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Rawlings Hosts Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire And Rescue Association

The meeting of the Alle-
gany Garrett Counties Vol-
unteer Fire and Rescue As-
sociation was called to order
by President Dick Devore
on Sunday, October 1, 2017
at Rawlings
The Association was wel-
comed by Wes Foor, Chief.

Twenty companies and
eight Past Presidents were
in attendance. Guests in-
cluded: Pam Kyle, Presi-
dent Christian Firefighters,
Barbara Corbin PP LA AG-
CVFRA, Commissioner
Bill Valentine Allegany

County, Delegate Mike
McKay.

The end of daylight-
saving time will fall on
Sunday, Nov. 5,
at 2 a.m.

Information Sharing

MSFA: Executive Commit-
tee: the next meeting will be
December 2nd at Kent Island
Volunteer Fire Department

**Volunteer Company Assis-
tance Fund:** Dick DeVore
reported the next meeting
will be held at Potomac Fire
Company on October 29th.
Contact Dick for access to
the online application.

**Garrett County Associa-
tion:** Mike Simmons re-
ported that the next meeting
would be held November
29th at Bittering at 1930
hours.

**Allegany County Emer-
gency Services Board**
Dick DeVore reported that
the Rocky Gap funds have
been distributed. For the 508
Funds, you must submit in-
voices to the County for them
to pay. If your company still
has funds in a 508 account,
you must spend those funds
first. These funds can be
used for capitol purchases

such as vehicle payments or
building payments.

Fire Prevention: Saturday,
October 14th on the Down-
town Cumberland Mall be-
ginning at 1000 hours.
There will be no apparatus
display this year, just tables
and demonstrations.

Scholarship Committee:
Rod Bowser reported that
Cresaptown Fire Depart-
ment donated \$330, pro-
ceeds from the competition
at the fairgrounds.

**Special Awards and Rec-
ognition:** Mike Simmons
reminded everyone that
when you give awards at
your banquet, make sure
you submit these names to
AGCVFRA and MSFA for
convention.

**LODD Memorial Commit-
tee:** Rod Bowser reported
that the Garrett County
LODD Memorial is com-
pleted and will be dedicated

on October 15th at 1500
hours. It is located at the
Visitors Center at McHenry.
Everyone is invited to at-
tend.

Ways and Means: Gary
Carpenter reported that Me-
morial Bricks to be located
around the LODD Memori-
als in both Garrett County
and Allegany County are
currently on sale. For a 4x8
brick with a maximum of 3
lines of print with a maxi-
mum of 18 characters on
each line for a minimum
donation of \$25. Contact
Gary Carpenter at 301-268-
4041 or Rod Bowser at 301-
746-5576 to design and per-
sonalize your brick.

Past Presidents: Mary Carr
reported that the Past Presi-
dent's Christmas Party
would be held at Hobos on
November 18th at 1800
hours. A Brown Bag Auc-
tion will be held.

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*Autumn is the season
of change.
~Taoist proverb*

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Maryland State Fire-
men's Association Ex-
ecutive Committee—
December 2nd, Kent
Island Fire Company**
- **A. Mike Walters Prayer
Breakfast—November
4th, Barton Hose Co**
- **AGCVFRA - November
5th, 1400 hrs, hosted by
Ellerslie VFC.**
- **Garrett County Fire
Rescue Association—
November 29th 1930
hrs—Bittering**



2017 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants Announced

45 Volunteer Fire Departments in 17 Counties to Receive \$102,548 in Grant Funding

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service announced the 2017 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants to 45 volunteer fire departments across the state. The projects are to be funded in 17 Maryland counties to assist volunteer fire companies to enhance wildland fire protection in rural communities.

This year 66 Volunteer Fire Departments from 19 counties applied for funding assistance with \$512,256 in projects. The Maryland Forest Service awarded grant funds to 45 fire departments for \$102,548 in match funding to complete \$232,663 in total project cost. The maximum grant awarded was \$3,000 per department. The Federal Grant funds are provided by the USDA Forest Service.

Barton Hose Co 1	Allegany	\$6,149	\$3,000
Bowmans Addition VFC	Allegany	\$1,320	\$660
District 16 VFD	Allegany	\$6,002	\$3,000
Eastern Garrett Co VFRD	Garrett	\$10,000	\$3,000
Ellerslie VFC	Allegany	\$6,000	\$3,000
Good Willl VFC 1	Allegany	\$7,095	\$3,000
Kitzmiller VFD	Garrett	\$6,324	\$3,000
Mt. Savage VFD	Allegany	\$1,953	\$976
Oldtown VFD	Allegany	\$6,300	\$3,000
Orleans VFC	Allegany	\$2,246	\$1,123
Shaft VFD	Allegany	\$5,940	\$2,970

Fellowship of Christian Firefighters – Mary Carr reported that next meeting would be Saturday, October 7th at Barton Hose. The November meeting will be November 4th at PG County starting at 1000 hours.

By-Laws – Robert Knippenburg reported that no changes have been submitted

Fire Chaplains ó Dick DeVore reported: Recent survey of 4,000 EMS providers revealed that almost 3,000 have had thoughts of suicide and/or attempted suicide.

Insurance & Benefits – John Shuhart reported that for an increase in payments of about \$500 per year that the length of benefits paid could be dou-

bled. The association voted to approve the increase.

Information Technology—Jonathan Dayton reported on a training opportunity: **RELEASING THE REINS - The Art of Succession Planning**

Every organization has a leader, or leaders, who has worked hard to create the environment the membership enjoys. What happens when it becomes time for that leader to move on or retire? Without a solid succession plan, leadership within the organization will become a vacuum. Join Chief Collins as he guides you through the art of identifying future leaders, developing those individuals, and understanding the process of releasing the reins at a rate the emerging leader can handle for maximum success. This isn't an overnight process; it takes strategy, com-

mitment, and time. Knowing when to hold back and when to release is an art, not a science. There is no one failsafe development strategy that works for all people; therefore, existing leaders must be willing to allow for failure within a safe environment. Through humor, partnership, and understanding, expand your knowledge to develop your team into a sustaining force that meets each obstacle that confronts them, whether you remain the leader or have moved on to other pastures. This seminar offering will include discussions on the following key aspects of succession planning:

Basic strategic planning
Key features of succession planning
Building blocks of delegation
Mentorship

Understanding, overcoming, and working through fear
Change management
Building an exit strategy

When: December 1 - 3, 2017
Where: Ocean City, MD
Dec. 1 – 6pm-9pm - Introductions and dinner at Ocean City 15th St. fire station

Dec. 2&3 – 9am-3pm at Holiday Inn, 17th Street
Sponsored and hosted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association Recruitment and Retention Committee

There are funds available from a SAFER grant for expenses incurred attending this training.



Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
 University of Maryland
 Western Maryland Regional Training Center
 Post Office Box 5153
 13928 Hazmat Drive
 Cresaptown, MD 21502-5153

Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County (note: may not reflect entire schedule)

Report Date: October 1, 2017

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
Firefighter I	-	WMRTC	8/22/17	T/Sat	17	Active
EMT	-	WMRTC	8/21/17	W/Sun	22	Active
Firefighter II	-	GCTTC	9/5/17	T/Sat	(2)	Canceled
Trench Rescue	-	Gorman	9/9/17	Sat	(3)	Canceled
Instructor I	-	LaVale	9/10/17	Sun	(7)	Canceled
Truck Co. Ops	-	Deep Creek	9/12/17	T/Sat	13	Active
Fire Officer I	-	Midland	9/21/17	M/Thur	(4)	Canceled
Instructor I	-	Grantsville	9/27/17	M/W	11	Active
EVO	-	Cresaptown	10/7/17	Sat	(31)	Full / Active
Aerial Apparatus Operator	FIRE-114-S001-2018	Deep Creek	10/10/17	T/Sat	(17)	Open / Active
Haz Mat Technician	HM-201-S003-2018	Shaft	10/14/17	Sat	(17)	Open / Active
*EMT Refresher	<i>EMS-203-S002-2018</i>	<i>GCTTC</i>	<i>11/4/17</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>(7)</i>	<i>Open</i>
Instructor II	MGMT-210-S002-2018	Grantsville	11/8/17	M/W	(14)	Open / Active

Notes:

1. Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students
2. *red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start
3. OOS represents students from out of state



Additional Information

1. Preregister online at <http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/schedule.cgi?S=Online> for the following training opportunities:
 - EMT Refresher (12 hour) – September 1
2. Potential interest in having an open house at MFRI. More to follow.
3. The student textbook policy has changed. Approval officers will see a choice to approve students with departmental purchase, approve students without departmental purchase, or disapprove students.
4. Funding for the renovation project was not approved for this budget cycle. We hope for more promising news next legislative year.



Region I MIEMSS Update October 2017

Protocol Update / Not Taken Lists

EMS Protocol Update for 2017 is active, should have taken the session by July 1, 2017. A copy for company drills is still available and can be requested from the regional office. Providers will once again receive a pocket protocol, please see your jurisdictions highest EMS official.

Not Taken Lists have been provided to the jurisdictions, **letters from the Region I EMS Council will go out in beginning of October to providers that have not taken their protocol update informing them they can no longer practice in Region I until they have completed the update.**

MIEMSS Licensure System

Every provider (EMR, EMT, CRT, and Paramedic) before their recertification date must sign on to the licensure system, under the applications tab select renewal to start the recertification process.

Providers can view their total credit hours towards recertification by going to training and clicking on reports. To view individual classes use the drop down date selection, click on the go button, then click on the small PDF button above the date drop down boxes.

Everything that a provider needs to do such as reinstatement application, application for initial certification, extension request, and change of address etc. should be done on this site.

Affiliations are now being done through the licensure system.

The Licensure System is accessed by going to www.miemss.org and clicking on the large red provider login button at the bottom right of the screen. If anyone has trouble getting on the system they should call 1-800-762-7157 ask for Licensure & Certification.

EMS Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Region I EMS Hall of Fame, please see nomination form for details

50/50 Matching AED Grants

Companies wishing to submit for a 50/50 matching grant must have their applications submitted to the Region I office by Monday October 16. Applications will be made available at meetings or by calling the Region I office.

Upcoming events

Ambulance inspections Garrett County October 3rd, Allegany County October 4th

Region I EMS Council –Oct 19, 7pm, Place-Frostburg Ambulance Building

Miltenberger 2018 March 9,10 Rocky Gap

Dwayne Kitis, work: 301-895-5934, cell: 410-350-1368, email: dkitis@miemss.org

MIEMSS Region I EMS Hall of Fame

Earlier this year the MIEMSS Region I Office introduced Dr. William May and Dr. Frederick Miltenberger as the first 2 inductees into the Region I EMS Hall of Fame. The Region I EMS Council will bestow this prestigious honor on people who have served in our great Regional (Allegany and Garrett Counties) Emergency Medical Services System.

Nominees must have served at least 10 years in our EMS system in any capacity including but not limited to: EMS provider, EMS educator, EMS Facilitator, EMS Administrator, Medical Director, EMS Council member, and EMS company officer or elected official.

Since the Regional EMS Council may not know the specifics of your nominee, please include all pertinent information in this nomination form or by attaching to this nomination form the related documentation on why your nominee should receive this great honor. Nominations must be received no later than January 17, 2018 to be considered for the 2018 induction at the Miltenberger Seminar on March 10.

MIEMSS Region I EMS Hall of Fame

Nominees Name _____	Address _____
Phone Number _____	Provider Level _____
Affiliated Service _____	Nominated By _____
_____	Nominator _____
Address _____	Phone Number _____

Pertinent Information Concerning this Nominee:



MILTENBERGER EMERGENCY SERVICES SEMINAR
STELLER SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY



Night for Stars



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



- 8" x 10" recognition on display at ceremony
- 6 guest tickets to ceremony



- 5" x 7" recognition on display at ceremony
- 4 guest tickets to ceremony



- 4" x 6" recognition on display at ceremony
- 2 guest tickets to ceremony



- 2.5" x 4" recognition on display at ceremony

PLATINUM GOLD SILVER BRONZE OTHER

Department Name: _____
mailing address: _____
Contact Name: _____ Contact phone: _____
Contact email: _____

Thank you for your generous donation. Please mail your completed form and check made payable to the
Region I Emergency Services Education Council , P.O. Box 113, Frostburg, MD 21532.

Please email your department logo to dkitis@miemss.org ,

placing the word SPONSOR in the subject field no later than Oct. 20, 2017.

**Mike McKay's Fall
Family FUNdraiser!**

**Sunday, October 29
At 4 PM—6 PM**

**Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Co
15010 Baltimore Pike NE
Cumberland, MD 21502**

**EVENT IS FREE but tickets are
required.**

**Donations to campaign will be ac-
cepted at door.**

**For fundraiser information and tick-
ets call 301-697-2622 or email:
team.mckay.district1c@gmail.com**

Corporate Sponsorships are available:

\$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50

Please make checks payable to:

Citizens to Elect Mike McKay

407 Washington Street

Cumberland, MD 21502

**Authority Citizens to Elect Mike McKay—Jeremy
Bender Treasurer**

Corriganville VFD

2017 Holiday Bash

December 2nd

11amô 5pm

Good Will Fire Company

LuLaRoe Bingo

November 12th—2pm

Mt. Savage Fire Department

Cash Bash—October 14th

Steak Dinner—October 22nd

Turkey Dinner—November 12th

Breakfast w/Santa—December 17th



IN MEMORY



Beulah L. Moon, Bittinger VFD Auxiliary

Alice J. Brenneman, Bittinger VFD Auxiliary

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Spaghetti Dinner
Good Will Fire
Company
First Friday of
each month
4pm-6pm
Fireman's Armory
in Lonaconing



Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company
All you can eat chicken wings
Fridays—3pm
October 13
November 10
December 8

Gun & Cash Bash
Bittinger Volunteer Fire Dept
Saturday October 28th
Garrett County Fairgrounds
Tickets \$25.00 each
Guest \$20.00
Need not be present to win

Flintstone VFC

Nov 4 150 Club

Bowling Green VFD
Bingo Every Friday Night

Midland Firemen's Tavern
WINGS Wednesdays
starting at 1700 hours.

Eastern Garrett Co. V.F.R.D.
Spaghetti Dinners
2nd Saturday each month
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adults: \$7.00
Children: \$3.50
Turkey Dinners
4th Sunday of:
March— April—September

Flintstone Auxiliary
Hoagie/Salad Sale
Order by date: Pick up date:
Oct 27 Oct 31

Barton Ladies Auxiliary
Public Dinners
2nd Tuesday of the month
From 3:00 pm to 6:30
Cook books for sale: 301-697-0923

Midland Fire Company
Chicken Dinner
October 20th
November 18th
4:00 to 6:30 pm
or sold out

Oakland Vol. Fire Dept.
GUN and CASH BASH
November 4th
Doors open 11 am

MIDLAND FIRE COMPANY GUN BASH
Saturday, November 11th 1 to 6 pm
Food and beverages included - Tickets \$20 - See members or tavern for tickets



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**Getting to the call safely is
the most important job you
have!
Buckle up!
Remember
Everyone Goes Home!**

FACT

! CO deaths associated with generators have spiked in recent years as generator sales have risen.

Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin. If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.



- If your home has experienced flooding, it's important to keep your power off until a professional electrician has inspected your entire home for safety, including appliances. Water can damage the internal components in electrical appliances like refrigerators, washing machines and dryers, and cause shock and fire hazards. Have a qualified electrician come visit your home and determine what electrical equipment should be replaced and what can be reconditioned.
- If you smell gas in your home or neighborhood, notify emergency authorities immediately. Do not turn on lights, light matches or engage in any activity that could create a spark.
- Treat all downed wires as if they are live even if you don't see any sparks, and especially if there is standing water nearby. Alert authorities immediately if you see downed wires in your area.

In the event that electricity may not be available to your home yet and **you have not experienced any water in your home**, generators are a viable option to power some of your small appliances. However, if used improperly they also pose a fire hazard, risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and electrocution.

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

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