The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) hosted the 36th Annual Memorial Weekend, honoring the fire and rescue personnel who died of Line of Duty causes over the weekend of October 5 – 7, 2018 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg. 103 names were added to the lists of fallen personnel, with 80 names of personnel who were killed in 2017, plus 23 additional names of firefighters who passed away in previous years.

The families of all of the fallen members are brought to Emmitsburg through the efforts of the NFFF. The Maryland Fire Chiefs Association provided drivers and transportation to pick up incoming families, dignitaries, and speakers from the various airports during the previous week, and throughout the time they are guests of the NFFF. They are treated to several seminars to help them with the events, and offered travel to other area sites and attractions while they are here.

On Friday night, they were taken to dinner, where they could meet and get together with other family members. On Saturday, the Red Helmet ride was held, with a large contingent of motorcyclists leave from the Walkersville VFD in Frederick County and proceed to the NFA, where a wreath is laid in honor of those who have passed. Saturday night, a candle-lighting ceremony is held at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, next door to the Academy, using luminary bags prepared by the families over the previous days.

On Sunday, the ceremony honoring each member is held at the National Academy grounds. This ceremony is open to the public, and a large number of firefighters, rescuers, and friends of the (Continued on page 5)
The President’s Corner

AN UPDATE SINCE THE LAST PRINTING OF THE VOLUNTEER TRUMPET

By Richard C. Blair

I have been very busy traveling around the state. As most of the MSFA membership is aware of by now we have lost two of our own. MSFA has lost a great officer and a friend. Chief James P. Seavey, Sr. Jim passed away on September 4, 2018. Jim was a Past Executive Committee Member and Chairman. On September 28, 2018 Dale L. Hill passed away. Dale was the current Chairman of the MSFA Legislative Committee. Dale passed away after returning home from an early morning meeting with me and including a number of other fire service personnel.

LAMSFA President Marcia Roth and a number of MSFA members and I were in attendance at the Flag Ceremony held at the Russell Senate Building in Washington DC on Thursday October 4, 2018. The three MSFA Presidents along with the three LAMSFA Presidents spent the weekend of October 5-6-7, 2018 in Gettysburg and Emmitsburg representing the Maryland State Firemen’s Association at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. The Presidents were there to present each family member of the 80 firefighter’s who lost a loved one in 2017 and the additional 23 firefighters families who had lost a loved one in the previous year’s making a total of 103 families across the nation that were presented with a copy of a Lithograph of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and a resolution from the MSFA.

On August 27, 2018 the Legislative Committee mailed out letters and a candidates questionnaire to everyone that’s running for a Delegate or Senate seat in Annapolis this year. The questionnaire was mailed out to each person that is running for a seat as a U.S. Senator or running for a seat as a Congressional Representative in Maryland Congress Districts. As of October 14, 2018 we have received 120 of those questionnaires back.

On September 29, 2018 Charles J. Simpson was appointed to represent the MSFA as our contact for the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Committee. This position is to assist MIEMSS with their Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program and Charlie will be reporting back to the officers of the MSFA at the executive board meetings.

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On October 14, 2018 I appointed Charles Walker as the new Chairman of the MSFA Legislative Committee. Chuck is a member with the Chillum Adelphi VFD, Prince George’s County. Chuck served three terms as president for Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association. Chuck has also served with the MSFA legislative committee for a number of years and will be handling the day to day operations of 17 State Circle in Annapolis during the session this year. Please help me in welcoming Chuck to his new position. Please help with offering all the assistance to Chuck you can spare when he asks for your help.

Chuck Walker has been advised what’s to be done and to start working on and preparing for the upcoming session in Annapolis. A number of legislative bills will be revisited and reviewed for this year’s session. The MSFA legislative group has been in contact with a number of legislators over the last few months from both sides. We are looking at a number of new bills to be introduced this year in Annapolis on behalf of the MSFA.

Bob Cumberland and I have been working and talking with some of the Federal Candidates from Maryland as well as meeting with our federal partners from Washington DC. We have been discussing a number of bills involving the volunteer responder incentive protection act. We have discussed support for additional federal tax incentives and/or benefits for the volunteer fire and EMS personnel to include health care benefits and increasing the federal LOSAP program plus looking into a universal charitable tax credits for the volunteers.

I would like to recognize and thank the MSFA Treasurer Ron Siarnicki and the officers the MSFA for all the hard work that they were involved with and being able to secure an extension on the Safer Grant until May 2019.

The MSFA is still working on a Fire and EMS Statewide Cadet Camp. We are looking at the logistics and the group is in the process of reviewing a number of different locations that has been indentificed across the state that could be used to house and feed up to fifty plus students and staff for a one or two week period at a time with all the comforts of home.

Happy Thanksgiving holiday to all of you and your families and for all of you hunters, please use extreme care when you are trying to bag that trophy buck.

Richard C. Blair,

MSFA President 2018-2019
Firefighting has had to change in culture. Fires have changed. The fire load is dramatically different then it was 50 years ago... “

Chip’s Firehouse Logbook: Past, Present and Future

The Tough Fight

by Chief Clarence “Chip” Jewell, III

I first met Chief Jim Seavey in the late 1970’s while working for Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services Communication Section. Jim and I were in the Fire Service Administration class together at Montgomery College.

When I would work midnight shift, I would often go with Jim to the Glen Echo Fire Department to pass time until I needed to report to duty.

In addition to Jim Seavey, Chief Fuller, Lt. Ben Breeze and Firefighter Marty Fuller also became lifelong friends. I entered private insurance industry in the 1980’s and lost track of Jim Seavey for a few years. When he became active in the MSFA, we re-acquainted, and aggravated each other ever since.

Cancer did not stop Jim Seavey. He fought a tough fight to the very end. In some ways it gave him a new direction. The Cancer Support Committee has become a vital function of MSFA and LMSFA. This committee provides compassion, concern, education and even a “comfort pack” for those individuals that receive the news no one wants to hear.

Firefighting has had to change in culture. Fires have changed. The fire load is dramatically different then it was 50 years ago. When I joined in 1969, plastics were still a relatively new product and seldom used in furniture.

Your typical room and content fire was made up mostly of Class “A” materials, wood and cloth were the mainstay.

Using an “air pack” was relatively rare.

Most engines only carried two SCBA’s, usually stored in a large suitcase box in a compartment somewhere near the rear of the engine out of the way. I recall the major controversy when a new 1971 engine was purchased and it was recommended to remove the back of the jump seat and install mounting for the

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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial

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fallen attend. This year, the largely attended celebration was blessed with good weather and the event was held outside on the lawn between the A.M. Gibbons Memorial chapel and the Memorial.

Each family is brought to the NFA and escorted through a “Sea of Blue” to their seats in the area in front of the Memorial. A wreath is laid and the plaque that has the names of all of the honorees for the year is unveiled at the Memorial site.

At 10:00 hours, bells throughout the nation are sounded in honor of our fire and rescue personnel who have given their lives. The names of each person are read and as they are recognized, each family present comes forward, escorted by a uniformed firefighter, and is presented with an American flag which has been flown over the Nation’s capital and the Memorial, a red rose, and a special commemorative badge to honor their family member.

For those who cannot attend, these items are sent to them. The flags are presented by Honor Guard members from across the country, while a large group of members from Pipes and Drums Corps from many jurisdictions provides the music for the event.

After the ceremonies, the families are treated to a meal at the Academy and given time to look around the grounds and the Memorial before being brought back to their hotels.

For more photo coverage see page 8
Photos by Watkins

Out-of-Hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee

By James W. Brown, MA, EMT
Director, Educational Support Services
MIEMSS

One of the ways the EMS and EMD components of the Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee initiatives is being addressed is through the Maryland Resuscitation Academy which holds a two day Summit each year in the spring and a one day Summit each year in the fall. The Summits are attended by EMS providers and EMS leadership to learn about improving optimal response and treatment to sudden cardiac arrest in the prehospital setting. A component for emergency medical dispatchers has been added to the course to facilitate early dispatch and dispatch assisted CPR instructions to bystanders prior to EMS arrival.

The fall one day summit is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Information about the Maryland Resuscitation Academy and registration can be found at http://ramaryland.org/.

The Public Subcommittee continues to work to educate laypersons on recognizing sudden cardiac arrest and learning Hands-Only CPR.

MIEMSS again launched a Hands Only CPR advertising campaign to be implemented during various months. This campaign includes 30-second radio clips, MTA bus advertisements, and digital advertising.

As part of the Hands Only Public Awareness Campaign, bus tails displaying the message can be seen on the road.
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK

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Sunday, April 28th, 2019

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Participant Waiver Signature: _____________________________
By Ron Watkins, 
MSA Public Relations Committee

On October 7, 2018, the Frederick County Volunteer Fire –Rescue Association held their Fire Prevention Ambassadors contest at the Walkersville VFC Activity Building. Deputy Chief Kevin Fox, Frederick County DRFS, served as the Emcee for the evening.

Miss Tiffany White, from Jefferson, will be the Miss Fire Prevention ambassador for the FCVFRA for 2018-19 and will represent the Association in the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention contest at the Convention in Ocean City in June.

Miss Ashley Nalborczyk, from Myersville, will be the FCVFRA Jr. Miss Fire Prevention ambassador.

Little Miss Fire Prevention will be Leigha Blake. She is 9 years old, lives in Thurmont, and helps out at the Graceham VFD.

The new Junior Fire Chief is Dylan Harne. He takes over for last year’s Junior Chief, Jacob Nalborczyk.

Judges for the contest were Peggy Zembower, Debbie Fox, and Jessica Shelton.

Helping with the contests and surrendering her title of Miss Fire Prevention for Frederick County last year was Brieanne Combs, who currently serves as the First Runner-up, MFVA Miss Fire Prevention.

All of the new ambassadors will be available to help out with any of the fire prevention projects with any of the Frederick County companies throughout the next year.
Passing of Washington County VFRA President Dale L. Hill

Sept. 28, 2018 — President Dale L. Hill of the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association suffered a sudden medical emergency and passed away on Sept. 28, 2018.

The passing of WCVFRA President Hill is a tragic and significant loss to the emergency service community in Washington County and Maryland. His leadership, strength, and decision will be greatly missed throughout the state.

President Hill at the Delaware Convention in early Sept.

Photo Coverage from the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial
Cardin, Van Hollen Tour Frostburg FD, Announce Over $3-Million in Funding for Allegany County First Responders

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 2018 — On Saturday, U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen toured the Frostburg Fire Department. They met with local department personnel and announced more than $3 million in funding to Allegany County from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The funding will bolster emergency preparedness, provide new high-quality equipment and tools, and enhance efforts to provide adequate staffing throughout departments in the county. Specifically, it will provide 450 sets of new turn-out gear, the hiring of 16 full-time firefighters for the Allegany County Department of Emergency Services, new pagers that are compliant with the County’s new 4560 MHz alerting system, and new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

“Maryland is fortunate to have first-class firefighters and emergency personnel, all of whom perform difficult, dangerous jobs in service to their communities. Saturday’s tour of Frostburg Fire Department was a reminder that we owe our first responders every resource they need, and that when we prioritize their safety, they are in the best possible position to fight for ours,” said Senator Cardin, a member of the Senate Finance Committee. “I want to thank all of Western Maryland’s first responders for protecting our neighborhoods, often at great risk to their own lives. I’m proud to stand by them, and I’ll keep working to ensure they get the support they need from Washington.”

Details on the funding are below:

- The Allegany County Department of Emergency Services has been awarded $1,933,265 through FEMA’s Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program to hire 16 full-time firefighters to ensure adequate staffing levels at stations across the County
- The Potomac Fire Company of Westernport has been awarded $935,182 through a Regional Grant Award to purchase 381 sets of turn-out gear that will benefit 13 Fire Departments across Allegany County: Goodwill Volunteer Fire Department of Lonaconing, Midland Volunteer Fire Department, Frostburg Fire Department, Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Department, Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Department, Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department, Flintstone Volunteer Fire Department, Cumberland Fire Department, Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department, Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department, Bowling Green Fire Department, and the Allegany County Department of Emergency Services
- The Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Department of Cumberland has been awarded $165,910 through a Regional Grant Award to provide new pagers to every department in the County. Each station will receive 28 pagers that will be compliant with the County’s new 450 MHz alert system.
- The Corriganville Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded $124,286 through a Regional Grant Award to purchase 69 sets of turn-out gear. Corriganville partnered with the Wellersburg District Volunteer Fire Department in Hyndman, PA.
- The Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded $198,486 to purchase nearly 30 sets of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to replace units that are beyond their useful lifespan and no longer compliant with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.
- The Midland Fire Company has been awarded $112,972 to purchase 18 sets of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to replace units that are beyond their useful lifespan and no longer compliant with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

Federal funds are awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, which provides grants directly to fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and state fire training academies to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen worked to secure $350 million for the AFG program for Fiscal Year 2018 and continue to work towards robust funding in Fiscal Year 2019.

In addition, Cardin and Van Hollen attended the opening of Garrett College’s new STEM building, served as guest pourers at the Deep Creek Art, Wine, and Beer Festival, and toured the Wholesome Harvest Co-op.
MIEMSS News Briefs

By James W. Brown, MA, EMT
Director, Educational Support Services
MIEMSS

Short Form Patient Information Sheet

MIEMSS has received multiple complaints about the lack of documentation at the time of patient transfer from EMS to the hospital staff. One of the requirements of COMAR 30.03.03.03 is that when a patient is transported to a health care facility, if an eMEDS patient care report is not completed and submitted prior to leaving the health care facility, the provider must complete and leave the MIEMSS approved Short Form at the facility to be included in the patient record. This is the responsibility of all Maryland EMS providers at time of patient transfer at the hospital. MIEMSS is reaching out to the prehospital and commercial services community to strengthen documentation of care provided on scene and during transport of the patient.

Active Assailant Interagency Workgroup (AAIWG)

Earlier this year, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order, “Active-Assailant Incident Preparation and Coordination”. The Active Assailant Interagency Workgroup (AAIWG) is a co-chaired by the Maryland State Police and MIEMSS. The group is currently working on the development of twelve subcommittees. These include focus areas not only for preparedness and response but training, prevention, and recovery. Participants include representatives from hospitals, public/private education, federal, state, and local fire, EMS, emergency management, and law enforcement. Planning has begun to host a one day educational conference which would touch on pertinent topics associated with active assailant events. This event would be available to education, hospital, fire, EMS, and law enforcement personnel. The group heard a briefing from the Anne Arundel Police Department on the response to the Capital Gazette tragedy that occurred in June. The full group also continues focused work through the subcommittees.
Chip’s Logbook

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SCBA’s. “Why would you ruin a good seat and damage a new truck” were some of the comments from the “oldtimers”.

Duckbill turnout gear was common, helmets were metal, or the “new” hard plastic helmets that could, and would, melt. Hoods were non-existent. A firefighter would pull down the cover over the ears. When you ears got too hot you got out. Three quarter length boots were still very much in fashion. Often, gear was kept on top on an engine.

You arrived on the scene, jumped in the hose bed, and hoped you could find accruements that would fit. The hotter the better. Singed gear and scorched helmets were the true hallmark of a real “fireman”. And of course, as soon as you exited the smoke filled environment, you grabbed a cigarette.

We fast forward to 2018 as we recognize how fragile life truly is. We have a better understanding of the challenges we face. Our gear and best practices address many of the potential medical threats. The continued emphasis on cancer prevention in the fire and rescue service will continue to decrease future incidents in our members.

But, even with changes in policy and equipment, cancer can still creep into the body, hiding and waiting to attack even the most physically fit firefighter. Jim Seavey lost a courageous battle, but the war will continue to be fought in his memory.

As I was writing this article, I received word of another fire service leader that responded to his last alarm. Dale Hill was a personal friend, he recently accepted the chairmanship of the MSFA Legislative Committee. As the president of the Washington County Fire & Rescue Association he was the commensurate volunteer leader working with all levels of political leadership.

Rest in peace, Jim & Dale. Your leadership and commitment to the volunteer fire and rescue service will be greatly missed.

Be Safe

Chip

At an Executive Committee Meeting in Aug., 2017 Chief James Seavey received the license plate from an old Cabin John Park FD engine, which he helped the Hacks Point Fire Company acquire. L to R — President Bilger (2017), Robyn Hahn making the presentation, and the Chief.

Photo: Dixon

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TPVD Members Receive Honors

By Jimmy Jarboe

On September 20, at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association, awards were presented to the following: L-R Treasure Bruce Allen and Fire Chief Tom Musgrove the Joseph Weisgerber 50 Year Plus Service Award, Auxiliary President Tina Willey the MCVFRA Administrative of the Year Award, Jim Jarboe received the Bill Bliss 60 Year Plus Service Award. Congratulations to all!

Listening to our Veteran Firefighters

By Mike Dixon

While attending the Dover Convention, we had a chance to talk with some of Delaware's most senior veteran firefighters and volunteers during the course of the day.

One of those was New York Fire Department Captain Schofield. The 98-year-old firefighter continues volunteering with the fire service and he is also a tour guide at the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover (top photo)

A little earlier while we were busy editing photos for the MSFA morning newsfeed, a senior Clayton (DE) Company member was sitting quietly nearby. Several people had stopped by to talk to Mr. Hudson and before we posted to the MSFA newsfeed, we asked him to confirm something for us.

When we mentioned we were with the MSFA, he added that he got his start as young man with the Singerly Fire Company in Elkton. But the World War II interrupted life for Mr. Hudson as it did for so many of the young men in the early 1940s. Soon he was in Italy with an engineering company. After he returned his work as a manager with Southern States took him to Clayton where he is still an active member of the company (bottom photo)

Captain Schofield and Firefighter Hudson, thank you for your service and thank you for sharing stories about the heritage of the fire service with us.
DOVER, Sept. 15, 2018 — President Blair led a delegation of MSFA representatives attending the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association 24th annual conference at Dover Downs.

This was the last day of the assembly, and in the morning the Maryland delegation was present for the Delaware Memorial Service.

At the annual luncheon in the afternoon, President Blair offered a few remarks of appreciation, noting the collaboration between Delaware and Maryland volunteer firefighters. He concluded by presenting retiring Delaware VFA President Richard Perillo with a framed certificate and a few mementos of appreciation from the Maryland Fire Service.
Top — The MSFA Delegation at the DVFA Convention

Bottom — MSFA President Blair acknowledging the work of retiring DEVFA President

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