

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Weekly Report 6/8/24

We hope to see you next week at the 132nd Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City!

OSHA - Proposed Emergency Response Standard: Comments Extended to July 22

From the NVFC: "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 is scheduled to conclude July 22, 2024.**

While many of the proposed provisions would be helpful and improve the safety of emergency responders, many of the new requirements would be very burdensome, and in many cases impossible, for volunteer fire and emergency service departments to comply with. If the standard is adopted in its current form, many departments would be forced to shut their doors or else operate outside of the federal standard, leaving themselves open to fines, citations, and huge civil liability exposure.

Nothing in the proposed standard is final at this stage, so now is the time to take action. It is critical that members of the fire and emergency services submit a public comment explaining what should be changed in the proposed standard and why. Here are resources to help you better understand the standard and how to submit an effective comment. For all you need to know on this proposed standard, visit: <https://www.nvfc.org/osha-standard/>"

NVFC Day of Action: Wednesday, June 12

On June 12, the NVFC will hold a nationwide Day of Action, encouraging fire and EMS personnel to view and share the resources and information needed to understand the potential impact on their community and to prepare their comments. Learn more and take part: <https://www.nvfc.org/day-of-action-on-proposed-osha-standard/>

Want to speak with someone at the NVFC regarding the proposed standard or how to write an effective comment? Ryan Woodward, NVFC's chief of legislative and regulatory affairs, will be available via zoom on the following dates/times to answer your questions. You can also join in to hear what others are saying:

Wednesday June 12, 1-2pm ET

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkfqrgTorHNzi7O_kb5M9zTGJD3z6r4bC

Tuesday June 18, 4-5pm ET

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rdO-grjkrH9YXSFzG0s4adtQR0BQAoK0E>

-Read the proposed standard in the Federal Register and submit a comment <https://bit.ly/3QneKJb>

-View an outline of the requirements included in the proposed standard <https://www.nvfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/OSHA-Emergency-Response-Outline.pdf>

-View a list of NFPA standards incorporated by reference in the proposed standard <https://www.nvfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Standards-Incorporated-by-Reference-into-OSHA-Proposed-Rule.pdf>

Get answers to frequently asked questions about the standard <https://www.nvfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/OSHA-Standard-FAQs.pdf>"

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 here: <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. Please share these offerings with your members and encourage registration.

***Note that the EMT Refresher (Sat and Sun) and PDI registration will only be available on the MFRI website. Links are available on the Education list at <https://convention.msf.org>**

-The **Convention Events** page has been updated for 2024. Get your tickets today for BINGO, Jolly Roger, and the annual Prayer Breakfast! <https://convention.msf.org/calendar/category/special-events/>

-If you wish to serve as a **Parade Judge** on Wednesday, June 19th, please report to the front of the Convention Center by 1200 hours for assignments and transportation to the reviewing stands. For more info, reach out to PP Paul Sterling 301-466-6061 or by email: paulsterlingjr@gmail.com

NERIS (National Emergency Response Information System)

Effective January 1, 2026, all U.S. fire service incident reporting will occur through NERIS and departments will no longer input data into NFIRS. This webinar <https://vimeo.com/932930106/831a83e3bc?share=copy> shares updates about onboarding timelines, how to sign up to be an early adopter, and the upcoming Beta Data Schema just released on May 6. The USFA's goal is to be as transparent as possible through the process and ensure the fire service knows that their concerns are heard and are being addressed to the best of their ability.

Recruiter Training Announcement: The MSFA R&R Team is excited to present regional offerings of the MissionCIT Retention and Recruitment Officer Course! Register NOW for the Fall classes-

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/>

Upcoming Training:

-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 16, 2024; PDI for Instructors - Teaching Strategies for Introverted Learners, 0900-1200; Ocean City, MD Register here: <https://www.mfri.org/register/PDI-271-S001-2024/seminars>

-June 16, 2024; PDI for Instructors - Interactive Classroom and Gamification, 1300-1600; Ocean City, MD Register here: <https://www.mfri.org/register/PDI-270-S001-2024/seminars>

-June 17-18, 2024; MSFA Convention and Conference Training Seminars, Ocean City Convention Center <https://convention.msf.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 *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. All County coordinators should have received an email from Chairman Hemphill.

-The *Fire Police Committee* will be meeting via zoom on June 29 at 10am. Please reach out to Chair Kevin Albaugh if interested in participating: emtka@aol.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 *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 *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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