

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association

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ResponderSafety.com comes through for PIO's during National Traffic Incident Response Week!



In concert with National Traffic Incident Response Week, ResponderSafety.com has launched a new page specifically for public information officers (PIOs) and public educators to get the message out to the public about the dangers distracted and careless drivers pose to emergency responders operating on the roadway. The page is available now at respondersafety.com/PIO.

Every year, dozens of responders from fire, law enforcement, EMS, DOT, safety service patrols, and towing and recovery are killed and many more injured when they are struck by passing vehicles at roadway incidents. These deaths and injuries are preventable. The public education materials found at respondersafety.com/PIO help make the public our partners in reducing the dangers to emergency responders who are working roadway incidents. These materials include video PSAs, media advisory templates, downloadable resources including a push card, backgrounders, an infographic, and much more. These resources will help PIOs and public educators communicate messages like Move Over Slow Down, Move It (Fender Bender laws), and anti-distracted driving.

Stop by the page today to download resources to educate your community on how to protect the protectors! This week and every week, we're all in this together.



30 Oct 2017

New Public Education Campaign For Distracted Drivers is Ready to Launch



The CVVFA/Emergency Responder Safety Institute is launching an ambitious project to make drivers aware of the dangers distracted driving poses to emergency responders as they work on the roadway helping others. The project that is funded in part by a Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety Grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will focus on informing drivers who stop at visitor centers and rest stops along the nation's roadways. Public Information and Public Education Officers from the fire service are being enlisted to assist with the project. Check this page and Respondersafety.com for late breaking information on this life saving project.

04 Sep 2017

CVVFA Visitor Center Education Campaign Expands To Maryland

The CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute Motorist Education Campaign expanded in Maryland with a display at the Sideling Hill Visitor Center on I-68. Bob Cumberland, CVVFA Past President announced that the visitor center has made available a display case that features information on Slow Down Move Over and the CVVFA Responder Safety Message. The Westminster MD Police Department contributed items for the display. Past President Cumberland is the Chairman of the CVVFA Highway Visitor Center Task Force. He and his team are working to expand the successful motorist information campaign founded in Pennsylvania to other states. Currently the CVVFA is preparing information to be distributed through ResponderSafety.com for educators and public information officers. A portion of this activity is funded by the FEMA Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety Grant program.



MD Visitor Center Information and Directions

CVVFA Receives FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant For Responder Safety Project



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that the CVVFA was awarded a Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety Grant for \$429,048 to continue its work on protecting emergency responders on the highways. The grant funds ResponderSafety.com and the ResponderSafety Learning Network the world's largest repository of information to protect firefighters and other roadway responders from injury as they work to help others during traffic incidents. The grant will support new direct delivery materials and on line individual training all delivered through the ResponderSafety.com platforms.

The grant also will provide funds for the second phase of an aggressive Public Education campaign to inform motorists how distracted and careless drivers place responders in peril while they work highway emergency scenes. The campaign aims to change driver behavior.

"We are elated that we can continue our life safety work on the highways" said Steve Austin, Project Manager of the CVVFA/Emergency Responder Safety Institute. "Our team has been working for over 18 years along with many valued partners in the fire service, law enforcement, the towing and recovery industry and public works to educate, inform and advocate on behalf of all those who risk their lives working to help others during traffic incidents. We could not provide our services without the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program" he added.

21 Aug 2017

116th Annual Parade Prize Winners McConnellsburg PA





116th Annual CVVFA Convention Parade Results McConnellsburg PA August 5 2017

Judging Based on Registration by Category and Appearance

Judges Award

1st Place plaque and \$50

Marion PA Fire Company

2nd Place plaque and \$40

Fannett-Metal PA Fire Company

Best Appearing Engine 1250 GPM or Larger

1st Place Plaque and \$50

Williamsport MD Fire Company

2nd Place plaque and \$40

Everett PA Fire Company

3rd Place plaque and \$40

Marion PA Fire Company

Best Appearing Engine Under 1250 GPM

1st Place plaque and \$50

Pleasant Hall PA Fire Company

2nd Place plaque and \$40

South Mountain PA Fire Company

3rd Place plaque and \$40

Hancock MD Fire Company

Best Appearing Aerial Device

1 st Place plaque and \$50	Citizen's Fire Company of Newport PA
Best Appearing Engine/Tanker	
1 st Place plaque and \$50 PA	Rescue Hose Company #1 Greencastle
2 nd Place plaque and \$40	Fannett Metal PA Fire Company
3 rd Place plaque and \$40	Hustontown PA Fire Company
President's Award	
1 st Place plaque and \$50	Pleasant Hall PA Fire Company
2 nd Place plaque and \$40 Company of Newark DE	Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder
Best Appearing Rescue or Squad	
1 st Place plaque and \$50 PA	MMPW Fire Company of Mercersburg
2 nd Place plaque and \$40	Hustontown PA Fire Company
Best Appearing Ambulance/BLS	
1 st Place plaque and \$50	Pleasant Hall PA Fire Company
2 nd Place plaque and \$40	Marion PA Fire Company
Best Appearing Ambulance/ALS	
1 st Place plaque and \$50	Life Net Helicopter Hagerstown MD
Best Appearing Special Unit-Air, Wagon, Traffic, Utility, Command	
1 st Place plaque and \$50	Washington County MD Air Unit
2 nd Place plaque and \$40 Chambersburg PA	Franklin Fire Company of
Best Appearing Brush Truck	
1 st Place plaque and \$50	Fannett Metal PA Fire Company
2 nd Place plaque and \$40	South Newton PA Fire Company
Best Marked Fire Apparatus for Highway Incident Safety	
1 st Place plaque and \$50 Company of Newark DE	Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder

2nd Place plaque and \$40
Service Patrol

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Best Marked Ambulance for Highway Incident Safety

1st Place plaque and \$50

Fannett Metal PA Ambulance

Best Appearing Antique Hand Drawn Pumper or Hose Reel

1st Place plaque and \$50
Company of Newark DE

Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder

Best Appearing Antique Fire Engine Driven in the Parade

1st Place plaque and \$50

Steve Austin-Newark DE

2nd Place plaque and \$40
PA

Alex Baker – ITE Fire Apparatus Marion

Fire Department Owned Apparatus Traveling the Furthest Distance

1st Place plaque and \$50
Company of Newark DE

Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder

03 Aug 2017

McConnellsburg Convention In the Rear View Mirror



Commissioner Solobay speaks after the banquet



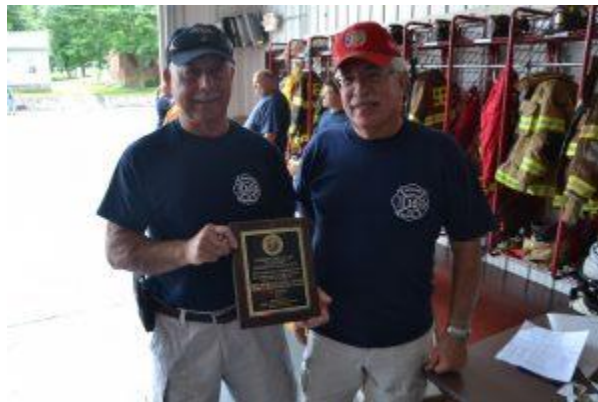
President Hoby Howell, VP Rich Brunner, Director Donna Welsh, Treasurer Jerry Daniels, Director Walter Robertson



Todd Leiss from the PA Turnpike, Steve Austin PP, Congressman Bill Shuster and President Bill Keller at the Annual Picnic



A rose remembers the CVVFA Members who passed during the past year. The Memorial Service opened the Convention.



Past President Steve Flickinger with 2nd VP Rich Brunner handled the parade prizes.



Opening ceremonies



MD Delegation presents at the Presidents Council



Sparky was a hit with the kids. He was helping the judges at the parade line up



Big water for big fires in the mountains of PA

The 116th Annual Convention opened in McConnellsburg PA with the Annual Memorial Service and business meeting. Members from 5 states are already registered. The membership established a budget for the coming year.

Presentations were given on the various topics including a proposed traffic management training center in Pennsylvania but Todd Leiss of the PA Turnpike Commission.

The Association approved a new Scholarship for students of OK State University Fire Engineering Program for a student to assist with research for the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute.

Meeting dates and locations were selected to 2017-2018 and are posted in events section of this site.

Congressman Bill Shuster, Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee who represents the McConnellsburg area stopped by the annual picnic to meet the out of state guests and to hear about the CVVFA's Responder Safety Institute.

The Presidents Council meeting was attended by the States of PA, WV, DE, MD, NJ as well as representatives from the Congressional Fire Services Institute, International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

PA Fire Commissioner Tim Solobay participated in the President Council Meeting and served as the banquet speaker later in the evening. During the banquet a tornado warning was issued for McConnellsburg. Power was disrupted for about one hour and a portion of the banquet was held in candle light until electricity was restored.

Hoby Howell of Maryland was installed as President along Allen Baldwin as 1st VP and Rich Brunner as 2nd VP. Dr. Candice McDonald was elected Director becoming the first officer or director elected from the state of Ohio.

Saturday was clear and bright with over 40 units participating in the parade.

McConnellsburg VFC provided after parade refreshments and a corn hole tournament.

27 Jun 2017

Updated Parade Prize List Includes Plaques and Cash for Convention in McConnellsburg. More Prize Money Available

Saturday August 5 at 12 Noon is the 116th Annual CVVFA Parade in McConnellsburg PA. Judging begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Fair Grounds with an all downhill parade to follow. Breakup area is at the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company where awards will be presented. Check out the prize lists below. The Host Company has added more parade prizes in addition to those provided by the Association to Fire Departments.

High School Bands-First Place \$100, 2nd place \$75

Majorette Groups-First Place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50

Antique Cars- First Place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50

2017 CVVFA Parade Prize List

116th Annual CVVFA Parade Registration

2017 CVVFA Parade Prize List



24 Apr 2017

Responder Safety Team at Two Highway Visitor Centers



Come out and give our CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute Team a hand as we work to educate motorists and their families about the dangers posed to responders working on the roadways helping others. There are two opportunities in May:

May 9th-Keystone Visitor Center I-81 Greencastle PA

May 12th– Sliding Hill Visitors Center I-68 west of Hancock MD

Contact Bob Cumberland at (443) 375-6682 to volunteer or just come on over and say HI!

04 Jan 2017

Longtime Member Deputy Chief Rob Biesecker Dies Following a Short Illness

CVVFA member and Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief Rob Biesecker was laid to rest after a short sudden illness. Rob was elected as Chief at Blue Ridge effective January 1. Sadly he was never able to take office. Rob also served as a career driver for the Waynesboro PA Fire Department. Numerous CVVFA companies participated in the funeral service. In the tradition of the Association, member companies answered the call for assistance to Blue Ridge and Waynesboro providing coverage and assisting with the funeral. Halfway (MD) Truck 26 flew the flag at the church. Charlie Rouss Fire Company (VA) provided transfer coverage during Monday nights viewing for Blue Ridge. The stand-by crew was led by CVVFA member Rouss Deputy Chief Ryan Baldwin and included other CVVFA members. CVVFA first VP Chief Allen Baldwin coordinated the procession and honors during very inclement weather. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Biesecker family along with our brothers and sisters at Blue Ridge and Waynesboro. Few if any associations can bring together members from several states to assist during times of trouble. We've have been doing just that for 116 years.



Deputy Chief Rob Biesecker



R.I.P Brother Rob



Chief Baldwin Coordinates Flag Tribute

