

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association

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Want to Honor a Fellow Firefighter With a CVVFA Resolution? See Your State Director

There are many members of our Association that deserve to be recognized at the CVVFA Annual Convention. State Directors are responsible for submitting Recommendations to the Resolutions Committee. Members who wish to recommend that a member receive a Resolution should complete the downloadable application, complete the information and obtain the support of a CVVFA Director. Please use the attached CVVFA Resolution Request Form to gather information about any person or persons from your state you would like to have the CVVFA recognize at the annual Installation Banquet during Convention. Members may also check with your state & county organizations to see if they have individuals they may also be recognizing. Please be sure the persons belong to the CVVFA however they may still receive a Resolution if they join the CVVFA prior to the Convention Banquet. There is no limit to the number of Resolutions a member may request. However please do not request a Resolution for someone the CVVFA previously recognized at an earlier Convention unless it is deserved for a different accomplishment or achievement. 50 Year Members of the CVVFA automatically receive a Resolution but if there is additional wording to enhance the Resolution simply advise the Recording Secretary with that information. The Resolution Committee does not contact individuals or family members to gather information. There is no prohibition against members, officers and directors contacting family members or fire departments to obtain background. Final date for submitting requests for Resolutions is the May meeting. Remember this procedure is for Resolutions only and is not to be confused or combined with the E. Wade Thomas Member of the Year Award. Complete and Mail Resolution Requests to Joseph W. Bukowski 134 Brookside Blvd. Newark DE 19713-2623

E-Mail Requests at Jwbukowskiaol.com

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29 Dec 2008

Convention Program Book Sponsors- NOW is the Time to Reserve Your Space

Now is the time to be sure your message appears in the 2009 CVVFA Convention Program Book. Sponsorships are available from a full page to patron listing. Publicity Manager Bob Timko pledges this this year the program book will be bigger and better than any book published before. The book is a great way to honor your company or association a fellow CVVFA member living or deceased or tell readers about your business. Convention Programs record the history of our Association. Don't be left out of this year's book. [CLICK ON THE TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE AND DOWNLOAD THE SPONSORSHIP FORM](#)

20 Nov 2008

Past President Alt Feeling Better

Past President Harry Alt of the Keyser WV Fire Department continues to feel better as he recovers from recent surgery. Harry says he is taking it easy. According to Harry his recliner is his new best friend. Harry is always happy to hear from his fire service friends and looks forward to returning to his duties as CVVFA West Virginia Director.

26 Oct 2008

New Creek VFD Air/Light Unit Big Hit at Keyser Booster Meeting

New Creek FD of Mineral County WV previewed their newly acquired 1998 SpartanLexington AirLightElectrical Unit at the CVVFA Booster Meeting in Keyser. The apparatus was acquired from Marcus Hook PA and specially outfitted to meet the needs of a rural fire district. The Unit is listed as a FEMA Resource due to the amount of air on board a six bottle 6000psi cascade system and a 33.3 CFM Macco compressor. A 85K Oran generator powers a 28ft light tower. The Unit also carries light duty rescue tools ventilation and forcible entry equipment. The apparatus also has a RIT bag.ppUnder the direction of Assistant Fire Chief Dustin Amtower New Creek retrofitted the Air Unit with NFPA 1901-2008 compliant apparatus marking along with cones and high visibility vests. The apparatus marking exceeds the new requirements as striping is installed inside the compartment doors and on the front bumper. Following best practices Assistant Chief Amtower has ongoing training for all New Creek Firefighters on the proper wearing of traffic vests and how to safely deploy traffic control devices. Neither New Creek or any of its mutual aid companies have limited access highway or in fact any divided highways. They do respond to a number of motor vehicle incidents on rural roads where visibility is limited and drivers are often speeding. New Creek is an example of a proactive fire department concerned about the safety of their personnel while working on the roadway. NCVFD is a proud member of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Association. Click on title of this article or the camera icon for more photos.

25 Oct 2008

2009 Convention Agenda Published

The Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark Delaware published the Agenda for the 108th Annual Convention July 29 30 31st and August 1 2009. The Convention celebrates Aetnas 30th year of affiliation with the CVVFA and CVVFA President Jerry Daniels an Aetna Life Member. Click on the title of this article and download the convention schedule. The Convention Room Block is open at the Sleep Inn in Newark. Click on EventMeeting News tab of the left for this information.

15 Oct 2008

Visit the CVVFA Store That Never Closes

Dont have a shirt to put on your back No ball cap to keep that bald spot from getting sunburned No job because you don't have a job shirt Not to worry all you have to do is see your friendly CVVFA Haberdasher Past President Bob Cumberland manager of the Associations New On Line Store. Bob who has been dubbed the Fashion Plate of the CVVFA and his trusty fitting room associate Lou Jordon have the latest stock of high quality Association logo merchandise to dress even the most discriminating CVVFA Member of either gender.

If you are tired of wearing clothing purchased from your local farmers market or your neighbors yard sale its time to step up and dress for success in the fire service by clicking on the CVVFA Store tab to the left of this article. As Bob is fond of saying You're going to like how you look at the CVVFA Store.

06 Oct 2008

Booster Meeting Weekend In Keyser WV October 18-19, 2008

Make your plans to attend the Fall Booster Meeting Weekend in Keyser WV October 18-19 2008. The weekend begins with an offering of the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute's newest course Public Safety Flagging taught by Chief Allen Baldwin of the PA Turnpike. This course begins at 900 AM at the Keyser High School. Learn how to keep yourself and your fellow responders safe when you are given the command to control traffic at a highway scene. Members wishing to be presenters or assistants in future offerings are encouraged to take this course. The course is open to all members of the public safety community as well as DOT and towing and recovery personnel. Saturday night will feature fellowship with members and families. Sunday activities begin at noon with a Luncheon followed by the meeting. Full information on hotel location may be found by clicking on the Meeting Events tab on the left side of the CVVFA Home Page.

Charlie and Vivian Myers Honored at PA Convention

Charlie and Vivian Myers received significant awards at the 129th Annual Convention of the Firemens Association of the State of Pennsylvania FASP and the 95th annual Ladies Auxiliary convention held in Gettysburg during the last week of September. Charlie received the James Miller A Memorial Award for the Firefighter of the Year Award the highest honor bestowed by the Association. Charlie was FASP President in 2001. In addition he received the Presidents Dinner Award at the Annual Past Presidents Banquet. Charlie retired from Hoffman Mills in Shippensburg PA after working on the night shift for 45 years. In 1965 he began working part time at Fogelsanger Bricker Funeral Home where he is still employed. Charlie began his firefighting career in 1960 as a wildland firefighter. He is a life member and Chief Emeritus of the Vigilant Hose Company 1 of Shippensburg. Charlie served as President of the Cumberland County Volunteer Firemens Association for 18 years. Currently he serves as a fire police officer. He was appointed PA Forrest Fire Warden in 1975. Vivian Myers served as President of the State Ladies Auxiliary Association. She received the FASP Ladies Auxiliary Woman of the Year Award presented to her service in working on the banquet committee and in many other roles in the Auxiliary. Vivian is Life Skills Aid at the James Burd School in Shippensburg where she has worked for 23 years. Her current duties include working with special needs children. Vivian is a member of Vigilant Hose and a member of the Auxiliary. Both Vivian and Charlie are very active members of the CVVFA. Charlie served two terms as President in 1989 and 1993. Charlie and Vivian seldom miss an event especially a parade. The break up area at Gettysburg found the two talking with friends from all corners of the Commonwealth. Members like the Myers are what make the CVVFA a great organization.

29 Sep 2008

Chief Baldwin Promoted to Turnpike Incident Director

CVVFA Instructor and member of the Emergency Responder Safety Institute Chief Allen Baldwin is the new Director of Operations Safety and Incident Response for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Allen has a long career in the fire service that includes service as a volunteer in Monroeville PA and currently as an Assistant Chief in Gettysburg Fire Department. He has also served as a career chief in Chambersburg PA FD. Allen serves as the lead instructor of local offerings of the CVVFA courses and is well known in the Mid-Atlantic area for his work in highway incident scene safety. Because of his commitment to the CVVFA Allen arranged for various photo shoots to take place on the PA Turnpike over the last few years to record Best Practices in Traffic Incident Management. Allen is another example of the high caliber membership of the CVVFA. Official announcement from George M. Hatalowich Chief Operating Officer PA Turnpike Commission

I am pleased to announce that effective Friday Allen W. Baldwin has been promoted to Director of Operations Safety & Incident Response as a result of the reorganization of this department. This reorganization was one of the recommendations made by the State Auditor General's compliance audit of the Commission's safety response and operations. Allen will be a direct report to me and the new department was restructured to encompass the operations center safety emergency response PSP ITS and network control. Allen has been with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission since March 2001 and has an extensive background in emergency services safety and incident response. Before coming to the Commission he served as the Fire and Emergency Services Chief for Chambersburg Pennsylvania and is a graduate of the Community College of Allegheny County. He has been a dedicated employee who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Commission and I look forward to working with him. Allen resides in Gettysburg with his wife Julie and son Ryan.

24 Sep 2008

Past President Alt Recovering

Past President Harry Alt current WV Director of the Keyser WV Fire Department is resting at home following brain surgery to remove malignant lesions. Harry returned home from the Denver CO area where he was teaching Highway Incident Management for the CVVFA and fell ill. He is expected to recover fully. Past President Alt is one of the most active members of the Association. He chairs the Scholarship Committee. Harry retired after a long career as an instructor and assistant principal in the Mineral County WV School district. Excellent medical care and the prayers of many members have assisted in getting Harry home and on the road to recovery.

01 Sep 2008

CVVFA Awarded \$172,700 Fire Grant

WASHINGTON D.C. - Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin both D-Md. and Congressman Roscoe Bartlett R-Md. today announced the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association CVVFA in Hagerstown has been awarded a 172700 Fire Prevention and Safety FPS grant. The CVVFA received a similar grant in 2007 to educate the fire service about the National Unified Goal on Traffic Incident Management NUG. The first element of the NUG is Responder Safety. The CVVFA reaches the fire service community through its website a <http://www.respondersafety.com> the authoritative source on protecting emergency responders working on the highway.

01 Sep 2008

FASNY Congratulates CVVFA

First Vice President David Jacobowitz of the Firemens Association State of New York congratulated the CVVFA upon receiving the IAFC Goldfeder Award and the awarding of a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant from FEMA. In his email to the Association Vice President Jacobowitz said On behalf of FASNY I want to congratulate the CVVFA for your FEMA grant award and the winning of the Billy Goldfelder Award. Everyone involved in the CVVFA should be very proud of what your association has done for the fire service of the United States. Good luck and thank you

The CVVFA and FASNY joined forces several years ago when it became clear that a number of initiatives that both organizations have are very similar. FASNY and the CVVFA have exchanged memberships and FASNY hosted the Spring 2008 CVVFA Presidents Council in Hudson NY. Both the CVVFA and FASNY believe that fire service progress can be gained with strategic alliances when groups work together for the common good.

01 Sep 2008

CVVFA Receives Major Safety Award

Denver CO.

President Jerry Daniels accepted on behalf of the CVVFA the Chief Billy Goldfeder Organizational Safety Award from the International Association of Fire Chief's Health and Safety and Safety Section. This was an exciting moment for CVVFA members who were in the audience. It was truly a privilege for our association to receive the award from Billy G. himself. Our organization was nominated by Chief Dennis Compton from Arizona. In his nomination he spoke of the innovative history of our organization. Dennis spoke of us as an organization dedicated to innovative changes throughout our history. He lauded our efforts to make life a bit safer on the highways of our great nation. He went on to note that our efforts have made a difference at every level of government from the local right on up to the federal level. This is the second year in a row that our dedicated efforts which are designed to make life safer on the highways have been recognized at the national level. Last year we won the first-ever award of the Senator Paul Sarbanes Organizational Safety award which was presented to us by the Congressional Fire Service Institute. In addition to receiving the Goldfeder Award CVVFA members manned the Respondersafety.com tradeshow booth and presented a pre-conference seminar updating chief fire officers on the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management.

Dr. Harry Carter Editor Respondersafety.com contributed to this story.

05 Aug 2008

Aetna and Citizens Sweep Top Honors in Parade

Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE and Citizens Fire Company of Newport PA marched home with the trophies at the 107th Annual Convention Parade in Berkeley Springs. The famed Newport Drum and Bugle Corps provided stirring march music that reverberated off the hot pavement to the delight of the crowd. Keeping the beat was Aetna who like Newport are among the dwindling number of fire departments who believe that parades are for marching not for riding.

CVVFA members gathered at the end of the parade to await results with a fried chicken and hot dog lunch and lots of cold beverages. The complete prize list will be posted on this site. Click on the title of this story to see more photos.

01 Aug 2008

Meet Your New President Jerry Daniels

Jerry Daniels of the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE was installed as President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Association for 2007-2008. Jerry is a life member of Aetna and serves as Treasurer. An active responder the new President is a Fire Police Officer and can often be seen on the street protecting firefighters and the public. Jerry retired from the accounting field after a career with several businesses. He now uses his skills to help manage fire company finances. Jerry served as President of the New Castle County Division of the Delaware State Fire Police Association. He is actively involved in the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institutes training programs. Jerry and Donna have two children one a paramedic the other a firefighter. They enjoy spoiling their grandsons.

31 Jul 2008

Convention Extra-Members Gather in Berkeley Springs WV

Berkeley Springs WV July 31 2008. President Steve Flickinger called the 2008 annual CVVFA Convention today with over one hundred members in attendance. In his opening comments the President reported that the organization had become an influential voice in across the nation and urged the membership to continue to move the association's agenda. Following a series of reports by various officers and committee chairman the convention recessed for the annual memorial service officiated by Chaplain Barnhart and Assistant Chaplain Wharry. The association honored members and friends who died since the last convention. James Garcia a member of the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute from South Carolina was the keynote speaker. He focused on recent efforts to pass Slow Down Move Over legislation in his home state. Following afternoon business the Convention adjourned to enjoy an outstanding picnic at the festival grounds of neighbor Great CaCapon Volunteer Fire Company just over the mountain. The evening closed with the traditional informal block party outside the host hotel.

27 Jul 2008

Legal Counsel in a Vest-It's Not Another Lawyer Joke

CVVFA Legal Counsel Howard Scanner Cohen a member of the Pikesville MD Volunteer Fire Company and the Aetna H.H. & L. Company of Newark DE is shown at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident with injuries on I-695 Baltimore Beltway in Pikesville. Cohen the 2007 CVVFA Member of the Year is the author of EM Protecting Emergency Responders on the Highway. The White Paper is the rule and guide for the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute. Being in a leadership position in the fire service requires setting an example for others to follow. Most of the responders on the scene seem to be getting the CVVFA Message When your feet are on the street your vest is on your chest. You can bet the Court House that our attorney will be speaking to those who haven't yet accepted the challenge to be visible. Picture by Michael Schwartzberg Fire Photographer Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company.

30 Jun 2008

ANNUAL DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED-HAVE YOU PAID?

Dues notices have been mailed. Have you paid your dues There are a number of members who are delinquent as far back as 2006 and will be dropped from the rolls if not paid by 12-31-2008. Few organizations have a dues structure as reasonable as the CVVFA. At 5 per year per person and 15 for your organization membership in the Association is a great deal. The CVVFA has been able to hold down costs because loyal members pay their dues each year on time. Financial Secretary Steve McBee is waiting to hear from you. Pay your dues now. Questions Call or write Steve. His contact information is listed under the leadership tab to the left of this story.

29 May 2008

CVVFA MEMBERS CELEBRATE CONNOLLY HAHN WEDDING

Robyn Sheldon Connelly and Robert Pappy Hahn were married with a cast of hundreds of fire service members as witnesses including at least fifteen members of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Association. The bride is a Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemens Association. The groom is a Past President of the Delaware State Fire Police Association and a current Director of the CVVFA. The bride arrived at the wedding site at Battery Park on the Delaware River in historic New Castle Delaware on Chesapeake City MD VFC Engine 213. After the ceremony the newlyweds rode on the tail board of the restored Goodwill Fire Company Ahrens Fox through the streets of Old New Castle. The wedding party and their guests enjoyed a reception at Goodwill.

10 May 2008

WELCOME TO THE NEW CVVFA.ORG

One Hundred Seven years ago we counted on a penny post card and perhaps the telegraph to notify our members there was a meeting at hand. Just about 100 years later we recognized that you our members and friends wanted to know more about what your association was up to so we established CVVFA.org on the internet. We owe a lot to our first Webmaster Chris Hebert the Co-Founder of Firehouse.com who designed and hosted our early websites. Chris put us on line as they say and to this day provides valuable counsel in between his duties as a firefighter in Washington DC and as Publisher at Firehouse.com. We have come a long way. I am pleased to announce our completely redesigned web page with features our original members could never have dreamed of. Highlights include more photos a calendar and a newsletter feature all packaged in an easy to find format. Browse the site and I am sure you will be impressed. We chose the banner taken from a photo of an unidentified fire department using the railroad to transport hand and horse drawn apparatus for a mutual aid call. The picture represents our past as we were founded to do just that along the old Cumberland Valley Railroad. Coupled with our new mission statement just under the mast head Providing firefighters and emergency responders with training leadership and fraternalism for more than a century we know we are ready to serve you our members into the future. Write to us and tell us how you like the new look. Better yet come on out to a meeting training session or Convention and tell us in person. Fraternally Chief Steve Flickinger President Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Association