

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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*Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel*

## Weekly Report 10/19/24

### **Urgent Request from MDEM: Please share broadly with your Fire/Rescue/EMS contacts:**

Many of the fire departments in storm-struck areas of western NC are completely destroyed, and they don't have a fire station, equipment, turnout gear, or apparatus. Every item that can be donated is critical for the fire departments to recover. The NC Office of State Fire Marshal has opened a donated fire equipment staging area and is building an inventory of equipment in anticipation of basic equipment requests. OSFM will distribute the equipment as the requests come in. The OSFM staging base camp is located at 2550 Hwy 70 SE, Hickory, NC 28602. The point of contact is Kevin Head. Phone # is 919-592-5143. Email [kevin.head@ncdoi.com](mailto:kevin.head@ncdoi.com)

\*In addition, many departments in the most rural regions are in need of 4-wheel drive vehicles and brush trucks.

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### **REMINDER: Webinar: NERIS Version 1: Platform Launch/National Rollout: October 29, 2024; 1300hrs**

The time to prepare your departments is NOW.

This session will mark a major milestone – the launch of the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) v1. As the effort transitions from platform development to national deployment, this webinar will map out how fire departments and technology partners across the country can plan their transition to NERIS.

#### **Covered in this webinar:**

- NERIS Version 1 Launch: Overview of the Phase 1 onboarding of 100 selected departments.
- User Experience Walkthrough: A practical demo of key NERIS V1 features and tools.
- Rollout Timeline and Strategy: Guidance on next steps for fire departments and vendors.
- New Resources: Onboarding materials, APIs, and Version 1 data schemas.

### **REMINDER: REGISTRATION OPEN: MSFA/OC FOOLS Training Weekend Announcement:**

November 1-3, 2024; Sudlersville VFC, Sudlersville

\*Register for either the 2-Day HOT OR the 2-Day Classroom: <https://msfa.org/msfa-oc-fools-training/>

Friday Nov 1: Dinner and Meet & Greet with breakouts with instructors: 1800-2000 hrs

#### **-HOT Classes: Limit 36 Students**

-Saturday, Nov 2: 0800 – 1700 8-hour Hands On Training; 3 stations - **Truck Essentials; Art of Educated Search/ RIT; Reinvented; Large Area Search Tactics**

-Sunday, Nov 3: 0800 – 1500 6-hour Hands On Training: **FF Survival and Combined Evolutions**

\*(PPE, Signed Waiver, and Copy of Recent FIT Test Required for all HOT registrants)

#### **-Classroom Sessions: Limit 60 Students**

-Saturday, Nov 2: 0800 – 1600 **Leadership 360**

-Sunday, Nov 3: 0800 – 1400 **Leadership 360 Drills/Kitchen Table**

\*Dinner Friday night, light breakfast Saturday/Sunday mornings, and lunch/dinner Saturday will be provided.

A block of rooms has been secured at the Fairfield Inn by Hilton; Middletown, Delaware

\*For students traveling 50+ miles one way, mileage reimbursements and/or up to two nights of lodging up to \$130/night are available.

**MSFA Recruiter Portal:** Did you know that the MSFA has a comprehensive Recruiter Portal with everything you need to be successful in retaining and recruiting members? From helpful documents, to how-to videos, and updated customizable marketing and media platforms, the Portal is your one-stop shop for all things recruiting! Visit <https://marylandvolunteer.org/recruiter/> to learn more.

### **Notice from the MSFA Tag Committee:**

-Motorcycle tags are in the process of being made. As soon as they become available, they will be shipped out to those who have applied.

Only **new** Maryland State "Firefighters" Association tags will be issued. We cannot replace old tags just to get the new name on your tag. The only exception is if the old tag is damaged and the proper VR9 is filled out.

-Reminder: all checks should be made out to "**MSFA**" or "**Maryland State Firefighters Association**" not MVA - all payments will be returned and not processed until correct check is submitted.

### **MSFA Committee Meeting Dates/Notices:**

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

-The **Scholarship Committee** will be meeting on November 1, 2024 at 10am at the Arbutus VFC; 5200 Southwestern Blvd, Halethorpe, MD. Contact Chair Barb McCrea for more info: [bmccrea@msfa.org](mailto:bmccrea@msfa.org)

-The **Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee** will be meeting on November 17, 2024 at the Singlerly VFD at 10:30am. Contact Chair Teresa Crisman with any questions [tacrisman@hotmail.com](mailto:tacrisman@hotmail.com)

The **Recruitment and Retention Committee** will be meeting virtually on Sunday November 24, 2024 at 10am. Contact Chair Bridget Weishaar for more info: [ivt1308@msn.com](mailto:ivt1308@msn.com)

-The **Safety Committee** will be meeting February 9, 2025 at SHA Hanover Complex Blvd, Hanover, MD from 1100-1400 and again on May 4, 2025 at the Sudlersville VFC 1100-1400.

-The **Volunteer Trumpet Committee** is always 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?

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### **2024 Training:**

**-October 26, 2024: Fire Service Mortar: The Critical Role of the Company Officer; Battalion Chief Jarrod Sergi, Norfolk VA.** \*Sponsored by the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association.

Howard County Public Training Center Marriottsville, MD <https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-145-S001-2025/seminars>

**-October 27, 2024; Fire Service Mortar: The Critical Role of the Company Officer; Battalion Chief Jarrod Sergi, Norfolk VA.** \*Sponsored by the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association.

Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department, Huntingtown, MD <https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-145-S002-2025/seminars>

### **2025 Training:**

**- February 22-23, 2025 - Maryland Weekend at the NFA** The 2025 brochure and registration application are located here: <https://zone.mfri.org/izone/schedule/export/file/SEM/119/S001/2025>

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

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President Carey has scheduled his **December Executive Committee Meeting** of the Maryland State Firefighters Association for Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th, 2024. The meeting will be at Berlin Fire Company, 214 North Main Street, Berlin, MD. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Hotel accommodations: Tru By Hilton, 3501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. For reservations, call 410-520-4545 or <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/msfa-executivecommitteeweekend2024/>. Rooms are \$69.00 per night plus tax, using code MSFA. Reservations must be made prior to November 25, 2024

A welcome reception has been planned for Friday Evening at the Berlin Social Hall between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come by and see your friends and enjoy some refreshments and have a chance to mingle with all. The Berlin Fire Company advised that there will be a Hot Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday, December 14th for a fee and will provide a Continual Breakfast on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2025 Scheduled Executive Committee Dates:**  
**February 22-23, 2025; Ridge VFC; St. Mary's County**  
**April 26-27, 2025; Midland VFC; Allegany County**

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