



# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION



MAY 2014

## Special points of interest:

- \* **Maryland City VFD— Basket & Pandora Bracelet Bingo**— May 3—20 regular games—9 cards (\$18), 12 cards (\$21—Reserve early and receive \$3 off admission. Pulltabs, doorprizes, FUN— Doors open at 5 P.M. for dinner. Contact Kim @ 410-533-6542 for info.
- \* **Lake Shore VFC—Pit Beef Sales** — May 3—10 A.M. til 3 P.M. Contact Tina at 443-306-1633
- \* **Ferndale Day Parade**—Lineup at 11 A.M. at North County High School - Parade at 12 Noon.
- \* **Deale VFD—All You Can Eat Breakfast**—May 10—8 A.M. til 11 A.M.
- \* **Lake Shore VFC—All You Can Eat Breakfast**—May 11—8 A.M til 12 noon—\$8—Mom gets \$1.00 off the price.
- \* **Friends of Downs Park Community Family Day**—May 17—Noon til 4 P.M. 8311 John Downs Loop Pasadena MD Free admittance to the park. Fire Apparatus, Great day to spend time with the family on the Chesapeake Bay!
- \* **Orchard Beach VFD—All Day Scrap-booking**—June 7—9 A.M. til 10 P.M. \$40—Breakfast, lunch, dinner Vendors on site. Contact Donna at 443-790-2171 to reserve your seat.
- \* **SAVE THE DATE ! - ARUNDEL VFD 3rd ANNUAL RESCUE RUN—OCTOBER 4—8 A.M.**
- \* **Ferndale VFD—Teen Dance**—May 30—7 P.M. til 10 P.M.—\$7.00—Parent must sign child in and out.

## *Working, Serving, Learning & Growing Together*

### *Heroes Among Us*

**Congratulations to Frederick Robert "Bob" Seibel III AACVFA's Nominee for the 2014 Unsung Hero Award for the Anne Arundel County One Hundred Club!**

Cape St. Claire VFC

**Please log into the AACVFA's site to read Bob's full fire service biography.**



**Crystal Glover** (left), an EMT at Odenton VFC since 2011, stated it is "emotionally gratifying to be able to help someone on what could be the worst day of their life." Crystal won top honors with 374 EMS calls in 2013 at the Odenton fire station.

**Kyle Phelps**, another volunteer at Odenton VFC was the company's top responder with 714 calls in 2013.



**Will Fischer** (right), a volunteer firefighter at Odenton VFC and an Army Reservist, lost his leg while serving in Iraq. Will has overcome his injuries through rehab at Walter Reed National Military Hospital Center and has returned to Odenton VFC to continue to serve his community.

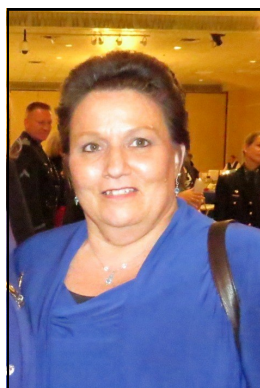
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#### Quote of the Month

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Compiled by  
*Jane Huffman*

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**“Danny’s Girls for a Cure”**



Theresa Winkelmeyer, Past President Ladies Auxiliary AACVFA is a good example of a hero. In February 2013, both Theresa and her sister Maria were diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Despite surgeries and illness, Theresa continued to be proactive, raising funds for services to families touched by breast cancer. Theresa and Maria’s father, Danny Dean of Jessup VFD lost his battle with cancer in 1999. Theresa, Maria, family, and friends will be participating in “Ride Across Maryland” Saturday, May 31—June 2, 2014 at the Francis Scott Key Family Resort in Ocean City. If you would like to sponsor Theresa and Maria, you may donate online at [www.rideacrossmaryland.org](http://www.rideacrossmaryland.org) under Theresa Winkelmeyer/team “Danny’s Girls for a Cure” or you may send a check payable to “Ride Across Maryland” to Theresa Winkelmeyer, 2049 Citrus Avenue, Jessup Maryland 20794. Join Theresa and Maria in their fight against breast cancer!

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**Beyond Hoses and Helmets**

Volunteer & Combination

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Officers Section

Strategy and Tactics of Leading a Volunteer or Combination Fire/Rescue Organization

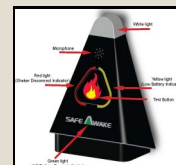
Proudly Sponsored by:

The MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee will be sponsoring the IAFC—VCOS Leadership training seminar, “Beyond Hoses and Helmets”. It will be presented May 3rd & 4th at UMBC. This class is open to all that wish to become better leaders in the fire service.



**SAFE AWAKE INSTALLERS**

(Bed Shakers for Deaf or Hard of Hearing Persons)



If you have a deaf or hard of hearing individual that requires a Safe Awake bed shaker, please contact Sharon New at (FD009612@aacounty.org) or John Spiker (silverspike2548@aol.com or 410-218-1814) to have it installed. If you are interested in becoming an installer, contact Debbie Gartrell at [debbiegartrell@comcast.net](mailto:debbiegartrell@comcast.net).

**Meet Your Candidates**  
**“Coffee Social”**

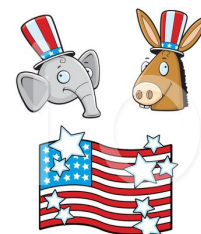
State Senators & Delegates  
 Districts 31A, 31B, 32, and 33

**Monday May 12, 2014**  
**7:30 a.m. til 9:30 a.m.**

**Educate yourself!**

*Meet your candidates in a relaxed setting. Coffee and pastries provided.*

*Free and Open to the public.*



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*Gavigan’s Furniture*  
 7319 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie 21061  
 RSVP 410-766-8282

MSFA’s  
 1st Vice  
 President  
 Car for  
 Sale:



SEALED  
 BIDS  
 MUST BE  
 RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE BY MIDNIGHT JULY 15, 2014. Mark the envelope “MSFA CAR”. Bids are to be sent to: Rusty Leftwich, 2121 Harkins Road, Pylesville, Md. 21132 Please direct questions to the same, at 410-808-8095, or [whitehat10@aol.com](mailto:whitehat10@aol.com). MSFA reserves the right to accept or reject bids.



**Sunday**  
**May 11, 2014**



Anne Arundel Cares, Inc. was incorporated in February, 2012 to help raise money for non-

profit organizations in Anne Arundel County. All donations that are raised on the Anne Arundel Cares website go directly to the nonprofit for which they are designated minus a 4.9% processing fee. Donations are sent to the non-profit (could be your Company!) on the 10th of the following month.

Anne Arundel Cares will be hosting a free "speed networking" party for non-profit leaders on Tuesday, May 20th from 5:30 p.m. til 7:30 p.m. at Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, Annapolis.

The goal of the evening will be to provide local non-profit leaders the ability to talk about the issues they are facing within their organization, brainstorm ways non-profits can partner together, and share ideas and solutions to their problems.

This should be a really fun event! If you are interested in attending, RSVP to 410-757-2811 or info@aacares.org. (Ferndale VFC currently participates in this, so you may want to ask Chaplain if it was beneficial.)



"Looking for a unique way to celebrate your Child's next birthday party?"


Contact  
West Annapolis Volunteer Fire and Improvement Company, Inc.  
171 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD

## Riviera Beach VFC Carnival

May 12th — May 17th  
(Parade will be held on May 17th.)

Join us  
for a  
fun-filled week!







**To obtain additional copies of Anne Arundel County's Emergency Preparedness Guide go to;**  
[//www.aacounty.org/OEM/preparedness%20Guide%202013v2.pdf](http://www.aacounty.org/OEM/preparedness%20Guide%202013v2.pdf)

**"SURVIVING THE STORM"**

Encourage your friends to make an emergency plan!



Pre-



**RAFFLE**  
 CHOOSE BETWEEN  
 N5A NEW YORKER  
 or  
 N6A SAM HOUSTON  
 LEATHER HELMET!

Tickets are \$10 each.  
 Acquire tickets through Webmaster@rbvfc13 or  
 jship@cablespeed.com  
 (Master card and Visa accepted)  
 Drawing will be held May 17th  
**Proceeds benefit the  
 Riviera Beach VFC**







#comedysbestkeptsecret

**\$10- at the door**



**May 23rd 2014**  
 4 S Broadview Blvd  
 Glen Burnie, MD **8pm**

**STAND UP FOR WHAT  
 YOU BELIEVE IN,  
 EVEN IF IT MEANS  
 STANDING ALONE.**



**ARE YOU PREPARED?**

**Do you have flashlights with extra batteries?**

**Do you have a battery-operated radio?**

**AACVFA  
CONVENTION BOOK UPDATE**

Drop-dead date for  
**ANYTHING** to go in the AACVFA  
Convention Book is  
**JULY 25, 2014!**

(If your report is not in by July 25th,  
it will not be included in the annual book.)



Advertisements  
Officer's Reports  
Reports of Committees  
Booster ads, etc.

**Booster Ads** – Patti Kidwell will be the point of contact for  
Booster ads. (**PAKIDWE@VERIZON.NET**) They do not  
have to be in alphabetical order. Family names should be  
grouped together. They are also to be typed in single line  
format when turned in. No EXCEL.

**Fire Company Ads** – Jane Huffman will be sending copies  
of the ad form to each fire company along with an invoice to  
make it easier for you. Please help support this AACVFA  
fundraiser by sending in your \$100 company ad to  
**AACVFACVC@GMAIL.COM**. Your support will help  
defray the cost of printing the Convention book. All in-  
voices and payment must be returned to Jane Huffman. You  
may mail payment and invoice to Jane Huffman,  
1285 Magothy Road, Pasadena, Maryland 21122. for docu-  
menting. Jane will contact you when the payment has  
been received. Thank you!

**Fire Prevention Week – Plan Ahead**

**2014: October 5-11**  
**2015: October 4-10**



**Food for thought:** Most  
fire companies try to hold  
their Open Houses during the  
month of October, making it  
difficult to obtain the  
Fire Safety House and  
other agencies.

You may want to think about holding your  
Open House in a month other than October so  
there is no competition in coordinating all of  
the outside agencies.

**MSFA  
CERTIFICATE OF  
RECOGNITION**



The MSFA believes it is important to  
recognize company members. Each  
year at the convention, members are  
recognized for the following reasons.

**EMS Top Responder** This Recognition is pre-  
sented to the EMS Responder who takes the  
most calls "out the door".

**Fire Top Responder** This Recognition is pre-  
sented to the Fire Responder who takes the  
most calls "out the door".

**Rescue Top Responder** This Recognition is  
presented to the Rescue Responder who takes  
the most calls "out the door".

**Active Military Service** This Recognition is  
presented to members of the Volunteer Fire,  
EMS, Rescue Services that have been called to  
Active Duty as a member of a United States  
Military Services.

**Three or more Generations in the Fire  
Service** This Recognition is presented to the  
members of families that have at least three  
generations. i.e. father, son, grand-  
son...father, daughter, grandson, etc.

**Over 90 Years of age and still active in**  
the fire company. This Recognition is pre-  
sented to the members of your company that  
are at least 90 years old and are still actively  
involved in some activity at your fire sta-  
tion. The activity is not expected to be run-  
ning calls.

To take advantage of MSFA's "Thank You Cer-  
tificate" for your members, please go to the  
MSFA's Convention Committee website and  
click on the appropriate award listed. Certifi-  
cates will be presented at Convention  
providing time is available.