandfire/>

Interested in serving on an MSFA committee? Submit your interest here:
<https://www.msfa.org/committees/interest-form/>

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