

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association

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ResponderSafety Learning Network Reaches 25,000 Registered Users!



The Respondersafety Learning Network (RSLN) is thrilled to mark its newest milestone — more than 25,000 registered users now belong to the network. This is just the latest in an exciting month for RSLN. In November, RSLN welcomed almost 3,000 new users, the largest number ever in a single month. And, the new National TIM Training Certificate has been earned by more than 1200 roadway responders.

Coupled with the release earlier this year of the new NFPA 1091 Standard Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications, these are exciting and rewarding times for the traffic incident management and roadway safety effort.

In addition, RSLN was recently awarded a Fire Prevention & Safety grant from the U.S. Fire Administration, which will enable the network to produce new roadway safety programming throughout 2017. RSLN expects the new programming and the TIM certificate to continue to grow the registered user base in the coming months. Please help spread the word by sharing the RSLN on your social media accounts and encouraging your colleagues to register.



27 Nov 2016

Join or Pay Dues on Line-It's Easy



Joining CVVFA either as an individual or as an organization has never been easier. New members can join right here on line. If you are already a member you may pay your dues either for this year or pay in advance. And more good news. The dues are still \$5 per year for individuals and \$15 for organizations. We have lots to offer. Membership is a great deal!

To Join or Pay Dues click on the Join or Pay Dues bar at the top center left of the home page and follow instructions. You may pay securely on line with a credit card or mail a check.

CFSI 2016 Annual Report



The Congressional Fire Services Institute published their 2016 Annual Report. CVVFA is a member of the CFSI National Advisory Committee (NAC) having been elected to this prominent fire service position in 2014. To be eligible for membership an organization must have programs that benefit fire and life safety issues on a nationwide basis. CVVFA's Emergency Responder Safety Institute and Fire Service Reputation Management programs allowed us to meet the

membership requirement. Past Presidents Greg Yost and Bob Cumberland are the CVVFA's Delegate and Alternate to the CFSI NAC. This year CVVFA will be providing a Seminar Program at the National Fire Service Seminar and Annual Dinner to be held April 5-6 in Washington DC on national trends in highway incident scene safety. The Dinner is the main fund raiser for the Institute. Invited Guest will include President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. Download and read a copy of the annual report from this article. [cfsi-2016-year-end-report](#)

11 Nov 2016

50 Year Member Presentation-William Mayles Jr. Potomac Fire Company #2



CVVFA 50 Year Member William Mayles Jr. (left) being presented the 50 years of service award by Fire Chief Tim Dayton at Potomac Fire Company #2 Westernport MD. Congratulations Bill, and thanks for your service.

25 Oct 2016

Fall Meeting Includes Firefighter Cancer Awareness Training and Honors for Two Members

A well attended Fall Meeting of the CVVFA at the Historic Charley Rouss Fire Company in Winchester VA featured an educational program on preventing exposures to carcinogens during fire suppression operations as well as in quarters. Two long time members were recognized for their contributions to the success of the Association (read more below)



BC JD Orndorff



Amy and George Dove-Supporting the CVVFA since the 1950's

Battalion Chief JD Orndorff of the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department presented a most informative program on an issue that has until recently not given the attention it deserves in the fire service. A copy of the presentation may be downloaded here:
[leadership-talk-about-the-c-word](#)

Past President George Dove was honored as Treasurer Emeritus after serving 35 years in office. Howard Cohen who retired as the Association Attorney was named Attorney Emeritus. Both these men worked tirelessly on behalf of the CVVFA for many years.

17 Oct 2016

On Line Dues Payment and Membership Application Almost There



OK, it took us 115 years but in several days we will be able to sign up new members and collect existing member dues right here on this website. Our membership application is on line and our bank is making available a secure online portal for dues payment. And by the way, dues have not increased. They are still \$5 per year for individuals and \$15 for organizations. Best all each member receives a subscription to the PA Fireman at no additional cost. The PA Fireman is chocked full of Cumberland Valley information. Our partners at the Lancaster County Firemen's Association have given us a special rate to help us market the many features at Respondersafety.com.

We will be letting all our members for which we have email address when this features goes live. If you are not getting the Cumberland Valley Express our Newsletter by email please click on the newsletter block and send us your information or better yet click on "Contact Us" and give us you full name and email address. The list never leaves the CVVFA's files so you won't have to worry about Spam. Have questions about you dues? Contact Brie Baldwin Financial Secretary briehenson09@yahoo.com.

27 Sep 2016

New CVVFA Responder Safety T-Shirts Now Available



New t-shirts are now available for sale with the recently adopted CVVFA Logo. All proceeds will benefit Emergency Responder Safety Institute programs.

The logo on the back includes the chevrons and our slogan “On The Highway We’ve Got Your Back”. Also on the back of the shirt is Emergency Responder Safety Institute.

Sizes range from Youth Medium which you see makes an excellent night shirt for a two-year-old or a proud 5-year-old can wear the same shirt as their dad, mom or grandparents. Youth sizes are \$10 each.

Adult sizes range from Adult Small to XL, \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members (which includes a year’s membership to CVVFA). For those of us who has over-developed we have 2X for \$22 or \$17, 3X for \$23 or \$18 and 4X for \$25 or \$19. (Models are grandsons of Greg Yost – Landyn, 2 yr. old on left and Parker, 5 yr. old on right)

Shirts are available at meetings or by contacting Greg Yost at 240-329-6202

06 Aug 2016

Convention Parade Prizes Announced



115th CVVFA Parade Prize List - August 6 2016

Judges Awards and \$40

Harford County Honor Guard

Singerly Fire Co.

Cecil County Emergency Services

Best Appearing Engine 1250 GPM or Larger

1st Place and \$50 Whiteford Fire Company

2nd Place and \$40 Williamsport Fire Company

Best Appearing Engine under 1250 GPM

1st Place and \$50 Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.

2nd Place and \$40 Chesapeake City Fire Co.

Best Appearing Aerial Device

1st Place and \$50 Aberdeen Fire Co.

2nd Place and \$40 Millcreek Fire Co.

Best Appearing Engine/Tanker

1st Place and \$50 Norrisville Fire Co.

2nd Place and \$40 Chesapeake City Fire Co.

President's Award

1st Place and \$50 Justice Boucher

2nd Place and \$40 Cecilton Fire Co.

Best Appearing Rescue or Squad

1st Place and \$50 Level Fire Co.

2nd Place and \$40 Singerly Fire Co.

Bests Appearing Ambulance/BLS

1st Place and \$50 Level Fire Co.

2nd Place and \$40 McConnellsburg Fire Co.

Best Appearing Ambulance/ALA

1st Place and \$50 Water Witch Fire Co.

2nd Place and \$40 Chesapeake City Fire Co.

Best Appearing Special Unit-Air, Wagon, Traffic, Utility, Command

1st Place and \$50 Newtown Square

2nd Place and \$50 Belair Fire Co.

Best Appearing Brush Truck

1st Place and \$50 Ogden Fire Co.

2nd Place and \$40 Hacks Point Fire Co.

Best Marked Apparatus for Highway Incident Scene Safety

1st Place and \$50 Newtown Square Fire Co.

Best Marked Ambulance for Highway Safety

1st Place and \$50 Water Witch Fire Co.

Best Appearing Antique Hand Drawn Pumper or Hose Reel

1st Place and \$50 Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.

Best Appearing Antique Fire Engine Driven in the Parade

1st Place and \$50 Chesapeake City Fire Co.

2nd Place and \$40 Russel Piper

Fire Department Apparatus Traveling the Farthest Distance

1st Place and \$50 McConnellsburg Fire Co.

Best Appearing Privately Owned Antique Fire Apparatus

1st Place and \$50 Tony Blazek

Best Appearing Harford/Cecil Fire Department

1st Place Chesapeake City Fire Company

2nd Place Level Fire Company

Best Appearing Cadet Marching Unity

1st Place Joppa Fire Co.

2nd Place Chesapeake City Fire Co.

Best Appearing Cadet Honor Guard

1st Place Joppa Fire Co.

05 Jul 2016

Massive Fire Destroys Great Cacapon Fire Station and Apparatus



A massive fire of yet undetermined origin completely destroyed the Great Cacapon Volunteer Fire Company in Morgan County WV on July 5. Great Cacapon is a member company of the CVVFA. Over the years the company has hosted social events for CVVFA conventions when they were held in the area. The fire was reported late-morning. Two pieces of apparatus

were saved by driving them through the inoperable bay door of the station. Other apparatus was lost. Fire companies from WV, MD and VA assisted in bringing the fire under control.

Hancock MD Past Chief Greg Yost, CVVFA Past President is the point person for the Association should CVVFA members wish to provide assistance to Great Cacapon VFC. Greg may be contacted at (240) 329-6202 or by email gyost73@hotmail.com.

A special account for cash donations has been opened at
Citizens National Bank of Berkeley Springs
212 S Washington St, Berkeley Springs WV 25411

03 May 2016

3 Past Presidents Deliver Highway Safety Message

Past CVVFA Presidents Bob Cumberland Charlie Meyrs and Greg Yost delivered the Slow Down Move Over message to motorists who stopped at the Keystone Welcome Center on I-81 near Greencastle PA. The CVVFA has used this unique opportunity to interact with the public by informing them of the danger that emergency responders face while working on the roadway especially when motorists are speeding or distracted. Our booth will be back at the Welcome Center on July 22 and again during Fire Prevention Week on October 7. All members are encouraged to participate. Our team will provide the training. Please contact any of these Past Presidents if you are available to volunteer some time.

14 Apr 2016

Ramada Conference Center/Inn Edgewood MD Convention HQ

The Ramada Conference Center/Inn 1700 Van Bibber Road Edgewood MD 21040 will be the official hotel of the 115th CVVFA Convention August 3-6-2016. The hotel is located at Exit 77-I95 at MD 24. Rates are 69 per night plus tax for either a double or king room. A block of 40 rooms have been reserved. Mention CVVFA for this rate. Cutoff date is July 3 for this block. Phone 410-679-0770.

The Convention Committee has arranged for the swimming pool to remain open until 11 p.m. The entire rear parking lot is reserved for the CVVFA. Hospitality will be in the Wheatly Room. The Wednesday Board of Directors meeting will be in the Susquehanna Room.

CVVFA Granted PA Sales Tax Exemption

10 Apr 2016

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The Commonwealth of PA has granted a Sales Tax Exemption to the CVVFA recognizing the federal tax and now PA non profit status of the Association. Documents relating to the exemption may be reviewed from the Download Section of this website under Corporate Governance.

115th Annual Convention Information – Registration Now Available

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04 Apr 2016

Put Your Organization Front and Center in the CVVFA Convention Book

Your business or organization can be part of the 115th Annual CVVFA Convention Program. Dont miss this opportunity to deliver your message to the members and guests as they attend this gathering of fire service leaders. Click on the title of this article to download the informational flyer and order form. Questions may be directed to Bob Romig CVVFA Publicity Manager whose cell phone appears on the downloads.

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05 Mar 2016

Registration Open For 115th Annual Convention Parade in Elkton MD

The William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company 1 of Elkton MD and the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association are proud to host the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association 2016 Convention Parade. Please come and join firefighters from across the region to march through downtown Elkton MD. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded in a number of categories. Parade participants can stage in Elkton beginning at 1000 am. The parade will be led by the host company followed by the President's company. After that the order of march will be determined by arrival time. Units wishing to march together should arrive together. The parade will begin at 100 pm and proceed through downtown Elkton MD. Awards and refreshments will be distributed at Singerly Fire Company Station 13 located at 300 Newark Avenue shortly after the parade. A map detailing the staging area parade route and the location of Singerly Fire Company Station 13 will be posted on this website shortly. Any questions concerning the parade can be sent to a [hrefmailto:CVVFA2016Paradesingerly.com](mailto:CVVFA2016Paradesingerly.com)CVVFA2016Paradesingerly.coma.

Prize list available at link

[below.hrefhttpsingerly.comaugust-6-2016-cumberland-valley-volunteer-firemens-association-2016-convention-parade](https://singerly.com/august-6-2016-cumberland-valley-volunteer-firemens-association-2016-convention-parade) On Line Now

26 Feb 2016

CVVFA Past President Jim Werner Dies

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[Click on the title of the story to obtain the Full Obituary](#)

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25 Jan 2016

Hospitality Night During Spring Meeting Weekend at Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Co.

The Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Co. 1 invites all participants of the Spring CVVFA Presidents Council and Meeting Weekend to attend a open house at the fire station and museum located at 28 John St. Westminster MD on the evening of April 2 2016. Westminster is rich in history. The firehouse includes a modern functional station in the center core with a hall on one end and the museum on the other. Come out and enjoy a great evening.

14 Jan 2016

Reputation Management Project Report for 2015

Click on this great video prepared by Candice McDonald Chief Instructor of the CVVFA
Fire Service Reputation Management Project