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Maryland Fire/EMS Providers Participate in 9/11 Ravens Game Day!

Courtesy of the MSFA and Fire Marshal William Barnard



Representatives of Maryland's fire/EMS services joined with our law enforcement and military partners in a flag ceremony on September 11 prior to the NFL game between the Baltimore Ravens and the Pittsburgh Steelers. As the flag was unfurled and covered the entire football field, the crowd of over 70,000 could be heard chanting "USA, USA!!!" When the flag was completely unfurled, the Star Spangled Banner was sung to honor America on this solemn day, to be followed by a flyover by a group of A-10 aircraft from Middle River. MSFA was honored to participate in this pre-game ceremony on this special day in America's history.

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The Maryland Fire/EMS providers that participated in the ceremony on 9-11 at M&T Bank Stadium were Dave Lewis, Odenton; Gloria Lewis, Riviera Beach; Jackie Olson, Ferndale; Jay Olson, Ferndale; Troy Odendhal, Odenton; Gerald "JJ" Lynott, Arbutus; John Denver, Singerly; Joseph Chornock, Gaithersburg; Lee Lutz, Glen Dale; and Sandy Lutz, Glen Dale; Jeff Thompson, Chestertown; Kevin Nelson, Rock Hall; Allan Shauber, Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue; Hugh Owens, Glen Dale; John Spiker, Lake Shore; Paul Sterling, Wheaton; Ernest Girardin, Hagerstown; Jesse Downey, Community/Millington; Johnie Roth, Sandy Spring; Bill Hildebrand, Chestertown; William Hamer, Anne Arundel County; Timothy Gunderson, Anne Arundel

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I want to welcome you to the new face of the Volunteer Trumpet. In June, the Executive Committee approved a proposal to stop the hardcopy production of the Volunteer Trumpet and transition to a new on-line format.

Thanks to Amber Leizear for taking on the task as the editor for the new Volunteer Trumpet. We can only succeed with your assistance so please forward all newsworthy items from your region to trumpet@msfa.org.

The MSFA Executive Committee held its first meeting of the new year on August 20-21, at the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company. This meeting gave each of the MSFA committees an opportunity to propose their goals for the coming year. Each committee is now hard at work accomplishing these goals and working on your behalf. Please provide them with the support and assistance that they may require to achieve their goals. Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held on November 12-13 at the Parsonsburg Volunteer Fire Company. As always, we invite each of you to visit with us for the meeting and learn about the activities of your state association.

At our first Executive Committee meeting, we had the opportunity to hear the first reports from the committees assigned to launch two new initiatives that we started this year:

- **Wills for Heroes** – This committee will provide services to assist and member in developing a simple will. None of us like to think of dying, but a will provides vital protection for your family in case of an accidental

death. Chairman Roger Powell and the committee will be visiting each county association in the coming months to explain this new program and distribute information.

- **Cancer Support Network**– This committee will provide support services to our members and their families who are facing medical issues as a result of cancer. The committee is developing a resource kit that can be used by the member to keep important records together as well as research treatment and long term care options. Chairman Beth Stone and the committee will be visiting each county association in the coming months to explain this new program and distribute information.

Since our Executive Committee meeting, the President and two Vice Presidents have held meetings with each of our key state agency partners (MFRI, MIEMSS, UMMC/STC, MEMA, MSP, OSFM, MSP Aviation, DNR/Forestry). One of the true successes of the Maryland system is the excellent working relationship that we maintain with our partner agencies.

Your officers have also had the opportunity to attend the conventions of our neighboring state associations (West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Cumberland Valley). In addition to sharing borders with our neighboring states, we share many of the same issues and concerns so it is important

that we work together and share solutions and programs.

I would like to congratulate Director Steve Edwards and the staff of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute on the opening of the new North East Regional Training Center in Edgewood. This center provides an excellent training venue that will serve the needs of that region for many years to come. A portion of the new center was dedicated to Past President Charles W. Riley and I am certain that Charlie would be proud of what has been accomplished in building this new facility.

On September 11, our country paused to remember the horrific events that occurred ten years ago on that date. Members of the MSFA were proud to stand beside our partners from other fire service organizations, law enforcement agencies, and military representatives in a flag presentation ceremony at the Ravens-Steelers game at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

In the coming months, your MSFA officers will continue to work each and every day on your behalf. Each of us has a full agenda of meetings and activities that we will be attending and hope to see each of you at a local association meeting or public event. If the MSFA can be of assistance to your department and its members, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. See you around the state,
David W. Lewis
President

Montgomery County Volunteer Fire/Rescue

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By: Ron Watkins, MSFA Public Information Committee

The Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association recently selected their new Miss Fire Prevention and Little Fire Chief representatives for the 2011-2012 year. The contest was held at the Kensington VFD Station 5, on August 27. As Hurricane Irene bore down on the area, family and friends gathered for the contests. Organized by Montgomery County Miss Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson Courtney McHenry, the judges, former Miss Fire Prevention Cori Sabate, MSFA LA President Teresa Crisman, and Frederick County Miss Fire Prevention coordinator Amanda Soper, selected the MCVFRA fire prevention representatives for the coming year.

The contests were emceed by the Maryland Fire Chief's Miss Fire Prevention Meghan Quinn. The Miss Fire Prevention representatives and the Little Fire Chief are called upon to attend Open Houses and fire prevention events, help present programs at schools, and other fire prevention activities throughout the County.

The new representatives are – Little Fire Chief – Colton Wilkins, Cabin John Park; Little Miss Fire Prevention – Abigail Younkens, Germantown VFD; Junior Miss Fire Prevention – Cari McHenry, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove VFD; and Miss Fire Prevention – Solveig Petersen – Germantown VFD. Outgoing Miss Fire Prevention Dani Crane crowned the new Miss Fire Prevention and gave a brief speech outlining her experiences from last year.



Montgomery County Fire Prevention Ambassadors for 2011-2012. Front row, l to r - Little Battalion Chief Ian Younkens, Little Fire Chief Colton Wilkins, Little Miss Fire Prevention Abigail Younkens. Back row, l to r, Junior Miss Fire Prevention Cari McHenry, Miss Fire Prevention Solveig Petersen.

Anyone wishing to contact any of the new representatives should contact Courtney McHenry at mcfireprevention@yahoo.com or call 240-482-9872.



Upcoming Events:

October 8th:
Texas Hold'Em
Queen Anne's-Hillsboro
VFD
1pm

October 9th-15th:
Fire Prevention Week

October 14th-16th:
NFFF Memorial
Weekend, National Fire
Academy Emmitsburg,
MD

October 15th:
Breakfast and Open
House at Kent Island
7:30am

October 16th:
Vera Bradley Purse
Bingo at Elkridge VFD
2pm

October 21st-22nd:
Pyramid 2011
Huntingtown VFD

October 22nd:
Bull & Shrimp Feast
Abingdon VFD
6pm

October 22nd:
LAMSFA Fall
Conference
Emmitsburg (NETC)

October 23rd:
All You Can Eat
Country Breakfast
New Market VFD
7am

October 30th:
Rural Water Supply
Drill
Denton VFC
8am

November 12th-13th:
MSFA Executive
Committee Meeting
Parsonburg VFD
All Day

September Meeting

By: Emmons Horner

The meeting was held at Elliott's Island Volunteer Fire Company and featured the Hall of Fame Inductions and Election of Officers. The officers for the 2011-2012 year with their respective companies are: President, Paul Osheske, Elliott's Island; 1st Vice President, Alfred Britton, Jr., Goodwill Fire Company; 2nd Vice President Keith Adkins, Linkwood-Salem; Secretary, Jan Blades, Federalsburg; Assistant Secretary, Tracy Fairall, Linkwood-Salem; Treasurer, Donald Howard, Marion Station; Assistant Treasurer, Emmons Horner, Mt. Vernon Fire Company

The meetings for the coming year are November 20th, Westside VFC (Bivalve); February 19th,



Pictured, from left to right óDonald Knauer accepts award for Matthew Werner of Madison VFC, Danny Webster, Deal Island-Chance, Keith Adkins, Linkwood-Salem, Robert Phillips, Rescue (Cambridge). Also recognized but not pictured William Sparrow of Pocomoke VFC.

2012, Queen Anne's-Hillsboro, May 20th, Preston (Memorial Service), and September 16th at Centreville (Hall of Fame & Election of Officers). Lunch is served at 1 PM,

and the Meeting is called to order at 2 pm. Member Companies are urged to attend and support the Eastern Shore Volunteer Firemen's Association.



The 2011-2012 President, Paul Osheske, left, presents the Past President Certificate to outgoing President, Gene Aaron of Hurlock VFC.

Editorials:

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shal and is reprinted in interest of identifying the role that MSFA has played in building the Maryland emergency services system.

Working six years as a Senior Instructor at Fire Service Extension, University of Maryland (now MFRI) and over 20 years at the Office of State Fire Marshal has given me an appreciation of the major role the MSFA plays in assuring that adequate fire and emergency medical services are provided to our citizens and visitors. The agencies noted above plus the Fire Protection Engineering program at the University of Maryland, MIEMSS, DNR/Forestry, and related agencies benefit from MSFA's assistance in securing funding, thereby saving lives, property, reducing insurance rates, and enhancing firefighter safety.

The Governor's Fire Prevention Conference, started in 1959 by Gov. J. Millard Tawes, Past President, MSFA, is the 2nd longest running such program in the U.S. (now presented as the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference). Over 1,000 have graduated from University of Maryland's Fire Protection Engineering academic program, with a number of these graduates serving in jobs across the state of Maryland. The state was the first in the nation to have retroactive smoke alarm requirements for all new and existing residences and is 2nd in the country in residential sprinkler mandates for new residences. Control of fireworks is another star in the MSFA crown.

The cadre of volunteer firefighters and auxiliary members who devote countless hours to their work have resulted in continuing respect for the MSFA. Their extensive state-wide fire prevention program is important as is the role they play in supporting the National Fire Academy, NETC, and related organizations located in Emmitsburg. Career fire services have benefited from these efforts as well.

J.C. "Robbie" Robertson
State Fire Marshal, Retired

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www.msfa.org

MSFA Foundation
msfafoundation.org

Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial Foundation
mdfirerescuehero.org

Maryland Fire Chiefs Association
www.mdchiefs.org

Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (MFRI)
www.mfri.org

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMSS)
www.miemss.org

University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center
www.umm.edu/shocktrauma

Maryland State Police Aviation Command
mspaviation.org

Maryland State Fire Marshal
www.firemarshal.state.md.us

Maryland Emergency Management Agency
www.mema.state.md.us

Department of Natural Resources/Forestry
www.dnr.maryland.gov/forests

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VFRA HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS AND ELECTION MEETING

By: Ron Watkins, MSFA Public Information Committee

The Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association held their annual Elections and Awards meeting on Thursday, September 15, at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Volunteer Rescue Squad, celebrating their 89th year. In their elections, the offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, and District reps from Districts 1, 3, and 5 were chosen. The new Vice President is Paul Sterling of the Wheaton Rescue Squad, replacing Earl Moore who stepped down this year after 4 years of service in that position. Juan Bofield of the Kensington VFD was re-elected as Treasurer. New District representatives elected are, for District 1, Chief Darron Long of the Damascus VFD and for District 3, Andy White of the Kensington VFD. In District 5, Ken Holden of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad was re-elected. The new officers were sworn in by MSFA President David Lewis.

The annual awards were presented as follows:

2011 John S. Nicewarner Memorial Award, presented to volunteer paramedics, went to Brittany L. Galadora, Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad

2011 John A. White Award, presented to paramedics with ten years or more time in service was awarded to Mary "Bonnie" Demarr, of the-



Newly elected officers for the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association being sworn in by MSFA President David Lewis. I to r, President Lewis, Treasurer Juan Bofield 5th District Rep. Ken Holden, Vice President Paul Sterling, and 1st District Rep. Darron Long.

Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad

2011 EMT-B of the Year presented to Jacob M Zwillinger, Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad

2011 George T Hilliard Award, given for exemplary service, was presented to Lt. Adam St. John of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad

The MCVFRA Administrative Award was awarded to Ms. Virginia Miller, of the Bethesda Fire Department

New members of the Montgomery County VFRA Hall of Fame are President Elmer Hamm, Takoma Park VFD, Curtis Warfield Sr.,

Damascus VFD, Chief Joe Chornock, Germantown VFD, and Lt. Sue Malloy, Kensington VFD.

Legislator of the Year Award was presented to County Council Vice Chairman Roger Berliner

MCVFRA President's Award – Awarded to the six canteen units operated by the volunteers in Montgomery County. Kensington VFD Canteen CT705, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove VFD Canteen CT 708, Upper Montgomery County VFD Canteen 714, Laytonsville DVFD Canteen 717, Rockville VFD Canteen 703, and Sandy Spring VFD Canteen 740.

Delta-Cardiff Member Celebrates 75 Years of Service

By: Eileen Edelin

The Harford Cecil Firemen's Association meeting was held at Delta-Cardiff Fire Company, Delta, Pennsylvania on 9-9-2011. Delta members prepared a delicious dinner menu; a pig roast, hearty side dishes and homemade pies that were enjoyed by all. A special presentation was M.C. by Rusty Leftwich on behalf of the entire association for our "Honoree- John Russell Williams".

The entire Williams family entered the room, giving a big surprise to John and all those in attendance. Several dignitaries from throughout the state presented special recognition, awards, resolutions, plaques and accolades. MSFA President Dave Lewis and 1st V.P. John Denver presented a certificate and praised John's lifetime dedication to the fire service.

Joining President Lewis & J. Denver were four MSFA Past Presidents; Gene Worthington, Steve Cox, Carl Edelin and Fred Cross. They offered their congratulations to John & Jane Williams. HCFA President Aus Amos and V.P. Buddy Schweers recognized and presented John's wife, Jane with a certificate for her lifetime dedication to the volunteer fire service.



MSFA President Dave Lewis (far left) pictured with John and Jane Williams (seated) and with Past Presidents Gene Worthington, Steve Cox, Carl Edelin, and Fred Cross.

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By Eileen Edelin and Bill Lay

Associate Director F. Patrick Marlatt welcomed a large gathering of dignitaries, volunteer fire service personnel, special guests including John Hogle, and the family of Charlie Riley.

The Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Association Honor Guard presented the colors and a recording of the national anthem was played. Invocation was led by Rev. David Graham of the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company. Steve Edwards, Director of MFRI welcomed everyone and presented his opening remarks.

A special dedication was presented by MSFA Past President Gene Worthington, who spoke of Charlie Riley's dedication to the volunteer fire service, his lifelong friendship and Charlie's contribution in training a generation of fire service volunteers in his lifetime. Chip Riley, spokesperson of the Riley family, praised his father's lifelong dedication and thanked all those who made this dedication become a reality.

MSFA Chief Chaplain Rev. John F. Long, Jr. offered the benediction. A ribbon cutting ceremony followed then demonstrations and tours of the new training center. Refreshment were presented by Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary.



The family of Charlie Riley stand together with MSFA Past President Gene Worthington and MFRI Director Steven Edwards unveiling the plaque that hang in a classroom at the North East Regional Training Center.

House and Occupants Saved by Residential Sprinklers

By: Doug Alexander, PIO, Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company

First arriving unit Engine 12 from Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. found a small amount of smoke and fire coming from the side of the two story single family residence. Neighbors advised that the occupants were out of the house. Crews made entry into the house and searched the floors to be sure that everyone had escaped. Simultaneously, another crew stretched a hose line to the rear of the house and entered the basement to attack the fire. These crews found that the fire was mostly on the outside area of the house as the residential sprinkler system had controlled the fire inside the basement. The rest of the house was checked thoroughly for extension and hot spots as it was apparent that lightning had entered the house through the utilities. The fire burned one floor joist in the basement that was shielded partially from the sprinkler head that activated. This fire was controlled by one sprinkler head. The head did so well that the plastic gas lines adjacent to the ignition point did not burn through and release natural gas into the room and accelerate the fire. The small amount of fire on the exterior of the house was extinguished by firefighters with a hose line. Fire damage was contained to a cor-

ner of the basement and a small portion of the exterior wall.

The occupants of the house were alerted to the fire by their smoke alarms however they had experienced some recent trouble with the smoke alarms and did not react immediately to the alarm. The occupant of the home then noticed smoke coming from under the basement door so she gathered her special needs toddler and a visitor and left the home immediately, then called for assistance. Clearly, the presence of the residential sprinkler system in this four year old upscale home provided time for the occupants to escape safely despite the brief delay.

Investigation revealed that lightning did strike in or near the home causing the fire in the basement area. Damage was confined to the basement and exterior wall of the house. There was some smoke damage to the other portions of the house. The occupants of the home are being assisted by the American Red Cross. Damage estimates are not yet available.

There were approximately

17 pieces of fire and rescue equipment and approximately 60 personnel used on the incident. Units responded from Carroll, Frederick, Howard, and Montgomery counties.

Residential sprinklers have been required in all new homes built in the Town of Mt. Airy since 2003. This is at least the second home saved by residential sprinklers required by the town since the requirement was made. Residential sprinklers and smoke alarms give a home occupant a far better chance of escaping a fire in the home. Residential sprinklers are cost effective and need virtually no maintenance. Significantly more than half of Maryland's counties and municipalities require residential sprinklers in new one and two family homes including Carroll, Frederick, Howard, and Montgomery counties as well as the Town of Mount Airy and Frederick City.

For additional information or questions, contact Doug Alexander, PIO for the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company at 240-674-3936.

Branchville VFD Motorcyclists Participate in 9-11 Ride

To commemorate 9-11 some stood tall at a football game, some went to memorials sites in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, New York; some stayed home and some decided to ride their motorcycles three hours just to get to the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD.

Each year the Red Knights Maryland Chapter 3 Motorcycle Club organizes a special ride up the Boardwalk in Ocean City on September 11th to honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice. This ride starts at 28th street and ends at the Firefighter Memorial on Division Street. This year participants from all over the country and state participated in this ride; including members of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company in College Park, MD.

Chief Rick Leizear said "It's an honor to ride the boards to pay our respects, especially on the 10th Anniversary! It was my first time participating in the ride and was an experience I will never forget."

"This was the fourth or fifth ride I have completed and it never gets old", states Branchville member Gary Chaney.

The members of Branchville VFC plan on participating in next years ride.



(Pictured from L to R)Branchville Members Ronnie Leizear Jr., Chief Rick Leizear, Gary Chaney, and Ron Leizear Sr. rode up the Boardwalk in Ocean City on 9-11-11.

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Bel Alton Battles a Thrift Store Fire During Hurricane Irene

Courtesy of www.bavfd.org

On August 28th, 2011 as the Hurricane approached our area the members of Company 10 began to get prepared for whatever Irene was going to bring their way. Members made sure all of the equipment was ready for service, handing out evacuation notices and watching the weather, so once Irene got , everyone would be ready. Company 10 answered around 80 calls for service, mostly trees down and wires down, but did have 2 trees on houses and 2 working fires. The members did not get much time to rest from the beginning to the end of the storm. Both houses that were struck by the trees were severely damaged, but no injuries. The first fire was at the Bel Alton Thrift Store. Units arrived to find fire showing from the Alpha and Delta sides of the building. All the units worked together to bring the fire under control within 30 minutes.



County Association Meetings
(Dates and Locations Subject to Change)

OCTOBER

2	Allegany-Garrett—Barton Hose
3	Carroll—County Office Building
3	Dorchester—Rescue
6	St. Mary's A&R—PSB
7	Anne Arundel—Rescue Hose@Eastport
10	Charles EMS—Potomac Heights
10	Calvert—Dunkirk
12	Prince George's—Landover Hills
12	Somerset—Mt. Vernon
12	Talbot—Cordova
12	Worcester—Ocean City Station 5
14	Kent-Queen Anne's—Galena
17	Cecil—North East
18	Wicomico—Willards
20	Baltimore—Maryland Line
20	Montgomery—Kensington
20	St. Mary's Fire—PSB
20	Washington—Pioneer H&L
26	Harford—Susquehanna Hose

NOVEMBER

3	St. Mary's A&R—PSB
4	Anne Arundel—Riva
6	Allegany-Garrett—Bloomington
6	Maryland Fire Chief's—Earleigh Heights
7	Carroll—County Office Building
9	Prince George's—Beltsville
9	Somerset—Princess Anne
9	Worcester—Snow Hill
11	Harford-Cecil—Water Witch
11	Kent-Queen Anne's—QA Hillsboro
14	Calvert—Huntingtown
14	Charles Fire—Nanjemoy
15	Wicomico—Westside
16	Howard—Savage
16	Harford—Jarrettsville
17	Baltimore—Middleborough
17	Montgomery—Laytonsville
17	St. Mary's Fire—PSB
17	Washington—Longmeadow
17	Frederick—New Market
17	Caroline—Denton
20	Eastern Shore—Westside
21	Cecil—North East
28	Southern Maryland—Huntingtown
30	Garrett—TBD



Fire Prevention Week: A Few Facts About It!

*By Jim Jarboe, Member MSFA Fire and Life Safety Committee/
Takoma Park VFD*

- In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls, the anniversary of the Chicago Fire of 1871. On the same date of the Great Chicago Fire, in Peshtigo, Wisconsin 1,200 died during a major forest fire.
- In 1927, the first Fire Prevention Week theme was...Why this Mad Sacrifice to Fire?
- This year, It's Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your Family From Fire!
- In 1944, Walt Disney's "Bambi" was used for a poster on fire prevention.
- In 1951, Sparky the Fire Dog was created as a symbol of fire prevention for children.
- Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.
- NFPA reported the following fire stats for 2009, U.S. Fire Departments responded to 362,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 12,650 civilian injuries, 2,565 civilian deaths, and \$7.6 billion in direct damage.

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