

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Weekly Report 3/1/25

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting:

April 26-27, 2025; Midland VFC; Allegany County

See attached notice from the Allegany and Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association

Agenda and hotel information will be forthcoming.

Latest Update on NERIS- The National Emergency Response Information System

Please see the attached the NERIS Transition Letter and Onboarding InfoSheet from the Office of the State Fire Marshal

NERIS has begun its 12-month nationwide rollout, eventually replacing the legacy National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) as the primary reporting tool for fire and emergency response for the nation's approximately 27,000 fire departments.

Everything you need to know about the new platform is here: <https://fsri.org/programs/neris>

The Weekly "Did You Know?"

Did you know that the MSFA has an online calendar that shows monthly listings of each county association meeting? We highly encourage department members to attend their county meetings and stay informed on important local and state issues. <https://msfa.org/events/month/2025-03/>

The **MSFA Scholarship Application Period** is OPEN! The MSFA proudly offers several scholarship opportunities for active members of the Maryland volunteer fire service who are enrolled in higher education. Visit <https://msfa.org/resources/scholarship/> for more information. We thank our partners at Shock Trauma and Delmarva Power for their continued support of our volunteers!

There is also information on how you or your department can donate to the MSFA Volunteer Fire and EMS Continuing Education Fund.

The **MSFA VCAF Application Period** is OPEN! Visit <https://msfa.org/committees/financial-branch/vcaf/> for more information on VCAF and how to apply. Please note that companies applying for a VCAF loan must be in the pre-contract phase of their acquisition process. Companies that have already signed a contract for the project (apparatus and/or equipment) are ineligible to apply for a VCAF loan. For more on this important update and the current schedule for loans, please visit <https://msfa.org/an-important-message-from-the-msfa-vcaf-committee/>

CONVENTION 2025:

The 2025 Seminar Schedule is posted! Be sure to check out this year's offerings and register today!

Seminar Schedule and Registration <https://convention.msfa.org/2025-education-schedule/>

Department Credentials: <https://convention.msfa.org/registration/departmentscredentials/>

Program Book ads: <https://convention.msfa.org/sponsors/advertising/#fdpricing>

Exhibit space registration: convention.msfa.org/registration/exhibitors/

Awards: <https://msfa.org/awards/>

Visit <https://convention.msfa.org/> for up-to-date info regarding Department Credentials, Awards, Exhibiting, Sponsorships, and Hotel information.

Volunteer Trumpet Mailing List and Health Contributor Request

Trumpet Committee is currently in the process of updating the Volunteer Trumpet mailing list. Our request form is now active. Please note that Maryland Volunteer Fire Departments already receive copies of the newsletter, and if you are already on our mailing list, there is no need to complete the form. This request is for new subscriptions only.

Additionally, we are seeking a health contributor for the newsletter. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in contributing, please contact jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com.

Link to subscribe: <https://forms.gle/Qui6NaE8uZ5YFPG68>

Upcoming In Person Training:

-March 7-8, 2025 Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar Rocky Gap Casino Resort, Flintstone, <https://www.miltenbergerseminar.com/>

-March 8-9, 2025 John W. Hogle Maryland Officers Seminar The Universities at Shady Grove, <https://www.mfri.org/register/MGTS-302-S003-2025/seminars>

-March 22, 2025 Public Fire and Life Safety Seminar, 0800-1700; MFRI Headquarters, College Park, MD Registration <https://www.mfri.org/register/MGTS-201-S001-2025/seminars>

-March 24-25, 2025 1st Responder Conference: 1st Responder Mental Health & Wellness; Co-hosts: Behind the Line, Inc./ Worcester County Sheriff's Office. Ashore Resort & Beach Club, OC MD <https://app.clearevent.com/eventPortal#event/6f44d386-02dd-4ac6-a941-bcc28ca20fe4/register>

-March 29, 2025 Shock Trauma EMS Education Conference, 0800-1300; Shock Trauma Center Auditorium (See attached flyer). Seats are limited. Continued hours offered. [EMS Conference at Shock Trauma](#)

Upcoming Online Training:

The NVFC is hosting the following online events in March:

Webinar- Protecting Our Heroes: Women Firefighters' Health and Wellness March 6 at 2pm

Roundtable Talk- Incident Response Lithium-ion Battery Fires: Best Practices March 20 at 2pm

R&R Coffee Talk- Behavioral Health, March 27 @ 7pm

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.nvfc.org/online-trainings/>

-NVFC Training Summit: Travel stipends are still available for the NVFC Training Summit, which takes place June 20-21 in Salt Lake City, UT. Those who apply for a stipend by TODAY March 1 will be notified by March 20 and those who apply by the final deadline of April 1 will be notified by April 20. Stipends reimburse up to \$800 of eligible conference expenses, including travel, hotel, and the registration fee. <https://nvfc.swoogo.com/2025nvfcsummit>

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 send any requests to use the Zoom link at least two weeks prior to your meeting.*

-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

LAMSFA NEWS

February 1 Mailing: <https://msfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/LAMSFA-Feb-1-mailing.pdf>

Please reach out to Corresponding Secretary Robin Shorb @ rshorb@pleasantvalleyfire.org or shorb2family@earthlink.net with any questions.

Spring Conference Information: April 5, 2025, at Parsonsburg VFC.

<https://msfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-Spring-Conference-Info.pdf>

Please reach out to Conference Co-Chairs Kristi Grinder @ klg1184@gmail.com or Traci LaMar @ traciandroland@verizon.net with any questions.

Convention: Credentials have been sent, please get them in ASAP.

The mailing and forms can also be found on the website as well: MSFA.org under Ladies Auxiliary Documents <https://msfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/LAMSFA-Credentials-form-2025.pdf>

Bessie Marshall: Any member of a company or department in good standing with the Maryland State Firefighters Association who is sick or injured (NOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY OR DEATH BENEFIT) and thereby incapacitated, may be entitled to weekly benefits. Approval will depend on compliance with the application requirements. Info here: <https://msfa.org/lamsfa/resources/>

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