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# VOLUNTEER TRUMPET

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
**#BLOODONBOARD**  
Gladhill 1919 Ahrens-Fox  
**SPECIAL VOLUNTEER TRUMPET ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Spirit of our First Responders**  
**CSXT 911**



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## Special Volunteer Trumpet Announcement

The official Facebook page of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Volunteer Trumpet newsletter is now live. We've decided that we'd create a page separate from the state association to share not only the trumpet but content related to firefighting, EMS, and all other things emergency services!

The trumpet has been rapidly growing in popularity, and not only has Maryland content, but content for Maryland and beyond! We have readers in many other states across the United States. Print reading has declined over the years, and our publication is also available as a PDF on the [msfa.org](http://msfa.org) website.

It's also available on our Facebook page. We continue to adapt and to ensure the best content is available for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel all over! We will be posting older content versions on the page over the coming days. Also, please take notice of our new logo! It captures not only our association but Maryland and the United States' pride, and its modern, eye-catching design hopes to appeal to a younger generation, whom we as a volunteer fire service need to recruit!

We hope you enjoy our new page.



Sincerely,  
Jonathan Dayton | Editor-In-Chief



Designed with the help of Stephen Jenkins, MSFA Social Media Manager. We thank you for your assistance!

# Volunteer Fire Departments across Maryland participate in National Night Out Events



The MSFA leadership team met on July 30, 2023, to discuss 2023-2024 initiatives, succession planning, and promoting recruitment programs for the Association.



# Training/Announcements

On behalf of the Commission to Advance and Strengthen Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services Within Maryland. If you're a volunteer firefighter, EMT, paramedic, auxiliary, cadet, junior member, or other type of member of your fire department, please take a second to complete this survey. Your answers will help guide decisions and recommendations. **Please take this survey on our new Facebook Page!**

The MSFA 2023 Convention shirts are available for purchase!

- Other MSFA apparel is also available here:

<https://shop.nationalinkandstitch.com/msfa/shop/home>

- Maryland State Firemen's Association Recruitment and Retention Forum  
October 21, 2023, More Details TBA

2023-2024 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule:

- December 2-3 Westminster
  - February 3-4 Snow Hill
  - April 6-7 Grantsville
- November 9-12, 2023; IAFC Symposium in the Sun: Symposium In The Sun 2023  
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# Editor's Corner



My sixth topic is all about **tradition and procedure**. What do I mean when I say tradition and procedure? One thing I have found as an emerging topic of the past few years within the aging volunteer fire service is the argument that we should not abandon old fire service traditions. While I agree that there comes a fine line between continuing traditions and letting that affect the department's operations or, in some cases, volunteer fire and rescue associations. We don't always need to do things the way we've done for the past 100 years, but along those same lines, we need to respect the traditions that came before us so we still honor them appropriately. Younger generations need to realize and be instilled with fire service tradition and respect the experienced wisdom of the older generation. There are many scenarios and examples that we could talk about. Still, I want you to think about how, in your department, traditions, and procedures interfere with each other and how to overcome those challenges by still honoring traditions and creating a more progressive fire department.

*Because this section of the newsletter is meant to share ideas and start conversations, I want to hear from the readership new topics that I should cover and ways that we can work on expanding the readership of the Trumpet. If you want me to write about an issue, please send ideas to Jonathan Dayton at [jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com). About the Editor, Jonathan is a volunteer Firefighter/EMT serving Allegany County, MD. MSFA Committee Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association Past President, President and Public Information Officer, Member of the Maryland Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council, and Nation Fire Service Speaker and Educator. Jonathan holds an associate's degree in Fire Science and bachelor's and master's degrees.*

*Jonathan*

## ***-FIND THE FIRE HELMET-***

2 months ago, we introduced the "FIND THE \_\_\_\_ Contest" for the Trumpet. The goal is to find a specific item hidden in the pages of this book. In this issue, you are tasked with finding this **FIRE HELMET** (to the right). Starting on **SEPTEMBER 22nd**, once you find this small item hidden within the publication, you must email Stephen Jenkins ([sjenkins@msfa.org](mailto:sjenkins@msfa.org)). It can be located on ANY page EXCEPT the front and back cover! The first correct person to discover the item will win the opportunity to submit one free 1/4 page ad.





**The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the Federation of Fire Chaplains join forces to provide Chaplain training to chaplains in Maryland.**

MFRI Director Michael E. Cox, Jr. wished to provide training for the fire chaplains of Maryland and reached out to Chaplain John F. Long, Jr., Vice-President of the Federation of Fire Chaplains, to see if it would be possible to do the Federation's Essentials Class here in Maryland. An agreement was reached and the first class was conducted at the Good Will Fire Company in Lonaconing, MD. Twenty chaplains attended the two-day class that covered the topics of Foundations of Chaplaincy, Personhood of the Chaplain, Ministry to Firefighters, Ministry to the Crisis Victims, Beginning a Chaplaincy Program, Fire Chaplain Operations, Critical Incident Stress Management, Firefighter Injury and Death.



"Maryland State Police, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), and the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) announced a new public-private collaboration for lifesaving trauma response for Marylanders. Whole blood is used for emergency transfusions when minutes are critical and is now available on board MSPs fleet of "Trooper" helicopters used in prehospital air response for critically injured patients."

**#BloodOnBoard**



# KIDS CORNER

## Volunteer Word Search



Hey kids! Fire Dog Spotty needs your help completing this word search! Can you help him by finding all of the words in the box below?

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Firetruck  
Axe  
Station  
Helmet  
Volunteer  
Hydrant  
Ladder  
Ambulance  
Spotty

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If you're not able to find all of the words, you can find the answer key on our Volunteer Trumpet Facebook page! It will also be included in the next issue!

**On July 27th, the Senate Appropriations Committee considered its Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations bill.**



\*\*\*The bill proposes cutting the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program (popularly known as the FIRE grant program) and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program.

In FY 2023, the AFG and SAFER grant programs received \$360 million for each program. President Biden proposed \$370 million for each program in FY 2024. The House Appropriations Committee reported its version of the FY 2024 DHS Appropriations bill (H.R. 4367) with \$360 million for each program.

\*\*\*The Senate Appropriations Committee's bill only would allocate \$338 million for each program.

Congress will recess soon for the August recess. Please meet with your Senators to explain the importance of the AFG and SAFER grant programs for your fire department's operations. You can contact their offices using the Senate directory. It will require your action to protect the funding for these vital programs. <https://buff.ly/47a6QKc>

Thank you to all of you who submitted letters to your representatives regarding The Fire Station Act HR 1814/S977. Notification will be passed along when we hear more about the movement of this important bill.



The Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association inducts members into the Hall of Flame during their annual awards ceremony held in Ellerslie, MD



Congratulations Jasmine, Samantha, and William (not pictured) on receiving the 2022 Pat Bowser Emergency Services Memorial Scholarship valued at \$1,200 each.



The Washington County Fire and Rescue Association is pleased to announce the delivery of our brand new state of the art Safety Trailer. This unit focuses mainly on the subject of kitchen safety and prevention of kitchen fires. (across the United States there were approximately 170,000 kitchen fires reported in 2021) This trailer has several other unique features to teach home safety to all ages. Keep an eye out at your local community events to stop in and learn something that could save your life.

MIEMSS honored 11 individuals whose hard work and dedication significantly improved emergency medical care systems in Allegany and Garrett Counties during a ceremony held July 20, 2023, at Garrett College Performing Arts Center in McHenry, Maryland. Honorees included Barry Beal; Steven Kesner; Dwayne Kitis; Diane May; Al Ward; Cheryl Rexrode; Linda and Rob Rase; John Henry Frank, III; Anna Lea McCormick (posthumously); and Francis Mowbray (posthumously). Dwayne Kitis, MIEMSS Director of Mission Support, and Alex Kelly, MIEMSS Acting Region I and II Coordinator, officiated the honorees' induction into the Region I EMS Hall of Fame before an audience of colleagues, family, and friends. Each inductee received a plaque of recognition and a MIEMSS commemorative challenge coin, as well as a Certificate of Appreciation from the Allegany and Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.



## Gladhill 1919 Ahrens-Fox at Frederick Museum By Clarence "Chip" Jewell

The beautiful, fully restored 1919 Ahrens-Fox owned by the Gladhill family is now "in service" at the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum, 300B South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg. The engine was initially purchased by the city of Frederick for the United Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 3 and remained in service until the 1950s. According to Maurice Gladhill, son of Bernard "Buck" Gladhill, his father purchased the engine around 1954 for \$501. Mr. Gladhill advised his dad to outbid Gastley Junk Company by \$1 to get the engine. "Gastley bid \$500 for the engine and dad, but \$501, \$1 saved the Fox from the junkyard." According to Mr. Gladhill, two other "Foxes," the 1927 ladder truck and a Juniors engine, met their fate at Gastley's.

Almost since the opening of the museum, the United Steam Fire Engine Co. NO. 3 has graciously allowed the "big brother" 1939 Ahrens-Fox, which is still owned by the Uniteds, to be displayed at the museum. The 1939 Fox recently had some serious mechanical issues and was towed from the museum and most likely will not return for the museum season. Mr. Maurice Gladhill was contacted to see if he would possibly be willing to display the 1919 Ahrens-Fox during the absence of 1939. After visiting the museum, Mr. Gladhill graciously agreed to allow "Gladhill No. 1" to be displayed in place of the United "Fox."

Mr. Bernard "Buck" Gladhill was a charter member of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and very active with the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Gladhill Trophy, now the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy to also honor his great friend and fellow Damascus member Less Thompson, was instituted to recognize individuals for dedication to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. "Buck" also donated one of his bells to be used by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to be



mounted and ring at the annual memorial service to honor our nation's fallen firefighters.

The 1919 Ahrens-Fox was purchased by the city of Frederick for the United Fire Company and was the second motorized piece of equipment for the Uniteds and the third automobile-type apparatus in Frederick. When this unit was received, the steamer

Lily of the Swamp was placed in reserve service. The steamer was placed into service in the early 1920s to help pump water to maintain the city reservoir during significant drought conditions. The Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum is very appreciative of Mr. Maurice Gladhill and the Gladhill family for allowing this magnificent piece of fire service history to be displayed at the museum. The museum is open Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon – 4 PM. The museum will be closed on August 19 during the muster at Rose Hill Manor and closed on Labor Day Weekend.

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## Convention "First" Making History: Change and Diversity

### Volunteer Trumpet Chip's Firehouse Logbook Chief Clarence "Chip" Jewell

The 131st convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association was another successful event that contained some "firsts." I have been honored to share the duties of being the Master of Ceremonies at the parade with Richard Brooks for over 25 years. We have always held the parade "rain or shine," but tropical-storm-force winds were never mentioned. I cannot recall a parade cancellation in my over 50 years of attending the convention. The only other time most people believe the parade was canceled was when the entire convention was canceled during World War II. And no, I am old, but not that old to remember!

Canceling the parade took a lot of work and was delayed until 6 PM on Tuesday evening to receive the latest and most accurate weather predictions for Wednesday. But, when the National Weather Service predicted 40 – 50 MPH gale force winds, the MSFA leadership agreed that such extreme wind conditions warranted cancellation.

It may have been the first time the parade was actually canceled, and it was the right call. By parade time Wednesday, the winds began to howl, and the ocean appeared highly agitated with enormous waves. By Thursday morning, sand was 4 feet deep on parts of the boardwalk. Eight front-end loaders worked almost two days to get the boardwalk back into condition and allow the boardwalk train to run.

But the "first" for the MSFA that made history was the election of Eric Smothers as president of the MSFA, the first African-American to hold this prestigious office. Historically, the president of the MSFA has been a white male. I believe there has been at least one African-American member of the Executive Committee before last year. And though the glass ceilings of race and gender have been broken, it has been a long and sometimes controversial road to change and acceptance.

Many fire companies included the words "white male" as a provision of membership and sometimes within the corporate charter or by-laws well into the 1970s. Some companies may have retained discriminatory practices until legally required to adopt the non-discrimination provisions into the individual company by-laws to be eligible for state and federal funding. In 1970, two radical teenage high-school-aged volunteer members in Frederick County submitted a simple change to the fire company.



by-laws to remove the words "white male." Being one of the two "radical" members along with John Droneburg, former MEMA director, I can attest that even in 1970, this change was met with substantial resistance.

It was almost 100 years before the first African-American or female was appointed to the Executive Committee. Judy Lau from Prince George's County was active with the Legislative Committee serving in Annapolis. I believe she was the first female appointed to the Executive Committee and was probably destined to become the first female president of the MSFA before her life was shortened by cancer. Judy White was appointed to the Executive Committee in the late 1990's. She was the first female to run for the Maryland State Firemen's Association president. However, she was unsuccessful in a three-way race.

Jackie Olson served on the Executive Committee and was the first, and thus far only, female to be elected MSFA president. Females and minorities have rarely served in significant leadership roles of the MSFA. Last year, President Kurtz prioritized diversity when he appointed an African-American and a female to the Executive Committee.

We have made and continue to make progress in diversity in the fire and rescue service in our state and our state association. But, if we are going to continue to grow and attract new members, we must also continue to change. Yes, many females have no issue or opinion about the word "...Firemen's..." being in our name. There are, however, females who do take exception or offense to our gender-specific corporate title.

President Smothers has made recruitment a priority of this administration. If we are going to recruit potential female firefighters and try to increase the involvement of our youth, particularly our female youth, in the MSFA, then changing our name is a must. We should not change our name because of

political pressure or even pressure from female fire chiefs, but we should definitely change our name because it simply is the right thing to do.

Though I have personally supported a name that is not only gender all-inclusive but also all-services inclusive, the strong support for the amendment of this convention to simply changing the word "... Firemen..." to "...Firefighters..." indicates this particular name change would most likely be successful next year. Though I respect our friends in Southern Maryland suggesting a 5-year cooling-off period to give an opportunity to determine the financial and overall corporate effect of a name change, I believe it is abundantly evident that the most accessible, least expensive, least obtrusive, and least controversial change is "...Firefighters...".

By adopting "...Firefighters..." we can maintain the moniker MSFA, we can retain the present ---

historic MSFA logo and have minimal artwork changes for stationary, mailings, and other administrative papers. The overall acceptance of the acronym MSFA would still be prevalent without re-educating our member companies or political leaders.

We have discussed this needed change in some fashion for almost ten years. We have discussed the potential changes in depth for the last two years. The time has come to move forward. We have spent hundreds of person-hours in discussions, drafting wordings, and submitting amendments. Let's celebrate our great organization's history, tradition, and diversity and make the logical change to "... Firefighters..." at the 2024 convention.

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3. HAVE A “KID- AND PET-FREE ZONE” OF AT LEAST 3 FEET (1 METER) AROUND THE STOVE OR GRILL, AND ANYWHERE ELSE HOT FOOD OR DRINK IS PREPARED OR CARRIED.

SINCERELY,  
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