

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association

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Brian Yoder Emergency Responder Safety Institute Member Dies Suddenly

Brian Yoder age 40 of Sinking Springs PA died suddenly at his home. Brian a member of the Shillington PA Fire Department joined the CVVFA in 1999 while he was employed as a manager at Mifflin Valley Reflective Products. Through Brian the Association gained valuable knowledge about high visibility garments. He was named as a Charter Member of the Responder Safety Institute because of his expertise on these products. He arranged donations of vests and cash for our early training classes. Brian was an advocate for responder safety. His positive outlook and can do attitude will be missed. His contributions to making the CVVFA a national leader in roadway safety issues will long be remembered.

When it Rains it Pours-Citizens Fire Company of Newport PA Sloshes to Parade Victory

Mother Nature decided to end the summer long drought in central Pennsylvania just as the 110th Annual Convention Parade stepped off parading down the hill through the center of McConnellsburg. Nonetheless Citizens Fire Company of Newport PA struck up the band and marched their way to victory for the second consecutive year. Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE took second place with their marching unit and several pieces of equipment including their Pierce Rescue.ppmaintaining the tradition the host company provided hot dogs and drinks in the engine bay as prizes were awarded. The CVVFA has paraded at the annual convention since 1902.

CVVFA 110th Convention Parade Winners

Best Appearing Uniformed Fire Company with Music with 25 or more members

1st Place Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Cumberland Valley Hose Company of Shippensburg PA
Citizens Fire Company 1 of Newport PA

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Steve and Peg Flickinger of Newport PA in memory of Past President H.M. Flickinger Jr. Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE

Best Appearing Engine 1250 GPM or larger

1st Place David O. Gabler and Harold E. Snider Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Franklin Fire Company 4 of Chambersburg PA Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Company of Berkeley Springs WV

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by First Hose Company of Hagerstown MD
St. Thomas Fire Company of St. Thomas PA

Judges Awards

1st Place Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Provident Insurance Company of Pittsburgh PA MMPW Fire Company of Mercersburg PA

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by the Mont Alto Volunteer Fire Company of Mont Alto PA
Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway MD

Best Appearing Aerial Device

1st Place Robert J. Gerhart Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Junior Hose and Truck Company 2 of Chambersburg PA Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway MD

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Mason Dixon Fire Equipment of Hagerstown MDbr Needmore Fire Company of Needmore PA

Best Appearing Engine Tanker

1st Place Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Perry House of Awards of Newport PAbr Hancock Fire Company of Hancock MD

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Rescue Hose Company 1 of Greencastle PA Needmore Fire Company of Needmore PA

President's Award

1st Place Chief Elmer J. Ellison Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE Citizens Fire Company 1 of Newport PA

2nd Place Guy M. Flory Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Vigilant Hose Company 1 of Shippensburg PA Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE

Best Appearing Rescue or Squad

1st Place William E. Haug Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Mill Creek Fire Company of Wilmington DE Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Davers Truck Repair of Chambersburg PA Citizens Fire Company of Mechanicsburg PA

Best Appearing Ambulance Basic Life Support

1st Place Merle Kauffman Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Goodwill Steam Engine & Hose Company 3 of Chambersburg PA Hustontown Ambulance of Hustontown PA

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by the Mont Alto Ambulance Squad of Mont Alto PAbr Needmore Ambulance of Needmore PA

Best Appearing Ambulance Advanced Life Support

1st Place James McGowan Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Newport Ambulance League of Newport PA Fame Fire Company Ambulance of Lewistown PA

2nd Place Louise Fahreney Memorial Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway MD Waynesboro Medic 200 of Waynesboro PA

Best Appearing Special Unit - Air Wagon Traffic Utility Command

1st Place Secretary Emeritus Louise Dell Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Active Members of the Cumberland Valley Firemans Association of Cumberland MD Washington County Rehab of Hagerstown MD

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Walter Robertson of Stuarts Draft VA Carlisle Fire Police of Carlisle PA

Best Appearing Brush Truck

1st Place Barbara L. Fischer & Dennis P. Deshong Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company of McConnellsburg PA West End Fire & Rescue of Shippensburg PA

2nd Place Past President Charles D. Baker Memorial Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Past President Wayne Baker Hustontown Fire Company of Hustontown PA

Best Marked Fire Apparatus for Highway Incident Scene Safety

1st Place Emergency Responder Safety Institute Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Chief Crawford G. Wiestling of Prior Lake MN Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Company of Berkeley Springs WV

Best Marked Ambulance for Highway Incident Scene Safety

1st Place Deputy Chief Mark Reid Sr. Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Chief Stephen M. Reid of Meyersville PA Fame Fire Company Ambulance of Lewistown PA

Best Appearing Antique Hand Drawn Pumper or Hose Reel

1st Place Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Past President Steve Austin of Newark DE Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Past President George Dove of Winchester VA Citizens Fire Company of Newport PA

Best Appearing Antique Fire Engine Driven in the Parade

1st Place Reverend Dr. David H. Hoover & Past President Martin I. Mowen Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company of McConnellsburg PA Keyser Volunteer Fire Department of Keyser WV

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Past President Robert P. Cumberland Jr. of Westminster MD Steve Austin of Newark DE

Fire Dept. Owned Apparatus that Traveled the Farthest Distance

1st Place Robert K. Wright Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the
Citizens Fire Company 1 of Newport PA Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company
of Newark DE

Best Appearing Privately Owned Fire Dept. Antique Apparatus

1st Place Past President Raymond T. Kimble Memorial Plaque and 50.00
Sponsored by Emergency Vehicle Specialists of Hagerstown MD Guardians of
Ribbon of Hagerstown MD

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21 Aug 2011

Michael Sullivan Elected President for 2011-2012

Michael Sullivan of the Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Company was elected President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Association CVVFA at the 110th Annual Convention held in McConnellsburg PA. Sullivan becomes the 5 member from Berkeley Springs to serve as CVVFA President. He is believed to be the youngest person at age 26 to be elected to the top office in the CVVFA. Leading by example Mike is focusing his efforts to bring younger members into the Association. Sullivan heads an organization of over 1000 members. The CVVFA is a recognized national leader in Highway Incident Scene Safety for Emergency Responders operating the award winning website Respondersafety.com. Mike is employed as a corrections officer. The new President and his wife Charity have 2 children and are expecting their 3rd child next spring.

19 Jul 2011

Reputation Risk Training Program Now Online At VFIS.SJU.EDU

VFIS in conjunction with the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemans Association CVVFA has developed an awareness training course on Emergency Service Reputation Risk that can be taken on-line at the VFIS Distance Learning Center. The program is a formalization of the conference seminars conducted by Dr. Bill Jenaway of VFIS and Steve Austin of CVVFA on the topic. Bill and Steve have been instrumental in the research development and release of information related to the topic resulting in a white paper released by CVVFA which is part of the course. The program is offered at no cost courtesy of VFIS and CVVFA. To access the class you must visit the VFIS Distance Learning site at vfis.sju.edu and complete the registration process. You can then take the opportunity to complete the course. Click on the title of this story to access the link to VFIS Reputation Management Training.

06 Jul 2011

CVVFA Receives \$297,500 Fire Grant

Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Department of Homeland Security awarded the CVVFA a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to establish a Responder Safety Learning Network. The network will reach thousands of roadway responders with life safety training to protect them while helping others at highway incidents. The internet based system will be available at no cost to students. The network will have the ability to maintain secure training records provide testing as well as having webinar capabilities. Stonehouse Media Incorporated of Lambertville NJ the firm that powers a [hrefhttpwww.respondersafety.com](http://www.respondersafety.com) and produced several of our videos will build the system and provide program production. Under the direction of our team of experts the CVVFA will invite the leading professionals in Traffic Incident Management to participate in developing the various offerings. Chief Greg Yost CVVFA President said We thank all those who helped make this grant a reality. The learning network will allow us to train thousands upon thousands of responders. Yost who was a victim of a struck by incident several years ago added, "Perhaps if I had the training back then that accident might never have happened."

23 May 2011

Mid Atlantic Fire Convention Dates Now on CVVFA.org

Looking for the future dates of State Firefighter Conventions Now thanks to a suggestion by the CVVFA Presidents Council they're right here on CVVFA.org. The Presidents Council has discussed the problem with conflicting dates that impact the ability of fire service leadership to attend various conventions when there is a conflict and also the problem of clashing dates for vendors. While we can't be in two places at the same time the CVVFA can and will publish all future convention dates on the website. Short term dates may be found by running your mouse over the right hand Upcoming Events column and a longer term calendar view is available by clicking on the Calendar Tab on the left side of the page.

26 Apr 2011

New Website Feature-CVVFA Awards

Interested in what it takes to receive and award from the CVVFA Got someone in mind who deserves to be recognized Now all CVVFA Award information is available right here. Click on the Award tab at the lower left hand side of the page and learn about these recognitions. Still have questions Submit them for a quick answer by clicking on the Contact Us tab on the left and we will provide a quick answer by email.

07 Feb 2011

March 19-20 Booster Meeting Weekend Packed With Events

Training Event

The First 15 Minutes -Saturday March 19 2011

1900 A.M. to 12 Noon -The First 15 Minutes CVVFAs new training class for all roadway responders. Learn how decisions made in the first minutes of an incident can control the scene allow responders to work safely and efficiently. Who should attend Firefighters Company Officers EMS Fire Police DOT Towing and Recovery Personnel. Instructor- Chief Allen Baldwin- Location Northeast Fire & Rescue Sta. 2 202 Third St Summerdale PA 17093. Doughnuts and coffee in the morning compliments of VFISBR

A light lunch will also be provided at the conclusion of the class compliments of Service 1st Harrisburg PA. Cost 5 includes one year membership dues in the CVVFA.

RSVP by March 9 to A hrefmailto:curtallemanHotmail.com

Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade route and full info at A hrefhttpwww.harrisburgirishparade.com

Saturday Night Fever Two big events planned

Hershey Bears Hockey

The Cumberland County Volunteer Firefighters Association in conjunction with the Hershey Bears Hockey Club is teaming up to do a fundraiser to support the County Firefighters Association.

On Saturday March 19 we have secured 75 tickets to the Bears game against the Portland Pirates. This game is at the Hershey Giant Center starting at 7pm. Tickets will be 22.50 and are located in section 113 which is directly behind the Zamboni Entrance on the end that the bears will be shooting at during the 2nd period. This is a great opportunity to have a social night out for your fellow members while supporting your local county firefighters organization also. Orders will be accepted until February 18 2011. All money and order forms need to be returned to 1st Vice President Curtis Alleman at that time. Please include contact information and mailing address. Make checks payable to Cumberland COUNTY Volunteer Firemens Association. Mail to Curtis Alleman 208 N. Enola Drive Enola PA 17025 If you have any questions or concerns Contact Curtis Alleman 717-729-3633 or A hrefmailto:curtallemanhotmail.com

Night with the Chief Sponsored by VFIS Chief Jim 7pm – Until - The Chief Opens His House- Fire Chief Jim Derstine hosts a firefighters night at his personal residence 101

East Cumberland Road Enola PA. Jim's collection includes items from his worldwide career as a firefighter and Chief Officer. Chief Derstine last hosted the CVVFA several years ago. It was a night to remember. This event promises to be the same

Sunday March 20 2011 Noon CVVFA Booster Meeting begins with a Luncheon followed by the meeting-Location Northeast Fire & Rescue Station 1 230 N. Enola Dr. Enola PA

Hotel Information-STRONG Quality Inn 1501 North Enola Rd. Enola PA 17025 A

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04 Jan 2011

Firefighter Behavior Website Launched

The CVVFA proudly launched www.firefighterbehavior.com today January 4 2011. The page and an accompanying Facebook account will examine improper behavior on behalf of a small minority of fire service members whose actions are undermining the fire service. Thomas L. Savage III fire service leader and political insider has assumed the position of Editor of the page.