

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 7.15.2022

President Kurtz has announced the following Executive Committee meeting dates for 2022-2023. MSFA PP Steve Cox is now the Executive Committee Chairman.

August 20-21, 2022	Jarrettsville VFC
December 3-4, 2022	Showell VFC
February 11-12, 2023	Prince Frederick VFD
April 1-2, 2023	Flintstone VFD

Meetings will start at 9am on Saturday and Sunday and all are encouraged to attend.

This past weekend, President Kurtz held a transition meeting with all newly elected MSFA Officers and appointed Committee Chairs, as well as the Executive Committee and Staff, in an effort to bring everyone together to discuss the initiatives of the upcoming term.

One of the topics discussed was the failure of the proposed name change at Convention last month. President Kurtz is committed to continuing the progress that was made during PP McCrea's term to bring the necessary change for the MSFA's name to reflect the operational diversity of its membership. President Kurtz has directed a taskforce to create a survey for all member departments to complete that will collect data on what was the driving force behind the failure of the name change. There was much discussion on the interference of outside forces that were not sanctioned by the MSFA. President Kurtz has been very clear that if we are to move forward with changing the name of the MSFA, it will be on terms created and driven by the membership itself.

President Kurtz asks that **NO NAME CHANGE PROPOSALS BE SUBMITTED** until after January 1, 2023.

Also at the transition meeting, several new committee chairs were present and gave reports on the direction of their committee for this upcoming term. We are asking that ALL committee chairs visit their committee page on the msfa.org website and ensure that all members of your committee are listed, the documents associated with your committee are current, and any new information is posted as soon as possible.

The Cancer Committee's announced its 2023 Walk in Annapolis which will be held on April 24, 2023. They hope to have an excellent turn out again next Spring!

The Ways and Means Committee reminds all departments that tickets have been distributed to all Executive Committee members. Please be sure to contact them to get your tickets!

Reminder: If your department is in need of Mental Health Awareness training, please contact Teresa Crisman at tacrisman@hotmail.com. The Mental Health Awareness Taskforce will hold training statewide to ensure that our membership has what they need to provide support and resources to our fire service brothers and sisters.

As mentioned in the last weekly report, the MSFA SAFER grant team is nearing the release of the new Statewide Mentorship Program which will be rolled out in regional sessions within the coming months. The online customizable recruitment marketing materials will soon be available to all member companies as well. Once these programs are released, the regional coordinators will reach out to arrange dates for the training as well as how-to sessions for the online platforms.

The regional coordinators continue to review each county marylandvolunteer.org page to ensure that each department has a current profile listed. Each company is encouraged to visit the site and submit any necessary changes to their regional coordinator.

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