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Chestertown Puts Tower 4 In-Service

By Nevin Steffy

The Chestertown Fire Company is proud to announce the delivery of a 2014 Sutphen Monarch SPH 100 foot Mid-mount Tower/Ladder. The truck is powered by a 500 hp Cummins engine and an Allison transmission.

The unit is equipped with a 6-man cab, a 2,000 GPM Hale

pump, and carries 340 gallons of water. Also on board is 10,000 KW Smart Power Generator and an all LED Whelen lighting package including scene lights.

The truck carries 700 feet of 5" supply line, one 200 foot 2 1/2" hand line, one 250 foot 1 3/4" hand lines, one 200 foot 1 3/4" hand line and one 150 foot 1 3/4" hand line off the front bumper.

The unit carries 172 feet of ground ladders and numerous hand tools. It also carries a stokes basket, backboard, and basic life support medical supplies. Also on the truck is a ISG Infrasy's thermal imaging camera and a Scott Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) bag. Other tools include two K-12 saws, one Quick-Vent saw, one chain saw, a battery and electric powered positive pressure fan, and one negative pressure fan. The unit will be known as Tower 6.

The new unit replaces a 1989 Sutphen 100 foot mid-mount tower that was sold to Crawford Township Volunteer Fire Department, Currituck County, North Carolina. The unit will be known as Tower 4.

It was purchased from John Lawver, of Lawver Fire Apparatus of Gettysburg, PA,



Chip Jewell Appointed Volunteer Chief/Director in Frederick County

The Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County have recently appointed Clarence "Chip" Jewell to lead the newly organized Division of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services. Jewell assumed his new responsibilities on August 10, 2014. Jewell will serve in the position of director/volunteer chief of the division and report directly to the county manager.

With the implementation of a county chief/director, the former position that represented volunteers was eliminated.

After much input from local volunteers, the Board of County Commissioners decided to develop a division and appoint a position specifically representing volunteers.

Jewell is a former Trustee

and member of the MSFA Executive Committee and presently serves as the Chairman of the Risk Management Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Historical and Archives Committee.

Prior to the appointment to the new position, he served as the Director of Emergency Communications for Frederick County

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The President’s Corner

by David Keller, III

I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve as president of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) for the current term and I thank each of you for your support.

I am fortunate to have assistance from a strong leadership team along with the exceptional knowledge and help of the past presidents as we leverage this strong combination of experience, qualifications, and commitments to focus on the opportunities and challenges while serving the citizens of the State in the second decades of the 21st century.

As our leadership team moves ahead with MSFA plans for 2014-15, we look forward to working with everyone this year.

Thanks again for supporting the organization and its leadership team.



A photo from a 2012 executive committee meeting at Singerly Fire Company in Elkton. President Keller and PPs John Denver and JacLueline Olson.

PG County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association & Ladies Auxiliary Annual Tribute

By Jennifer Underwood

On Saturday August 2, 2014 the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association (PGCVF&RA) and Ladies Auxiliary held their annual tribute. The tribute honors individuals for their achievements and years of service to both Prince George's County and the State of Maryland.

This year's honorees are Grace Gardiner, Chief Charlie Phillips, Nick Nicholson and Marion Nicholson, Chief Harve Woods, and Laura Woods. Combined the honorees have over 300 years of service.

The following is a summary of just a few of the Tribute honorees accomplishments.

Grace Gardiner has over 29 years with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company. She has also served on the credentials committee for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and was inducted into the PGCVF&RA Hall of Fame in 1996.

Chief Charlie Phillips of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department has over 65 years of service. He has served in many positions including

Board of Directors for the PGCVF&RA, Chief of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, and commissioner on the Prince George's County Fire Commission. He has also served as a delegate to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

“Combined the honorees have over 300 years of service.”

Marion Nicholson, Ladies Auxiliary to the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, has provided more than 54 years of service to the Hillside Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, the Auxiliary to the Laurel Volunteer

Fire Department, Number 1, Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad, Arundel Volunteer Fire Department and its Auxiliary, the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association

and Ladies Auxiliary, Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

John “Nick” Nicholson of the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad has provided more than 55 years of service. Through

the years Nick has served as a delegate to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association. In 2005 he was inducted into the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Hall of Fame.



MSFA PP Doyle Cox and Grace Gardiner

Chief Harve “Eddie” Woods Sr. of the Glenn Dale Fire Association has more than 55 years of service. Chief Woods is a life member of both the Glenn Dale Fire Association and the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department. He has held many positions throughout the County including Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Services Department Assistant Fire Chief and as District III Commissioner with the Prince George's County Fire Commission.

Laura Woods has provided more than 44 years of service to the Glenn Dale Fire Association, Riva Volunteer Fire Company, Arundel Volunteer Fire Department, the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, and to her community. Laura is very active serving on committees for both the Glenn Dale Fire Association and the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

Congratulations to this years honorees.

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MSFA 1st VP Johnnie Roth and Chief Charlie Phillips

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The honorees were presented with citations and special gifts from their individual firehouses, the PGCVF&RA, and the state.

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Tribute honorees (left to right) Chief Harve “Eddie” Woods Sr., Laura Woods, John “Nick” Nicholson, Marian Nicholson, Chief Charlie Phillips, and Grace Gardiner.

Chip's Firehouse Logbook: Past, Present and Future

Everyone Goes Home

by Clarence "Chip" Jewell, III

The fire and rescue service consist of a variety of personnel working together as a team to serve our citizens. The health and safety of all personnel is always a priority. NFPA 1500 was the first national consensus document to address improving working environment and health of those involved in fire and rescue service delivery.

In many jurisdictions, a cadre of personnel place themselves in a harms' way to assure a safe working environment for firefighters, EMS and rescue personnel and other public safety first responders.

In many counties, volunteer fire police respond to accident scenes, fire incidents and even EMS calls directing units into the scene and providing traffic control to keep vehicles from entering the scene, direct traffic to alternate routes, and help protect first responders working on the streets, highways and rural roads of our states.

On October 25, 2013 Fire Police David Barr of the Com-

munity Fire Company of Perryville, was directing traffic on Route 40 when he was struck by an automobile.

He was transported to a trauma center at Christiana Hospital in Delaware where he succumbed to his injuries on November 7, 2013.

Fire Police Barr was 34 year fire service veteran having retired as a career federal firefighter at the rank of lieutenant with the Perry Point Veterans Hospital. He had 13 years of service with the Community Fire Company of Perryville and was also a member of the Water Witch Fire Company.

"Our fire police are unsung heroes of the fire and rescue service..."

"Struck by" pedestrians accidents that involve fire and rescue personnel, fire police, law enforcement, EMS personnel and highway workers are a major safety concern. Just 7 days

after Fire Police Barr died of his injuries, a SHA highway worker was killed just 35 miles away along I-95. Earlier in 2013, two highway workers were killed a short distance from the most recent scene. In June 2013, another highway worker was killed working in Howard County.

Though heart attack is almost always the leading cause of line of duty deaths of firefighters, fatal accident involving vehicles is usually the second or third

cause of firefighter fatalities.

Our fire police are unsung heroes of the fire and rescue service,



directing apparatus into a country lane, controlling traffic at highway incidents, and even assisting in community events and parades. They have a thankless job, many hours babysitting a pole awaiting a utility company, or directing residents away from a flooded road.

We have made tremendous strides in decreasing firefighter fatalities since the inception of NFPA 1500. Eliminating riding the back step was almost a sacrilegious act. But, each year 5 or more firefighters were killed while riding on the tailboard. Our vehicle designs continue to improve firefighter safety. But, the real issue today is curtailing accidents involving privately owned vehicles responding to the firehouse or scene, tanker rollovers, and the lack of wearing seatbelts.

Every member of every fire and rescue company in Maryland should sign the seatbelt pledge – and mean it! This initiative, fostered by Dr. Burt Clark, recently retired National Fire Academy, is meant to bring a heightened awareness to the simple, but effective means of improving

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News From Around the State

by Johnie Roth, Jr. 1st VP, MSFA



The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad (in Montgomery County, Maryland) recently took delivery of their newest addition to their fleet. Medic 741 will be dispatched on any incident requiring Advanced Life Support. The BCC Rescue Squad bought the unit from donations received by residents in their area and receives no direct state or county tax support.



The Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department held a dedication on Saturday, August 9, 2014 to re-name the Cobb Island Bridge in Honor of Fire Fighter Christopher Allen Staley gave up his life trying to save another. The bridge was dedicated at the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department in his memory so his act of bravery will never be forgotten. Both MSFA First Vice president Johnie Roth and LAMSFA Senior Vice President Darby Byrd were on hand for the dedication.

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 occupant safety while riding in an emergency vehicle. Seatbelts probably saved the lives of at least two members of my home department when our brush truck blew a tire and rolled over on I-70 near Frederick. All occupants were belted and treated for minor injuries.

Addressing the use of private vehicles, especially for our new members, is of major area of risk. It is important to stress to our new, sometimes inexperienced drivers, to slow down, obey all traffic laws, and arrive at the firehouse safe. We need to provide formal training for new apparatus and ambulance drivers, especially handling heavy vehicles. Many of our new drivers have never driven a vehicle bigger than a Honda. A 45,000 GVW elliptical tanker is a much different animal. A

full stop at red lights or stop signs, and simply slowing down will go a long way to reducing accidents.

I am very impressed with the initiatives of the Cumberland Valley Firemen’s Association to improve highway worker safety, especially for our dedicated fire police. I am grateful for the hard work of Dr. Burt Clark preaching the gospel of seat belt use. And I congratulate everyone that takes the time and effort to take an Emergency Vehicle Operator course.

Unfortunately, we can make sure our personnel working in a highway environment wear reflective vests, we can make sure everyone is belted, we can teach every member safe driving skills.

But, we cannot totally eliminate the risk.

We know when we join a volunteer or career department we are assuming a certain amount of risk to protect our neighbors. We must make every effort and take every opportunity to advance safe operations, especially vehicle and highway safety.

I encourage everyone that reads this article to go on the web site www.everyonegoeshome.com and truly absorb the 16 life safety initiatives. Not just a web name, but a goal that each of us should have every day, on every incident: “EVERYONE GOES HOME!”

Charlestown Houses Aerial Cat Quint

By Eileen Edelin
 The Charlestown Fire Company hosted the housing of their newest piece of apparatus on July 26, 2014 from 14:00 to 18:00 hrs.

Refreshments were provided by Charlestown’s Market Street Café and Sentman Distributors.

Other Cecil County companies or members of other companies in attendance were; North East, Rising Sun, Perryville and Elkton and the community citizens of Charlestown

Charlestown housed a 2014 KME 109’ Aerial Cat Quint, with a 750 pound tip load designated Truck 5. Water tank 650 gal. Pump 2000gpm. Full set of Hurst tools and air bags.
 Officers:



Chief – Gary Bott
 Asst. Chief – Tom Bicking
 Truck Captain – Jason Barrow
 Fire Captain – Jacob White
 Fire Lts. – Mark Rhodes and Thomas Patterson
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 VP – Jason Barrow
 Treasurer – Rosalyn Bott

Sec. – Kenny Shockley
 Asst. Sec. – Norman Doss
 Member – Gary Bott
 Member – Ronnie Daniels
 Member – Jacob White
 Member – Mike Starling
 Member – Mark Rhodes

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Save the Date

By Bruce Bouch, DSFM

50th Anniversary of the Office of the State Fire Marshal dinner banquet
October 18, 2014

Maryland Fire Service Risk Reduction Weekend
October 18-19, 2014

Public & Life Safety Educator's Spring Seminar March 28, 2015

MSFA Convention
June 20-25, 2015



Jr. Miss Fire Prevention Cecil County - Madelyn Moore

Editor's Note

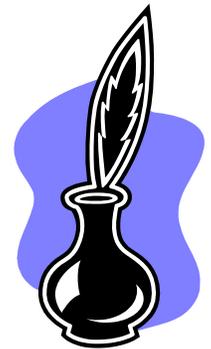
Welcome to the August 2014 edition of the *Volunteer Trumpet*, the newsletter of the MSFA.

We have coverage from all over the state, bringing you the latest MSFA and member company news from every corner of Maryland.

As our correspondents and photographers start working on next issue please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for coverage or content we should share.

We are pleased to hear from you as our goal is to print interesting and informative content for volunteer fire, rescue and EMS personnel of Maryland.

And we are always looking for additional contributors to provide coverage around Maryland. So be sure to send your company & MSFA material, including photos, to the editor.



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Maryland Fire Prevention and Life Safety Information Exchange Program



2015

The Maryland Fire Prevention and Life Safety Information Exchange Program is a partnership between the MSFA and the OSFM. The partners will contribute to the development of a website designed to serve as a single point of entry for fire prevention and life safety programs and best practices.

A **student internship** secured through contractual services will continue the development of the Maryland Fire Prevention and Life Safety Exchange (MFPLSIEP) website. The intern will be responsible for maintaining the MFPLSIEP website in consultation with the Director of Public Education and Media Affairs for the OSFM, the Chairman of the MSFA Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee and the internship sub-committee.

The primary goal of the MFPLSIEP is to provide citizens and emergency services personnel with a central location to obtain timely and accurate information about fire and life safety issues. The concept is to produce an attractive and functional website linking to best fire prevention and life safety programs and practices in Maryland and abroad on the internet. Prior to linking, websites operated by others will require vetting to ensure programs and practices contain current information and meet the specific goals and objectives for the MFPLSIEP. The website will also include information about programs conducted by Maryland's community based fire departments and emergency medical services providers.

In addition, this program will incorporate the use of social media such as; Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc, to promptly disseminate fire incident information and appropriate educational content. Maintenance and updates to the (7) Public Fire and Life Safety Educational kits is a requirement of the program. Other duties as assigned concerning MSFA needs are a significant aspect of this program.

The program will require a minimum of 10 hours per week for 12 months from January through December with some travel to OSFM Headquarters in Pikesville and attendance at Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee meetings with a report on accomplishments. A \$500 monthly stipend will be issued to the qualified candidate chosen for the position, which is a part time contractual and grant funded specific.

Post-secondary educational students interested in applying for this program will need to email a letter of intent and resume to:

DSFM Bruce Bouch

Director of Public Education and Media Affairs

Office of the State Fire Marshal

bruce.bouch@maryland.gov

Deadline for a Letter of Intent and Resume is Friday, November 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Amish Carriage-Maker Restored Two Hand Pumpers Nearly 30 Years Ago For Singerly Fire Company

By Mike Dixon, Editor

In the mid-1980s, members of the Singerly Fire Company started gearing up for the company's 100th anniversary in 1992.

One of the tasks for the centennial celebration was the restoration of two old 19th century hand pumpers that had been the hero of many a fight with the smoke and flames in Elkton.

The first piece, a hydraulion, had been built in Philadelphia about 1817 and arrived in Elkton in 1827. The second unit, a suction engine from Baltimore, arrived here in 1859.

These aging relics were in need of work so members of the company started searching for some contacts to help them with the restoration. We located Jack Robrecht and Al Wills, two fire service history experts associated with the Philadelphia Fire Museum.

After visiting Elkton to examine the pieces they suggested Singerly contact an Amish carriage-maker so in 1985 a committee traveled to Bart, PA and talked with the fire company there. The Pennsylvania department recommended we visit the Nickle Mine Coach shop, a mile or two up the road.

At the shop the committee met a master Amish craftsman, Christian Petersheim, Jr., who was given the job of restoring the fire-



One their first visit to Elkton one of the Philadelphia specialists, Al Wills (left), and Singerly Museum Committee member Bill Denver examine the engine that arrived in Elkton in 1859.

fighting artifacts.

It wasn't too long before the old veterans from the first half of the 19th century were hauled out of storage for a short trip to Lancaster County, PA. There Mr. Petersheim, carefully stripped away layers of paint, restoring the old pumpers to their 19th century condition.

Nearly Thirty years after the work was done I revisited Mr. Petersheim, at his shop on Mine Road in Paradise, PA. He has since retired, but the business is now being managed by his sons. He clearly recalled working on this project three decades ago and had a photo album contain-

ing some of his fire engine restoration work.

After finishing the Singerly projects, he restored about seven additional pieces of hand-drawn fire apparatus. The equipment came from VT., FL, PA., NY, and MD and included one hook and ladder.

By-the-way, on the day of the visit he was upholstering two museum-quality automobiles from the first decade of the 20th century. The master craftsman has taken up that work since his retirement from carriage-making.

The work of this fine artisan appears in the Singerly Fire Company museum, looking as good today as it did nearly thirty years earlier when it returned home to Elkton.



The Nickel Mine Coach Shop on Mine Road in Paradise, PA. It is just outside of Bart PA.



Office of the State Fire Marshal 50th Anniversary Dinner Banquet



Where: Martin's West
6817 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

When: Saturday, October 18, 2014
7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Dinner Includes:

Fresh Fruit and Cheese Trays, Maryland Crab Soup; Carving Stations of Roast Turkey and London Broil. Buffet items include: Crab Cakes, Chicken Marsala, Italian Sausage w/ Peppers & Onions, Vegetable Lasagna, Roasted Red Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Gourmet Breads and a Variety of Desserts, Coffee and Iced Tea.

A Cash Bar will be available for sodas and alcoholic beverages.

Cost: \$40.00 per person (Includes tax and gratuity)
Seating is limited to 275 guests

To Reserve Your Seat, Please Remit Payment by October 1st to:

Allison Nicodemus 301-766-3890 or 301-766-3888

All Checks Should Be Made Payable & Forwarded To:

Allison Nicodemus
OSFM – Western Regional Office
18345 Colonel Henry K. Douglas Drive, Suite 240
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Want to stay overnight?

Special pricing of \$99 has been acquired at the brand new 'Hampton Inn & Suites' next door to the Martins West venue. Call 410-281-1111 and reference "Maryland Fire Marshal" or register online at www.hamptoninn.com. Type in Baltimore County; Select October 18th for arrival; Click on 'Add special rate codes' and enter "MSP" in the group code box; click on the red 'Find it' box. Click 'Book a room' under Hampton Inn & Suites Baltimore/Woodlawn.

Register by 5 p.m. on September 26th to receive this special hotel rate.

**Those wishing to make a presentation should email DSFM Bruce Bouch at:
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The Denton Volunteer Fire Company was participating in Caroline County's Summer Fest in August.

