



**FEBRUARY 2014**

**Special points of interest:**

- \* **Orchard Beach VFD—Luncheon Bingo**—Feb 9—Earlybirds at 1130. Lunch 1230, Regular bingo 115 P.M. \$20 admission—Doors open at 930 Contact Janet @ 443-798-8434
- \* **Lake Shore VFC—Bull & Oyster Roast** Feb 15—Doors open at 6—Food 7 til 10—Dancing and games til midnight. \$30 in advance / \$40 at the door. Contact Tina at 443-306-1633
- \* **Orchard Beach VFD—Preteen Dance** Feb 14— 6:30 P.M. til 10 P.M.— Ages 8 to 12—\$7.00—Parent must sign child in and out. Chaperoned.
- \* **Ferndale VFD—Teen Dance**—Feb 28 7 P.M. til 10 - Ages 8 to 18—\$5.00—Chaperoned by Ferndale & A.A.County Police—Parents must sign children in and out. Call 410-766-2131 for information
- \* **Maryland City VFD— Coach & Basket Bingo**—Mar 1—20 regular games—9 cards (\$18), 12 cards(\$21), extra strip of 3 (\$5), Reserve early and receive \$3 off admission. Pulltabs, doorprizes, FUN—Doors open at 5 P.M. for dinner. Contact Kim @ 410-533-6542 for info.
- \* **Odenton VFC—Bull & Oyster Roast** Mar 1— 7 P.M. til 11 P.M. - \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door — DJ Jazzy James—Contact 410-674-4444 for tickets or info.
- \* **Ladies Aux to the AACVFA—Basket Bingo at Earleigh Heights**—Mar 2 Doors open at 1—Games start at 2 \$15 in advance / \$18 at door— 20 games / 3 Specials—Contact Carene @ 301-261-0061 or Patti @ 301-776-9372 for tix.

*Working, Serving, Learning & Growing Together*

“Congratulations” to the Eastport Volunteer Fire Company on being inducted into the 2013 Volunteer Project Hall of Fame. In addition to their Induction into this prestigious group, they were also awarded the Innovation Award for their “Improving Emergency Medical Services” project.

The project taken on by the Eastport VFC entailed purchasing a surplus medic unit from a nearby county. After the purchase was made, and body damage and corrosion was repaired, the unit was repainted and



*Eastport Volunteer Fire Company receives their award at the county's 9th Annual Volunteer Project Hall of Fame banquet sponsored by Northrup Grumman.*



lettered with the traditional red and white. Thanks to Annapolis City Fire Chief David Stokes, Eastport VFC was able to obtain the assistance of the City fire department's repair shop to install the emergency lighting.

Medic Unit 362 may run in conjunction with the city owned PM36 which is located at the Eastport station. If PM36 is in use, firefighters can utilize Medic Unit 362 to respond, saving time and freeing up neighboring resources. This new requisition ultimately improved emergency medical services

in Eastport, the City of Annapolis, and other areas of Anne Arundel County.

In a citation received from County Executive, Laura Neuman, it states *"The citizens of Anne Arundel County have benefitted from your vision, leadership, and commitment to make our community a better place to live and work."*

The Volunteer Project Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County and the Coordinators of Volunteers of Anne Arundel County.



**Quote of the Month**

**“Volunteering is an essential leadership experience”**

**Compiled by Jane Huffman**



Let us **Congratulate** the FIRE BRIGADE PIPES & DRUMS of GREATER BALTIMORE on celebrating their 10th anniversary!

The group will be sponsoring a Coach & Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 5 P.M. til 9 P.M. at the Savage

Volunteer Fire Company located at 8521 Corridor Rd, Savage, MD 20763. The price is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Food and raffles will be sold and the band members will be playing in their kilts! Sounds like a fun time!

(Something to think about the next time you decide to write a donation check....Obtained from the Fire Brigade Pipes & Drums of Greater Baltimore website)

*"Please consider attending or sending a donation. We are a 503(c) non-profit organization. We need funding to pay for uniforms and instructors as well as other expenses. Our members provide their own instruments, many of their uniform items, and cover many of their own expenses. They also devote countless hours to practice, meetings and performances. The band provides kilts, tunics, horsehair sporrans, patches and badges. These items are expensive! Please consider supporting us so we can continue our primary mission of honoring our Fallen Firefighters."*

*Tickets may be acquired by contacting Debbie Richards at 301-471-3355 or Sarah at 202-406-0933.*

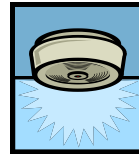
**Interested in serving as a peer reviewer for the FY2013 AFG Grants ?**

Due to several cancellations, FEMA is still in need of reviewers. The review panel generally meets for 8—9 hours a day for an entire week. This is a quick-turnaround request, so if you are interested, contact Dave Lewis ASAP.




**HAPPY BIRTHDAY & CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS IN THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE !!**

*President John C. Spiker Sr.*



**BEEP!!  
BEEP!!**



  
**FREE Vascular Screening!**

**Cardiovascular disease** is the #1 health problem in this country today. More than half of all Americans will die from complications of atherosclerosis, the root of cardiovascular disease.

**Early Detection is the Key!**

If you are age 60 or over; or age 50 or over and have risk factors such as smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol, you can have a free vascular screening. This examination is a non-invasive ultrasound examination of the carotid arteries in the neck, the aorta in the abdomen, and an evaluation of the circulation in your legs. Screenings are done in Annapolis, Bowie, Kent Island and Odenton.

**Call 410.573.9483**  
[www.HeartHealthFoundation.org](http://www.HeartHealthFoundation.org)





**PUBLIC FIRE & LIFE SAFETY  
EDUCATOR SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014  
0900 HOURS  
MFRI HEADQUARTERS**

**REGISTER NOW AS SEATING IS LIMITED!  
1-800-ASK-MFRI OR REGISTER ONLINE**

**Volunteer Company Leadership  
and Administration Class**

This training program was developed in partnership between MSFA and MFRI to help administrative members manage the business of running a volunteer fire or EMS organization. The class is broken into four modules:

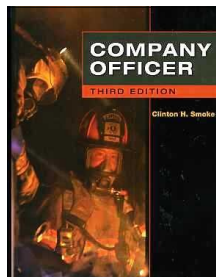


- Leadership and Organization Basics**
- Working with Outside Organizations**
- Financial Responsibilities for Non-Profit Organizations, and**
- Recruitment and Retention**

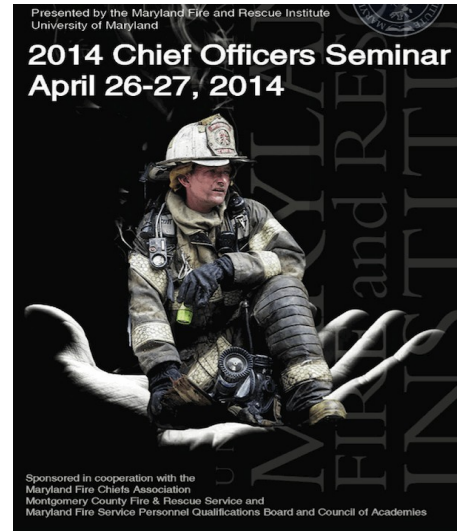
This class is currently on the schedule to be taught at Level VFD, Western Enterprise VFD in Western Maryland, and Upper Eastern Shore RTC, but keep an eye open for the announcement of it being offered in A.A. County. If you get the opportunity to take this class, I would highly recommend attending. It is very enlightening! *(This class is taught by Dave Lewis)*

**Fire Officer II Class Scheduled**

The Fire Officer II class will begin on Tuesday February 11th and run through May 20th, 2014. The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Anne Arundel County Training Academy. Register through MFRI. For information or questions, contact the Training Academy at 410-222-8360



**"Forward Thinking through Leadership"**



University System of Maryland | Shady Grove Conference Center  
9640 Gudelsky Drive | Rockville, Maryland

Location:  
University of Maryland Shady Grove  
Conference Center  
9640 Gudelsky Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850



**MSFA EXECUTIVE  
MEETING**

February 22—23, 2014

Hosted by Cordova  
Volunteer Firemen's Association  
(11864 Kitty's Corner Road, Cordova MD 21625)

**Schedule of Events**

Friday February 21st  
Hospitality 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.  
Hosted by Cordova VFA and Talbot County Fire & Rescue Association  
Held at Best Western Plus in Easton

Hospitality immediately following the Saturday meeting at the Cordova VFA



**St. Patrick's Day  
BULL & OYSTER ROAST**

EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VOL. FIRE CO.  
161 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD

Sponsored by the

Anne Arundel County

Volunteer Firefighter's Association

**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

6 P.M. til 11 P.M.

(Food 6 P.M. til 10 P.M.)

**\$30.00 in advance ~ \$40 at the door**

Music by: *Remembrances DJ*

**MENU by Buddy's Catering**

- Choice Top Round of Beef ~ Virginia Baked Ham
- Baked Turkey Breast ~ Italian Sausage
- Fresh Shucked Oysters on the Half Shell
- Sliced White Parsley Potatoes ~ Whole Kernel Corn
- Cut Green Beans ~ Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Italian Meatballs ~ Gravy ~ Hot dogs
- Oyster Stew / Crackers ~ Assorted Cheese & Veggies
- Assorted Breads and Rolls ~ Dessert
- Coffee ~ Sodas & Beer ~ BYOB

For tickets, contact

Michelle Bell @ 410-353-7725 or

John Spiker at 410-218-1814 (SILVERSPIKE2548@AOL.COM)



**Beyond Hoses  
and Helmets**

Volunteer & Combination



Officers Section

Strategy and Tactics of Leading a  
Volunteer or Combination  
Fire/Rescue Organization

Proudly Sponsored by:



The MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee recently announced the IAFC—VCOS Leadership training seminar. "Beyond Hoses and Helmets" will be presented May 3rd & 4th at UMBC. This class is open to all that wish to become better leaders in the fire service.

This two-day class on "Strategy & Tactics of Leading a Volunteer or Combination Fire/Rescue Organization" delivers real-world expertise on:

- Problem solving
- Marketing
- Recruitment & Retention
- Leadership
- Team building
- Training development
- Conflict resolution
- Principles of negotiation
- Verbal communication

**Keep an eye open for registration information.**



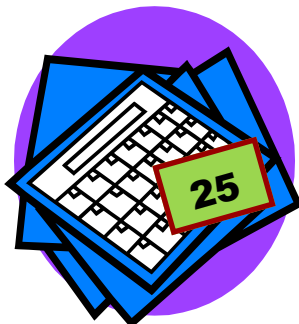
**AACVFA  
CONVENTION  
BOOK UPDATE**

Drop-dead date for  
**ANYTHING** to go in

the AACVFA Convention Book is

**JULY 25, 2014!**

(If your report is not in by July 25th,  
it will not be included in the annual book.)



- Advertisements
- Officer's Reports
- Reports of Committees
- Booster ads, etc.
- (to be sent in Notepad format, not Excel)

More information coming!

**EMS Care 2014 State Conference**

May 1st – 4th, 2014

Pre-conferences will be held May 1st & 2nd  
held at

Clarion Hotel in Ocean City, MD

Additional information will  
be forthcoming.



Did you know.....as of January 8, 2014, there were 27,332 certified or licensed EMS providers in Maryland. The providers are broken down as follows:

- EMD: 1,223
- First Responder/EMR: 3,082
- EMT: 19,037
- CRT99: 790
- Paramedic: 3,200

(Information provided by MIEMMS)



**MSFA Public Fire & Life Safety Grant Program**

Don't lose out on these free monies! \$67,000 in funding to share with your fire company or association!

**www.msfa.org**

**Application due by April 11, 2014.**

(Spend a minimum of \$600 and receive \$500 back from the MSFA Fire Prevention grant program. Checks will be made out to the company of which your purchases were made.)



**MSFA HALL OF FAME and MARBURY F. GATES SERVICE CUP AWARD NOMINATIONS are due by**

**April 15, 2014**

to

**C. Danny Carpenter III  
1106 Cornwall Dr.  
LaPlata, MD 20646**



**LAMSFA SPRING CONFERENCE**  
Saturday, April 5, 2014  
held at the  
**KENT ISLAND  
AMERICAN LEGION**



Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products

include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces.

- Have your home heating systems; furnace, chimneys and vents inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.
- Never use portable generators inside homes or garages, even if doors and windows are open. Use generators outside only, far away from the home.
- Never bring a charcoal grill into the house for heating or cooking. Do not barbeque in the garage.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Open the fireplace damper before lighting a fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool. An open damper may help prevent build-up of poisonous gases inside the home.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms or CO alarms with battery backup in your home outside separate sleeping areas.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911.

UNITED STATES CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

**RECALLS**



**Name of product recall:** Candle Ring - Pine Berry by Yankee Candle Company— **Hazard:** The candle rings synthetic foliage and berries are flammable.



**Name of product recall:** Kenmore oscillating fan heaters SOLD BY Sears and KMART— **Hazard:** Broken motor mounts can cause the units to overheat, catch fire, and ignite nearby items.



**Name of product:** Rayovac flashlights— **Hazard:** The flashlight can cause batteries to overheat and melt the flashlight's plastic casing.

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**Upcoming MSFA CONVENTIONS**

**June 14—20, 2014  
June 20—26, 2015**

**Have you booked your hotel yet?**







**MSFA AWARD NOMINATIONS  
DUE SOON!**

*Now is the time to acknowledge your active members by nominating them for the MSFA Awards for which they may be eligible.*



- Hall of Fame**
- Honey Award**
- Instructor of the Year**
- Scholarship**
- Fire Prevention & Silver Spring Award**
- Family Appreciation Award**
- Zembower Training Award**
- Firefighter of the Year**
- Robert Shimer Administrator of the Year**

- Rookie of the Year**
- Gladhill-Thompson (Act of Heroism)**
- Colburn Cup Award (Act of Heroism)**
- Marbery Gates 50 Year Service Award**
- Bob Shimer Administrator of the Year**
- Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year**
- C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year**
- Smith Stathem Safety Award**

The Joint MSFA and LAMSFA Fire Prevention meeting will be held on Sunday February 16th at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department. The LAMSFA meeting will begin at 10 A.M. immediately followed by the MSFA Fire Prevention meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear the latest fire prevention information in Maryland. This is a very informational meeting with representatives from the Fire Marshal's office, Risk Watch, info on smoke alarms, grants, and more! Please join us!

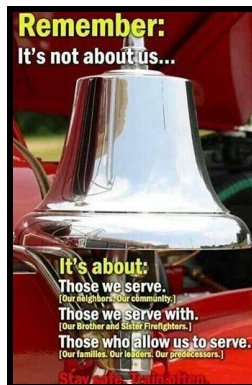


**LAMSFA AWARDS:**

- Safety Project**
- Hall of Fame**
- Honey Award**
- Fire Prevention Projects**
- Silver Spring Nominees**
- Jane Todd Nominees**

Fire Prevention Nominations and projects due to Jane Huffman by April 5th

**Thanks**  
Thank you to Patti Kidwell for presenting all of the wonderful work performed by our fire companies during the holidays! From Santa Runs and Santa Luncheons, to providing toys and food for needy families, to visiting wounded soldiers away from home, and just plain giving their hearts to those in need. That is what LIFE is all about. SHARING, LOVING, ENCOURAGING, and trying to make someone's day a little brighter! MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!



Please go to the AACVFA website and sign up to help with the AACVFA St. Patty's Bull & Oyster Roast on March 15th! Or contact John Long and he will sign you up. Even an hour of your time will be greatly appreciated! We need everyone's help at this fundraiser!

**Don't forget Valentine's Day is around the corner!  
February 14th**

