National Fire Heritage Center Works to Preserve the Written History of Fire in America . . . and it’s Located Right Here in Maryland.

by R. Wayne Powell, Executive Director
National Fire Heritage Center

Located just 3 driveways away from the National Fire Academy/U.S. Fire Administration on the campus of the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), is the National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC) a national archive of ‘all things Fire.’ The NFHC helps to fill a long-standing national need – a means for the collection and preservation of historically important print materials about all aspects of the fire services and fire protection disciplines.

The National Fire Heritage Center exists to preserve, protect and increase the utilization of contributors to the body of knowledge of the American Fire Protection Services and allied disciplines through identification, acquisition, preservation, conservation and restoration.

At the NFHC, fire-specific treasures from history are retained and made available for reference by others. Fire insurance companies, fire equipment and apparatus manufacturers, fire & building code administrators, technical writers including leaders with the nation’s fire press, fire departments, and a whole host of organizations and individuals can be part of this initiative. Items that some may consider mundane could well be on the Center’s radar screen of potentially wanted materials especially if such no longer exists elsewhere. Unique written items from individual & family collections, public & private libraries, as well as items from governmental and corporate collections often find their way to the NFHC.

Much of the rich written history of fire in America can be hard to locate while un-

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On March 1, 2017, Governor Larry Hogan signed Executive Order 01.01.2017.02 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the heroin, opioid, and fentanyl crisis ravaging communities in Maryland and across the country.

The leadership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), along with the leadership of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and the Maryland EMS Board met to discuss the heroin, opioid, and fentanyl crisis in Maryland and the possible negative effects it would have on our members who are trained as Emergency Medical Responders (EMR).

It was decided to have MIEMSS develop an emergency protocol to train Maryland Emergency Medical Responders to administer Naloxone. Listed below in the information you need to be able to go on-line and complete EMR Naloxone Administration Program.

I want to ask everyone who reads this message to share the information with the EMR’s in your department. We need to make sure all of our EMR’s receive this life saving training.

Mark A. Bilger, President
MSFA President, 2017-2018

Directions for completing the EMR Naloxone Administration Program

GO TO www.emsonlinetraining.org
Logging In:
Username = your 7-digit MD EMS Provider ID#
Password = Your MIEMSS Licensure account password

Complete the program prior to DECEMBER 12, 2017
Bessie Marshall Donation

By Charles Simpson

On September 15th The Howard County Volunteer Firefighters Association and Mission BBQ presented a check for $2,123 to be donated to the Bessie Marshall Fund. The Red Cup month-long promotion by Mission BBQ is to raise money for charity.

Mission BBQ had reached out to Howard County Department of Rescue for this event. Howard County Firefighter Union and Howard County Firefighters Association were approved.

The funds were raised for a program that is designed to give help to injured firefighters and/or their families.

The three people in the picture are Kim McGill, Community Ambassador, Julie Casey, President HCVFA and Craig Saathoff, Operating Partner of Mission BBQ – Ellicott City.

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MSFA at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial

Top: President Bilger and MSFA volunteers
Bottom: President Bilger and VP Blair.
Photos by Blair

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Chip’s Firehouse Logbook: Past, Present and Future

Past President

Richard L. Yinger

by Chief Clarence “Chip” Jewell, Ill

I am not sure exactly when I first met Richard Yinger, but I am sure it was on a fire scene somewhere. Richard was a “paid driver” of the Citizens Truck Company No. 4 in Frederick. He was one of two paid drivers to handle Ladder 4, the 1952 open cab American LaFrance 100 ft. tiller ladder truck. I was once the recipient of the ire of Richard on a fire scene. The Citizens had just placed Truck 41, a new 1974 Seagrave tiller ladder truck, in service. On what was probably one of the first calls the aerial was extended, I had the honor of putting the first scratch on the truck when I dropped a hose line and nozzle while descending the ladder, striking the top of a compartment on the trailer. You can imagine Richard’s reaction!

Upon his retirement, Richard continued his service to the Citizens Truck Company No. 4 as president of the company. Richard was also a member of the Independent Hose Co. No. 1 and an honorary member of the Junior Fire Co. No. 2 in Frederick. In 1992, Richard stepped forward to become chairman of the 100th MSFA Anniversary Committee. He pulled the many facets of the Centennial Celebration in Frederick together for an excellent historical tribute to the founding of the MSFA in 1893. The only aspect he was unable to control was the monsoon rainstorm during the anniversary parade.

Richard and his wife Chris opened The Frame Rack, a small business in downtown Frederick that specialized in custom framing. The art of skillfully framing pictures and paintings was mastered by Richard and his staff. And though he was in business to make a profit, he donated untold numbers of framed pictures, especially to many in the fire and rescue service and government leaders.

During the Frederick city elections, people began to tease Richard about a rumor he was running for mayor, which he vehemently denied. He was a shocked one morning to look across the street from The Frame Rack and see a “Yinger for Mayor” poster in the window of a local barber shop. He blamed many, but I don’t believe he ever discovered the culprit.

After his involvement with the MSFA Centennial Committee, Richard became active in MSFA and ultimately ran for president. He was a “hand’s on” president and became very involved in legislative and state agency issues. He was a strong advocate for MSFA and the volunteer service. Richard also kept abreast of political leadership by keeping close contact with the governor’s office. Richard would normally accompany the governor at the MSFA convention, regardless of the party.

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Leonardtown Volunteer Tom Mattingly Featured in New Fire Service Book

Oct. 16, 2017—Emmitsburg, MD — Thomas Mattingly Sr., a Volunteer Firefighter of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department is one of 50 fire service professionals to be profiled in a new book released on October 16, 2017 by Rizzoli New York (Welcome Books).

American Firefighter is a series of written reflections of each subject, accompanied by a photograph by Paul Mobley, one of our nations most gifted and prominent portrait photographers.

Mobley and his crew traversed the United States in 2016 to capture the images in book. Very few American professionals have had the honor of being presented in Mobley’s captivating manner.

Joining the department at age 16, he has continued to serve for over 54 years in many positions at Leonardtown and at regional and state association levels.

From his early years and continuing today, his passion for public fire education, fire service training and his department’s history have been his greatest interest.

While the volunteer fire service has changed greatly, he said his desire to serve has not.

A portion of the sales of each book will help support survivors of firefighters who have died in the line-of-duty by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2017.

There are well over a million fire service professionals in the United States. Our Maryland fire service should be very proud that Tom was chosen as an example of this wonderful and amazing profession.

American Firefighter is available to be ordered on-line, or can be purchased at all major book sellers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
2017—2018

Aug, 26, 2017 — Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company

Dec. 2, 2017 — Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department

Feb. 24, 2018 — Singerly Fire Company

April 14, 2018 — Midland Volunteer Fire Department

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MIEMSS NEWS BRIEFS

By James Brown, Director of Education Support Services MIEMMS

Emergency Protocol Change: Naloxone Administration by Maryland-certified Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs)

In certain areas of Maryland, an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) can be the first EMS/Fire responder to arrive on scene in response to a 9-1-1 call for an overdose. Currently, the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers limit EMR administration of naloxone to a small number of jurisdictions that are participating in an Optional Supplemental Protocol. As a result, EMRs have not been trained or authorized to administer naloxone elsewhere in Maryland.

An Emergency Protocol change has authorized EMRs throughout Maryland to administer naloxone. EMR providers must complete approved training before administering naloxone in the clinical environment. This protocol change became effective October 1, 2017. The Protocol Review Committee and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association support authorizing Maryland-certified EMRs to administer naloxone. Jurisdictions that have not trained EMR personnel to administer naloxone will need to arrange for such training and treatment. Local health departments often provide this training at no cost and is recognized as meeting the EMR training requirements. There is also an Online Training Center Program entitled “Naloxone Administration for EMRs” that is available. The MIEMSS Office of the Medical Director has an approved PowerPoint program with skills check off that meets the training requirements as well. This training shall be completed as soon as operationally feasible.

BeforeItsTooLateMD.org - Website for Resources on Opioid Crisis

In an effort to raise public awareness of the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis in Maryland, the Hogan-Rutherford administration developed a web portal titled, “Before It’s Too Late.” The website, BeforeItsTooLateMD.org, is designed to be a one-stop shop for individuals, families, educators, and health care professional to obtain the resources needed to prevent substance-abuse problem from spreading. This web portal is another tool to raise awareness and provide critical resources to all Marylanders.

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Fortunately far too much of it has already been lost. Most such documentation has often times been held in private collections. Incorporated in the State of Maryland, the NFHC received its IRS 501c3 non-profit organizational status in 2006 allowing it to receive tax-deductible contributions and collection-suitable donations.

The NFHC contains limited 3-dimensional items typically found in fire museums as appropriate to helping explain ideas incorporated in written materials. The NFHC has been called the “attic of the fire community” – a place where important historical written materials can be properly maintained. Participation and support of the NFHC initiative is open to all who share a desire to be a part of saving our collective history – from both the public and private sectors.

The NFHC is co-located along with the Frederick County, Maryland, Fire and Rescue Museum where they are together located at 300B South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, about halfway between the NETC campus and the community’s fire department, the Vigilant Hose Company (VHC; www.vhc6.com) just off Town Square. The NETC campus is Home to the United States Fire Administration and its National Fire Academy, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation, National Fire Data Center, National Fire Programs, and the Emergency Management Institute (www.usfa.dhs.gov). Plus, the VHC is one of the most visited fire stations in the world.

Those attending the Annual Maryland Weekend at the National Fire Academy in February are welcome to stop in while in town or any time when in the northern Frederick County region. To learn more, check out the National Fire Heritage Center’s website, www.fireheritageusa.org. There’s no charge to visit the Museum and the Heritage Center. For those interested, NFHC Memberships are available – Categories -“Individual” - $50/Year; “Organizational” - $200/Year; “Student (Pre-Service)” - $10/Year.

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         W0648 - Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success
         W762 - New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues
The National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC) is a nonprofit organization working to preserve the written history of “fire in America.” We support individuals, fire departments, fire libraries and museums, and others who wish to collect, catalog and preserve fire-related writings.

The NFHC is both a fire history archive and a documentation preservation project. Our collection of almost 12,000 items consists of written documents and three-dimensional items donated by the public and private sectors. Materials are cataloged, preserved and made available to NFHC visitors and online researchers.

Gaining access to historical fire-related writings can be hard. Prior to the establishment of the NFHC in 2003, there was no centralized, coordinated archival activity in the United States to ensure that important fire materials were saved in an accessible way. Much of the written history of “fire in America” was challenging to locate or, unfortunately, forever lost. Historical documentation that did exist was held in private collections where access was difficult or materials were not properly preserved.

The NFHC has changed all of that. Today, our organization works to assure the collection and proper preservation of these historical materials and that access is available to all who wish to know the story of “fire in America.”

The NFHC is co-located with the Frederick County Fire-Rescue Museum in Emmitsburg, Maryland, within walking distance of the National Emergency Training Center.

Visit us on the web at www.thenfhc.org to learn more about our work and how you can donate items to our collection.

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Chip’s Logbook

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party.

Richard worked closely with Peggy Webb to make smoke alarms for the hearing impaired a statewide initiative. He approached several businesses for donations to help purchase the specially equipped strobe light smoke alarms, at that time costing about $500 each. With the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, Richard was very familiar with the needs of the deaf and hearing impaired community and worked for many years in support of the program. Richard’s entire career was spent on a ladder truck.

He was never certified as an EMT. But yet, he desired to serve on SEMSAC, the State EMS Advisory Council. He became a major voice in Annapolis in support of the replacement of the Maryland State Police Helicopters. At the MSFA Executive Committee last year, he expressed his opinion and concerns with the sudden implementation of the National Registry EMT in Maryland and the negative effect National Registry had on the volunteers in our state.

After his tenure as MSFA president, he continued to serve and chair many committees. He remained very involved in the essentially every aspect of the MSFA. Richard was lovingly dubbed “the chairman of all committees”. I am not sure who pinned his unofficial title, but believe he always blamed past president Phil “Doc” Hurlock. Richard actually enjoyed the jovial bantering.

During his term as MSFA president, Richard fell in love with the Eastern Shore. The beauty, slower pace, and hospitality of the “Land of Pleasant Living” captured his heart. He purchased a home along the Honga River on Hooper’s Island. To the surprise many in Frederick, Richard eventually sold his house and became a permanent Eastern Shore resident. He loved Dorchester County and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the county association and Hooper’s Island Volunteer Fire Company.

Richard never gave up hope. I spoke with him the Friday before the convention. Though, he knew the dire predictions and realities, he kept a very positive attitude and sounded like his old self. Unfortunately, his time passed even quicker than he anticipated.

He will live on in spirit, as his passion and commitment to the volunteer fire and rescue service of Maryland and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association will continue to be a testament to his leadership and heartfelt dedication to serve others.

Rest in Peace Richard, we will all miss you.

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Pumpkins and Gourds for the Season

Top: A large pumpkin was put in the following locations, along with a stack of safety tips for going trick-or-treating. — the fire station, ACE Hardware, CO-OP, Mark’s Kitchen, 20-20 vision, and the City Building Lobby.

Bottom — Some of the pumpkins and gourds getting ready to be delivered.

For 23-years, Jim Jarboe, past chief of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, has painted pumpkins and gourds with delightful scenes of autumn. In a Halloween style, scary, funny and cute — he adds his artistic hand to nature’s product of the season, distributing them to nursing home residents, crossing guards, neighbors and many others.

After he started doing this in 1995, it became an annual tradition and now decades later he estimates that he has drawn/painted over 2,500. Many have a basic safety message appropriate for October, such as “Boooo Careful Out there!” The Chief is well known in his community for more than 60 years of service, especially in the area of fire safety education so it’s natural that he leverages this opportunity to continue with that mission.

He isn’t an artist he adds, but is “at best a doodler.” However, he enjoys doing them as they bring smiles to people.”
By Mike Dixon, Editor

As speeding vehicles dash across northeastern Maryland on I-95, “Our Lady of the Highways” watches peacefully over the hectic scene from a tranquil Cecil County hillside. The guardian of travelers, a 14-foot high white marble statue of the Virgin Mary, was placed there after a massive pileup took three lives one foggy October morning in 1968.

Hearing crash after crashes that autumn, seminarians, brothers, and priests from the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales who were starting their morning routine rushed toward the Interstate. The first outside aid to reach victims, they tended the injured and dying while waiting for emergency crews to make their way through the thick predawn darkness.

Moved by the sad tragedy that took place that unforgettable morning, the Oblates erected the shrine on the grounds of the novitiate in 1973. In addition to serving as a memorial for the three victims, the patron of travelers reminds people to say a prayer before heading out on a trip and drive safely.

Here is the story of that dreadful accident. Thick fog made travel hazardous in the predawn hours of October 2, 1968. As drivers on the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway made their way carefully across the top of the Chesapeake, they suddenly encountered treacherous conditions about a mile west of the Elkton exit. A swath of almost impenetrable, unmoving mist hugged the ground creating havoc as it cut visibility to 10- to 12-feet.

Vehicles rushing into this dangerous spot suddenly started braking, but one car hit the bridge abutment. That triggered a chain-reaction as 20 vehicles quickly piled up in the northbound lane about where it crosses Blue Ball Road. Several of the crumpled cars were smashed between tractor-trailers.

Cecil County Fire Headquarters received the urgent call from the Oblates and the alarm went out on the public safety radio system at 6:20 a.m. While they waited for fire and rescue services seminarians and priests comforted the injured and dying.

Once the first arriving Singerly Fire Company emergency responders assessed the carnage, a general alarm was issued for all available Cecil County ambulances, as well for units in nearby Harford County and Delaware.

This brought twelve ambulances to the scene. Fourteen tractor trailers and at least six cars were strewn across lanes of the toll road while firefighters found the fog so thick that they had to probe for victims. Four rescue trucks and four engines also sped to the wreckage to extricate trapped victims, support EMS crews, and suppress any fire.

When word of the accident was flashed to Union Hospital, Rusty Brandon, the night supervisor, activated the disaster plan. Since this was the era before advanced life support, shock trauma centers, and helicopters all the injured were routed through the local emergency room.

Extra doctors and nurses rushed to the medical facility to help the night shift cope with the disaster. Before the last injured person walked through the door at 8:30 a.m. the medical staff was treating eight patients.

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1968 Mass Casualty Situation in Northeastern Maryland

Three people died on that stretch of the turnpike before the sun came up at 7:03 a.m. that dark Maryland morning. It was later reported that emission discharges from a nearby paper-mill contributed to the sharp, sudden drop in visibility.

As for emergency responders in northeastern Maryland and nearby Delaware, they were ready when the call about an accident on the turnpike that required massive use of manpower and equipment. The central control system for dispatching police, fire and EMS in Cecil County was just six years old, but it proved vital in coordinating the joint effort to such a serious accident.

The Oblates erected the memorial in 1973. Drivers who happen to glance over toward the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales may wonder about the “stone lady” as truckers call her. She is the patron of travelers, watching over the Interstate.

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Ocean City Convention, 2017 — Richard Smith of the Oxford Fire Company (3rd from left) was honored with the most prestigious award the Maryland State Firemen’s Association confers to an individual, the Gladhill-Thompson Award at the June convention in Ocean City. We received this photo after the June edition of the Volunteer Trumpet went to press so we are including it now. See the June 2017 edition (page 1) for the full article.

Photo Credit: Ron Watkins, MSFA, Public Relations Committee
First VP Rick Blair has been traveling around the State representing MSFA at meetings and events around Maryland. While he worked to advance the Maryland Fire Service, he also took a few photos, which he shared with the Volunteer Trumpet.

Top Left: — The Washington County Ladies Auxiliary Meeting & the LAMSFA held at Antietam Fire Company in Hagerstown.

Bottom Left:

Bottom Right — In Hagerstown, PP David Keller and VP Blair attended a sprinkler demonstration at Lowes.

Photos by Blair.
Releasing the Reins
The Art of Succession Planning

Every organization has a leader, or leaders, who has worked hard to create the environment the membership enjoys. What happens when it becomes time for that leader to move on or retire? Without a solid succession plan, leadership within the organization will become a vacuum. Join Chief Collins as he guides you through the art of identifying future leaders, developing those individuals, and understanding the process of releasing the reins at a rate the emerging leader can handle for maximum success. This isn’t an overnight process; it takes strategy, commitment, and time. Knowing when to hold back and when to release is an art, not a science.

There is no one failsafe development strategy that works for all people; therefore, existing leaders must be willing to allow for failure within a safe environment. Through humor, partnership, and understanding, expand your knowledge to develop your team into a sustaining force that meets each obstacle that confronts them, whether you remain the leader or have moved on to other pastures.

This seminar offering will include discussions on the following key aspects of succession planning:

- Basic strategic planning
- Key features of succession planning
- Building blocks of delegation
- Mentorship
- Understanding, overcoming, and working through fear
- Change management
- Building an exit strategy

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