

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

-a 501(c)3 Organization

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Weekly Report 7/13/24

President Carey has announced the dates and locations of the 2024-2025 Executive Committee Meetings:
August 17-18, 2024; Union Bridge VFC; Carroll County
December 14-15, 2024; Berlin VFC; Worcester County
February 22-23, 2025; Ridge VFC; St. Mary's County
April 26-27, 2025; Midland VFC; Allegany County

Additional information re: hotel/agenda will be distributed from the Secretary's office prior to each mtg.

MSFA Name Change

As of yesterday, July 12, 2024, the State Department of Assessment and Taxation has accepted and docketed our name change. Thank you to Attorney Mike Farlow for his work on the application.

*For those who wish to update committee documents, order apparel, etc. please be advised that the new name, "Maryland State Firefighters Association" does NOT include an apostrophe.

2024 Maryland Medical Protocols Manual (July 1, 2024 Edition) Released:

https://mimss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/Guidelines_Protocols/MD-Medical-Protocols-2024-Web-20240612.pdf

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

The NVFC has released new resources to help volunteer responders submit a comment on the proposed OSHA Emergency Response Standard by the July 22 deadline. This includes a template comment letter, 'pain points' to address in the comments, Help Desk hours, and more. OSHA Proposed Emergency Response Standard - National Volunteer Fire Council (nvfc.org)

MSFA Tags:

Tag applications may be delayed due to updating the tags to the new Association name. We will announce when the new tags are in and processing resumes. ***Please use UPDATED VR-124A attached to this report email.** This form will be distributed to all tag coordinators. If you are a **new** tag coordinator or if we do not have your current contact information, please send to Chair Wayne Tome at Wayne.Tome@cecilcountymd.gov and CC Lynn Hawkins at lhawkins@msfa.org.

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 upcoming 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!**

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATES!

- September 28, 2024; *Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Gala*, 1800hrs; Double Tree, Annapolis, MD
- February 22-23, 2025; *Maryland Weekend at the NFA*, Emmitsburg, MD (More info: tdyche@mfri.org)
- March 22, 2025 - *Public Fire and Life Safety Seminar*, 0800-1700; MFRI Headquarters, College Park, MD

Upcoming Training:

-July 17, 2024; *NVFC Volunteer Voices Live: Grant Writing*; 1500 hrs

This is a live interactive discussion via Zoom. Come prepared to share and learn from one another.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcOGupzssHtbGeuAiGwAgpChr8f8AWJps#/registration>

-July 18, 2024; *NVFC Recruitment & Retention Coffee Talk*; 1900 hrs

Join Chief Rick Lasky to discuss strategies for volunteer retention!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pd-irqz0jGtEqWy8mOUSHHe-Nje4Dm02cv#/registration>

-August 19-20, 2024; *Fire Investigation: First Responders* 0800-1700; MFRI Headquarters, College Park MD

This course has a Canvas component which requires internet access.

<https://www.mfri.org/register/NFA-101-S001-2025/seminars>

-September 16-17, 2024; *Incident Command for Structural Collapse Incidents* (NFA) 0800-1700; MFRI Headquarters, College Park MD

<https://www.mfri.org/course/seminars/MGMT/141/>

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

MSFA Committee Notices/Meeting Dates:

**All Committee Chairs: Please send any upcoming meeting/training dates to KLoveless@msfa.org to be posted in the weekly reports. Please also send any requests to use the MSFA Zoom link at least two weeks prior to your meeting.*

-*The EMS Committee* will be meeting on Saturday July 20th at 1200 hrs at the Frederick County Public Safety Training Center. EMS Committee Chair: Jeana Panarella (jeana.panarella@ufc3.org)

-*The Safety Committee* will be meeting on Sunday July 21st at 1100 hrs at the Mechanicsville VFD. Safety Committee Chair: Jon Black (cdrb2115@comcast.net) Zoom attendance is available.

-*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?

Trumpet Editor: Jonathon Dayton (jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com)

-*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> . Cancer Committee Chair Susan Hilton (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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