123rd Annual Convention And Conference

Of The

Maryland State Firemen’s Association And Ladies Auxiliary

June 20 to 26, 2015
Ocean City, Maryland

“Come Join Our Ocean of Opportunities”
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

We are excited to bring this preliminary packet of information to you about the upcoming 123rd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) and Ladies Auxiliary. The convention activities will kick off in Ocean City, Maryland, on Saturday, June 20, 2015, and continue through Friday, June 26, 2015. This year the convention committee has been working very hard to create more family participation activities as a part of the week-long schedule of events. We encourage you to bring the family to the beach and experience a unique Ocean City Family Memory.

We hope that you take advantage of the many opportunities for informative presentations, networking with your peers from around the state, getting additional training and education by attending one of the conference seminars, and getting hands-on opportunities to view new product/technology at our two exhibit halls. In addition, take some time to attend our awards presentations on Tuesday morning as we recognize the achievement, accomplishment, and dedication of many departments and individuals within the MSFA and the Ladies Auxiliary. Look for events marked “NEW” to see what has been added or changed.

It is important that you take some time to look over the entire convention and conference schedule to make sure you do not miss anything. The convention committee is committed to bring you the annual gathering possible. We appreciate your comments and feedback about the week’s activities, and will be circulating a convention and conference survey again this year. The following detailed information is being provided to enhance your convention experience:

1. ENTRY AND ACCESS FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER
2. CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM
3. EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS ***NEW TOPICS***
4. HANDS-ON TRAINING SESSIONS (Expanded Offerings)
5. FREE BUS PASSES
6. SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ***NEW LOCATION***
7. FIRE AND EMS MEMORABILIA FLEA MARKET ***NEW LOCATION***
8. MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST ***NEW LOCATION***
9. JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE
10. FREE OCEAN CITY DINE AND FUN DISCOUNT COUPON BOOK
11. FIREHOUSE FIRE-RESCUE COMPETITION ***NEW***
12. FAMILY NIGHT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK
13. PURSE AND BAG BINGO ***NEW LOCATION***
14. JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ***NEW LOCATION***
15. PAJAMA PARADE AND CONTEST ***NEW LOCATION***
16. OCEAN CITY BEACH LIGHTS
17. MOVIES ON THE BEACH
18. OCEAN CITY FOOLS BLOCK PARTY ***NEW PARTNERSHIP***
19. WEDNESDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST ***NEW LOCATION***
20. PARADE TROPHIES, AWARDS, AND RULES ***NEW CATEGORIES***
21. FAMILY DAY AT SPLASH MOUNTAIN WATER PARK
22. SPECIAL RIDE NIGHT AT BOARDWALK PIER ***NEW***
23. SOFTBALL COMPETITION ***NEW***
24. TICKLED PAINT ARTWORKS – MSFALA FUNDRAISING EVENT ***NEW***
25. ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
ATTENTION CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE ATTENDEES!!!

ARRIVE EARLY EACH MORNING TO BEAT THE RUSH!

PLEASE NOTE THE ENTRANCE LOCATIONS TO THE CONVENTION CENTER.

Those needing assistance should use the escalators or elevators inside the main front lower foyer entrances.

Adequate handicapped parking spaces are available in front of the facility.

The Roland E. Powell Convention and Conference Center is a facility that features the best possible accommodations for your convenience, enjoyment and safety.

For everyone’s safety and enjoyment, we encourage everyone to become familiar with the facility, its exits, safety features, and locations of the various rooms and accommodations.

Please respect the Convention Center while you are there by not posting anything in the facility using tape or tacks.

On-site shuttle service will be offered again this year from the bus stops on Coastal Highway to the front lobby of the building. If you need a ride, flag down the courtesy golf carts as they loop the Convention Center property, parking lots and bus stops.

Please take the time to visit and thank our corporate partners and exhibitors as they help make our convention a success.
Ocean City Convention Center Floor Plans

- Additional Exhibits (Bayfront Hall D)
- Main Exhibit Hall (Hall A/B)
- Main Entrance
- Ground Level
- Second Level
- Training Rooms
- Bayfront Ballroom
- LAMSFA Meeting Room
Have You Submitted Your 2015 Credentials?

Go to MSFA.org Home page
Click on 2015 Convention Registration
Complete the Credential Form and submit.

This needs to be completed even if no one from your Company, Department or Squad will be attending the Annual Convention.
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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
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FINAL PROGRAM

123rd ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 20, 2015

0900  Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
1200  Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center Mezzanine Level
1330  Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Convention Center
1800  JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET - Clarion Hotel (By Invitation Only)

Sunday, June 21, 2015

0800  Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0900-1700  Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
0900  “Saving Our Own” Fire-Rescue Competition - Sunset Room
0900-1130  Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor’s Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level
0900  Executive Committee Meeting – Performing Arts Center
1000-1200  Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor
1000-1200  MSFA Early Registration Open in Bayfront Ballroom
1000-1200  LAMSFA Early Registration Open Performing Art Center Foyer
1030  SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Performing Arts Center
1000-1400  Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market – Front Foyer of Convention Center
1400  MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Performing Arts Center
1700  JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
1800  Maryland Memorial Fire Service Event – Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way

Monday, June 22, 2015

0700  Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0800  Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor
0830  CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900  Exhibits Open
0900  “Saving Our Own” Fire-Rescue Competition - Sunset Room
0910  Keynote Presentation - "Don’t Text N Drive 4 Liz Marks"
   Liz Marks
   Betty Shaw
   Easton, Maryland
   On April 7, 2012, just two weeks shy of her 18th birthday, Liz’s life was forever changed when she drove her car into the back of a flatbed truck near St. Michaels. Liz suffered a traumatic brain injury, which was so acute; the first responders to the scene of the accident did not expect her to survive. Confident, brave, resilient, a fighter and a survivor; these are
only a handful of words that describe Liz Marks. Liz’s story is remarkable, her survival miraculous, and she wants to share her message with everyone. If you don’t know Liz—you should.

0930 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
Ladies dismissed after the keynote presentation
1000 Reading and acceptance of 2014 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
National Volunteer Fire Council Update
1045 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
1100-1145 LAMSFA Registration
1200 MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center

1230 CALL TO ORDER - SECOND SESSION
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructor’s Certification Board
Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division

1300 Main Program Presentation- "Prevention Through Testing and Research"
Mark Gratkowski
Fire Protection Engineer
ATF - Fire Research Laboratory
Beltsville, Maryland

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Fire Research Laboratory (FRL), completed in 2003, is the world's largest research laboratory that is dedicated to fire scene investigations. FRL scientists utilize its unique structure and sophisticated instrumentation to investigate fire scene phenomena; conduct forensic fire science and engineering tests; and analyze fire growth and dynamics questions. This presentation will review the tests recently completed by FRL on samples of vegetation and decorations which contribute to the rapid spread of fire and other products of combustion, as witnessed by the tragic fire in Anne Arundel County earlier this year; and relate these test results to future protection and prevention features which might serve to prevent future tragedies.

1330 Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report

1430 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 Hours
1800  PURSE/BAG BINGO – Bayfront Ballroom, Doors open at 1700 hrs. (Ticket Needed)
1830  MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK (Ticket Needed)

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

0800  VOTING – Convention Center - (Open for two hours)
0830  CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

AWARDS CEREMONY
- Gladhill-Thompson Award
- Colburn Cup Award
- Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
- Hall of Fame Awards
- Marberly F. Gates Service Cup Award
- Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
- Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award
- Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
- Firefighter of the Year Award
- Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
- Zembower Fire Service Training Award
- Scholarship Awards

0900  “Saving Our Own” Fire-Rescue Competition - Sunset Room
0900  Exhibits Open
0900  MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center

Legislative Committee Update

SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

0930  Main Program Presentation -
"Engineering Analysis of 30 Dowling Circle Using Fire Dynamics Simulator"
Adam St. John, P.E.
Fire Protection Engineer
ATF - Fire Research Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland

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1000  AWARD CEREMONY CONTINUED
- Family Appreciation Award
- Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
- Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

Report of the Election Judges
1630  Exhibits Close
1830  Ocean City FOOLS Block Party at Cowboy Coast on Philadelphia Avenue at 17th St. Featuring the Franklin Square Band. (Ticket Needed)
1830  JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Performing Arts Center
2130  PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

0730  PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom (Ticket Needed)
0800  5k Run/Walk, OC Fools, North Division Street on the Boardwalk
0900  CALL TO ORDER–FOURTH SESSION - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

0900  Exhibits Open
Reading of Communications and Announcements
Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

0915  MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center

0915  Main Program Presentation-
  *Type V Construction and the Fire Service – The Perfect Storm”*
  **Steve Lohr**
  Fire Chief (Retired)
  Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services
  Rockville, Maryland

  Recent major fires in buildings under construction have posed unique problems to fire
  service suppression efforts. Limited fire department access and unfinished egress,
  unprotected construction, increased fuel loads, and incomplete fire protection equipment
  have increased the potential for unchecked fire spread and urgent need for exposure
  protection. This presentation will review several recent incidents of this nature and
  describe some best strategies and tactics for the Fire Commander to consider in mitigating
  these emergencies.

1000  Remarks by Past President
Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee
Installation of Assistant Officers
Final Report of Convention Committee

1015  Main Program Presentation- *Why Sprinklered Buildings Burn”*
  **David Kurasz**
  Executive Director
  New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board
  North Brunswick, New Jersey

  Most new residential buildings are required to be protected by sprinklers which have been
  specially designed to provide for building occupant evacuation, with less emphasis on
  property protection. Some recent incidents in buildings with this level of sprinkler
  protection, including a major fire at The Avalon Bay Community in Edgewater, New
Jersey, on January 21, 2015, have resulted in major fire damage to the building; however, all residents have been able to evacuate without death or injury. This program will discuss the limitations of sprinkler protection designed for residential occupancies, and to describe the accepted levels of success intended by these system designs.

1045 Unfinished Business and New Business
$10,000 Raffle Drawing
1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 Hours
1300 MSFA PARADE – Downtown Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue, Line-up at Inlet Parking Lot
Special Note – Parade Route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue.
1730 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center Bayfront Exhibit Hall

Thursday, June 25, 2015

TBD MSFA/USSSA Softball Championship – St. Louis Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street
0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Performing Arts Center
1400 -1800 Tickled Paint ARTworks Fundraiser for LAMSFA – Room 208

Friday, June 26, 2015

0800 GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course

The Convention Committee has spent considerable time locating educational presentations that are interesting, knowledgeable and relevant to the delivery of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services here in the State of Maryland. These topics represent some of the most current issues that are facing our statewide emergency services delivery system. Please take the time to participate in these outstanding learning experiences. Some of these courses require advanced registration since class capacity is limited to ensure a good instructor to student experience. Check the MSFA Convention Website to see which classes require advanced registration.
The following training programs are offered by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) in partnership with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), Maryland State Police (MSP) and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

Advanced registration is NOT required for the following courses located on pages 12 through 18. All conference attendees are welcome to attend.

Information is complete as of the time of this publication.

Check the MSFA Information Desk in the Lower Level Lobby of the Convention Center for updates to times and locations.
### Schedule at a Glance
#### Sunday, June 21, 2015

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<td>Room 201</td>
<td>No matter if you are teaching fire, rescue, hazmat, or the EMS discipline, you want your students to be able to grasp the information that you are presenting. What is the best way to do that? In 2010, the International Academy of Education published 10 research based principles of instruction for how educators can improve their classroom performance. This is a thought provoking session where we will dive into these principles and discuss how we can use them in our classroom today.</td>
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<td><strong>Care Under Fire: The Interdisciplinary Response to Dynamic Incidents of Criminal Nature</strong>&lt;br&gt;Presented by: TFC Travis Nelson, MD State Police Law Enforcement Liaison, MD Emergency Management Agency&lt;br&gt;Mr. John Donohue, MIEMSS</td>
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<td>Recent incidents around the country have brought to light the need to ensure law enforcement, emergency medical services, and emergency management are collaborating to develop common plans for responding to an assailant causing or threatening harm with a firearm or explosive device. Active assailant incidents present unusual circumstances that require law enforcement officers (LEOs) and emergency medical services (EMS)/fire/rescue personnel to respond simultaneously to subdue the assailant and provide immediate treatment to those injured. All personnel will be thrust into situations in which they do not normally operate. This session will provide guidance and share best</td>
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practices on planning, training, equipping as well as the stages of response and recovery.

1230-1400  Prevention Through Testing and Research
Room 203  Presented by: Mark Gratkowski, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

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1230-1700  Engineering Analysis of 30 Dowling Circle Using Fire Dynamics Simulator
Room 204  Presented by: Adam St. John, P.E. Fire Protection Engineer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Fire Research Laboratory

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This presentation will provide information about the U.S. Fire Administration’s (USFA’s) innovative research efforts to support the fire service and fire safety to reduce firefighter on-duty deaths and injuries, as well as to enhance fire safety of the public. This presentation will discuss the National Safety Culture Change Initiative for the Fire Service project, an update on the findings to the Study of Cancer among Firefighters with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a Study on New Technology for Smoke Alarms, Emergency Vehicle Safety Research for both the Fire Service and Law Enforcement, Protective Equipment Thermal Protection Studies, a new comprehensive health and safety study focusing on the volunteer fire service, as well as other projects.

Recruitment and Retention Town Hall Meeting
Presented by: MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee

This course is a provocative and moving presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through the Everyone Goes Home® Program, that is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence.

Building on the untold story of line of duty death survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death. This presentation provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day.

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous
situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

1415-1545 Type V Construction and the Fire Service – The Perfect Storm  
Room 203  
Presented by: Steve Lohr, Fire Chief (Retired), Montgomery County (MD) Fire and Rescue Services

Recent major fires in buildings under construction have posed unique problems to fire service suppression efforts. Limited fire department access and unfinished egress, unprotected construction, increased fuel loads, and incomplete fire protection equipment have increased the potential for unchecked fire spread and urgent need for exposure protection. This presentation will review several recent incidents of this nature and describe some best strategies and tactics for the Fire Commander to consider in mitigating these emergencies.

1415-1545 Setting Yourself Up for Success  
Room 205  
Presented by: Logan Helmuth, Firefighter/Paramedic, Salisbury Fire Department, Field Instructor, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute

Being successful as a firefighter takes time and discipline. This program outlines some challenges a new firefighter faces, and solutions to overcome them. This class will provide you the knowledge and tools to succeed in today's fire service.

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Schedule at a Glance  
Monday, June 22, 2015

1330-1500 Everything I Need to Know about EMS…I Learned in Elementary Education, Instructor Professional Development
Think about it for a second. We can’t sit for long periods of time, we like to play, some people have short attention spans and we love snack time! The difference between the fourth grader and EMS personnel is the previous experiences those individuals have. This presentation will cover cognitive development, brainstorming and educational activities you can use in your classroom.

Healthcare in Maryland and nationwide is changing in a major way that will have an impact on EMS. The economic forces are working to change healthcare financing to move from fee-for-service to pay-for-performance. In the new model, goals will include: the best health for patients, best health for communities and the best cost effectiveness (best care for the least cost). This will require healthcare organizations to form partnerships with public health and EMS, assess what education and resources would help patients make better choices for good health. This represents an unique opportunity for EMS to collaboratively improve the health of individuals and communities.

This session will explore the care of the trauma patient from injury through recovery! We will look at various mechanisms of injury and the care provided!

Leadership Challenges in Today’s Volunteer Emergency Services Organizations
Presented by: David Lewis, Past President, MSFA, Field Instructor, MFRI.
Today’s volunteer emergency services leaders are challenged with a variety of very complex issues, including funding, recruitment, community/political support, and strategic planning. Come interact with other leaders from around the state for an open discussion of the challenges affecting the future of your organization. Leave with new ideas and best practice solutions on how to resolve your challenges and move your organization forward towards a better tomorrow.

1330-1500  Why Sprinklered Buildings Burn  
Room 205  Presented by: National Fire Sprinkler Association, Patterson New York

Most new residential buildings are required to be protected by sprinklers which have been specially designed to provide for building occupant evacuation, with less emphasis on property protection. Some recent incidents in buildings with this level of sprinkler protection, including a major fire at The Avalon in Edgewater, New Jersey on January 21, 2015, have resulted in major fire damage to the building; however, all residents have been able to evacuate without death or injury. This program will discuss the limitations of sprinkler protection designed for residential occupancies, and to describe the accepted levels of success intended by these system designs.

1330-1500  Utilizing a Dedicated RIT Team  
Room 206  Presented by: Chief Allen Baldwin, Winchester, VA Fire and EMS

Using a dedicated RIT Team – This presentation will look at the benefits of using a predestinated RIT on responses to guarantee the best for your people as opposed to only using a unit/company on your response matrix. Staffing, equipment, training, apparatus, positive and negatives along with case studies will be presented and discussed.

1330-1500  Leadership – Your Role in Leading & Managing Your Department  
Room 207  Presented by: John McNeece, Ellicott City Fire Department, MFRI

Good leadership involves responsibility for and to the welfare of the Department as a whole. As a leader you will need creditability and accountability to yourself, your members and your Department. The goal of this program is to review and develop the leadership,
managerial, administrative and operational skills for the new company and/or chief officer to effectively meet his/her obligation. The program addresses basic knowledge and skills, pertaining to the responsibilities of the newly promoted and/or those who are presently serving as a chief officer or a company officer. The primary audience for this program is the new company officer and/or chief officer elected or appointed in a volunteer or combination department.

1300-1500
Traffic Incident Management
Room 217
Presented by: Vernon L. Love, MSP (Retired) Field Instructor, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute

This TIM training is unique and was created by responders for responders. The comprehensive curriculum uses a common set of practices and engages all responder disciplines – from law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services, to towing, transportation agencies, and dispatch personnel – all being trained together during the session. Developed through the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) and delivered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the training will fundamentally transform traffic incident management (TIM) in Maryland and on a national scale, bringing together for the first time a national curriculum in a standardized training format.

1515-1645
Navigating an Infectious Source Exposure
Room 202
Presented by: Michael Deckard, NRP, MIEMSS

Do you know what to do following a blood borne Pathogen exposure that can save your life? Do you know there is a law requiring hospitals to immediately test source patient for an EMS provider blood born pathogen? Have you recently transported someone with fever, headache, neck stiffness? This presentation will cover the life threatening diseases that place EMS providers at risk: Tuberculosis, hepatitis, meningitis, HIV, Measles, Pertussis just to reference a few.

1515-1645
Trauma Family Feud!
Room 203
Presented by: Diana Clapp RN, BSN, CCRN, NRP
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
EMS Liaison and Quality Improvement Coordinator
Dr. Laura Buchanan, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

Test Your Trauma Knowledge against your EMS Peers in this fun and interactive session based on the Family Feud Game! Two teams will compete to get the most answer to common answers from EMS colleagues to specific Trauma care questions!

1515-1645  Financial Management Practices
Room 205  Presented by: Steven A. Rabine, Educational Specialist, VFIS

Almost weekly we hear or read about an emergency service organization that has experienced a theft of funds, misappropriation of funds, or some similar “fidelity” related loss. These situations create not only a financial challenge for the organization, but present a negative image in the community. This class has been developed to raise awareness and discuss steps that an ESO can take to help protect themselves. This class reviews case studies and provides 10 practices for financial system management and sample policies.

1515-1645  Cold Storage Warehouse Fire Lessons Learned and Applied
Room 206  Presented by: Chief Allen Baldwin, Winchester, VA Fire and EMS

On May 30, 2014, the Winchester Fire & Rescue Department responded to a reported fire in a 60-year old six-story Cold Storage Warehouse. Arriving units found fire spreading throughout all six stories of this large building. Crews operated for more than 30 hours at this incident. Units from Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania responded. Lessons learned and lessons applied will be discussed and presented. Along with comparisons to the Worchester incident which played a significant role in decisions made on the fire ground.

1515-1645  Building Codes Since the Events of 9/11/01
Room 207  Presented by: Keith Lippincott, UM School of Fire Engineering

The presentation will cover the changes to the major building and life safety codes that may have a direct impact on first responders/firefighting operations. Topics will include stairway access, emergency power, communications as well as others.
Your department is dispatched to the “Aircraft Down” in your first due area. What do you do now?

This course will give the student a thought provoking program leading you from size up to demobilization. Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting is just not for airport firefighters. The majority of aircraft emergencies and crashes involve general aviation aircraft off of airport property and first responders must know how to mitigate the emergency.
Ocean City FOOLS
2015 Training Presentations

The Convention Committee has partnered with the Ocean City “FOOLS” to provide more class sessions and hands-on training opportunities. More topics and nationally recognized instructors.

The following training programs are offered by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) in partnership with the Ocean City FOOLS.

Advanced registration is required for all of the classes listed on pages 20 to 28. On-site registration will be accepted if space is available.

All participants for these training programs must meet at the Ocean City Convention Center for final registration. Bus transportation will be provided for those classes conducted at off-site locations.
# Ocean City FOOLS
## Classroom and Hands-On Training Sessions

### Sunday, June 21, 2015
**All Classroom Sessions will be held in Room 208**

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Making the Cut (4-Hour HOT)
This class will go over the tools and techniques for venting flat and pitched roofs. It will make the student realize that there is more to just cutting the roof. In 4 hours, flat roofs will be discussed and cut, low pitch roofs and steep pitch roofs, and ideas for unusual obstacles. How to get the tools to the roof with minimum manpower and cuts that will help in those conditions.

Captain Arthur Ashley - Lexington Fire Department (KY)

Firefighter Fit for Survival (4-Hour HOT)
This course is designed to cover basic maneuvers with SCBA conversion, air management, SCBA confidence, and also; three distinct drills to challenge the participant. A Wall Breach with Low/Reduced Profile drill involving partial and full SCBA removal under low/no visibility. Upper floor Emergency Egress Drill (Ladder Bail Out) is a dynamic drill involving exiting a structure from an elevated floor. Participants will also perform as part of a company, a Window Rescue of a Downed Firefighter, utilizing specific procedures to lift a down firefighter up onto a window sill and lower to the ground via ladder.

Captain Esther Lakatos, Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service. Vaughan, ON. Canada
Captain Lisa Belanger, Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service. Vaughan, ON. Canada
Captain Claude Duval, Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service. Vaughan, ON. Canada

Facial Trauma
Dr. Scott Wolpin will talk about facial trauma and how it can affect the victim. He will draw from his experience as a dentist, as well as his work in the ER at Johns Hopkins. As an EMT, as well as a dentist, Dr. Wolpin is uniquely qualified to discuss facial trauma from the point of view of a dentist and an EMS field provider. He will show slides of injuries he has seen and discuss how EMS providers can best manage these patients. This class is MIEMSS-certified for 2 hours of continuing education credit.

Dr. Scott Wolpin, Vice President/Chief Dental Officer, Choptank Community Health System

Autism Awareness
One out of 68 children is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). EMS providers are generally not trained in awareness of autism, nor how to interact with and treat the autistic patient. This speaker will give general guidelines on how to recognize autistic patients and how to treat them. This is a very interesting and informative class. Mr. Fowler is speaking from his own personal experience of his son who is on the autism spectrum, as well as from his research into the disorder. This class is MIEMSS-certified for 3 hours of continuing education.

Scott Fowler

Thermal Imager Rope Assisted Search (1:45 Minute Class)
Far too often when rope or thermal imaging cameras (TICs) are used during searches, the process slows down instead of speeds up. This class will show students how to increase accountability and speed in the proven methods of traditional searches by using TICs and rope in the evolutions. Among the topics
covered are the following: good traditional search techniques; using common room layouts to your advantage; TIC-assisted search; good traditional + TIC search techniques equals orientation; TIC tips and tricks; training drills to increase proficiency; rope-assisted search; NY type bags; retractable systems; TIC + rope search techniques; circumstances that work best for a rope search; and hybrid search.

Lieutenant Keith “Nemo” Niemann, Wichita Fire Department (KS) -Wichita Metro Area FOOLS of Oz

Not the Average Jo: We won’t lose one of our own (1:45 Minute Class)
The integration of behavioral health needs and trauma exposure in first responders. To increase mental health awareness and treatment for first responders. To define the stressors specific to first responders, including vicarious traumatic stress. To provide tools that can be used to promote self-care and assist in self-assessment.

Vanessa Pataky, Director, Cummins Behavioral Health, Zionsville, IN
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Understaffed Engine Company Operations (4-Hour HOT)
In these cash strapped times getting the first line into service is harder than ever. For the paid departments, staffing has been cut to the bone and departments are asked to do more with the bare minimum in staffing. In the volunteer world the economic downturn meant dedicated volunteers must often choose the job that provides for their family leaving their departments strapped for manpower to get the “all important” first line in place. This class will concentrate on skill necessary to get the first line off the rig and into place with only two people quickly and efficiently. This class will pass along some tips and tricks to get the first line in place, and hone the skills necessary to make an effective attack with both 1 ¾ and 2 ½ handlines with understaffed crews

   Lieutenant Keith “Nemo” Niemann & Fire Fighter Mark Misek –Wichita Fire Department (KS) –Wichita Metro Area FOOLS of Oz

Ropes for the Engine Companies (4-Hour HOT)
In today’s fire service we have to do more with less. This class covers the basics of fire service rope for engine companies. These are techniques that any first due engine should be able to accomplish. Rope is the most versatile but underused tool on the fire ground. The student will learn to be comfortable with the use in basic knots and anchors, with the majority of class practical time spent on the use of ropes and knots in fire ground applications. The students will learn the technique for the lowering of victims from upper stories using ropes and basic ground ladder complement, raising of victims using handcuff knot and simple stokes basket rigging/lashing.

   Rob Mitchell – President Alamo Fools

Firefighter Basics Challenge (8-Hour HOT)
This eight (8) hours of intense hands-on training is designed for firefighters and company officers to sharpen and learn skills needed to be successful during fire ground operations. This scenario base training is broken into two sessions that will focus on Engine and Truck Company Operations:

Engine Company Operations

   • Long Line Stretches
   • Engine Company Essentials - "Making the Knock"

Truck Company Operations

   • Roof Operation/Vertical Ventilation Considerations
   • The Outside Vent Firefighter (OVF) Skills

Skills are performed at fire ground pace, but allows for instructor to provide students the skills and tricks of the trade needed to be disciplined fire ground operators.

   Leader Instructor: James McClelland, Captain (PGFD), Owner FTS Training
   Support: Chris Abbott, Tech. (PGFD), Chris Hammond, Lieutenant (PGFD), Chris Moe, Lieutenant (MCFRS), Justin Bassford, Fire Fighter (DCFD) - FTS Training
**Bridging the Gap: Eliminating Training Voids (4-Hour Classroom Workshop)**

"Bridging the Gap" was designed to help narrow the gap between graduating the training academy and entering the field. This class will motivate students to learn about pride and history of their department, as well as learn simple, hard hitting drills that the student will be able to bring back to their crew members.

Brandon Frieder – Lieutenant, Loudon County Virginia

**The Outside Vent Man: Who is it and What are they doing? (1:45 Minute Classroom Session)**

Throughout the fire service, firefighters are taught to make sure that fire suppression is performed with appropriately placed and coordinated ventilation. Given the limited staffing of fire departments all across the country, it has become increasingly difficult to assign personnel to ventilation early in an incident response. This class is designed to introduce students to the role of The Outside Vent Man and give them some tips on how to effectively deploy this critical position on their fire ground, even with limited staffing.

Fire Fighter Mark Misek - Wichita Fire Department (KS) -Wichita Metro Area FOOLS of Oz

**SCBA Bootcamp: A Firefighter’s Survival School**

Firefighters must build on the rudimentary skills learned in basic self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) training. When the fire doesn’t go “by the book,” knowing the SCBA Continuum of Survival can make all the difference. Unfortunately, many firefighters and training programs neglect to advance SCBA skills to adequate levels. The SCBA Survival School encompasses a variety of principles and practices for use every day. These methods are equally applicable to all firefighters—rural and urban, career and volunteer. The SCBA Continuum of Survival illustrates the training needs of the SCBA firefighter and provides multiple skills that maximize safety. Many firefighters are unaware of the survival options available to keep them alive.

Trevor Steedman – Captain, Ocean City Fire Department / Owner Strike the Box Training
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**Engine Company HOT (4-Hour HOT)**  
This class will concentrate on operational fundamentals such as proper hose stretching techniques, efficiently laying out your attack line, developing a proper pre-entry checklist, and reading the building. Attendees will also train on standpipe operations, loss of water, rope stretches, flow path hazards, moving the big line effectively and multiple room fire attack. Join us for an extremely informative, skill sharpening session.

**Lieutenant Ray McCormack (FDNY) – Urban Firefighter**

**Man vs. Machinery HOT (4-Hour HOT)**  
Machinery Entrapments occur all over the United States. Is your department capable of handling one? Whether it is a basic ring removal, a person with their arm stuck in a snow blower or a full entrapment involving agricultural equipment, let our instructors guide you through the necessary steps to perform these extrications. Our PowerPoint is recognized by the State of Massachusetts for six (6) CME hours. and is currently under review for CME's throughout several counties in New York State. Our Hands-On Training Program allows students to use various hand and power tools in scenarios ranging from limb entrapments / crush injuries to impalements. What separates our program from others? Our instructors all have practical experience in these difficult rescues. With over 20 years of experience, each P.L. Vulcan Instructor will guide you through the necessary steps that will be required.

**Captain Mark Gregory (FDNY) – PL Vulcan**

**Firefighter Survival (8-Hour HOT Class)**  
Learn from instructors that have been involved in actual firefighter removals and have assisted to establish successful R.I.T programs. Techniques performed will assist in expediting the removal of a downed firefighter. The course covers various drags, carries high point rescue maneuvers and airway management procedures to assist the downed firefighter. Members will be tasked with performing many firefighter removals with the use of tools that are carried by the firefighter on the everyday fire. Firefighters will also perform various entanglement drills to reinforce the skills needed to assist with the many dangerous entanglements that may be encountered. Firefighters will also understand when to call the “May Day”. The students will be required to wear full turn out gear, as well as an SCBA.

**James “Jimmy” Payne - Division Chief of Training & Special Operations – Midway Fire & Rescue**

**Truck Company Operations: For Understaffed Departments (1:45 Minute Class)**  
Expanded from the “FDIC 2014 Reduced Staffed Truck Operations at Dwelling Fires” this course will take the participant through an interactive lecture that addresses fulfilling fire ground needs when operating less than desired staffing levels. From establishing clear expectations and accountability of crew members, to suggested positional assignments and prioritizing the fire ground needs. Participants will be shown through interactive videos how to train and then deploy members insuring the most bang for the buck. We will discuss the role of the truck when operating with a reduced staffed Engine Company. Tips for one man laddering, one man forcible entry, residential ventilation tactics, and the importance of VES and interior isolation when performing traditional residential searches (Fire Engineering video/training article January 2014 ).
**Forcible Entry (1:45 Minute Classroom Session)**
This is a classroom-only class designed to familiarize the student with strategy and tactics of entry through the use of slides and actual locks. The student will be made aware of types of windows, doors, locks, entry tools and techniques. There will be examples of various types of locks for the student to observe and work with.

**Skip Carey, Captain, Ocean City Fire Department**

**Reality Check – Where Do You Fit in Today’s Fire Service? (1:45 Minute Classroom Session)**
The fire service has changed over the years through technology, employee turnover, and other events. A true "firefighter" will be compared with the "employee" of the department. Emphasis will be on morale, history, tradition, rank, and "doing the right thing." Students will evaluate themselves and the fire service, identifying strengths and weaknesses and ways to improve areas that need bolstering. Attitude, the importance of training, physical fitness, the "Senior Man," and "true Brotherhood" are addressed. Where do you think you fit in today's fire service?

**Captain Arthur Ashley - Lexington Fire Department (KY)**

**Principles of Structural Firefighting (1:45 Minute Class)**
As firefighters progress through their career, they are taught many different concepts and skills. Sometimes, it is difficult to tie it all together and obtain a global perspective about the fire ground. Principles of Structural Fire Ground Tactics is designed to help firefighters understand the big picture of fire ground tactics and how the skills they’ve learned are applied to the overall goal. This class will not only help newer firefighters get an overall understanding of fire ground tactics, but also help experienced members hone their skills applying basic incident priorities in their decision making model. This is an interactive class with multiple scenarios encouraging student involvement.

**Fire Fighter Mark Misek - Wichita Fire Department (KS) -Wichita Metro Area FOOLS of Oz**
FREE BUS PASSES

Good All Week

Pick Up Free Bus Passes
for You and Your Family

Sunday, June 21, 2015
1000 to 1400 Hours
Monday, June 22, 2015
0800 until 1400 Hours
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
0800 until 1300 Hours
Convention Center, Lower Level

Park the Car -- Ride the Bus
Save Money and Gas

Take advantage of this benefit to the emergency services family;

HOWEVER, DO NOT ABUSE IT!
Compliments of:
Town of Ocean City and the Convention Committee.

MUST SHOW FIRE DEPARTMENT ID TO GET A BUS PASS.
Sunday, June 21, 2015
1030 Hours
Performing Arts Center

Everyone is invited to attend
this non-denominational worship service
for the entire emergency services family.

Individuals from many faiths
will be attending and participating
in this service.

A time for the entire
emergency services family to
worship together.
FIRE & EMS MEMORABILIA
FLEA MARKET

Sunday, June 21, 2015
1000 – 1400 Hours

Front Foyer of Convention Center
Set Up 0900 Hours

BUY - SELL – TRADE

FREE ADMISSION

FREE TABLES
Must be packed up and moved out by 1500 Hours

FOR TABLE SPACE OR
MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Frank Underwood, PP
301-318-9212
funderwood@msfa.org
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Miss Fire Prevention
Sub-Committee
Announces

2015-2016 Miss Fire Prevention Contest

Sunday June 20, 2015
Two O’clock in the Afternoon

Roland E. Powell Convention Center
Performing Arts Center
Ocean City, Maryland

Please come and support the contestants
We look forward to seeing you there.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee

Wishes to Announce the Following

Fire Prevention Ambassador Recognition 2014-2015

Once again, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association wishes to acknowledge and thank those young individuals for all of their hard work and dedication, all year long, in the area of Fire Prevention and Life Safety. This year, during the Miss Fire Prevention Program, we will again be announcing the many that support Fire Prevention and Life Safety in the State of Maryland. To show great pride and honor, we wish to present your member with a certificate for all of their hard work and dedication.

Below you will find an application. Please fill the application out and return it to Teresa Ann Crisman, so we can have the certificates produced prior to our arrival in Ocean City at this year’s Convention and Conference. Please note that the Miss Fire Prevention Contest takes place on Sunday, June 21, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the Convention Center.

Please complete the form below and return it via Email by June 1, 2015, to:

Teresa Ann Crisman, Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee Chair
tacrisman@co.pg.md.us

Those individuals on stage, competing for the title of MSFA Miss Fire Prevention, should not complete the form below, they will be done separately.

Thank you for your participation in this program. If you have any question, please direct them to tacrisman@hotmail.com.

Please check the title of the person you are recognizing and complete the information about them below.

_____ Little Miss Fire Prevention        _____ Little Mr. Fire Chief
_____ Junior Miss Fire Prevention      _____ Junior Mr. Fire Chief
_____ Miss Fire Prevention

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: ________________________________________________________

COMPANY OR ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING 2014-2015 YEAR:

_________________________________________________________________
JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, June 21, 2015
Convention Center – Bayfront Ballroom at 1700 Hours

The Memorial Service is being held on Sunday evening to allow for greater emphasis to be placed on this very moving and beautiful service, to pay tribute and respect to our members who have passed on to a better place since our last convention and conference.

Tributes
LAMSFA Past President 1968-1969 Marie Soutar
LAMSFA Past President 1989-1990 June E. Black
MSFA Past Trustee John W. Means, Sr.
MSFA Past Executive Committee Member James T. Ferguson
UM Professor Emeritus and Founding Fire Protection Engineer
Dr. John L. Bryan

Line of Duty Death Recognitions
Fire Fighter Robert W. Fogle III
Baltimore County Fire Department
Lieutenant James E. Bethea
Baltimore City Fire Department
Paramedic Erik Steciak
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company

Mitchell D. Dobbins
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4
JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sea of Blue

Sunday, June 21, 2015, Convention Center – Bayfront Ballroom, 1700 Hours

All emergency services personnel are requested to be in uniform (no hats or
gloves) and participate in the “SEA OF BLUE.”

Line-up will be in the East Hall starting at 1630 Hours
FREE OCEAN CITY DISCOUNT BOOK

Good for all of 2015

The Convention Committee is offering 1,000 Free Ocean City 2015 Dine and Fun Discount Coupon Books to the visitors to the Exhibit Hall, check daily for the distribution schedule.

($10.00 Retail Value)

Available at the MSFA Discount Coupon Booth in the Exhibit Hall on Monday and Tuesday.

Only one per family will be given.

Only 1,000 books are available.

Another member service provided by your Convention Committee.

MUST SHOW FIRE DEPARTMENT ID TO GET BOOK.
NO GUTS, NO GLORY

The fire-rescue competition will consist of five-person teams competing in 10 timed events run in succession to simulate a common fireground scenario. This year’s event will simulate a firefighter mayday involving a downed firefighter, which will require each team to perform a relay rescue operation to search, locate and extract the downed firefighter. The top three teams will go on to this event’s finals, which will be held on the exhibit floor on Tuesday, June 23.

THE SKILLS BEING EVALUATED

during the competition include the following:
1. Command & Control Operations
2. Personnel Accountability and Reporting
3. Fireground Communications
4. Forcible Entry
5. Navigating a Diminishing Clearance Obstacle
6. Overcoming Entanglement Hazards
7. Up and Over/Lift and Carries
8. Wall Breach
9. Victim Search, Packaging and Removal
10. Restricted Opening Rescue and Removal Operations

THE GOAL OF THIS COMPETITION is to provide an opportunity for firefighters from around the state to showcase their skills in a competitive venue, under a graded and timed format. The skills required to successfully complete the assigned tasks replicate those commonly performed during a normal firefighting or rescue operation. The team that performs the assigned tasks in the safest and most efficient time will ultimately be crowned the champions.

EACH TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF A 4-PERSON RESCUE CREW with one additional member serving as the Incident Commander. In the preliminary skills session (Round 1), a two-person RIT rescue team will force entry into the course, conduct a rapid search operation to locate the downed firefighter, perform a standard downed firefighter assessment and begin packaging the downed firefighter for removal. The second two-person RIT rescue team will only be allowed to make entry after the initial RIT rescue team has provided a radio report to the Incident Commander confirming the condition and location of the downed firefighter. Upon confirmation from the Incident Commander, the second RIT rescue team will enter and remove the downed firefighter to complete the evolution.

FOR A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION of the competition, event rules, grading criteria and team registration information, visit: FirehouseExpo.com

TOP THREE TEAMS earn a FREE registration to FIREHOUSE EXPO and are invited to compete for the National Championship.

A FREE PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING SESSION will be provided the day before the competition for all registered teams. The training includes classroom instruction and hands-on training using the props that will be used during the actual competition.
PASSING IT FORWARD...
Mentoring Tomorrow’s Leaders

Firehouse Expo is committed to providing the most progressive based training for our future leaders, led by some of our nations most qualified instructors. We aim to improve your knowledge, skills and abilities and lay the groundwork for the future leaders of the fire service.

The 2015 event will feature:
• 1st Annual National Fire and Rescue Competition
• All NEW Preconference Sessions
• Hands-on Training
• Featured Legends and Icons Program
• Firehouse Fitness Showcase
• Fast paced “Rip and Run” Training Sessions
• Product Debuts from Leading Fire Service Companies

PRICING OPTIONS
Conference registration will be open the beginning of April

Never been to the show | Discover Firehouse, we’re offering a record-low 3-day conference rate of just $179. Enter promo code: DiscoverMD when you register.

Prior attendee | Pass it Forward – Register both you and a colleague who hasn’t attended the show before for $149 each for the 3-day conference package when you enter promo code: ForwardMD

Exhibit Hall Only Registration is now open—Receive FREE admission to the exhibit hall if you register today at FirehouseExpo.com using promo code FREEMD

Check us out: Facebook Twitter
MSFA FAMILY NIGHT
JOLLY ROGER
AMUSEMENT PARK

Monday, June 22, 2015 – 1830 Hours until 2300 Hours
30th Street at Coastal Highway

Music, Food, Fun and Rides for all Ages!!!

Menu: BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pulled Pork, Beef Hot Dogs,
Red Skin Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, and
Ice Cream Sandwiches

Plus all the fixings and drinks (Soda and Water)

(Food service ends at 2100 hours)

Four hours of unlimited amusement park rides,
miniature golf, and go cart track usage included.

Special Pricing
Amusement Park only - $12.00
Food only - $13.00
Amusement Park and Food Value Price - $22.00
Family of Four: Park and Food Value Price - $75.00
(Includes children under the age of 16)
Additional child under 16 - $15.00

Purchase Your Tickets Early!
Available on line at www.msfa.org
PURSE and BAG BINGO

Featuring
Coach®, Vera Bradley®, Thirty-One®, Longaberger®

Monday, June 22, 2015

Ocean City Convention Center, Bayfront Ballroom
Doors Open at 5:00 p.m., Bingo Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are $22.00 in advance via the MSFA Website and $25.00 at the door
Includes 6 face cards for 20 games & a door prize ticket

Special Raffle for Advanced Ticket Purchases

Extra Packs will be Available
Four Special Games (Sold Separately)
Basket & Bag Raffle Tickets Available

Food & Refreshment Available

Admission for all ages requires the purchase of an admission ticket.
To purchase tickets in advance visit our website at www.msfa.org.
JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, June 23, 2015
1830 Hours
Performing Arts Center

Show your support of the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, which will lead OUR Association into the future.

A Receiving Line will follow the Joint Installation of Officers so you can meet our newly installed officers.
PAJAMA PARADE AND CONTEST

Tuesday, June 23, 2015
2130 Hours
Performing Arts Center

You will not want to miss this funny, relaxing, and “different form of entertainment” where nobody knows what to expect as an entrant. The Westminster Band will provide accompanying music for the grand march and parade.

Rules and Regulations

1. Registration begins at 2030 hours in Glass Foyer Lobby.
2. All entrants must be members of a fire department, rescue squad, ambulance company, or auxiliary.
3. Entrants will register in only one division (Pajama or Costume).
4. All entrants will be screened prior to contest and are subject to rejection.
5. No drinking in parade or on stage by contestants.
6. No drinking in the Convention Center by contestants or the audience.
7. No unbecoming behavior at anytime.
8. Violators will be disqualified and removed from the Convention Center.
9. No standing on chairs.
10. No touching of contestants by the audience, or other contestants.
11. Judges decision will be final.

All rules and regulations will be strictly enforced!
All decisions of the Convention Pajama Parade Committee are final and not subject to negotiations.

Trophies and Awards
Pajama Division - First thru Sixth Place Trophies
Costume Division - First thru Sixth Place Trophies
OC Beach Lights

Sunday, June 21, 2015
2130, 2200, and 2230 Hours
N. Division Street and the Beach

A five-story tall inflatable sphere featuring a visual laser, lighting, special effects, video and audio production with visibility along the boardwalk. New fireworks effects have been added to all shows this year. Each show is approximately 8 minutes in length.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Monday, June 22, 2015 at 2030 Hours
27th Street and the Beach

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 2030 Hours
Carousel Hotel, 118th Street and the Beach

Free movies on the beach for the entire family! Bring your beach chair or a blanket and enjoy the night beside the ocean.

Brought to you by the Mayor of Ocean City, the Town Council and the City Government.
6th ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD BLOCK PARTY

SPONSORED BY COWBOY COAST COUNTRY BAR AND STEAK HOUSE

17TH STREET AND PHILADELPHIA AVENUE

$10.00 ENTRY FEE (INCLUDES SOUVENIER MUG, DRINK SPECIALS)

FOOD SPECIALS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT // NEW EVENT TSHIRT TO BE RELEASED!!!

50/50 DRAWING; $2 MECHANICAL BULL RIDING CONTEST. PRIZES FOR LONGEST RIDE

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIVE BAND & DJ WAX SPINNING THE WHEELS FROM 1830—0200

Check out the OCFOOLS 4th Annual
H.O.T. Training

Sponsored by MSFA AND OC FOOLS

A very good lineup of classes for 2015

www.ocfools.com

Visit www.msfa.org to register

There is a 50.00 / day fee to take classes this year. This fee is to allow us to bring in national talent to teach.

Train for the first three days of Convention then come out and blow off some steam. This party is always a good time.
PRAYER BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 - 0730 Hours
Convention Center – Bayfront Ballroom

Complete All You Can Eat Country Breakfast Buffet
Orange Juice, Fresh Sliced Seasonal Fruit,
Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Crisp Bacon, Sausage,
Hashbrown Potatoes, Buttermilk Biscuits, Country Sausage Gravy,
Coffee and Tea, Danish and Muffins.

Guest Speaker:
Chaplain Preston "TJ" Lay, Laurel, Delaware Volunteer Fire Co.

Tickets - - - $13.00
Purchase Your Tickets Early As This Event Usually Sells Out Quickly!

Advanced tickets available on line at www.msfa.org

Sponsored by: MSFA Chaplains
The Convention Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, starting promptly at 1300 hours, rain or shine. Apparatus line-up will continue to be at the inlet parking lot. Marching Unit line-up will be at 18th Street. The actual Parade Route will start at 16th Street and run to 33rd Street on Baltimore Avenue.

To be judged for prizes, apparatus must have been placed in service for emergency response in its home jurisdiction before coming to Ocean City, and must be equipped. Apparatus will be judged on appearance, cleanliness, neatness, and uniformity of the personnel. No sirens or horns at any time. Absolutely no drinking of any alcoholic beverage. No discharging of water or other agents. No unbecoming behavior. No drilling or performing at the judges reviewing stands or that does not maintain forward progress at all times.

All awards are for units in the line of parade. Actual numbers and types of trophies in certain categories may change due to number and types of entrants at day of parade. There will be two judges reviewing stands. Violations of any of the rules and regulations will result in disqualification and possible removal of the unit from the line of parade.
NEW

THIS YEAR

Two New Parade Categories added
To the Annual Parade

Marine Rescue Unit

Command Units
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
123rd Annual Convention
TROPHIES AND AWARDS LISTING

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance - Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award

Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance

President’s Award

Company Coming Longest Distance
  Company Coming Second Longest Distance

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
  Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
  Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Service Personnel

Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance
  Second Best Appearance
  Third Best Appearance
  Honorable Mention (7)

Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance
  Second Best Appearance
  Third Best Appearance
  Honorable Mention (5)

Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance
  Second Best Appearance
  Third Best Appearance

Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance
  Second Best Appearance
  Third Best Appearance

Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
  Second Best Appearance
  Third Best Appearance

Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
  Second Best Appearance
  Third Best Appearance
Brush Unit – Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance
   Honorable Mention (3)

Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance

Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance

Squad Truck Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance

Ambulance Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance
   Honorable Mention (5)

Command Unit Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance

Marine Rescue Unit Making Best Appearance
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance

Emergency Service Special Unit Making Best Appearance
   (Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, Etc.)
   Second Best Appearance
   Third Best Appearance
   Honorable Mention (5)

Best Appearing Company from Delaware
   Second Best Appearing

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania

Best Appearing Company from Virginia
Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (Over 25 Years or Older In Service)

Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance
Honorable Mention (2)

Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (25 Years or Older Not in Service)

Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance
Honorable Mention (2)

Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance (25 Years or Older)
Second Best Appearance

Hand Drawn Antique Making Best Appearance

Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance

Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance

Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance

Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance – Governors Award
Fire Prevention Entry Making Second Best Appearance

Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance
Fourth Best Appearance
Honorable Mention (2)

Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance
Fourth Best Appearance
Honorable Mention (2)

Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance
Fourth Best Appearance

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Honorable Mention (2)

Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance
  Second Best Appearance
  Third Best Appearance
  Fourth Best Appearance
  Honorable Mention (2)

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company
  Second Best Appearing

Marching Ban Making Best Appearance
  Second Best Appearing

Best Drum and Bugle Corp

Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes

Majorettes Making Best Appearance
  Second Best Appearance

Pom Pom Squad Making Best Appearance

Comic Entry Making Best Appearance

Mascot Making Best Appearance

Hard Luck Award

Judges Awards (10)

PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!

Parade prizes and awards will be presented at 1700 hours, (or as close to this time as possible), in the Bayfront Exhibit Hall (“D”) of the Convention Center. The Convention Committee will provide free hot dogs, soda, and other light food for all parade participants starting at 1630 hours in the front parking lot of the Convention Center in appreciation for your participation and to ensure a safe trip home.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION,
FROM YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Parade Monitors will be on the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner with the approval of Parade Marshal. Parade Monitors have the authorization to advise and correct any immediate safety concern in a professional matter and advise the Parade Marshal. The Parade Marshal or his designee will be the only person that can remove or disqualify a unit from the parade. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

1. Public drinking
2. Pulling of hose or other equipment from apparatus
3. Blowing of sirens or air horns
4. Backing of apparatus thru parade route
5. Throwing of any type of material from apparatus
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress
8. Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
9. Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
10. Individuals reviewing the parade, jumping into the line of parade march of a unit or interfering with bands, queens, majorette groups, etc.
11. Operation of any vehicle in an unsafe or reckless manner

THE FOLLOWING SAFETY WARNINGS ARE BEING HIGHLIGHTED BY THE COMMITTEE

12. Personnel standing and/or riding in the jump seat or rear step areas shall be cautious and stay alert for quick stops or actions
13. Driver’s should use caution and stay alert of their personnel and people along the parade route
14. If seatbelt's or other safety devices are provided by the manufacturer then they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All “Jake Brakes” or like equipment shall be used in proper manner or turned off during parade, as “hot riding” is unsafe and will not be tolerated.
16. Fire Prevention Queens and/or other representatives riding on the roof/top of apparatus and/or hose bed, shall be in a safe position sitting directly on the roof/top or hose bed, not on a chair or other device.

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Parade Line-Up Will Be First Come–First In Line, Unless Your Jurisdiction Comes In As A Group After Forming Together Before The Route 50 Bridge.
The Maryland State Firemen’s Association And Jolly Roger Invite You To A Discounted Day Of Rides, Slides, Sun & Fun

$20 per Person ALL DAY
10AM-6PM - JUNE 21, 2015 THRU JUNE 27, 2015
30th St. & Coastal Highway
Hold On To This Ad. Good For All SEVEN Days. Good for up to 4 people. Come As Often As You’d Like.

$12 per Person
MSFA FAMILY NIGHT
UNLIMITED AMUSEMENT RIDES AT THE PIER EXCLUDES THE SLINGSHOT
7PM-11PM - THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015 - AT THE PIER
Present this ad for Discount - Good for up to 4 people.
MSFA / USSSA State Softball Championship

OCEAN CITY MARYLAND, JUNE 25-26, 2015
FORMAT WILL BE 3 GAME GUARANTEES
ENTRY FEE IS $250.00 PER TEAM
MARYLAND STATE RULES AND OFFICIAL USSSA RULE BOOK APPLY
DIVISION OF PLAY IS OPEN WITH A 6 HOME RUN RULE PER GAME

Awards:
1st Place Trophy to team, 15 Individual Championship Awards
2nd Place Trophy to team
3rd Place Trophy To team
Specialty Trophies: Individual award for Most Home Runs hit in tournament, MVP Award Defensive Player, and Team Sportsmanship Award.

To enter go to www.usssa.com or northatlanticsports.org or contact the following director’s: Carol Holland at carol.holland@usssa.com or call 443-496-1303; Mike McGowan at Michael_r_mcgowan@csx.com or call 240-362-6330; Bob Holland at Bob.Holland@usssa.com or call 443-496-1304
Tickled Paint ARTworks
Fundraiser MSFA
Ladies Auxiliary
Ocean City, Md
Thursday June 25th
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a Paint pARTy fun afternoon…

Painting one of our spring favorites
Salty Coast

Seats are limited so sign up early…
Cost: $45 per seat that can be purchased
at www.tickled-paint.com or
Call us at (410) 713-2013

This Event will be held at the Ocean City Convention Center in Room 208.
Come and join in on all the fun and share some laughs!
Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Golf Tournament Committee

Dear Golfers, Member Companies, & Friends of MSFA;

The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 26, 2015 with a shotgun start of 7:30 a.m. at Eagles Landing Golf Course, at the conclusion of the MSFA Annual Conference and Convention. Proceeds from this tournament will go to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Special Projects.

The Tournament Committee is asking for your support by sponsoring a golf hole, monetary donations and/or in-kind donations such as: gift cards, merchandise, coupons, etc., to be used for the door prizes and raffles at the complimentary luncheon held after the tournament. Golf hole sponsorships are also available at $100.00 and we will place any name that you designate (company, honor a member, officer or member that gave the ultimate sacrifice), on any hole that you specify. We are also looking for beverage cart sponsorships which start at $250.00 to $500.00 and each will proudly display your companies name and logo.

To arrange for a pick-up of your donations, please contact me at 301-481-7702 or mail your donations to: Tom Mattingly, P.O. Box 173, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. If you are sponsoring a golf hole, please complete the bottom of this form and enclose with your payment; checks should be made payable to MSFA and the deadline for donations is June 1, 2015. Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Tom Mattingly
Chair
MSFA Golf Tournament

All donations are tax deductible and checks should be made payable to the MSFA.

Please print and return with payment by
June 1, 2015

Name to be placed on golf hole: ______________________________________________________

Name of sponsor: ______________________________________________________ Amount $ __________
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 26, 2015
Shotgun Start at 0730 Hours
Eagle’s Landing Golf Course
Complimentary Beer Provided on Course

Great Prizes and a Great Golf Course

BEST BALL FORMAT
Soft Spikes Required, Cart Included
Green Fees Included, Continental Breakfast
Lunch Awards Reception to Follow
Sorry No Coolers Allowed

$75.00 per person
Make Checks Payable to: MSFA
Send to Tom Mattingly, P.O. Box 173, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650
ADVANCED REGISTRATION PREFERRED
BY JUNE 1, 2015

You Do Not Need a Foursome to Play

Golf Hole Sponsorships are $100.00

Proceeds from this tournament go to support projects of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

www.msfa.org

Brought To You By: The Ocean City Mayor and Town Council
and your
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