

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Weekly Report 9/28/24

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:

CLOSED Sept 28: Cordova VFD **CLOSED** Sept 29: Washington CTC

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:

Register: <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 50+ miles one way.

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/>

SCHEDULE:

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.

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>

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 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 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>

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 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.

For those desiring to stay overnight, arrangements have been made at the Tru By Hilton, 3501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. A block of rooms is being held for MSFA at a reduced rate. Each individual is responsible for making their own arrangements. 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. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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

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