

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association

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CVVFA Mourns the Loss of Chief Harvey Eisner

Chief Harvey Eisner Editor Emeritus of Firehouse Magazine and nationally known fire service writer speaker and photographer died of a massive heart attack while hospitalized following surgery in New York. Harvey was a member of the CVVFA and a presenter at the annual conventions. Harvey was a particular friend of the CVVFA Presidents Council. Through his efforts to promote the Firehouse Expo in Baltimore and Firehouse World in San Diego he arranged CVVFA & Fire Service Reputation Management and Responder Safety speakers to be part of those programs. As the Editor for Firehouse Harvey was on the scene for the largest fires and disasters over the last 18 years. Harvey was a Past Chief of the Tenafly NJ Fire Department and was a police fire photographer in the City of New York. Harvey attended the CVVFA Annual Convention in Chambersburg this year. He will be missed.

Sweeping Changes To Association Proposed at Meetings

Changes to meet the needs of our current and future members while protecting the CVVFA Brand were proposed at the October 19-20 Strategic Planning and Booster meeting held in Aberdeen Fallston MD. Proposed changes include a revamping of the Officer and Director positions to allow members to run for offices from any state the establishment of an Executive Committee to replace the current Board of Directors changes in committee structures to consolidate and streamline operations and revamping the convention agenda among others. The draft strategic plan will be made available to all members. Implementation will necessitate a number of By-Law changes but other improvements may be made by the President or the membership at a regular meeting. Changes are needed to update the Associations business plan as the CVVFA is emerging as a national organization with partnerships with the other organizations and federal agencies. Members are asked to remain involved in the planning process by attending meetings and voicing their opinions. Other business approved at the regular Booster Meeting included submitting a membership application to the a Florida State Fire Chiefs Association approving the CVVFA as the Fire Service Sponsor of the new a <http://keystonefirefighterconference.com> Keystone Firefighters Conference. An invitation to host the spring 2015 Presidents Council Meeting on April 11 in Lancaster PA was received and accepted from the Firemens Association of the State of PA. A Resolution was presented to Don Strock for his steadfast support of the organization for many many years. These are exciting times for our Association. Many of these changes present the opportunity for us to meet the needs of younger members of the public safety community and ensure that succession planning takes place by encouraging emerging leaders to become involved in our programs and governance.

11 Sep 2014

Hotel Block Open Only a Short Time For Planning and Booster Weekend

The hotel block for the Planning and Booster Meeting Weekend October 18 19 2014 is open now but only for a short time. A special CVVFA rate is available now for 89 plus tax. The block rate expires on September 18. After that time the if rooms are available they may be at a higher rate. Sleep Inn 1807 Edgewood RD Edgewood MD 21040 Call 410-679-4700 Make your plans now to attend this very important meeting.

29 Aug 2014

Convention Parade Prizes Posted

CONVENTION PARADE PRIZE LIST

Saturday August 2 2014 NOON

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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 Delaware City Fire Company-Mike McMichaeli

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Steve and Peg Flickinger of Newport Pa. in memory of Past President H.M. Flickinger Jr. Chambersburg Fire Department Banner Carriers

Best Appearing Engine 1250 GPM or Larger

1st Place David O. Gabler & Harold E. Snyder Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Franklin Fire Company 4 of Chambersburg PA Newburg Hopewell Fire Company

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by First Hose Company of Hagerstown MD Cumberland Valley Hose Company

Best Appearing Engine under 1250 GPMbpp class

1st Place Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Provident Insurance Company of Pittsburgh PA None Entered

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by the Mont Alto Volunteer Fire Company of Mont Alto PA None Entered

Best Appearing Aerial Device

1st Place Robert J. Gerhart Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Junior Hose and Truck Company 2 of Chambersburg PANew Franklin Fire Company

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Mason Dixon Fire Store of Hagerstown MD Citizens Fire Company No. 1 of Newport

Best Appearing Engine Tanker

1st Place Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Perry House of Awards Newport PA Rescue Hose Company of Greencastle

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Rescue Hose Company 1 of Greencastle Volunteer Fire Company of Mercersburg

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

2nd Place Guy M. Flory Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Vigilant Hose Company 1 of Shippensburg PA None Entered

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 Fayetteville Fire Company

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Davers's Truck Repair of Chambersburg PA Waynesboro Fire Department

Best Appearing Ambulance Basic Life Support

1st Place Merle Kauffman Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Goodwill Steam Engine and Hose Company 3 of Chambersburg PA Pleasant Hall Fire Company

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by the Mont Alto Ambulance Squad of Mont Alto PA Fayetteville Fire Company

Best Appearing Ambulance Advanced Life Support

1st Place James McGowan Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the Newport Ambulance League of Newport DE Fayetteville Fire Company

2nd Place Louise Fahreny Memorial Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway MD West Shore Medic

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 CVVFA Franklin County Fire Company

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Past President Walter Robertson of Stuarts Draft VA Delaware City Fire Company

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 Mont Alto Fire Company

2nd Place Past President Charles D. Baker Memorial Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Past President Wayne Baker Pleasant Hall Fire Company

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 Marion Fire Company

Best Marked Ambulance for Highway Safety Incident Scene Safety

1st Place Deputy Chief Mark Reid Sr. Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Chief Stephen M. Reid of Myersville MD Fayetteville Fire Company

Best Appearing Antique Hand Drawn Pumper or Hose Reel

1st Place Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Past President Steve Austin of Newark DE Rescue Hose Company of Greencastle

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Past President George Dove of Winchester VA None Entered

Best Appearing Antique Fire Engine Driven in the Parade

1st Place Reverend Dr. David R. Hoover & Past President Martin I. Mowen Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company of McConnellsburg PA Cumberland Valley Hose Company

2nd Place Plaque and 40.00 Sponsored by Past President Robert P. Cumberland Jr. of Westminster MD Hagerstown Fire Department

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 Delaware City Fire Company

Best Appearing Privately Owned Fire Dept. Antique Apparatus

1st Place Past President Raymond T. Kimble Memorial Plaque and 50.00 Sponsored by Emergency Vehicle Specialist of Hagerstown MD Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE Steve Austin

Judges Awards

Alex Baker Davers Towing

Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE

Winchester VA Fire Department

Franklin Fire Company

Special Judges Awards

The Spinning Illusions Marching Group

Superstar Twirlers

Reputation Management Focus at CVVFA Convention

On any given day across the country the headlines announce the arrests of firefighters for any number of issues. In the 2010 White Paper the authors noted shy"The nations fire service has long been held in justifiably high esteem. This reputation has been hard earned. The fire service is that rock of stability to which the public knows to turn during the upheaval of a crisis — be that crisis a dwelling fire rescue natural disaster or medical emergency. They later came up with a code of ethics that suggest every person in the fire and emergency services sign. Plaques bearing those rules hang in every building at the National Fire Academy. The CVVFA effort continued during their annual convention this week with a focus on reputation management. Paramedic Anthony Correia said it's imperative that close scrutiny be paid to every single person who signs an application. the person ethical Is the person trustworthy and reliable If there's doubt this person shouldn't be allowed in. Are the recruiters really telling it like it is? Are they painting a correct picture of what you do? With the numbers of fires down potential members should be informed about public education events and fund-raising activities. Do you tell them about the hoagie sales they'll be expected to help with It's also imperative that the applicant's family understand the commitment involved. And no one should be allowed to join without a background check. In an effort to keep the books intact he said multiple signatures should be required on checks. While all departments have mutual aid agreements the majority don't have it available for administrators. This article was published in Firehouse.com by Susi Nichol who has been covering the CVVFA for many years.

CVVFA Celebrates Successful 113th Annual Convention in Chambersburg

The Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Association CVVFA just wrapped up its successful 113th annual convention hosted by the Chambersburg area fire companies where the CVVFA was founded in 1901. The convention was called to order Thursday morning. The business meeting got off to a great start at Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Company's Community Hall with President Jim Watson reporting on his full year of activities and CVVFA attorney celebrating his 25th year of CVVFA membership and 20th year as its attorney. The business meeting broke for Chaplain Charles Barnhart's stirring memorial service remembering recently passed CVVFA members at the nearby Otterbein United Methodist Church followed by lunch back at Fayetteviller's hall. Following lunch and in support of the CVVFA's lauded Reputation Management Program the CVVFA heard Chief Anthony Corriea speak about How to Keep Geraldo Rivera from Investigating your Firehouse. CVVFA members have become well-versed in the importance of reputation management and Chief Correiars' message resonated well and was accompanied by spirited discussion as he spoke about ethics internal controls and good business and personnel practices. Later Thursday afternoon reports brought the membership up-to-date on the latest happenings of the CVVFA's Responder Safety and Reputation Management projects. The CVVFA maintains a national leadership presence on both fronts - with one project aimed at saving lives and the other aimed at preserving the fire servicer's well-deserved and honored reputation - and CVVFA speakers are regularly invited to speak at programs nationwide in recognition of our pioneering roles promoting both these topics. Thursday's capstone event was a well-attended chicken barbecue dinner held under fair skies and gloriously cool weather for the end of July just outside the community hall at Fayetteville's picnic grounds. Friday's events moved to the heart of Chambersburg at the Franklin Fire Company 4 and kicked off with the Presidents Council meeting.s The summer Presidents Council meeting features in addition to the regular state reports extensive reports on federal affairs from CFSI NVFC and IAFC representatives. Presidents Council topics of interest included continuing concerns with timeliness and access to benefits with the federal Public Safety Officers Benefits PSOB program and firefighter recruitment and retention R & R Delaware representatives provided an extensive report on their multi-faceted federal grant-funded R & R program that features print and electronic media promotions media appearances and a strong presence at the Delaware State Fair. Following the Presidents' Council meeting a large contingent headed to the nearby cemetery of the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church where Chaplain Charles Barnhart led a brief memorial service at the grave of CVVFA founder Joseph Fulton Boyd. CVVFA Past

President Steve Austin recounted Boyd's role in the Civil War how as Superintendent of the Cumberland Valley Railroad he later helped in the development of the Cumberland Valley and how he spurred the development of the CVVFA following a devastating fire in nearby Shippensburg where a lack of common hose threads meant fire apparatus brought in by the Cumberland Valley Railroad wasn't able to seamlessly operate together. Friday evening's banquet again at Franklin Fire Company 4 brought the convention's formal activities came to a close. Following a fine meal local historian and author Mike Marotte presented a brief overview of the history of the Chambersburg fire department which history echoes the development of the fire service in America. For his long and devoted serviced to the CVFA Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry was awarded the CVVFA's highest honor E. Wade Thomas Memorial Award. The banquet came to a close with parting words from outgoing President Jim Watson and the installation of new officers led by new President Walter Robertson of Stuarts Draft Virginia. Escaping the threat of rain Saturday's grand firemen's parade through the heart of Chambersburg featured well over 100 units - one of the CVVFA's largest parades in years - and brought the activities of the 113th annual convention to a close.

CHECK THIS SITE FOR PARADE RESULTS - COMING SOON

TIM Train the Trainer at NFA

Attention Fire Service Instructors Special Multidiscipline TIM Train the Trainer Course Offered at the National Fire Academy. Train the Trainer T-t-T course for Traffic Incident Management TIM Course T-0690 is being offered at the National Fire Academy NFA in Emmitsburg MD June 27 to June 29 2014 for Certified State Fire Service Instructors and/or Metro Fire Department Training Division Members as well as roadway incident trainers from other disciplines. The opportunity to become a recognized TIM trainer is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration FHWA and hosted by the National Fire Academy NFA. This is the initial offering of the course at this prestigious institution and is a first for multiple public safety disciplines attending an NFA hosted course on campus. The National TIM Course is designed to establish consistent training of all roadway responders and achieve the three objectives of the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management Responder Safety Safe Quick Clearance and Prompt Reliable Interoperable Communications.

Reasons to consider attending the TIM Train the Trainer Course

- 1.First multi-disciplinary course offering at the National Fire Academy
- 2.Travel lodging and course materials are all covered minimizing agency expense
- 3.The TIM course supports the 16 Life Safety Initiatives Everyone Goes Home by setting standardized response actions geared to prevent harm to first responders
- 4.The program facilitates intra-agency operability and communications eliminating on scene disagreements and facilitating quicker mitigation and clearance
- 5.The Job Performance Requirements JPRs of Draft NFPA 1091 Standard for Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications are reflected in the TtT course. Registration preference is for State Certified Fire Instructors and/or Members of Metro Fire Department Training Divisions. Interested instructors should download registration information from this article.

03 Mar 2014

The ResponderSafety Learning Network hit 10,000 registered users today!

The CVVFA ResponderSafety Learning Network hit 10000 registered users today. We are excited by the progress. Based on the size of our potential user group we believe the current enrollment to be a fraction of the audience that we will develop in years to come. Our goal is to have more than 35000 users by the end of this year and to double that each year after. Thanks to the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA for their support through the Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety grant program that makes the Network possible. In addition we have developed partnerships and received strong support from the United States Fire Administration US Department of Justice the Federal Highway Administration and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Other supporters in the private sector including VFIS and Provident are valued partners. We invite other entities to join us in our goal to make the roadways safer for responders. The network has only just begun with its programming and has already delivered close to 15000 credit hours to first responders on our highways. Our audience is made up of Firefighters Police DOT EMS and Towing professionals. New programs are coming out on a regular basis programs like Emergency Lighting and dealing with traffic during vehicle fires to name a few. Please let your brother and sister first responders know about the ResponderSafety Learning Network. Our goal is to improve safety on the roadways for responders and the public while reducing congestion that triggers secondary incidents. Many agencies are looking for ways to integrate our network into their training programs. We have developed a solution. Shortly we will communicate information about our Secondary Reporting System so use of our network for continuing education will be easier for users and agencies to track progress. If you are interested and would like advance information please let us know. Thanks again for your support from all of us at the ResponderSafety.com team.

16 Feb 2014

McConnellsburg VFC to Host March 16 , 2014 Booster Meeting

The McConnellsburg PA Volunteer Fire Company hosts the March 16 2014 Booster Meeting beginning with a Luncheon at noon followed by the meeting. President Jim Watson reminds all Committee Chairmen to hold a committee meeting beginning no later than 1100 a.m. and be prepared to provide a report at the full meeting. Home Office Manager Steve Heefner has procured the a
<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/chambersburg/cbbbrg/hotel/detail>Holiday Inn Express in Chambersburg as the official hotel for Saturday evening stay over at 89 plus tax.

01 Jan 2014

James C Robbie Robertson Passes Away After a Long Illness Was one of the CVVFAs Most Distinguished Members

Robbie Robertson whose fire service career spanned the 1940s to the present died November 9 2013 after suffering a long illness. Robbie was a graduate of Oklahoma State University Fire Protection Engineering Program. Robbie was well known in fire service circles around the nation in part for his tenure as the MD State Fire Marshal and as a Regional Representative for the National Fire Protection Association. He began attending CVVFA meetings in the 1950s. He was a recognized expert in fire prevention having authored a number of books. He was especially active in the FL Fire Service where at the time of his death he was authoring a book about fire service history in the Sunshine State. Several articles outline a small portion of Robbie's contributions are available by clicking on the links below including his full speech on the CVVFA Convention Floor at the 1957 Convention in Waynesboro PA. To say the Robbie's wise council will be missed is an understatement. Few if any members of our Association have had such an impact on fire protection in our country as did Robbie. **CLICK ON THE TITLE OF THIS STORY TO READ MORE ABOUT ROBBIE**