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## National Fallen Firefighters Foundations Holds 34th Annual Memorial

*Team reporting by Ron Watkins, MSFA PR Committee & Upper Shore correspondent Nevin Steffy*

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation hosted the 34th Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial on October 2 - 4, 2015 at Emmitsburg, Maryland. Eighty-four fire-rescue personnel that perished as a result of line-of-duty incidents were honored, as well as three other persons that had perished in previous years. Families of the honored were brought to the Wyndam Hotel in Gettysburg for the weekend. Members of the Maryland Fire Chiefs and other drivers handled the duties of bringing them in from the various airports and/or train stations and chartered busses transported the families to the various venues

for the weekend.

Many sessions were scheduled for the various family members, dealing with grief

at the Saint Elizabeth Seton basilica, located next to the National Fire Academy. The bad weather over the week



counseling, etc. These were conducted by trained counselors and members of families

*President Barack Obama greeted every family member as the name of the honoree was called and they came forward to receive their flag.*

that had been previous attendees. Bags with gift items were prepared by members of the returning families, and candle bags of each deceased person were made by the children of their families. On Saturday night, a candlelight service was held

preceding the Memorial prompted the Foundation to use other facilities for the activities planned. On Sunday, families were bussed to the Knott Sports Complex on the grounds of the Mount St. Mary's College for the Memorial services, where each individual's name is read, and the families receive a certificate, a red rose, and a U.S. flag that has been flown over the Nation's Capital. The annual Red Helmet motorcycle ride on Saturday had to be cancelled due to the weather.

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# The President’s Corner

by Johnie F. Roth, Jr.

We have had a busy couple of months serving the Maryland Fire Service since you received the last issue of the *Volunteer Trumpet*. As my term moves along, I thank each of you for your support. I am also fortunate to have the support of a strong leadership team, along with the exceptional knowledge of and help of the past presidents.

We are continuing to leverage this combination of experience, qualifications, commitment, and leadership to focus on our opportunities and challenges while serving the citizens of the State in the second decades of the 21st century.

Here are a few MSFA photos from the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.



Lithograph distribution by the staff of the MD State Fireman’s Association  
Photos by Nevin Steffy.

## News Briefs

### **Eastern Shore of Md. Volunteer Firemen's Association Elects Officers**

by Emmons Horner

The September meeting of the Eastern Shore of Md. Volunteer Firemen's Association was held in Somerset County, at the Deal Island/Chance Fire Department.

Officers elected/re-elected to serve for the next year, with their respective Companies were as follows: President—Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Hacks Point; 1st Vice Pres.—Robert Phillips, Rescue F.D.(Cambridge); 2nd Vice Pres — Ed Milliken, Easton; Treasurer — Bobbie Aaron, Hurlock; Secretary — Barbara Steiner, Church Creek; Donald Knauer of Madison was re-appointed Chaplain.

Admitted to this years Hall of Fame were Randy Chance of Easton, and William C. Stevens, Jr. of the Madison Fire Company.

We would like to see more names submitted for this recognition. Surely there are many dedicated Volunteers deserving of this honor.

### **TPVFD member receives MCVFRA Administrative Award**

By Jim Jarboe

At the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association's Annual Convention Banquet held on September 17, 2015 Takoma Park VFD Auxiliary President Tina Willey was presented the "Administrative Member of the Year Award." Since becoming a mem-

ber in 1977, she has been a very active member. She serves on numerous committees, oversees many administrative activities, serves on the Board of Directors and is the department's Office Services Coordinator. Congratulations!



Jim Jarboe making a presentation to the Takoma Park City Council

### **Kicking Off Fire Prevention Week in Takoma Park**

On October 5, Jim Jarboe of the Takoma Park VFD made a presentation at the Takoma Park City Council meeting reference the start of Fire Prevention Week. He covered the following: The Great Chicago Fire; NFPA 2014 Fire Stats; Fire Facts; Top Fire Causes; and Important Home Fire Safety Tips.

Mayor Bruce Williams presented the Takoma Park FD with a proclamation celebrating the month of October "Fire Prevention Week".



Mayor Williams and Jim Jarboe.

MCVFRA President Marcine Goodloe, Jim Jarboe, Tina Willey. Photo credit: Ed Tenney Rockville VFD



**Tabler, longtime Goodwill Fire Company Member, Honored by Franchot**

*The oldest member of the Goodwill Fire Company still attending meetings, Dan Tabler, received the 2015 “William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award” for Queen Anne’s County.*

*The first editor of the MSFA publication, the Volunteer Trumpet, Dan is 90-years-old and has been in the fire service ranks for 70-years. He has served the Goodwill in many positions including president and he is presently the secretary and historian. Also he has been inducted in the MSFA Hall of Fame and the Del-Mar-Va and Eastern Shore Halls of Fame. Here is part of the article from the Queen Anne’s Record-Observer.*



By Jack Shaum  
the Queen Anne’s Record-Observer

As a large group of friends and family looked on, longtime community volunteer and Record Observer columnist and retired editor Dan Tabler was presented with the 2015 William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for Queens County by State Comptroller Peter Franchot.

“It’s an honor to celebrate such a wonderful man,” Franchot said during the presentation ceremony at Centreville United Methodist Church on Friday, June 26.

The award was created by Franchot in honor of the former mayor, governor, and comptroller to be presented to individuals and organizations in each county and Baltimore City best exemplifying William Donald Schaefer’s lifelong commitment to helping people,” according to the comptroller’s office.

Tabler, 90, was chosen to receive the award for the many contributions in Centreville and

Queen Anne’s County. Franchot specifically noted his 70 years with the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Dept. where he held multiple positions, his long career as both editor and columnist at the Record Observer, work with the Lions Club and the Aueen Anne’s County Public Library.

He also pointed out Tabler’s induction into the Maryland Dlaware, DC. Press Association Hall of Fame, into the Kent and Queen Anne’s Fire, EMS, and Rescue Association Hall of Fame, and his selection as Maryland’s Most Beautiful Volunteer.

“Like Gov. Schaefer, Dan has dedicated the vast majority of his life to this community and the State of Maryland is better off because of your contribution of your most important asset – your time,” Franchot said as he presented the award certificate to Tabler.



Dan Tabler. Photo by Mike Dixon

Dan Tabler at the Goodwill Fire Company’s 125 anniversary celebration in October 2014. Dan, a retired newspaper editor and company historian, has written a company history.

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## Chip's Firehouse Logbook: Past, Present and Future

### Governor Marvin Mandel

by Clarence "Chip" Jewell, III

I recently completed my "on line" distance learning towards my 14th recertification of my EMT, practical skills will follow shortly.

I can vividly recall my very first ambulance call as a Red Cross "Advanced First Aid" attendant. Seeing the first traffic accident on I-70 that an MSP helicopter landed to fly a patient to "Shock Trauma" was a breathtaking event. The image of a small yellow and white MSP helicopter descending through the darkness and landing along the highway was almost surreal. The Bell Jet Rangers of the 1970's dwarf the technologically advanced August-Westland AW-139.

The efforts and the vision of Dr. R Adams Cowley made Maryland the pre-eminent world leader in emergency medical services. His theory of the "Golden Hour" and utilizing the battlefield strategies to save lives was truly ground-breaking. But, convincing members of the Maryland legislature to fund his life saving concepts was almost insurmountable. Many

of Dr. Cowley's colleagues in local hospitals were opposed to his concept of transferring patients to a "trauma center" and another facility taking their patients. Even the leadership at the University of Maryland Hospital became an obstacle.

On April 13, 1971, James P. Mause, the Chief Clerk of the Maryland House of Delegates, was being transported to his home in Myersville when his vehicle was involved in a serious accident on I-70S (today I-270) near Frederick. Initially, Mr. Mause was transported to

*Most members of our fire and rescue service have no idea that Governor Mandel is truly a founder of our statewide EMS delivery system.*

Frederick Memorial Hospital, but as the Frederick facility did not have a neurosurgeon, he later transferred to Washington County Hospital. Governor Marvin Mandel was a close personal friend of Mr. Mause and was flown by MSP helicopter to Hagerstown to visit the critically injured chief clerk. When Governor Mandel realized the seriousness of the injuries, he called Dr. Cowley and had Mr. Mause transferred to the Shock Trauma Center.

Marvin Mandel rose through

the political hierarchy of the Democratic Party in greater Baltimore. He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1952 and ultimately elevated to the Speaker of the House. Upon the election of Maryland Governor Spiro Agnew to the office of Vice President of the United States, Marvin Mandel was elected by his fellow legislators as Governor of the State of Maryland. His political astuteness as Speaker of the House was invaluable as governor. He is generally acknowledged as the "governor of modern Maryland" as he transformed state government into a more efficient and responsive organization.

But, most members of our state fire and rescue service have no idea that Governor Marvin Mandel is truly a founder of our statewide EMS delivery system. After the accident of Mr. Mause, Dr. Cowley took Governor Mandel on a tour of the Shock Trauma Center, explaining the life saving benefits. Dr. Cowley also took the opportunity express his exasperation



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# Sherry Soper named Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year

By Chief Chip Jewell

A dedicated member of the Frederick County volunteer fire and rescue service that has committed her life to teaching and preaching the gospel of fire and life safety was named the 2015 Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year at the annual Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference held at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

Sherry Soper, the chairman of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Fire & Life Safety Committee and Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association was presented this prestigious award in front of over 200 of her peers at the annual meeting held in Laurel, MD on September 29, 2015.

Ms. Soper has been dedicated to fire and life safety education during her entire fire service career, both in auxiliaries of the Independent Hose Company No. 1 and Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company and as administrative officer in the Independent Hose Co. No. 1, where her father served as a career firefighter.

Her passion for fire safety was greatly influenced as a child growing up in Frederick and hearing her father speak of the 8 lives lost in a house fire near Yellow Springs.

She can often be seen at a local fire company open house, at Frederick Keys games, the Homebuilders Show, Great Frederick Fair and many other local events providing literature, encouraging the use of smoke alarms and carbon mon-

oxide detectors, and talking with families about home fire safety.

She literally touches hundreds of families annually in her quest to prevent fire deaths and injuries in our state.

Frederick County is extremely proud of Sherry Soper and the well deserved recognition she has received.

For more information on fire prevention and life safety contact your local fire company or call the Division of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services at 301-600-6736.



Maryland State Police Supt. William Pallozzi, Sherry Soper, Maryland State Fire Marshall Brain Geraci

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Chief Chip Jewell, Chief Tom Owens, Sherry Soper, brother Chuck Handley, daughter Mandy Soper, Maryland State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci, Maryland State Police Supt. William Pallozzi.

## Frederick County VFRA Holds Miss Fire Prevention Contest for 2015-2016

Article and photos by Ron Watkins,  
MSFA Public Relations Committee

On Sunday, October 11, the Fire Prevention Committee of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association held their annual Miss Fire Prevention contest at the Walkersville VFC Social Hall.

This contest has been held continuously since 1991, although there were some contests held in years previous to that.

The contests are to select the Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Fire Prevention ambassadors for the coming year; who will work with the Association in promoting fire prevention practices at fire department open houses, carnivals, parades, school visits, programs at various community events, etc., in conjunction with the FCVFRA and local fire departments.

The young lady selected as Miss Fire Prevention will represent Frederick County in the contest for the Maryland state Firemen's Association Miss Fire Prevention at their convention in Ocean City.

The program's emcee was David Keller, past President of the MSFA, and a former president and chief of the Citizen's Truck Company of Frederick. The program was scheduled to be held on October 4, but was postponed due to the threat of dangerous weather conditions. Some of the guests present included Clarence "Chip" Jewell, chief of volunteer operations in Frederick County and MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Susan Hilton, formerly Miss Montgomery County FP ambassador.

The newly selected Little Miss Fire Prevention is Josie Masser, representing the Independent Hose Company of Frederick. The new Junior Miss Fire Prevention is Tiffany White, representing Brunswick VFC. Frederick County's Miss Fire Prevention ambassador for 2015 – 16 is Jessie Lapole, representing the Jefferson VFC.

Last year's Little Miss FP, Isabella Springith and Junior Miss Abigail Hampson gave their farewell speeches to the audience before the crowning of the new ambassadors.

MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Past President Kathy Knipple assisted with the presentation of crown and sash to the winners. Each winner also received a bouquet of flowers.

The Frederick County VFRA fire prevention committee would like to thank all who helped with the contest, from getting the hall set up to providing refreshments for everyone. Look for our ambassadors when you travel to events in Frederick County this year!



Top Photo — Frederick County Miss Fire Prevention Jessie Lapole

Bottom Photo — Fire prevention Ambassadors from last year and this year are (front row, l to r) 2015 Little Miss FP Josie Masser, 2014 Little Miss Elle Springith (back row, l to r) Junior Miss 2015 Tiffany White, 2014 Junior Miss Abigail Hampson, and 2015 Miss Fire Prevention Jessie Lapole.



## NFFF Holds 34th Annual Memorial

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During the ceremonies, President Barack Obama attended and spoke to the 4500 plus attendees in the auditorium. He is only the second sitting President to attend these services; the first being President George Bush. He spoke of the courage and dedication of those who become firefighters and rescuers; of the sacrifices they make to take the training, attend the many activities, and miss many family activities because they are needed to respond to an emergency – often to assist someone they don't even know. He called for the nation to work to find ways to prevent fires, and to provide fire and rescue personnel the equipment and training they need to deal with the many varied emergencies they face. He then came to the front of the auditorium and greeted every family member as the name of their honoree



was called and they came forward to receive their flag, etc.

The services were emceed by Chief Dennis Compton, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The Honorable

ment and FADO Robert “Bob” Fogle III of the Baltimore County Fire Department, the Taneytown and the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Departments were honored.

It needs to be mentioned that the Maryland Fire Chiefs and Maryland State Fireman’s Association play integral parts in making this event happen. As being from the host state, the Maryland Volunteer Fireman’s Association presents all honored families with a lithograph print of the National Fallen Firefighters Monument. The Maryland Fire Chiefs

Steny Hoyer, member of the House of Representatives, gave the Keynote speech, and Chief Ernest Mitchell, Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration also gave remarks, along with local officials welcoming the attendees to Frederick County and the National Fire Academy. W. Craig Fugate, Administrator of FEMA, introduced President Obama.

The entire memorial was conducted with all of the pomp that a major fire service event brings; with Honor Guard members and pipe and drum members from throughout the US participating in a truly impressive ceremony to honor our brothers and sisters who have lost their lives. From Maryland, Lt. James Bethea of the Baltimore City Fire Depart-

coordinate the transportation for these families and volunteers. Moving people between three hotels, and the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD, requires many volunteers, fire company vehicles, and patience. These ladies and gentlemen volunteer their time and talents to ensure that everyone’s needs are met. They are tireless and really are the main cog to get this done.



Family of Lt. Bethea receiving their Flag and rose during the ceremonies. Photos by Watkins

**A**dditional team coverage of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial from our Upper Shore Correspondent & Photographer, Nevin Steffy, continues on page 10

## Team Coverage: 2015 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend

*Volunteer Trumpet team coverage continues with a report and photos filed by our Upper Shore correspondent, Nevin Steffy*

*A Personal Perspective by Nevin Steffy*

**F**or these families, this weekend is generally the end of very rough period in their life.

Dealing with the Line of Duty Death of a loved one can be very hard to cope with. Being asked to participate in many Memorial Services throughout the year only opens old wounds and causes the feelings of loss to come rushing back. This weekend acts like closure and it very welcoming.

As a red-shirt Survivor, we all have already walked the path they are on, and we assist them in many ways.

I am very familiar with this process. On November 10, 2011, my father, Edward Steffy, from Rothsville Fire Company in Lancaster County, PA, died in the Line of Duty.

He was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Monument in 2012. Every year since, I have returned to assist these families being honored. Many great friendships have developed and endured as they return to assist those being honored every year.

— **Nevin Steffy**

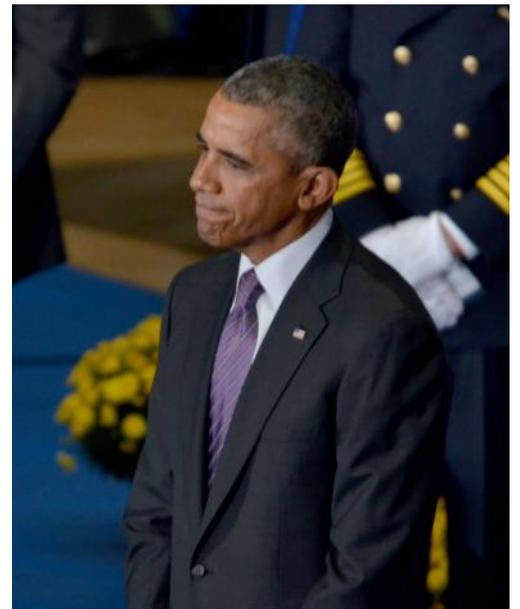


*Left Center — Walking the “Sea of Blue.”*

*Right Center: President Obama comforts a young girl over the loss of a loved one.*

*Right: The President takes a break from greeting families while in obvious reflection.*

Photos by Nevin Steffy



## Cecil County Ladies Auxiliary 75th Anniversary Celebration

By Eileen Edelin

On September 10, 2015, the members of the Cecil County Ladies Auxiliary (CCLA) gathered together to celebrate their 75th Anniversary. The anniversary celebration was held at the Singlerly Fire Company and members of the Chesapeake City, North East, Perryville, Rising Sun, Singlerly and Water Witch Ladies Auxiliaries' were in attendance.

Special guests included delegates Kevin Hornblower and Andrew Cassilly with MSFA President Johnnie Roth, LAMSFA President Darby Byrd, Singlerly Fire Company President Phil Scott and Cecil County Fireman's Association Vice President Howard Flowers. The CCLA past presidents presented service awards to the senior members of the CCLA.

The charter members of this organization had the vision on October 15, 1940 to organize the Cecil County-Wide Ladies Auxiliary. Four Auxiliaries met in Elkton: Chesapeake City, Perryville, North East and Singlerly. The Charter members were Miss Kathryn Schaefer of Chesapeake City, Mrs. Amanda Bryson of Elkton, Mrs. Mildred

Stapp of Chesapeake City and Mrs. Gladys B. Realy. These ladies were

elected as the first officers.

Dues were set at \$3.00 for each auxiliary, which would entitle any or all members of each auxiliary in good standing to a seat and a vote at the meetings.

At the July 29, 1942 the Cecil County-Wide meeting in Cecilton it was decided by the members to adjourn the meetings for the duration of the war. There were no records from this date until after the war.

On July 9, 1947 the By Laws were written by Emma McIntire, Bert Miller, Bessie Thompson and Nellie McIntire.

The dedication, hard work and sacrifices that these women made were truly amazing and appreciated. The CCLA is committed to continue in their footsteps to fulfill the same goals established on October 15, 1940 by these



inspiring pioneers.

The Ladies Auxiliary organizations in Cecil County established, by date of their charters

- Perryville—Feb. 4, 1926
- Chesapeake City—May 21, 1928
- Singerly—Nov. 1, 1928
- North East—March 29, 1929
- Cecilton —May 3, 1938 ~ Inactive 1997
- Water Witch—April 10, 1940
- Rising Sun—Dec. 2, 1940
- Charlestown—1948 ~ Inactive 1990
- Hacks Point—Feb. 1953 ~ Inactive 1998

The CCLA looks forward to celebrating great milestones; the Perryville Ladies Auxiliary celebrates their 89th birthday this year. The Perryville Ladies have the distinct honor of being the first and oldest active Auxiliary in Cecil County, established on March 16, 1926.



Cecil County Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2014-2016. (L) President Beulah Sample, Vice President Alyce Jane Lovelace, Secretary Ruth Gonc, Treasurer Daria Brown, Chaplain Anne Gibson, Historian Nora Ryan.

## Chip's Firehouse Logbook

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in the lack of funding from the state to support his vision of Maryland providing advanced emergency care that would be the hallmark of our nation.

Dr. Cowley was even distressed at the administration at University Hospital that was limiting his abilities to fulfill his desire of implement life saving innovations in modern emergency medicine. The "odd couple" of a Jewish lawyer and Mormon doctor molded into a partnership that changed Maryland EMS forever.

Governor Marvin Mandel became the consummate advocate for Dr. Cowley, helping push legislation and funding through the Maryland General Assembly. A \$50 million dollar building, support for the military style medevac system using Maryland State Police helicopters and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System are the legacy of Marvin Mandel.

Governor Mandel issued an Executive Order separating the Shock Trauma Center from the University of Maryland Hospital Department of Surgery giving Dr. Cowley direct and unencumbered control of the Shock Trauma Center.

The order also created the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System. I was fortunate to personally hear Governor Mandel speak at the first regional ceremony that implemented

Frederick/Washington County Region II held at the Sheraton in Hagerstown where he publically endorsed Dr. Cowley's concepts and gave his full support to our new statewide EMS system.

Serving on the Democratic State Central Committee from 1974 to

1980 gave me the opportunity work with Governor Mandel on several occasions. His business acumen and political prowess were his hallmark that moved Maryland forward to improved efficiency of government.

These same personal attributes were used to weave the maze of the legislature to help fund the premier emergency medical services system in the world. The EMS delivery system that serves the citizens of Maryland today may not exist if it were not for the direct political intervention and support of Governor Marvin Mandel.

Governor Marvin Mandel died on August 30, 2015 at the age of 95. Because of Governor Mandel, his close friend James P. Mause lived to age 83, surviving the accident until 2005.

And though many will only remember Marvin Mandel for his alleged corruption and time spent in a federal penitentiary, his legacy in Maryland will be his leadership, his partnership with Dr. Cowley and the thousands of lives saved by the collaboration of these two unlikely visionaries.

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### MIEMSS NEWS BRIEF

By James Brown

**AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAMS**  
MIEMSS released the Maryland Ambulance Strike Team System Manual which was developed with the assistance of a multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction Ambulance Strike Team Committee. The manual covers ambulance strike team configurations,

minimum training and equipment standards, and operational producers for teams when deployed. MIEMSS has offered both Ambulance Strike Team Leader and Provider courses and additional training will be offered in the next year.

During the unrest in Baltimore, two ambulance strike teams were deployed to assist the Baltimore City Fire Department. MIEMSS recently deployed two Ambulance Strike Teams to the assist the City of Philadelphia during the Papal visit in September.

MIEMSS currently has two agencies that have completed the MOU process to become a pre-designated ambulance strike team. Several other agencies are currently working on this process. The goal is to develop a cadre of pre-designated teams that meet all the system requirements. One team will be on call each month and first up for deployment.

### SEASONAL INFLUENZA

As the seasonal flu season is rapidly approaching, here are several tips to help decrease your chances of catching the virus. As emergency services professionals, we care for those that may be suffering from the flu. Tips to prevent the flu include getting the seasonal flu vaccine, washing your hands often with soap and water, covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Always use good droplet precaution measures including gloves and a mask. Be sure to disinfect any surfaces that a patient's droplets may have come into contact with. Symptoms of the flu virus may include fever, chills, cough, runny nose, body aches, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and sore throat

Side-by-Side Fire and Sprinkler Demonstration

By Kelley Renshaw

On October 21, 2015, the members of the Galena VFD conducted a side-by-side fire and sprinkler burn demonstration. The event was sponsored by MSFA, the office of the Maryland State Fire Marshall and the MSFA Sprinkler Committee.

It's 3 a.m. and you have been jolted awake by the sound of the fire alarm. Without a sprinkler system in place there is an uncontrolled fire in your home. Smoke and gases fill your home spreading quickly along the ceiling and heating up the air. The current of hot air forces a curtain of deadly gases down the walls, making escape more difficult. In a few minutes the air will become so hot that the entire contents of the room will ignite spontaneously. This is known as flashover and usually occurs between 1,000 and 1,500 degrees. Then you remember that the house was built with a residential sprinkler system. When the heat reaches 155 degrees the closest sprinkler will sense the temperature change causing the filament to burst and activating one or two sprinkler heads near the source of the fire. Water released cools the heat source and controls the burn giving you additional time to vacate your house.

**Facts about home fire sprinklers**

Automatic sprinklers are highly effective and reliable elements of total system designs for fire protection in build-

ings. According to an American Housing Survey, 4.6% of occupied homes (including multi-unit) had sprinklers in 2009, up from 3.9% in 2007, and 18.5% of occupied home built in the previous four years had sprinklers. Source: U.S. Experience with Sprinklers

- \* 85% of all U.S. fire deaths occur in the home;
- \* Home fire sprinklers can control and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive on the scene;
- \* Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire. In 84% of home fires where the sprinklers operate, just one sprinkler operates;
- \* If you have a fire in your home, the risk of dying is cut by about one-third when smoke alarms are present (or about half if the smoke alarms are working), while automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying by about 80%;
- \* In a home with sprinklers, the average property loss per fire is cut by about 70% (compared to fires where sprinklers are not present.); and
- \* The cost of installing home fire sprinklers averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot.

See the demonstration video on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternShoreOfMdVolunteerFiremansAssociation>.



Cecil Co. Fire Prevention Ambassadors Contest

By Ron Watkins, MFA PR Committee

The Cecil County Firemen's Association's fire prevention committee held its annual fire prevention ambassador contest at the Cecilton VFC on Oct. 10. This was the 47th year the competition has been held. One of the past Miss Fire Prevention selectees, Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Miss Cecil County for 1975, was in attendance and recognized for her 40th anniversary as a fire prevention ambassador for the county.

The event started off with a social hour and was followed by the contests for the titles and a DJ dance. A Chinese raffle and a fifty-fifty raffle were also held to raise money for the committee's work throughout the year.

The titles being contested were for Little Fire Chief, Junior Fire Chief, Little Miss Fire Prevention, Junior Miss Fire Prevention, and Miss Fire Prevention. The winner of the Miss Fire Prevention title will compete for the title of the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention in the contest held in Ocean city in June. Among the guests present were Gabrielle Kerby, the 1st Runner-up MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and Madeline Moore, MSFA North East Junior Miss Fire Prevention.

The positions of Little Fire Chief and Junior Fire Chief had only one contestant each, and so they were selected for those positions. The Little Fire Chief was Alex Samler, 8 years old, from Perryville VFC. Alex was escorted by Jennifer Samler. Junior Fire Chief selected was Jordan Heverin, 12, also from Perryville VFC. He was escorted by Sophia Heverin.

Six young ladies competed for Little Miss Fire Prevention. They were Elizabeth Lynn, 10, from Cecilton, escorted

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Cecil Co. Fire Prevention Ambassador

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by Ray Lynn; Bailey Duff, 8, representing Chesapeake City and escorted by David Duff; Hailey Hill, 6, representing Singerly Fire Company and escorted by Fred Hill Jr; Rebecca Samler, 5, representing Perryville and escorted by Jennifer Samler, Alexis Mackie, 6, from Rising Sun and escorted by Blaine Pierce; and Elizabeth Markum, 6, representing Hacks Point and escorted by Blake Markum.

Each girl was asked two questions – “What does fire prevention mean to me?” and a fire prevention-related question drawn from a helmet. Miss Elizabeth Lynn was chosen as 1st Runner-up and Miss Bailey Duff was selected as the Little Miss Fire Prevention for 2015 – 16.

The Junior Miss Fire Prevention had three young ladies in competition: Mary Dixon, 15, representing Cecilton and escorted by Eddie Dixon; Mikayla Keeley, 13, representing Chesapeake City and escorted by Dillon Boucher; and Breanna Reardon, 14, representing Singerly FD and escorted by Robert Dorsett.

Each contestant was asked two questions. Mary Dixon was awarded the 1st Runner-up title and Breanna Reardon was selected to be the Junior Miss Fire Prevention.

For the title of Cecil County’s Miss Fire Prevention, there were three contestants. They were: Krysta Brockell, 16, representing Chesapeake City and escorted by John Loveless Sr; Rachel Bowles, 19, representing Singerly FC and escorted by Walter Trego; and McKaylee Burrough, 16, representing Rising Sun and escorted by Zach Barr. In a slightly different scenario, each girl was asked the question “What would you do to promote fire prevention in Cecil County?”, plus the “fishbowl” question drawn from a basket. The 1st Runner-up for Miss Fire Prevention was Krysta Brockell and the Miss Fire Prevention selected for 2015 – 16 was Ra-

chel Bowles.

The Emcee for the contest was Miss Sarah Bowles, a previous Miss Fire Prevention winner and currently the Miss Fire Prevention ambassador for the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association.

While the judges, from the Aetna Fire Company of Newark, Delaware, adjourned to make their decisions, last year’s Miss Fire Prevention Michaela Patrick, made her final speech to the audience, and last year’s Little Fire Chief Gavin Brown and Junior Fire Chief Dakota McClellan were introduced.

Sarah was assisted in presenting the crowns and sashes to the winners by MSFA 1st Runner-up Miss Fire Prevention Gabrielle Kerby, who was last year’s Miss Harford-Cecil Counties fire prevention ambassador and members of the Cecil County VFRA fire prevention committee.



L to R: 1st Runner-up Miss Fire Prevention Krysta Brockell and Miss Fire Prevention Rachel Bowles.



Attending the contest were guests Robyn Sheldon Hahn (Miss Cecil Co. FP Queen 1975 – 76) & Heather Miller (Miss Cecil Co. FP Queen 1997 – 98).



L to R — Contestants for the fire prevention ambassador titles are - 1st row: 1st Runner-up Little Miss FP Elizabeth Lynn, Hailey Hill, Alexis Mackie, Little Miss FP Bailey Duff, Little Chief Alex Samler, Elizabeth Markum, and Rebecca Samler.

2nd row — McKaylee Burrough, 1st Runner-up Miss FP Krysta Brockell, Miss FP Rachel Bowles, 1st Runner-up Jr. Miss FP Mary Dixon, Jr. Miss FP Breanna Reardon, Mikayla Keeley, and Jr. Fire Chief Jordan Heverlin

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: MARYLAND NATIONAL REGISTRY EMT

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As everyone is aware the Maryland State Firemen’s Association has and continues to be working diligently on problems pertaining to the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Program. We have and continue to meet with the leadership of MIEMSS, MFRI, and a special committee established from the Maryland EMS Board.

As we continue to work out the many problems here are just a few important informational items to pass on to NREMT Candidates and Students as well as Chiefs and Presidents:

- ◆ Any problems that a student may have with either registering nor NREMT, testing, or any other issue needs to be brought to MIEMSS attention by calling 1-800-762-7157 OR 1-410-706-3666.
- ◆ MIEMSS is attempting to contact all students that have either not taken the NREMT Test for whatever reason

or have failed on their first attempt.

- ◆ The current cost of NREMT Tests is \$72 but will soon increase to \$85 in the future. MIEMSS will pay for the first attempt and will assist with a remedial class and pay for the second test.
- ◆ A test prep class is available for those students that have delayed in testing since completion of their class or have failed their test and are in a “ Limbo “ status. This remedial class will be six sessions in length to help the students. If a student has failed three times they are required (by National Registry) to take a 24 hour remedial class but can take up to three more attempts.
- ◆ Five additional Pearson testing sites have been added throughout the state so the number increases to 16. MIEMSS and MFRI are working together to add group testing in the near future once they have worked that out and will pay for that which is yet an additional \$25 per student to

be paid by MIEMSS.

- ◆ The confusion on National Registry and Maryland Protocols in teaching and testing is being addressed which is and has been a problem and is still being ironed out.

The Chairman of the EMS Board has made it perfectly clear that this is their #1 Priority and how valuable volunteers are to the EMS Services in Maryland and has mandated (as has the MSFA) that this will be solved before the end of the year.

I know this is a lot to absorb in a brief note but I felt it important to the Maryland State Fireman’s Association Membership to communicate the progress on this most important topic. There will be more information disseminated as we get it and will also be discussed at the MSFA Executive Committee Meeting in Berlin, Maryland December 5, 2015.

*Jahnie Roth, President  
Maryland State Firemen’s Association*

## 11th Annual Cecil Co. Fire Prevention Day

By Eileen Edelin

The 11th Annual Cecil County Fire Prevention Day was held Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 at the Walmart Store, 75 North East Plaza, North East, MD.

The event is sponsored by the Cecil County Firemen’s Association and all 9 volunteer fire companies in the County. Supporters from the Cecil Co. Ladies Auxiliaries, fire prevention representatives and the new fire prevention ambassadors were in attendance throughout the event. Representatives from each fire company with their apparatus were on hand to share their knowledge. Several local businesses’ donated prizes for the raffles.

The day began at 10:00 am welcoming the community to peruse the many displays and equipment. Cecil Co. Firemen’s Association President Joe Fisona was impressed with the large crowd attending the event and pleased with the presentations and variety of displays.

The various activities throughout the day were: Fire Safety Demonstrations; Sparky the Dog; Child Safety Finger-



*Cecil Co. Fire Prevention Day photo by Ken Morris*

printing; Raffles; Smokey the Bear; Fire Prevention literature handouts; and; learn how you can volunteer



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