

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association

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Plan Now to Attend the Winter Meeting of the CVVFA !!!

Make Plans Now to Attend the Winter Meeting of the CVVFA

🎉 Excitement is in the air! Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association's Winter meeting. It's an event like no other, and we want you to be there! 🎉

The Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association (CVVFA) will hold its winter meeting and training on February 1-2, 2025, at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center, 101 Champ Blvd, in Manheim, PA.

We have secured a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn, 3903 Abel Dr., Columbia, PA. The rooms are available starting on Friday January 31-February 3, 2025. To receive the special rate of \$102 per night, use the group code CVVFA. Reservations must be made no later than January 10, 2025

Reservation link -> Rates & Available Rooms – Comfort Inn Lancaster County

We ask that if you plan to attend one or both days, you register on-line via our new planning app at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/cvvfa-winter-meeting>. Your registration will help us plan for the number of attendees and for meal planning.

Our tentative agenda for the training and meeting includes:

Saturday, February 1

- Morning Open time for travel and for committees to meet
- 200 – 1300 Lunch at Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center
- 1300 – 1600 Training – Enhancing Roadway Safety Through Advanced Technology

Sunday, February 2

- 0800 – 0900 Continental breakfast
- 0900 – 1200 Business meeting of the CVVFA
- Afternoon Return travel home

Invitations have been extended to local towing operators and local fire company members so that we can show them what CVVFA and ERSI are all about. Please plan to join us for our fall meeting to learn what you can do to help. Get involved with our committees and be part of a national agenda for roadway safety, community risk reduction, and responder behavior.

If you are not already a member, come and find out what we are all about. Join now for just \$5 – it will be one of the best investments you ever make !!!

21 Nov 2024

124th Annual Convention Information



A few members of the Citizens Fire Company of Newport PA

The 2025 Convention is scheduled at Newport Fire Company, 301 Mulberry St, Newport, PA 17074. The Citizen's Fire Company was founded in 1925 and is one of 12 fire companies in Perry County. Citizens is celebrating the entire week with events each day and evening. The CVVFA Convention begins Wednesday July 30th and continues until August 2nd when a huge parade takes place in Newport. CVVFA members are invited to attend the entire week.

[Click Here to Book your group rate for the CVVFA 2025 Convention](#)

Fairfield Inn & Suites Harrisburg West/Mechanicsburg for \$105 USD per night

Crash Responder Safety Week – November 18-22

Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) affords a unique opportunity for every first responder and member of the public to make a difference individually and jointly for roadway safety during traffic incidents. This year's theme is, "Responders Ahead! Reduce Your Speed As You Proceed," with #CRSW.

CVVFA and its Emergency Response Safety Institute (ERSI) have issued the attached resolution to recognize CRSW and ask that every first responder take time this week to access the training resources available through the Responder Safety, Training, Learning Network.

It is also a good time to help make the public aware of the dangers that responders face while working incidents along the roadways and take the time to Slow Down and Move Over when approaching vehicles or personnel working an incident scene.

Each day this week has a specialized focus area for the risks that responders face during incidents along America's roadways. Additional information and resources can be found at the following links managed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program:

Day of Week	Messaging Focus
Monday, 11/18	Responders Ahead! Reduce Your Speed As You Proceed.
Tuesday, 11/19	Driver Education
Wednesday, 11/20	Responder Training
Thursday, 11/21	More Than a Crash
Friday, 11/22	Slow Down, Move Over



**CRASH RESPONDER
SAFETY WEEK
NOVEMBER 18-22, 2024**



WHEREAS, first responders, including firefighters, emergency medical personnel, law enforcement officers, safety service patrol operators, department of transportation and public works crews, and law enforcement are called upon each day to provide a critical public service across our nation's roadways to those in need at all hours of the day and night, in adverse conditions, and in a dangerous roadside environment, **AND**

WHEREAS, each year more than 40 first responders are killed, and many others suffer serious injury while performing their duties, as a result of being struck by speeding, impaired, drifty or distracted motorists, and motorists who fail to adhere to Stop, Look, Listen and Yield, **AND**

WHEREAS, first responder and response vehicle strikes also result in serious injury or death of the involved motorists and passengers, and place additional road users at greater risk of a crash, **AND**

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association, through its Emergency Responder Safety Institute has advocated for an increase in the training of all first responders on measures needed to increase safe roadway operations, **AND**

WHEREAS, additional public awareness measures are necessary to increase their understanding of the dangers that they may encounter as emergency responders when traveling through an emergency incident on roadways, **AND**

WHEREAS, Crash Responder Safety Week provides an opportunity to raise the awareness of every first responder and every motorist to their responsibility for incident scene safety, and by staying alert, avoiding distractions, driving safely around traffic incident scenes, and staying Clean, Open, Move Over lanes, we can work together to save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Lewis, President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association, do hereby recognize November 18-22, 2024, as Crash Responder Safety Week and ask that all first responders and members of the public at large to take time to recognize the hazards of roadway operations and take necessary measures to increase the safety of all involved.



President, CVVFA

02 Oct 2024

**** NEW ** Training added to CVVFA Fall Meeting**

We hope that you are planning to join us on October 19-20, 2024, at the Burlington Township, NJ for the Fall Meeting of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. Our complete agenda and registration link can be found in the news item posted below this one.

We are especially excited to offer the training program “Managing Electric Vehicle Battery Fire – A Traffic Incident Management Perspective” to our agenda. The training will take place on Saturday afternoon, October 19, from 1230-1600 hours. Come join us for this exciting new training and feel free to stay around for Sunday’s business meeting too.

Details and registration information can be found here → [EV Fire Class 10192024 registration](#)

Preparing for the Fall Meeting of the CVVFA

The Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association will hold its fall meeting and training on October 19-20, 2024, hosted by the Burlington Township Fire Department at their Headquarters at 1601 Burlington Bypass, Burlington, NJ.

A hotel block has been held for Friday and Saturday nights at a rate of \$99 per night (plus tax) at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 18 Western Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 609-702-5800.

We ask that if you plan to attend one or both days, you register on-line via our new planning app at

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/76f65e27-842d-4f73-a896-892fd3386702> . Your registration will help us plan for the number of attendees and for meal planning.

Our tentative agenda for the training and meeting includes:

Saturday, October 19

- 0800 – 0900 Continental breakfast provided by Burlington Township Fire Department
- 0900 – 1200 Open time for committees to meet to discuss plans and projects
- 1200 – 1300 Lunch provided by Burlington Township Fire Department
- 1300 – 1600 Training – Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Considerations for Incidents Involving Electric Vehicles
 - presented by Anthony Correia and David Bullard

Sunday, October 20

- 0800 – 0900 Continental breakfast provided by Burlington Township Fire Department
- 0900 – 1200 Business meeting of the CVVFA
- 1200 – 1300 Lunch provided by Burlington Township Fire Department
- 1300 -> Return travel home

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12 Aug 2024

123rd Convention Muster Prizes



VFC of Halfway MD 1st Engine 1945 International

Hand/ Horse Drawn Antique:

1st Place 1924 Bickle Horse Drawn Motorized Pump

2nd Place 1900 Wirt Knox Hose Reel

Antique Apparatus 25 years or older Privately Owned:

1st Place 1954 American LaFrance owned by Steve Austin

2nd Place 1954 B-Model Mack owned by Michael Hamilton

Emergency Services Special Unit:

1st Place 2013 Pierce Freightliner Command Unit Washington County Division of Emergency Services MCC 1

2nd Place 2007 Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Traffic 9

Aerial:

1st Place 2018 Pierce Enforcer Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department

2nd Place 1956 Peter Pirsch (AKA Bruno) owned by Jason Eckstine

Fire Engine 1250 GPM and over:

1st Place 2013 Pierce Velocity Shepherdstown Fire Department

2nd Place 1979 CF Mack Owned by Ed Gotthardt Jr

Fire Engine 1250 GPM and under:

1st Place 1966 C- Model Mack Owned by The Volunteers of The Independent Junior Fire Engine #3

2nd Place 1945 International/ Oren Owned by Joe Kroboth III

Squad:

1st Place 2021 Mack/4Guys Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company

2nd Place 1986 Chevrolet C30 Ranger Rescue Squad owned by Mike Kurant

Robert Gearhart Memorial Trophy Best of Show Award:

1954 American Larance owned by Steve Austin

09 Aug 2024

CVVFA Receives a \$452,209.52 FEMA Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety Grant

Past CVVFA President Joe Kroboth, our Emergency Responder Safety Institute Project Manager announced that the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awarded the CVVFA \$452,209.52 to continue funding firefighter roadway safety programs associated with ResponderSafety.com and the Responder Safety Learning Network. President Dave Lewis reported at the 123rd Convention that the award coincided with the opening day of Convention and was an excellent start to our 124th year of service to the public safety community.



President Chief Joe Kroboth

123rd Convention in the Rear View Mirror



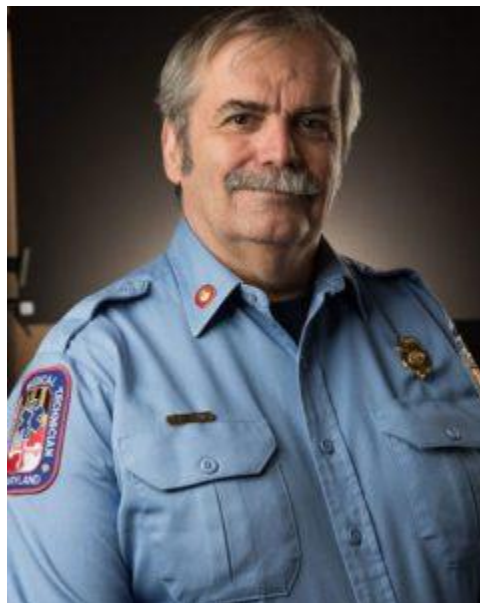
The 123rd Annual Convention was a success. Host Company, the Volunteer Fire Company provided an outstanding venue and fire service hospitality. Convention highlights follow:

- President Dave Lewis was re-elected to a second one year term along with a team of officers who pledged to support the forward moving momentum of the organization
- The Association officially changed its name from Firemen's to Firefighters
- By-law changes streamlining the duties of the Directors were passed
- A balanced Annual Budget passed requiring no funds from savings
- Place and time of the 124th Convention was selected as the Citizens Fire Company in Newport Pennsylvania July 31-August 3, 2024 celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the fire company.
- Accepted the invitation of Burlington Township NJ for the Fall Booster Meeting on October 19-20, 2024
- The Officers approved a winter meeting in 2025. No date or place has been set.

- A muster at a local shopping mall was well attended capping the event



2024 Officers: President David Lewis First Vice President John Gonzalez Second Vice President Todd Leiss (not pictured) Treasurer Jerry Daniels Recording Secretary Deborah Watson Membership Secretary Jim Watson Directors: 2025 – Steve Austin, Bob Cumberland, Candice McDonald, Allen Baldwin (not pictured) 2026 – Donna Welsh, Joe Kroboth, Joe Chornock



President Dave Lewis

09 Apr 2024

Passing of Chaplain Charles Barnhart

It is with profound sadness that the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association shares the news that Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. passed from this world to the loving arms of Jesus on Monday, April 8, 2024. As the world was watching the passing of the moon in front of the sun during the eclipse, Charlie was passing from this earth and into the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Chaplain Charley receives mini Oscar at the 2021 Convention

Charlie served as the Chaplain for Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company, Chaplain for the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, Chaplain with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and Chaplain for the Cumberland Valley Firefighters Association.

Deacon Barnhart Pastored the Keysville Evangelical Lutheran Church in Keymar, Maryland.

Please keep Charlie's family, friends, and fire service brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Visitation is Thursday, April 18, at Keysville Lutheran Church, 7301 Keysville Rd, Keymar, MD 3 until 7 p.m. Funeral Service, Friday, April 19 at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St, Westminster, MD 21157 at 11 am.

11 Mar 2024

OSHA Changes Could Adversely Impact Your Volunteer Fire Department

Our friends at the National Volunteer Fire Council have advised us of an important webinar about OSHA rule making.

Roundtable Talk: Proposed OSHA Standard Update and What It Means for Volunteer Fire Departments

Thursday, March 14, 2pm ET

On February 5, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published a proposed rule revising its emergency response standard. This is the first time OSHA revised this standard since 1980, and the public has until May 6 to provide comments. If enacted as is, this proposed rule would bring immense challenges to volunteer departments, and some may even be forced to shut down. It is important that the volunteer fire service understand how this rule would impact them and provide their comments to OSHA before May 6. This NVFC Roundtable Talk will highlight some of the biggest concerns with the proposed revised emergency standard, discuss which volunteers will be impacted, explain the NVFC's strategy for addressing the proposed revision, and suggest best practices for departments wishing to comment on the revisions.

The text of the proposed revised OSHA emergency response standard and information on how to submit comments can be found here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/02/05/2023-28203/emergency-response-standard>

Register at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QWcboz-tST6mzzkSSI26gw.