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## Multiple County Companies Conduct House Burning

Article and photos by Ron Watkins, MSFA PIO Committee

On Saturday, April 3, 2016, the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company was joined by five other companies from four counties to conduct a house burning drill on a house built in 1837. The large frame farmhouse was a local landmark, known as the "Four County Farm", because located just behind the house is a point where four counties – Carroll, Howard, Frederick, and Montgomery – meet.

Equipment and personnel from Mt. Airy, Lisbon, New Market, Winfield, Laytonsville, Sykesville, and Lineboro participated in the drill, which started at 0830 and continued until approximately 1400, when the house was allowed to burn down completely. Over 40 firefighters, mostly newer members, had several chances to fight fires and learn the skills they will need under the supervision of trained instructors and under strict rules for safe operations.

Doug Alexander, Mt

Airy PIO, reported that the owner of the house, a Mr. Bill Crouse, was planning to tear the old house and build a new one on the site. He was informed by county inspectors that donating



End of the day. Home was consumed and units stayed most of the evening to prevent any fires spread from sparks



Interior firefighting.

the house to the fire department for training was a cheaper alternative to general razing of the property. It still took several weeks of acquiring the needed permits, making the house safe for firefighting operations [following the standards of the National Fire Protection Association], and planning the evolutions to be achieved before the actual date could be set. Having the opportunity to do such an operation were much more prevalent, but with air quality standards, safety requirements of today, and the general techniques of construction currently used make this a very unusual and worthwhile chance for newer members to hone their skills.

Pumpers from Mt. Airy, New Market, and Winfield supplied the hose lines for firefighting, the

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# The President’s Corner

*by Johnie F. Roth, Jr.*

Before we travel to Ocean City, Maryland and celebrate the 124th Annual Convention on June 18-24, 2016, I would like to reflect on our accomplishments this past year.

We began and ended the year with the continued difficulties of transitioning our Volunteers from Maryland EMT program into the National Registry EMT. The MSFA has done everything within our power to rectify the students that are in the “SIPS/LIMBO” category. We have made progress with both MFRI and MIEMSS for future students seeking to acquire EMT status in Maryland but much needs to be done. We have NOT forgotten those students that have gotten caught up in this problem but will continue all efforts to help those students complete their goals even beyond my term of office.

On the legislative side, the citizens of Maryland and the Fire and Rescue Service faired quite well. The Residential Sprinkler installation in New Single Family Homes was never cross-filed to the senate side and died in committee on a vote of 16-6-2. The Carbon Monoxide Alarms bill passed, Aggressive Drunk Driving bill (Noah’s Law) passed, the Income Tax Credit-New Dwellings-Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems ran out of time on the last day, and Hate Crimes on Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders never got the necessary support. The MSFA operational budget passed with a \$50,000 increase to the Widows and Orphans fund.

A MSFA Leadership Summit took place in March at the William Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland. Many positive proposals and actions were introduced and

were agreed upon for implementation by all three MSFA Presidents. A follow-up meeting has taken place since that summit and is moving forward for the benefit of the MSFA. More information will be coming soon.



We are making positive changes and enhancements for the MSFA Annual Convention, that will be fun and in the interest of our membership and your families.

These are only a short “Snap Shot” of this year and what YOUR MSFA has tried to do for you and your membership companies.

And so as I reflect on this year as your President, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU. Thank you for welcoming me and my family to your meetings, your fundraisers, your conventions and your banquets. Words will never express my gratitude for the friendships that I have made these past four short years or the many accomplishments that we have made together.

And so I would like to give a final Salute to You for giving me this great opportunity to serve you as President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and thank you all again for everything you do for your communities and for the Great State of Maryland.

YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.....

## House Burning

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tankers from Laytonsville and Mt. Airy kept the large drafting tanks full, the air unit from Linesboro refilled the SCBA units as needed, and the aerial unit from Sykesville and brush units from several companies were on alert if needed. A first aid station was also set up by the Mt. Airy volunteers in case of need. Crews were assigned and were constantly being used to fight fires that had been set throughout the structure. By the time the house was too consumed for safe operations, the participants had several chances to undergo “real life” fire-fighting evolutions.



The house prepared for training evolutions.

### Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference 2016 Life Safety Educator of the Year

#### NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS:

Nominees are being sought for the prestigious **Life Safety Educator of the Year** award to be presented at the annual **Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference, Tuesday, September 27, 2016**. Nominees should possess the following:

- Three (3) or more years of experience in public fire and or life safety;
- Significant contributions in fire and or life safety programs, which identifies measurable achieved outcomes;
- Serves communities within the Mid-Atlantic area;
- An employee, member or volunteer, in good standing, with a fire, emergency medical service, police, health, educational, government, or other related field organizations;
- Individual and or group nominations are accepted.



#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Submit in writing, via postal mail, e-mail, or fax, details describing how your nominee meets or exceeds the nominee requirements. In addition, provide answers to each of the following questions listed below. Attach any supporting materials, i.e., newspaper articles, educational brochures/handouts/flyers and pictures that will assist the LSEY Selection Committee with the task of selecting one (1) individual or (1) group as the **Life Safety Educator of the Year**.

1. Why does this nominee deserve special recognition as the Life Safety Educator of the Year?
2. How successful is the program? (Include achieved outcomes, statistics, behavior changes from the public and the organization).
3. What innovative approach is used by this nominee?
4. Identify the leadership skills this nominee has shown?
5. What obstacles or challenges if any, has this nominee encountered, and how were they handled?

Submit your nomination to the LSEY Selection Committee on or before **September 1, 2016**, to the attention of:

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## The Chaplain's Corner

### Spring Reflection

By Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr.

Wow! Spring has sprung, the grass is green, and the trees are greening. All the splendor of God's creation is in bloom. The sleepy earth is coming alive again after the dead winter months.

Spring time is a time of new beginnings. What better time than now for you to begin anew. Take time to gather in all the beauty that is on display. Enjoy the open windows of your home and let the stale air of winter be replaced with the warm spring breezes.

Our God is a marvelous, wondrous, and loving God. With each spring he reminds us that from death there is life. Just as Jesus had to die on the cross to bear our sins, so we could be given new life and life eternal. 2 Corinthians 5:15; And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

As firefighters and EMTs we exemplify the "no longer live for themselves" and we rush to the aid of anyone who calls on us. Sometimes we are not appreciated for our services. Sometimes we are hated, yelled at, cussed at, and sometimes in fear of our own life. Some of us carry baggage with us from trauma calls that haunt us.

We wonder how can a God who loves us and gifted us with the skills and abilities to help our neighbors, let us suffer from those same calls he put us on to help. In the last several months I have been doing a lot of reading about PTSD, depression, and what can be done to help heal the wounds.

What I have learned is we can do a better job in prevention than what we are doing.



First and foremost we need to "TALK". Talk to the others who were on the call with you. Tell them how you are feeling and ask if they have any of the same feelings. Talk about what happened on the call. Maybe they saw things different than you did. Maybe you are missing some important information about the call that will help you understand what happened. If talking to your fellow responders does not help, reach out to your CISM Team and chaplain for support.

"DO NOT" keep your feelings about the call to yourself. You may not realize it but by doing so causes problems in your brain which over time may cause other issues for your body.

There are three things we need to do after a bad call. Talk, exercise, and eat right. Doing these three simple things, will insure that the next time your pager goes off you will have a fresh start.

### Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association 2016 Convention Parade August 6, 2016, 1:00 PM Elkton, MD

The William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company #1 of Elkton, MD, and the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association are proud to host the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association 2016 Convention Parade. Please come and

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join firefighters from across the region to march through downtown Elkton. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded in a number of categories.

Parade participants can stage in Elkton beginning at 10:00 am. The parade will be led by the host company, followed by the President's company. After that, the order of march will be determined by arrival time. Units wishing to march together should arrive together.

The parade will begin at 1:00 pm and proceed through downtown Elkton.

Awards and refreshments will be distributed at Singerly Fire Company Station 13, located at 300 Newark Avenue shortly after the parade.

A map detailing the staging area, parade route, and the location of Singerly Fire Company Station #13 will be posted on our website shortly. Any questions concerning the parade can be sent to [CVVFA2016Parade@singerly.com](mailto:CVVFA2016Parade@singerly.com)

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

### Terror Among Us

by Chief Clarence "Chip" Jewell, III

As I sat in the MFRI class Terrorism for the Fire Officer back in 2000, the only recent major terrorist attack on U.S. soil was in 1993 at the World Trade Center. The February attack killed 6 people and injured hundreds. Ironically, the orange cover of the text for my class highlighted the "Twin Towers" targeted in a rifle scope. The instructor stated it wasn't a matter of if another attack would occur, only when. About a year later, the World

Trade Center was in the target site for real. MFRI soon changed the cover of the text.

The terrorist acts in Europe over the last year have again heightened the potential of another major terror attack on U.S. soil. The bombing of the Boston Marathon and attack at Ft. Hood have been a wake-up call that we must remain vigilant. Thankfully, our intelligence has been effective in thwarting several plots in New York City and Washington, DC. It is important to remember that one cannot just look toward Middle East extremists.

The second deadliest terrorist attack in our nation's history was delivered by Caucasian males born and raised in our nation's heartland by an act of domestic terrorism in Oklahoma City.

The United States has not been immune to terrorism. Two years of terror held our country hostage in the Red Scare of 1919 – 1920. In 1919, bombs were mailed out to politicians and business leaders throughout the nation. On June 2, 1919, bombs were detonated in several American cities in a coordinated operation, decades before

***"The United States has not been immune to terrorism."***

text messages and cell phones. Prior to 9/11, one of the deadliest terrorist attacks on America came in 1920.

At approximately 12 noon on September 16, 1920, a massive blast near the headquarters of J. P. Morgan on Wall Street ripped through buildings and people, ultimately killing 38 and injuring nearly 150 people. In an era long before 911 emergency centers, modern day EMS or computer aided dispatch, street alarm fire boxes would have transmitted multiple alarms. Most proba-

bly steam pumpers and horses were still very much a part of the FDNY fleet. First aid was a responsibility



of the Red Cross. It is almost impossible to imagine the response to a mass casualty event unable to contact command by radio or request additional resources from the communication center.

Not every fire response or EMS call is a terrorist attack. But every terrorist attack is a fire response or EMS incident. As the Oklahoma City Fire Department responded to the explosion at the Murrah Building, how could they know if the massive blast was a tremendous gas explosion or terrorist bombing? Would the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department have responded differently to the crash of United Flight 93 on September 10, 2001? If the crash was independent of other airliners forced to earth, would anyone have initially suspected terrorism?

We are in a very different world of emergency services response. We are trained to observe our surroundings before we initiate care. Active

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## Recruitment Day 2016: Laurel Rescue Squad Sponsors Successful Event

By John Floyd, II  
Special to the Volunteer Trumpet

On Sunday 10th April, I saw a successful public open house and membership recruitment drive at Laurel Rescue Squad's HQ on Bowie Road in Laurel MD. The weather was sunny and pleasant - a splendid change from the sort of rainy, snowy, and absurdly-windy days we've been having too many of lately! The Squadsmen unveiled the new Recruitment Trailer, a 2015 two-axle, 14-foot box trailer built by Freedom Trailer and customized with special lettering and LVRS mural wraps. It will also appear at various public events around the city this year.

For the children, there was a bouncy house and one of those devices seen at carnivals where one uses a sledge to strike a pedal and causing a striker to rise up and ring a bell. Trouble is, that thing was only about six feet high and some of the kids had no trouble ringing the bell . . . incessantly! Popcorn and cotton candy were also available in the station and guided tours of the Squad's vehicles and facilities were conducted for all visitors.

The highlight of the day involved the conversion of a junker 1990s-vintage Chevrolet Sonoma pickup truck into a full-open vehicle through the aggressive application of Hurst tools, cutters, and other deadly and dangerous implements of the rescue trade! Between frequent training drills and actual vehicular accidents, the Squaddies are very good at this sort of thing and had that old truck



The Laurel Rescue Squad (Station 49) welcomes visitors to the MSFA Recruitment Day Event. Photo by J. D. Floyd II

cut into bite-sized bits in swift, textbook fashion!

Laurel's Mission BBQ restaurant brought 'round their "Bam-Bam 7" smoker truck with plenty of sweet eats, including pulled pork, baked macaroni cheese, cole slaw, and hot cornbread. There were also dinner rolls, LVRS cake, sweet tea, and other soft drinks. Some sort of mis-communication resulted in the Mission BBQ crew arriving halfway through the four-hour event and they are to be commended for being able to respond with plenty of hot, delicious food very quickly once things were sorted out.

As for the recruitment campaign, it was quite successful too with as many as ten new Squadsmen signing up to join Company 49. Of course, all candidates for active duty must pass physical examinations and background checks. Overall, it was a fine day for the citizens of Laurel

to come out and support our World Champion Rescue Squad and yours truly was ever so delighted to be part of it!

*Stations around the state held MSFA Recruitment Day activities, and the Volunteer Trumpet thanks John Floyd II for submitting this story and photos/ His photos continue on page 7 & 12.*

*Volunteer Trumpet coverage of Recruitment Day 2016 will continue in the June issue when we report on the activities at the Level Volunteer Fire Company.*

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Laurel Recruitment Day; Photos by J.D. Floyd III

## The Volunteer Trumpet

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CANDIDATE ADVERTISEMENT REMINDER — The deadline for candidate advertisements in the Convention issue is May 15. Submit ads to the editor.



## Joint Meeting of Chaplains

By Chaplain Rich “Chappy” Bower, Deputy Chief Chaplain, Maryland Fire Chiefs Association.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, the Maryland Fire Chief Association sponsored a historic meeting of Fire and EMS Chaplains representing Washington; Allegany/Garrett; Frederick; and Anne Arundel Counties, along with the Baltimore City Fire Chaplains. This was the first ever such a meeting in Maryland’s history.

Chaplains of fire departments are one of the most vital positions in the fire service and theirs is a job that is demanding, confidential, requiring earned trust, and needful for the lives of firefighters and their families. In July, 2014 The Maryland Fire Chief Association published and adopted a Standard Operating Guideline (S.O.G.) for the “Duties of a Fire Chaplain” in Maryland State. This had never been done before. This set in motion the need for all Fire/EMS Chaplains (*City, Suburban and Rural*) to gather to propose and develop implementation structures, support systems and chaplaincy training throughout the State. This meeting was the first of its kind specifically for that purpose.

The Agenda was as follows:

Time	Event	Topic
0830	Coffee	
0900	Opening of Meeting	<b><i>(Introduction of participants)</i></b>
0930	Training Unit # 1	<b>“Role of the Fire Chaplain”</b> (A/V) <i>S.O.G. (Duties of the Fire Chaplain) &amp; “90 Days of Encouragement”</i>
1015	Break	
1030	Panel Discussion “Chaplaincy in Our Realm”	Command Fire Chaplain (BCFD), Kevin Bacon Deputy Chief of Chaplains (MFCA) “Chappy” Bower National Secretary of the Federation of Fire Chaplains, Chief of Chaplains (MSFA) John Long Jr.
1115	Training Unit #2	<b>Brainstorming/Planning for further development of the Fire/EMS Chaplaincy throughout all Maryland</b> ; formulation of future training opportunities with BCFD, MSFA, MFCA, FFC ( <i>Federation of Fire Chaplains</i> ); and investigating mutual support of the Fire/EMS Chaplaincies.
1200	Lunch	TBD
1245	Official Matters	Photo and PR Time
1300	Field Trip	Baltimore Fire Museum
1500	Close of Meeting	

As of the meeting announcement on February 15, 2016, 31 Chaplains had signed up to attend. We look forward to hearing more about this historic meeting in the future and the hopes of more meetings to come.

## Happy 100th Anniversary to the U.S. Coast Guard



By Michael LeCompte

Photo Right — Mr. Robert Gregory, President of the Delmarva Safety Association presented a plaque to Master Chief Timaree Sparks, commander of the United States Coast Guard-Station in Ocean City, Maryland for their 100 years of continued service, protecting the citizens and visitors along coastal Maryland. The plaque recognizes the station's 100 years of contributions to maritime safety and continued safety achievement as a first responder. Mr. Gregory is the Safety Adviser for Delmarva Power, throughout the Eastern Shore and the association chose to recognize the safety achievements of the Ocean City Coast Guard. The nonprofit association's mission is to serve as a safety promoter, advocate and to help businesses, associations and public services to reduce injuries and death throughout Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. They also work with the Safety Committee of the MSFA, to offer business and public safety training classes at their annual safety conference in Ocean City.



Photo Above— MSFA President Johnie Roth at the 40th Annual Delmarva Safety Association's regional spring safety conference presents a proclamation from the Association to Master Chief Timaree Sparks and the entire staff of the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Ocean City for protecting the citizens and visitors of Maryland. The Coast Guards men and women in Ocean City have been protecting coastal Maryland for 100 years. The USCG have protected and saved

many, many lives, working daily with all first responders. President Roth recognized the safety achievements of the USCG and thanked the members of the MSFA Safety Committee and other agencies, for their participation at the regional safety conference and the importance in all working together for proactive safety and the reduction of losses, throughout Maryland.

Picture 3: Members of the USCG-Station Ocean City are dismissed from formation at the safety conference after receiving recognition by the event coordinator; Michael LeCompte, also the Chairman of the MSFA Safety Committee. The safety committee and firefighters from all regions of Maryland, participated in the three day safety event. Coast Guard members later thanked attendees for the recognition and hope to be able to continue to work TOGETHER as Maryland's First Responders, for another 100 years of service for others!

## Chip's Firehouse Logbook

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shooter is a term that has prompted new training and response parameters. Self-storage units must be treated with suspicion for more than furniture and boxes of junk. Meth labs in apartments and mobile homes pose an unseen threat to emergency responders.

Though the probable locations of a significant attack are in the metropolitan cities, the possibility of the terrorists developing their plans and building their weapons outside of a metropolitan area is very real. The most rural county and smallest town can be subject to the random attacks. The DC Snipers were caught sleeping in a rest area of I-70 near rural Myersville. They had apparently surveyed the local elementary school for a potential attack in this tranquil community.

We are a target. Our fire stations, our apparatus, our EMS units and our personnel are targets. We are considered the enemy of state by some radical groups. Volunteer or career has no bearing on extremist actions. We have unwittingly become soldiers in a war on terrorism, war on drugs, a war on our way of life. Our most important weapon is our instinct, our training and our preparation.

Interoperable communications, cooperative training with other disciplines and unified command have become requirements to meet the changing response needs. The uniforms of service must play well together, and play the same way. The stovepipes of training and radio communications must be dismantled as we can no longer afford to operate in a vacuum of independence, ignorant of our partner agencies. The relationships between our brothers and

sisters in service must continue to be developed and enhanced.

We are a democratic society that enjoys our many freedoms. We must post a constant vigilance against those that want to destroy the fabric of our nation. The words penned during the war of 1812 on a ship in the Patapsco River by a Frederick attorney so eloquently state we are "the land of the free, home of the brave". The brave keep all of us free.

**Be Safe,**  
*CHIP*

### MIEMSS NEWS BRIEFS

By James Brown MIEMSS

**2016 MD Medical Protocols for EMS Providers** — MIEMSS is pleased to announce the release of the 2016 Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers, which go into effect on July 1, 2016. This year, some significant changes were made to the design of the protocols. Some sections have been moved and the pages have been completely renumbered for the entire document.

One copy of the pocket protocols will be issued to each provider (EMR, EMT, CRT, and Paramedic). Additional copies are available for sale from the Office of Licensure and Certification. The full protocols are available in an electronic version on the MIEMSS website ([www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org)). Hard copies of the full protocols, in both a binder size (8.5 x 11", three-hole punched) with tabs as well as a 5 x 7" spiral-bound size, are available for purchase from the Office of Licensure and Certification. Please call 800-762-

7157 for ordering information.

As a reminder, all providers must complete the 2016 Protocol Update training before July 1. This training is available on MIEMSS' Online Training Center ([www.emsonlinetraining.org](http://www.emsonlinetraining.org)). New for 2016, the training is also available on YouTube: [youtu.be/4Co9hmCM1Rk](https://youtu.be/4Co9hmCM1Rk) (BLS version) and [youtu.be/mWAd22LUjOU](https://youtu.be/mWAd22LUjOU) (ALS version). DVD versions of Meet the Protocols for use in company-level drills are also available from your Regional Administrator.

**National EMS Week** — This year National EMS Week will be observed from May 15 – 21, 2016. National EMS for Children Day will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. MIEMSS will be holding the Annual Stars of Life and Right Care When it Counts Awards during that week. The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride will also be coming through Maryland on Thursday, May 19 from Dewey Beach, Delaware and riding into Annapolis. A memorial service will be held at the Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial in Annapolis on Friday, May 20, in the morning before the group rides to continue their trip ending in Arlington, Virginia.

**Save the Date** — MSFA Annual Convention – June 18 – 24, 2016, Ocean City, MD  
Peninsula Regional Medical Center 25th Annual Trauma Conference Topics in Trauma – September 18, 2016, Ocean City, MD.

Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference – September 27, 2016 – Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, MD

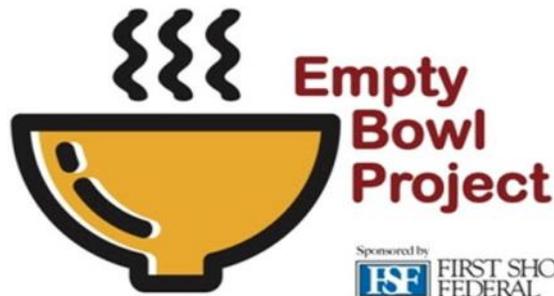
**Smoke Alarms: Helping People Safely Escape In Case of Fire**

By Jim Jarboe

On Saturday, April 16, in partnership with the Red Cross NCR (National Capital Region), members of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MSFRS), Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and students from the Takoma Park Middle School, went door-to-door in Takoma Park neighborhoods, checking and installing smoke alarms. Red Cross provided tools, equipment, smoke alarms, and also breakfast and lunch for all participants. More than 200 homes were checked and 19 smoke alarms installed. A great partnership and team effort by all, helping neighbors safely escape in the event of fire.



**Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ocean City FOOLS participates in the Empty Bowl Project**



**TO BENEFIT DIAKONIA & THE ART LEAGUE**

This year's Empty Bowl Project was a huge success with over 390 ceramic bowls created by members of the community and all over the course of two months at the OC Center for the Arts. The Soup Dinner on March 19th had over 400 people in attendance as we enjoyed delicious soup, live music, auctions, and admired the hundreds of handmade ceramic bowls. Together, we are building community and making a difference through art.



Pictured are Jacqueline Olson, PP, Flo and Tom Collins, Liz Solovey-Steedman and Fred Cross, PP.



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*Demonstration extrication and rescue drills at the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad  
Photo: by J.D. Floyd II*

