

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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

**Weekly Report 11/2/24**

## **\*STATEWIDE BURN BAN IN EFFECT AS OF NOVEMBER 1st, 2024\***

For more info, visit: <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2024/11/01/maryland-department-of-natural-resources-enacts-statewide-burn-ban/>

**CONVENTION 2025**  
**June 15 – 19, 2025 Ocean City, MD**

### **The Request for Instructor Proposals is Now Open**

- If you are an instructor and have a relevant topic to cover next June, we would love to hear from you!
- Seminars should focus on state or federal policy or issues and have a positive impact on Maryland's fire and emergency services. Seminars intended solely to promote for-profit programs or activities that specifically benefit an individual or organization will not be considered.
- Seminars should be either 1.5 hours - 4 hours in length. The only exceptions are PDI courses and the EMT Skills class.
- Proposals should be submitted to the Maryland State Firefighters Association NO LATER than January 15th.
- Submit your seminar here: <https://convention.msfa.org/registration/instructor-proposal/>

**Online Links:** Department Credentials/Registration, Exhibitor Registration, Sponsorships and Program book ad submissions will all open on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Convention Website:** The Convention and Conference website will be updated shortly to reflect all events and programs for 2025. Please visit the site often for all important convention content! <https://convention.msfa.org/>

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### **SAFER Application Dates for the FY-2024 Grant Application Cycle**

AFG Application period – November 4 – December 13

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants>

SAFER and FP&S Application period – December 16 – January 31

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer>

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards>

Start your application prep now!

**THIS MONDAY! November 4, 2024; Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference** 0700-1530; BWI Airport Marriott Hotel More information here: <https://www.midatlanticlifesafetyconference.com/copy-of-agenda>

### **2024 Training:**

**-November 13, 2024; High-Rise Fire Operations;** 0800 hrs, MFRI, College Park

High-Rise Fact: At any fire time is needed to transform orders into actions. Because all the operations at a high-rise fire are occurring far above the ground, this timeline increases. An incident commander must anticipate what may occur and begin to request resources immediately. This seminar focuses on high-rise fire tactics and strategies that can help to mitigate firefighter risk. Register at:

<https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-147-S001-2025/seminars>

**-December 14 – 15, 2024; Ocean City Leadership Training Weekend 2024;** Holiday Inn Oceanfront, OC Speakers include: (Saturday) Chief Rick Lasky “Firehouse Survival: Us vs. Them” and (Sunday) Captain Josh Chase “Jump Seat Leadership: Leaders Wanted, Bugle Note Required” (Sunday). Sponsored by the MFCA and funded by SAFER. Mileage and lodging available for reimbursement. Register at:

<https://www.mfri.org/register/SEM-121-S001-2025/seminars>

### **2025 Training:**

**-January 18, 2025; Mark G. Falkenhan Operational Leadership Seminar;** Carroll County Public Safety Training Center. Registration will open soon.

**- 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 Registration will open soon.

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### **National Training:**

#### **NVFC Virtual Training: Building a Strong Foundation: Creating a Successful Junior Firefighter Program**

This course is designed to equip fire department leaders with the essential tools and knowledge to develop, implement, and maintain a thriving junior firefighter program. Topics include program structure, safe training options, activity ideas, and community leadership. A key focus is using junior firefighter programs as a recruitment pipeline for the volunteer fire service.

<https://virtualclassroom.nvfc.org/products/building-a-strong-foundation-creating-a-successful-junior-firefighter-program>

### **NVFC Live Online Events in November:**

**November 7, 2024; Webinar: What You Need to Know Before Testifying at OSHA’s Emergency Response Public Hearing,** at 2pm ET

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0dDTEc4kQp6AN3ovcN37eg#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0dDTEc4kQp6AN3ovcN37eg#/registration)

**Webinar: So You’re a Training Officer – Now What? Incorporating Adult Learning Theory into FD Training Programs,** November 13 at 2pm ET

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ilTmPyf-S8qeMO\\_-3YEIFA#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ilTmPyf-S8qeMO_-3YEIFA#/registration)

### **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.

-Department members **MUST BE** on the title of the vehicle that tags are being requested for. If you are not on the title (owner or co-owner), the application will be denied by MVA.

-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 **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](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? Contact Trumpet Editor: Jonathon Dayton [jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com)

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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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