

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.

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>

***CLOSED: MSFA/MFCA SAFER Training Reimbursement Grant** for the November VCOS Symposium in the Sun in Clearwater, FL (November 14 – 17th) is closed. If you sent in an application to either the MSFA or MFCA and have not received your approval email, please email KLoveless@msfa.org.

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. **As a reminder, memorial bricks are available for purchase here: <https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/marylandfire/>.

MSFA 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

MSFA SAFER Retention and Recruitment Officer Courses Open for Registration

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

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.

Just Announced! The Chief Chaplain Emeritus Rev. J Harvey Dixon Chaplain of the Year Award

Is Now Available on the MSFA website: <https://msfa.org/award/chief-chaplain-emeritus-rev-j-harvey-dixon-chaplain-of-the-year-award/> For more information, email Chaplain Long at jflongjr@yahoo.com

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/>

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 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 5 2024; National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training: 0800-1200 hrs Carroll County Public Safety Training Center. [Training Registration Form - Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association \(ccvesa.org\)](#)

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

-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>

-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?>

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

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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