

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Weekly Report 8/3/24

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

The latest version of the Meeting Agenda is attached to this report

Proposed OSHA Standard 1910.156:

OSHA has published a Notice in the Federal Register announcing that it is scheduling an informal, online public hearing on November 12th, 2024 starting at 0930 hrs. See Notice here:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-07-23/pdf/2024-16126.pdf>

Additional information on how to access OSHA's informal hearing will be posted on OSHA's Emergency Response webpage at <https://www.osha.gov/emergencyresponse/rulemaking>.

To testify or question other witnesses at the hearing, interested persons must electronically submit a Notice of Intention to Appear (NOITA) to OSHA on or before September 27, 2024. In addition, those who request more than 10 minutes for their presentation and those who intend to submit documentary evidence must submit the full text of their testimony, as well as a copy of any documentary evidence, to OSHA no later than October 18, 2024. The Maryland Multi-agency response is attached to this report.

SAFER VCOS Symposium in the Sun Sponsorship Announced

Through the SAFER Grant, the MSFA will reimburse travel, lodging, and conference fees of up to \$2200.00 for 20 individuals to attend VCOS Symposium in the Sun held in Clearwater, FL. The conference will take place November 14-17, 2024. For more information on the conference, please visit:

<https://www.iafc.org/events/event/2024/11/14/default-calendar/symposium-in-the-sun-2024> Applicants must be active and a member of good standing of their department. First-time attendees are strongly encouraged and will be given preference. **The application is attached to this report.**

SAFER Training Announcement:

-September 28 & 29 and October 5 & 6, 2024; *The Art of Reading Smoke* presented by Phillip Jose, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Seattle Fire Department. This classes will be held at four locations:

Sept 28: Cordova VFD

Sept 29: Washington County Training Center

Oct 5: Aberdeen VFD

Oct 6: Hollywood VFD

Flyer is attached to this report. Registration is required and will be made available shortly through the MFRI website. Contact Training Chair Tim Delehanty with any questions: Chief9a@hotmail.com

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

2024 Federation of Fire Chaplains Conference October 24-31, 2024; Annapolis, MD. Conference fees, travel and lodging reimbursement available through the MSFA SAFER Grant. Please email Chaplain Long for an application if interested in attending jflongjr@yahoo.com

SAFER Retention and Recruitment Officer Courses Open for Registration

*Western Maryland course RESCHEDULED! Flyer is attached to this report.

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

September 14-15	Upper Eastern Shore	MFRI Centreville
October 5-6	Western Maryland	MFRI Cumberland*
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.

Fire Prevention Week 2024

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Domino's Pizza's are teaming up for the 17th year to deliver smoke alarm safety messages and pizza during #FirePreventionWeek, Oct. 6-12. Fire departments that sign up in August to participate will automatically be entered into Domino's FPW Sweepstakes. Three winners will be randomly selected to receive a FREE Fire Prevention Week in a Box! Learn more:

<http://nfpa.social/9LRY50SPrU5>

FPW Webinar: August 6th, 2024 at 2 PM EST Learn why having working smoke alarms is vital in our "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" session. Get insights from experts on new technology, best practices, and how to run a successful Fire Prevention Week campaign using NFPA tools. Secure your spot today: <http://nfpa.social/bPSK50SEFaA>

Upcoming Training:

-August 7, 2024; Webinar - Finding Future Firefighters: Recruiting and Retaining Gen Z 1400hrs
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nOXknuDQRMWXJ1p-EXw8_g#/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 14-15, 2024; Retention and Recruitment Officer Course Upper Eastern Shore. MFRI Centreville
Register <https://missioncit.com/maryland-state-firemens-association-retention-and-recruitment-officer/>

-September 16-17, 2024; Incident Command for Structural Collapse Incidents (NFA) 0800-1700; MFRI Headquarters, College Park MD
Register: <https://www.mfri.org/course/seminars/MGMT/141/>

-October 8, 2024; U.S. Fire Administrator's Summit on Fire Prevention & Control
NFA, Emmitsburg, Registration Open: <https://mbandco.swoogo.com/usfa2024summit/begin>

-November 3-4, 2024; 65th Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference; BWI Airport Marriott Hotel;
Registration Open: <https://www.midatlanticlifesafetyconference.com/>

-Shock Trauma/UMMC Stop the Bleed Training

Host a Free Class for Your Community at Your Firehouse.

Register here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7a13c6b88ae14c2b9b4d949837c1f9ce?>

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

National Firefighter Registry; National Gold Helmet Certification:

Register today at <https://nfr.cdc.gov/>

-NIOSH is recognizing any U.S. fire department that enrolls 50% of their active firefighters OR more than 300 of their active firefighters in the National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer as a Gold Helmet Department. National Gold Helmet Departments receive a certificate, web badge, and social media posts to share.

How it works: Departments who have at least 50% of their active firefighters OR more than 300 active firefighters signed up for the NFR for Cancer are eligible.

Here's how it works: If you believe your department has met the eligibility criteria, please email NFRRegistry@cdc.gov and provide the total number of active firefighters in your department.

Please note: participants will need to select/enter their current department in the 'Work History' section of the questionnaire to allow NIOSH to accurately count the number of firefighters enrolled from your department. NIOSH will then review the NFR database. If your department meets the criteria, NIOSH will send you a confirmation email.

MSFA Updated Tag Application:

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 located on the website under the Transportation Committee page.** 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

MSFA Committee Meeting Dates/Notices:

**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 MSFA/LAMSFA Joint Fire Prevention Committees will be meeting on August 3, 2024 at 1000 hrs for the LAMSFA and 1030 hrs for the joint meeting at the OFSM in Reisterstown. Please contact Chair Teresa Crisman at tacrisman@hotmail.com

-The Fire Police Committee will be meeting via Zoom on Sunday August 4, 2024 at 1100 hrs. Please contact Chair Kevin Albaugh for more information: emtuka@aol.com

-The Reaching the Next Generation Committee will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 1900 hrs. Please contact Chair PP John Denver for more information: jdenver@msfa.org

-The Cancer Support Committee will be meeting via Zoom on August 7, 2024 at 1900 hrs. Please contact Chair Susan Hilton for more information: 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 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> . /

-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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