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CVVFA Members to Receive a Free Subscription to FIRE NEWS Another Great Membership Benefit



Dr. Candice McDonald, President of the CVVFA, announces that the Association has entered into a partnership with Fire News to provide each member with a subscription at no cost to the member. If your dues are current, or if you are a life or honorary member, or if your dues are paid for life, you will receive a full paid subscription to the paper.

As the premier publication for Long Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia Fire and EMS Departments, Fire News has successfully served the fire, rescue, EMS, and business community since 1973. Fire News and FireNews.com are excited to recognize and support the efforts of fire, rescue, and EMS heroes throughout the United States especially the CVVFA.

Fire News publishes great action photos, report on important issues affecting the Fire and EMS community, and keep loyal readers up-to-date on the newest products and services. Additionally, Fire News is a valuable resource for all of the department's fire, rescue, and EMS needs.

"We are excited to provide Fire News as a CVVFA membership benefit," said President McDonald. " Our agreement includes the opportunity for all our members and their organizations to submit photos and news to the paper. Readers will soon see an increase number of stories about the CVVFA and our programs" she added.

Attention CVVFA Members from Pennsylvania: New Recruitment and Retention Assistance



Volunteer Fire Companies and their members in Pennsylvania have new programs to assist in recruiting and retaining volunteers. The program includes the option for local tax relief for members of volunteer fire companies.

Title 35 was amended requiring the Office of the State Fire Commissioner to assist with statewide recruitment and retention efforts.

The mission of the Recruitment and Retention program is to assist the fire service in accessing various services in the Commonwealth and provide

technical assistance to local fire organizations and local governments. There are many services that fire companies may take advantage of that encourage volunteerism.

Pennsylvania Fire Companies and members can learn more about the program by visiting the Fire Commissioner's Website

An important part of the package includes local government ability to provide property tax relief to volunteers. Download the the information [here](#).

07 Oct 2022

Our Oldest Member Has Answered His Final Alarm- Kenneth K. Snively



The oldest surviving member of the CVVFA has passed away. Fireman Kenneth K. Snively who joined the Union Hose Company of Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania on July 5, 1938 died in Toledo Ohio on September 17, 2022 at the age of 105. Mr. Snively joined the CVVFA in 1940 and was the last living member who joined in the 1940's. He had lived in Ohio since 1965 and was a life member of the Association. Upon contact with him a few years ago he was surprised that he

was still a member. During our first virtual convention in 2020 we featured his photograph holding an American flag in front of his residence during the annual 4th of July parade. To put his membership in to perspective, when Fireman Snively joined the CVVFA, the Association was 39 years old. We are now in our 122nd year. Members like Ken Snively built our Association. Their memories remain in our records and in our hearts.

08 Aug 2022

Dr. Candice McDonald Elected President of the CVVFA



Dr. Candice McDonald a volunteer firefighter and EMT from Salem Ohio was elected CVVFA President at the 121st Annual Convention in Williamsport MD. Candice is the Deputy CEO of the National Volunteer Fire Council. She has an extensive public safety background as a sworn federal law enforcement officer, and a nationally known motivational speaker on fire service issues. Candice is an active responder at her own volunteer fire department in Salem OH. Candice's husband Travis is an emergency room nurse, they have three grown children. Candice earned a doctorate in business administration with a specialty in homeland security. She is an adjunct professor at Eastern Gateway Community College. She serves on the FDIC/Fire Engineering Advisory

Board and is a trustee for Women in Fire. She is the first female President of the CVVFA.



08 Aug 2022

121st Convention Parade Results Williamsport MD



Williamsport organized an enjoyable parade day topping off the Annual Convention in Williamsport MD. Following the parade Williamsport firefighters and support personnel provided a lunch and drinks. Parade winners were as follows:

1. Best Appearing Engine 1250 GPM or Larger:

1st Place- Williamsport Volunteer Fire – Ems Inc.

2nd Place- Longmeadow Volunteer Fire Company Inc

2. Best Appearing Engine under 1250 GPM:

1st Place- Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company

3. Best Appearing Aerial Device:

1st Place – Volunteer Fire Company Of Halfway, Maryland

2nd Place – Williamsport Volunteer Fire – Ems Inc.

4. Best Appearing Tanker 2500 Gallons or Larger

1st Place – Community Volunteer Fire Company Inc. of District 12

5. President's Award:

1st Place – Williamsport Volunteer Junior Firefighters

2nd Place – Washington County Fire Police

6. Best Appearing Rescue or Squad:

1st Place – Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company

7. Best Appearing Special Unit-Air, Wagon, Traffic, Rehab Unit

1st Place – Funkstown Volunteer Fire Company

8. Best Appearing Brush Truck:

1st Place – Community Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

of District 12, Fairplay Maryland

2nd Place – Funkstown Volunteer Fire Company

9. Best Marked Fire Apparatus for Highway Incident Scene Safety:

1st Place – Aetna Hose / Hook & Ladder Co. Newark Del.

2nd Place – Washington County Volunteer Fire And Rescue Association

10. Best Appearing Antique Fire Engine Driven in the Parade:

1st Place – Steve and Brad Lohr – NE Regional Fire Dept. 1958 B Model Mack Pumper

11. Best Appearing Privately Owned Fire Dept. Antique Apparatus:

In Memory of Past President Raymond T. Kimble

(Sponsored by Emergency Vehicle Specialist of Hagerstown, MD)

1st Place – Michael Hamilton- National Label Co. 954 B Model Mack Open Cab Pumper

2nd Place – Joe Kroboth, III – Volunteer Fire Co. of Halfway Maryland, 1945 Oren Engine

19 Jun 2022

Dr. Harry Carter Answers His Final Alarm- Was Editor In Chief of Respondersafety.com



Dr. Harry Carter lost his battle with cancer on June 17. He was a dedicated member of the CVVFA serving in several roles as the NJ Representative to the CVVFA Presidents Council and as Editor in Chief of www.Respondersafety.com where he oversaw highway incident struck-by reporting and authored the editor's column.

Harry helped launch Respondersafety.com and contributed to its now 10 thousand pages of content. "He wrote until his declining health prevented it" said CVVFA President Joe Kroboth. "When Harry accepted the Editor In Chief job the website was tiny. Harry was one of the leading journalists in the fire service and we were very fortunate he signed on. He brought so many new visitors. Our trade show booth was jammed when Harry was

present" Joe added. His long time friend Pete Matthews has written an excellent piece in Firehouse.com about Harry's incredible career. Jack Sullivan, Director of Training at the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute wrote a tribute about Harry's contribution roadway safety on www.respondersafety.com

Harry's career in the fire service in Newark and Adelphia NJ exemplified the commitment of true "two hatter", a career fire officer and a volunteer chief at home. The CVVFA was honored to have Dr. Carter as a member and his contributions will never be forgotten.

Arrangements are as follows:

Viewing – Sunday, June 26th, 1400-1800 Hours

Funeral – Monday, June 27th, 1000 Hours

Higgins Funeral Home

20 Center Street

Freehold, NJ 07728

14 Jun 2022

CVVFA MOURNS THE PASSING OF LONGTIME NVFC LEGISLATIVE CHIEF DAVE FINGER

Dave Finger, a CVVFA Member, and the NVFC Representative to the CVVFA Presidents Council passed away on June 3, 2022. The CVVFA appreciates the professionalism and the friendship Dave displayed in his role at the NVFC. We will miss him.

Courtesy of the National Volunteer Council Webpage www.nvfc.org



It is with great sadness that the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) says goodbye to chief of legislative and regulatory affairs Dave Finger, who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on June 3. Dave has been an integral part of the NVFC team since 2005 and will be greatly missed.

Dave dedicated his career to utilizing political advocacy to make a difference and impact positive change for the fire and emergency services community. He received his bachelor's degree in political economy at Michigan State University and his master's degree in legislative affairs from The George Washington University. Prior to joining the NVFC, he was the lead staffer on first responder issues for the Research and Technology Subcommittee of

the U.S. House of Representatives Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Advocating on behalf of the volunteer fire and emergency services was a passion for Dave. He tackled many issues for the NVFC to tirelessly represent the interests of volunteer responders on Capitol Hill, with regulatory agencies, and as NVFC staff liaison for 20 NFPA standards-setting committees. He also facilitated numerous NVFC board committees as well as the EMS/Rescue Section. The NVFC staff and board routinely sought his advice and expertise on governmental and regulatory matters. He brought a depth of knowledge and insight to his role that resulted in numerous victories for the volunteer. He was always ready to step up to a challenge and was skilled at working with other groups and organizations to amplify messages and make the biggest impact.

"Dave was a true asset to the NVFC and a friend to all who knew him," said NVFC CEO Sarah Lee. "Whether working on legislation, answering difficult inquiries, advising the

board, or any number of other tasks, he was a respected voice people listened to and learned from. He faced his cancer battle just like he did everything else in his life – with strength, dignity, and his signature humor. It is with the heaviest of hearts that we say goodbye to Dave, but his memory, legacy, and the impact of his work will live on.”

A Michigan native, Dave was 44 years old. He leaves behind his wife, Allison, two young children, Vivienne, 7, and Sullivan, 2, as well as his father and two brothers. Obituary and memorial information are posted on his cancer journey blog located at www.caringbridge.org/visit/davefinger.

NVFC Announces Dr. Candice McDonald Will be the New Deputy CEO of the Organization



The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Candice McDonald will join staff as deputy chief executive officer. In this role, she will assist CEO Sarah Lee in managing the internal operations of the NVFC, including grants oversight, budget development, organizational planning, and more.

“We are very excited for Dr. Candice McDonald to join the NVFC as a key part of our staff leadership team,” said Lee. “Candice brings a myriad of experience and expertise that will help the NVFC grow and move our initiatives forward. I am

confident she will be an asset to our team and to the emergency responder community that we serve.”

McDonald’s involvement in the NVFC dates to 2010, when she became one of the organization’s first Fire Corps State Advocates. In addition

to her work with Fire Corps, she has served as an instructor for the NVFC, facilitated webinars and online events, written numerous articles, and provided subject matter expertise in various areas.

McDonald holds a doctorate in business administration with a specialty in homeland security, a master’s degree in organizational leadership, and a bachelor’s degree in organizational management. She also has an extensive professional background in marketing.

She currently works as a federal special agent for NASA in the Office of Protective Services, where she utilizes skills including grant and project management, budgeting, and staff management. In addition, she is an adjunct professor at Eastern Gateway Community College, serves as a recruitment and retention expert for the U.S. Fire Administration, and has taught recruitment and retention courses across the U.S.

McDonald has been active in the volunteer fire and emergency services for almost two decades, serving as a volunteer firefighter, EMS chief officer, instructor, and fire inspector. She is the incoming president of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association, a trustee for Women in Fire, and a member of the FDIC/Fire Engineering Advisory Board.

Please join the NVFC in welcoming Dr. McDonald to the NVFC staff. She will start her new role with the NVFC on July 6.

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Fellow members, for several years our association and our individual members benefited from a relationship with the PA Fireman Magazine. The magazine has covered our events, published our articles, and informed readers about our activities.

With the steady long-term growth of our Emergency Responder Safety Institute, we saw the need to provide printed material designed to educate drivers about the dangers that distracted driving poses to responders working on the roadways helping others. Our friends at the PA Fireman established a partnership with us to help produce and deliver that material all across the nation.

Working together we reached a financial agreement that allowed us to purchase discount subscriptions for our members and to produce and ship the educational items to public safety agencies and other organizations.

We at the CVVFA also stepped up our article submissions so all the readers could receive the latest news about reducing struck-by incidents on the roadways. We viewed these print articles as means to deliver this important safety message to readers who prefer to read a print publication rather than online.

Late last year the PA Fireman changed its focus to become more of a Lancaster County PA publication and moved away from statewide and national coverage. Additionally, printing was outsourced so we no longer had access to purchasing printing and distribution of our educational material.

We received our invoice for subscriptions for members this year and noted the cost per subscription had increased to \$7, \$2 higher than our annual dues.

In another change, the PA Fireman eliminated the events and training calendars that our members read frequently. Sadly, we also learned that there would be no longer coverage of meetings and other events by a reporter.

Your officers brought these changes before the membership at our May meeting. After discussion and a unanimous vote, it was decided not to pay for subscriptions for our membership any longer.

The association does feel that we should continue to contribute articles to the magazine. We hold no animosity and understand that organizations change their business plan from time to time. Unfortunately, the changes at the PA Fireman do not align with the plans we have for the marketing of the CVVFA and our products.

If you wish to subscribe to the PA Fireman at your own cost, contact the magazine directly.

In closing, we wish the PA Fireman well and thank them for the partnership we enjoyed with them over the years.

Fraternally,

Joe

10 May 2022

CVVFA Mourns the Death of John P. Fox, Delaware Fire Service Legend



Deputy Chief Emeritus John P. Fox

It is with deep regret that Mill Creek DE Fire Company announces the passing of Deputy Chief Emeritus John Fox. John had been battling failing health for several years.

John was a go-getter from the moment he joined Mill Creek in April of 1963, holding many positions within Mill Creek during his lifetime. He shaped many future officers within Mill Creek as an advisor to Explorer Post 921. He was elected Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, Deputy Emeritus, Member of the Board of Directors and Company President three different times over his career.

John was the only person to have held the Presidency of the New Castle County Firefighters, Fire Chiefs and Fire Police Associations, recognizing his commitment to service.

He was a member of many fire associations including Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, the DEL-MAR-VA Volunteer Firemen's Association and Delaware Valley Fire Chiefs Association. He was an Honorary Member of the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company of Newark DE where for many years he worked in the kitchen preparing meals.

John was elected President Emeritus of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association, an honor bestowed on very few firefighters in the First State.

John's memory will guide members of the fire service as an example of service and dedication.