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Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Program Now Scholarship

Maryland Higher Education Commission: The Charles W. Riley scholarship is designed to provide funding for fire, ambulance and rescue squad members to receive a degree or certificate in fire or EMS disciplines. This program is available to Maryland residents who have been actively engaged as a Maryland career or volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue squad member for at least one year. The scholarship provides at least 50% of mandatory tuition and fees at

eligible institutions for programs in fire service technology, emergency medical technology, fire service management, or public safety administration with a minor or concentration in fire service technology or fire service management. As long as a recipient maintains eligibility, the award is annually renewed up to a maximum of 5 years for students attending full-time and 8 years for part-time. Students will be required to serve as a fire, ambulance or rescue squad member for at

least one year following completion of the degree. For more information concerning the Charles W. Riley Scholarship program, including application and eligibility requirements, please visit: http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialaid/programdescriptions/prog_fire.asp or contact the Maryland Higher Education Commission Office of Student Financial assistance at (410)767-2200.

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OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL RECRUITING

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is currently seeking applicants for the position of Deputy State Fire Marshal I, a sworn law enforcement position. A Deputy State Fire Marshal I enforces State laws in the field of fire prevention, fire investigation, and fire inspection.

POSITION DUTIES:

A Deputy State Fire Marshal I is the entry level of work in the enforcement of State laws in the field of fire prevention, fire investigation and fire inspection. As a Deputy Fire Marshal I, you will serve the citizens of Maryland by:

- Providing fire safety inspections to business and multi-family occupancies.
- Enforcing State fire safety laws.
- Determining the origin and cause of fires.
- Investigating arson fires and arresting those responsible.
- Providing fire safety information

For information visit website: firemarshal.mdsp.org
Click on "Careers" then,
Click on: Deputy State Fire Marshal I

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee—September 19-20, Sandy Spring VFD**
- **A. Mike Walters Prayer Breakfast—October 3rd, 0830 hrs—Barton**
- **AGCVFRA - October 4th, 1400 hrs, hosted by Bloomington**
- **Garrett County Fire Rescue Association—September 30th—1930 hrs—Accident**



Training....

[Rural Water Supply Seminar](#)

This two-day seminar will cover the following subject area's:

Designing a shuttle Apparatus considerations
Pre-Incident planning
Fill site setup
Dump site setup
Sample testing of dump rates and fill rates Re-lay Pumping

Location: MFRI Western Maryland Regional Training Center
PO Box 5153
Cresaptown, MD 21502

Date: September 19, 2015 - September 20, 2015
Times: 08:30 - 15:30
Fee: There is no charge for this program.
Seating priority will be given to Maryland residents.

[Hoarding and the Fire Service](#)

Calendar: Training
Start Date: 10/06/2015
End Date: 10/06/2015
Location: MFRI Western Maryland Regional Training Center
Duration: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

This presentation will increase the awareness of hoarding in our communities and the dangers to firefighters associated with their response to fires in these structures.

Location: MFRI Western Maryland Regional Training Center

PO Box 5153

Cresaptown, MD 21502

Date: October 6, 2015

Times: 18:30 - 20:00

Fee: There is no charge for this program.

Seating priority will be given to Maryland residents

deaths through best practices.ö

SHSS said they are proud to be part of the new report.

öEach year firefighters are still being killed and injured while responding to an emergency while driving a non-emergency vehicle,ö said Chief Scott D. Kerwood, chair, SHSS. öTheir own private vehicle is not designed or equipped to operate like a fire apparatus, yet many firefighters continue to operate as though it was. This new document will help

departments develop policies and procedures to address the response their firefighters apply when using their own private vehicles.”

NVFC Chair Kevin D. Quinn said, “We are pleased to partner with the IAFC’s VCOS and SHSS on the POV response paper. Safety is a top priority for the NVFC, and we need to educate fire departments and volunteer emergency responders on the issues surrounding POV response and what they need to do to prevent tragedy. By working together, we can enhance the health and safety of the boots-on-the-ground firefighter.”

IAFC, NVFC Release Report on POV Safety for ESO Responses

Guide Aims to Help Departments Minimize Injuries and Deaths while Using Privately Owned Vehicles

The IFCA and the National Volunteer Fire Council NVFC released Let’s Make a Difference: Best practices to minimize injuries and deaths while using privately owned vehicles (POV) for ESO responses, , a report exploring best practices for responders using privately owned vehicles (POV) for emergency-service organization (ESO) responses. It offers model policies and recommended procedures fire departments can adopt to minimize injuries and deaths while responders are using their own vehicles during emergencies. The report is a joint effort of the IAFC’s Volunteer and Combi

nation Officers Section (VCOS), its Safety, Health and Survival Section (SHSS) and the NVFC. ö It is common practice for volunteers of ESOs to respond to the station (and in some instances to an incident location) using their POV,ö the report states. öMany departments rely on a POV deployment model mainly out of necessity.ö According to the U.S. Fire Administration, 52 volunteer/paid-on-call firefighters have been killed since 2003responding to or returning from calls in POVs. Of the activity types defined, the highest percentage

(13.4%) of volunteer fatalities is related to POV responses. In addition, 32.1% of those killed in POV responses were 21 years of age or younger.

öDuring the Tampa2 conference in 2014, the information that showed firefighter injuries and deaths resulting from POV accidents jumped off the screen and grabbed my attention,ö said Chief Dan Eggleston, a member of the VCOS board of directors and primary author of the report. öAt that moment, many of us shared a sense of urgency and duty to act to educate our responders on ways to eliminate injuries or



IN MEMORY



Patricia A. Bowser, Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Northern Garrett County Volunteer Rescue Squad, and Past President Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association

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

Midland Fire Company
Gun Bash

Saturday, October 24th

1 pm—6 pm

Food and beverages

Extra Gun Raffles

Tickets \$20

Available from members
or at Firemen's Tavern

Good Will Fire Company
Gun Bash
September 19th
See any member for tickets

Roast Beef Dinner
Baltimore Pike Fire Company
October 17th—1600 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

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Bittering Volunteer
Fire Department

176 Brenneman Rd | Bittering, MD
301-245-4414



Saturday October 24th, 2015
Dine-In 5pm-8pm or until sold out



Wing Flavors	Dine-In
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain • Mild • Hot • "Big Dens" BBQ • Old Bay • Butter n Garlic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 Adults • \$5 Kids 12 Under • AYCE fresh cut fries • <i>Drinks avail to purchase</i> • <i>Take Out Orders 4pm-8pm</i> • \$0.70 per wing • \$2.00 Fries

For take out orders call— 301-245-4414

Spaghetti Dinner

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

Midland Fire Company

Thursdays
Doors open at 5



Early Bird quickie at 6
Games at 7
3 Jackpots

Kitchen open—serving
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Fries, and Coffee

Cash Bash
Mt. Savage/Frostburg VFD

Saturday, October 10
1330—1800 hrs

\$20 Ticket - \$10 Guest at the door
I.D. Required at the door.
Free food and Beverages all day.
Additional raffles through the day.
Early Birds pulled 12pm - 1pm.
Must be present to win the Early bird.
Need not be present to win ticket prizes.



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**Getting to the call safely is
the most important job you
have!**

Buckle up!

Remember

Everyone Goes Home!

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Carbon Monoxide Safety...



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. It has no odor. CO gas is poisonous. It can make a person feel sick and can be deadly. In the home, heating and cooking devices that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

CO ALARMS

- *CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. It is best to use interconnected alarms. When one sounds, all CO alarms in the home sound.
- *Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- *Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- *Replace CO alarms according to the instructions on the package.
- *Know the sounds the CO alarm makes. It will sound if CO is detected. It will make a different sound if the battery is low or if it is time to get a new CO alarm.
- *If the battery is low, replace it.
- *If the CO alarm sounds, you must get fresh air. Move outdoors, by an open window or near an open door. Make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call the fire department from a fresh air location. Stay there until help arrives.

PREVENT CO POISONING

- *When warming a vehicle, move it out of the garage. Do not run a fueled engine indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked. Clear snow away.
- *During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- *Clear all debris from dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace vents.
- *A generator should be used outdoors. Use in a well-ventilated location away from windows, doors, and vent openings.
- *Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO. Only use them outside.
- *Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- *Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- *Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.

FACT!

CO is called the invisible killer because the gas cannot be seen or smelled. Take action to stay safe from CO poisoning