

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

*Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel*

## MSFA Weekly Report for County Associations and Partners Week ending 9.3.2021

- **September 2021 Executive Committee Meeting**

The September Executive Committee meeting will be held in person and livestreamed from Western Enterprise Fire Company in Hagerstown, MD on September 18-19, 2021. If applicable, please be sure to provide your report in advance of the meeting to **reports@msfa.org**. Please visit the MSFA website, [www.msfa.org](http://www.msfa.org), for the announcement that includes meeting location and hotel accommodations. If you have any questions, please reach out to Executive Committee Chairman Doug Simpkins.

- **MSFA Committee Chair Action Item**

If you are an MSFA Committee Chair, you will soon be receiving an email from Executive Director Tomanelli- Loveless that asks you to visit your committee page on the MSFA website, [www.msfa.org](http://www.msfa.org), and send in any updates that need to be made to your page. These changes include updates to members of your committee, information about your committee, an updated photo of the chairperson, as well as any links that need to be added or removed. It is important as we begin to recruit new members into the MSFA that they know what committee opportunities are available and that the information they find on the website is accurate.

- **MarylandVolunteer.org Department Profile Updates Needed**

All member companies that have a profile on the MarylandVolunteer.org website are being asked to visit their profile page and submit any changes or updates to Executive Director Tomanelli-Loveless **by September 15<sup>th</sup>**. This website is a recruitment tool that can benefit your recruitment efforts but only if the information on your profile is up-to-date! Please ensure that the email contact, station phone number and address, as well as pertinent information for a potential recruit is accurate. Nothing deters an interested individual more than an unanswered inquiry!

- **MSFA/MFCA SAFER Grant Application**

The MSFA has many projects and initiatives that will be executed if our 2021 SAFER grant application was successful. Projects include the hiring of a full-time contracted recruiter for the state, a statewide mentorship program, leadership training opportunities, updates to our current tools and websites, and much more!

We hope to receive word within the next week or two and will update our member companies once we get notification.

- **MSFA 2022-2023 2nd Vice Presidency Position**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the roles and responsibilities of the MSFA 2nd Vice President and what the three-year commitment to the MSFA presidency entails, please feel free to reach out to any MSFA Officer, Past President, or any of the three current Presidents for more information! The Past Presidents published a guide for those thinking about seeking the office of President and it is available from the Office of the Secretary.

- **MSFA Annual Leadership Summit**

On the weekend of August 21-22, the MSFA held a Leadership Summit at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg. It included two separate sessions that focused on recruitment and retention. The MSFA executive committee and R and R committee members as well as representatives from 15 counties involved in recruitment and retention met on Saturday to discuss efforts, obstacles, and successes around the state and what the MSFA can do to partner with these regions to help boost volunteer numbers. We reviewed the R and R toolbox as well as the MarylandVolunteer.org website that the MSFA created with the 2013 SAFER grant and how these tools can help each department across the state with their recruitment and retention efforts.

On Sunday, MSFA PP John Denver presented to the executive committee members the Reaching the Next Generation program which focuses on recruiting up and coming leaders around the state to become involved in the MSFA and its committees/leadership roles.

If you or anyone you know is interested in being on one of the many MSFA committees, please reach out to President Joel McCrea at [jmccrea@msfa.org](mailto:jmccrea@msfa.org).

- **MSFA TAG APPLICATIONS:**

The MVA is currently up-to-date on MSFA tags. Applications received at the office are recorded and sent to the MVA once a week. It is taking approximately one month for members to receive their tags in the mail, sometimes less.

**\*\*The updated form (VR124A) is listed on the MSFA website under the Transportation Committee page and MUST replace all other versions or applications will not be processed.**

**We continue to see old forms (some from as far back as 2012) coming in and some applications are missing information such as the name of the department that the member belongs to, the correct NFIRS number, and/or proper signatures. We have started sending applications back to the area coordinators for corrections at the request of the MVA.**

-Any questions regarding tags can be sent to Chairman Wayne Tome at [CCEMS7@aol.com](mailto:CCEMS7@aol.com).

**Please keep the members of our military in your prayers, especially those currently serving in Afghanistan and the 13 we lost in last week's attack.**