

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

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September is National Suicide Prevention Month

If you need immediate support with a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis,

Call 988 for the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

In addition, SAMHSA's National Helpline is available at 1-800-662-HELP (4357), and the Crisis Text Line is available by texting HOME to 741741.

The MSFA Donation Campaign link is now LIVE! Click on the following link to donate and to share! Donations help support the many programs of the MSFA. All donations are tax-deductible.

<https://givebutter.com/acNFtS>

SAFER Training Reimbursement Grant for the November VCOS Symposium in the Sun in Clearwater, FL (November 14 – 17th) has just 3 slots remaining! Send the attached application to KLoveless@mfsa.org if interested in attending.

SAFER Retention and Recruitment Officer Courses Open for Registration

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

NEXT WKND	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	Fred County Pub Safety Train 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.

SAFER Training Announcement:

- *The Art of Reading Smoke* presented by Phillip Jose, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Seattle Fire Department. This class will be held at the four locations listed below;

Sept 28: Cordova VFD <https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-144-S001-2025/seminars>

Sept 29: Washington CTC <https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-144-S002-2025/seminars>

Oct 5: Aberdeen VFD <https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-144-S003-2025/seminars>

Oct 6: Hollywood VFD <https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-144-S004-2025/seminars>

Contact Training Chair Tim Delehanty with any questions: Chief9a@hotmail.com

Printed Materials Now Available! The updated MSFA Recruitment and Retention Guidelines Manual and Cadet Program Sample Guidelines will be mailed to all Departments in the coming weeks so be on the lookout!

2024 Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Annual Gala

-September 28, 2024; 1800 hrs. Double tree, Annapolis, MD. Tickets: \$70 each or \$700 for a table. For tickets, sponsorships, or questions, please email mdmemorialgala@gmail.com. Tickets must be paid for in advance.

Flyer with QR code is attached to this report.

Registration is Now Open for Maryland Weekend at the NFA! February 22-23, 2025. The 2025 brochure and registration application are located here:

<https://zone.mfri.org/izone/schedule/export/file/SEM/119/S001/2025>

2025 SAVE THE DATES

-March 22, 2025 - Public Fire and Life Safety Seminar, 0800-1700; MFRI Headquarters, College Park, MD

NERIS (National Emergency Response Information System) is Coming!

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, released May 6th, 2024 by the USFA and FSRI, <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.

For more information on NERIS and how to prepare your department, visit:

<https://fsri.org/programs/neris>

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 Fire Police Committee will be meeting on September 21, 2024 at 1100 hrs at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center; 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD 21704

-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> . /

Upcoming Training:

-October 8, 2024; U.S. Fire Administrator's Summit on Fire Prevention & Control

NFA, Emmitsburg, MD. Registration Open: <https://mbandco.swoogo.com/usfa2024summit/begin>

-November 2-3, 2024; Two-Day OC FOOLS Hands-On Training; Sudlersville VFC. 0800-1500 hrs both days. More info to follow. Contact for training: Jason Bloom, OC FOOLS

-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?>

Interested in serving on an MSFA committee? Submit your interest here:

<https://www.msfa.org/committees/interest-form/>

President Carey has announced the dates and locations of the 2024-2025 Executive Committee Meetings:

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

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