

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Weekly Report 10/5/24

Tomorrow, October 6th, marks the beginning FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!

In addition to home fire safety courses [sponsored by First Alert](#), the NVFC offers the following training for your Fire Prevention Week activities:

- Course - [Your Role in Community Safety Education](#)
- Webinar: [Collective Impact — Collaborative Strategies for Fire and Life Safety Education](#)
- Roundtable Talk: [Planning for Fire Prevention Week](#)

Find more community education resources from the NVFC [here](#)

An Important Memo from State Medical Director Dr. Timothy Chizmar: Date: October 4, 2024

Re: IV Fluid Shortage

Recently, the Baxter North Cove Plant in North Carolina sustained significant storm damage from Hurricane Helene. This facility produces large quantities of IV fluids used in the United States. With this plant outage, we anticipate the possibility of supply chain disruption.

Please use sound judgment and conserve IV fluids when possible.

Effective immediately, please reserve IV fluids for patients who are hemodynamically unstable or in shock (e.g., tachycardic, hypotensive). For stable patients who may need intravenous access for medications, we should establish a “saline lock” and not hang IV fluids at “keep vein open (kvo)” rate.

Thank you for your flexibility and sound judgment as we aim to use our resources wisely and deliver excellent patient care. We will share further guidance on this evolving situation as it becomes available.

Maryland’s Heat Illness Prevention Standard

Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) has adopted a Heat Illness Prevention Standard (Standard). This Standard applies to employers that have both indoor and outdoor workers who are exposed to working areas with a heat index of 80 degrees Fahrenheit and above.

The final Standard went into effect on Sept. 30, 2024. It requires employers to develop written heat illness prevention and management plans; provide employees with heat stress training; implement emergency response and high-heat procedures; and provide access to shade, acclimation periods and drinking water, among other requirements. See full Standard here: dsh.maryland.gov/MDRIssues/5115/Assembled.aspx#_Toc172634334

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 15th.

Webinar: NERIS Version 1: Platform Launch and National Rollout October 29, 2024; 1300-1400 hrs

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.

Featured Speakers:

- Dr. Dimitri Kusnezov, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, DHS S&T
- Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, U.S. Fire Administrator
- William Goldfeder, Deputy Chief, Loveland-Symmes Fire (OH)
- John Morrison, Data Analytics Strategy Manager, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue (VA)
- Mary Cameli, Fire Chief, Mesa Fire and Medical (AZ)
- Dr. Steve Kerber, Vice President and Executive Director, FSRI
- Dr. Craig Weinschenk, Principal Research Engineer, FSRI
- Tom Jenkins, Research Manager, FSRI

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.

MFCA SAFER Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference Sponsorship; BWI Airport Marriott Hotel; November

3-4, 2024. The MFCA is sponsoring 25 applicants to attend. The sponsorship will cover conference fees (\$100-\$150) as well as hotel (\$169.86 x 2) and mileage (\$0.67 per mile) for those traveling more than 50 miles one way. Download the application at www.mdchief.org and email to training@mdchief.org before September 30, 2024. Registration and Conference Info Here: <https://www.midatlanticlifesafetyconference.com/>

MSFA SAFER Retention and Recruitment Officer Courses Open for Registration:

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

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!**

Webinar from Kidde: What's Hot In Fire Safety - Hosted by NASFM

Oct 15, 2024 01:00 PM - Join us to hear the latest about Kidde's revolutionary UL 9th edition DETECT product and award-winning Cause for Alarm fire safety education program.

Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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 Prevention and Life Safety Committee will be meeting on November 17, 2024 at the Singerly VFD at 10:30am. Contact Chair Teresa Crisman with any questions tacrisman@hotmail.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> . /

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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