



# Community Update



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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## Respond Now & Serve Your Community!

One of the goals Chief Owens has set for the Division this year is to better educate the public on the quality fire and rescue services offered within Frederick County, and the opportunities that exist for citizens to be part of the fire service, either as a volunteer, or on a career basis. To that end, a committee of both volunteers, uniformed employees, and administrative staff have been meeting to address how to most effectively reach out to community leaders to get our message across for educational and future recruitment purposes.

In this new year you will begin to see flyers and posters, similar to the one included in this newsletter, posted throughout the County. Those featured in this poster include: Firefighter Stacy Phelps, Firefighter John Han (Committee Member), Firefighter Chris Dimopoulos, volunteer Firefighter/EMT Juan Cortez (Committee Member), and volunteer Firefighter/EMT David Smith.

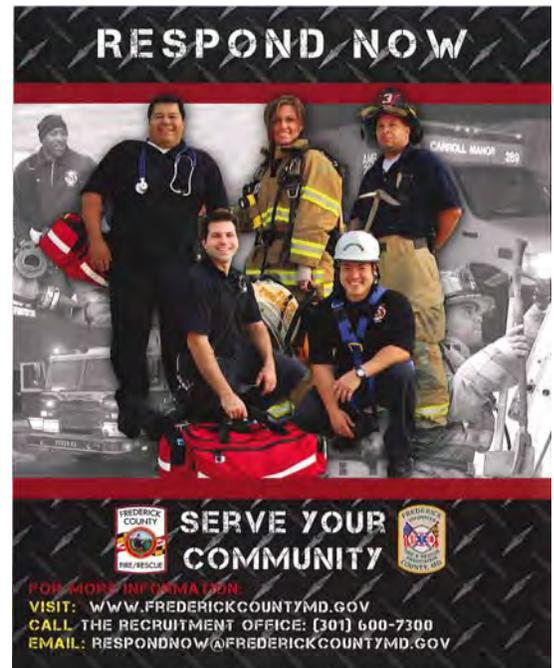
Other Committee members included Chief Owens, Volunteer Director Doug Orner, Lt. John Neary, Paramedic Margaret Shockney, Firefighter Robert James, Firefighter Kerrie Gordon, Volunteer Recruiter Lisa Lessin, and Personnel Analyst Molly Staus. All helped to plan, and most subsequently attended, several events this year. Those events included:

- Guns and Hoses – Frederick Keys Stadium
- Public Education Event – Hillcrest Elementary School
- Black Frederick Family Reunion – Baker Park
- Latino Festival – Frederick Community College

- Frederick County Community Health Fair – Church of the Brethren in Frederick
- Career Days – Hood College and schools throughout the County

Moving forward, the Committee can use everyone's help in this effort. If you know of a community leader whom we should contact, or of an upcoming event that we could participate in, Chief Owens encourages you to forward the information to a member of the committee or to Molly Staus at:

[mstaus@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:mstaus@frederickcountymd.gov)





# Toys for Tots Drive a Huge Success!

On Monday, December 17, 2012, 31 members of Local 3666, accompanied by many area volunteers, assisted the United States Marine Corps with the Toys for Tots program in Frederick County. Participants, using their own vehicles and trailers, collected boxes of toys from 173 locations in Frederick County. The toys were then delivered to a drop-off site located in the old Bon Ton store in

the Frederick Towne Mall on the Golden Mile, where Marines sorted them into groups by age and gender.

Nearly every volunteer corporation in the county assisted with the Toys for Tots program in some fashion, whether it was allowing their building to be utilized as a collection point or by donating toys to the program.

The Marines were very grateful for the support that was received from

the volunteer corporations, as well as the Division of Fire & Services, Frederick County Government, and the Ft. Detrick Fire Department.



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# Fire Museum Helps Hurricane Sandy Victims

The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum, located at 300B South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, Maryland, expanded its normal duty as guardian of our fire service history recently, when the museum was used to cooperate in two very worthy causes.

Wayne Powell, a museum member and Executive Director of the National Fire Heritage Center, received a call from some staff members of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Center was seeking a possible drop-off site for collections of items for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Since The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum is located just down the street from the fire academy, and highly visible to passers by, it was suggested as a possible collection point.

With the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute providing the transportation, the Mt. Joy, New Jersey Fire



Department coordinated distributions along with staff and contractors of the National Emergency Training Center. Working together, the effort was a tremendous success, with several MFRI trucks transporting several full truckloads.

On December 8, 2012, the fire museum again performed a

community outreach while open for the annual Museums by Candlelight tour. The fire museum joined area fire stations and the Career Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 3666, in the annual Toys for Tots campaign, collecting three boxes of toys in just five hours.

The Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum is closed for the winter and will re-open on April 6, 2013 as part of Bell and History Day, which will kick off the new museum season in Frederick County.

Visit them on the web at:



# DFRS Gives Family a Merry Christmas



The Division of Fire & Rescue Services again chose to sponsor a family in need for Christmas.

Working with Frederick County Family Partnership, DFRS was paired with a family of four that included two parents and two children. Their "wish lists" included practical items such as winter coats, and boots.

Contributors were extremely happy to be able to meet all of the family's basic needs. They

were also able to include toys, games, clothing, snow saucers, and even bunkbeds for the children, as well as a gift card to a local grocery store. Additionally, the family received a digital camera so that they could forever capture ALL their Christmas memories!



Find us on the Web at  
[www.GearUpFireRescue.com](http://www.GearUpFireRescue.com)

## Gear Up In 2013!

Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue is looking for volunteer firefighters and EMT's. Free training is provided and no experience is necessary!

Volunteering with the fire rescue service allows you to give something back to your community, learn new skills, and make a difference in your life and the lives of others.

Volunteer opportunities are also available for those who are interested in helping out in an administrative or support staff role.

Please visit [www.GearUpFireRescue.com](http://www.GearUpFireRescue.com) for more information or contact Lisa Lessin, at 301-600-2281, to find out how you can Gear Up today!



# We Congratulate Recruiter Lisa Lessin

Frederick County's new Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services' Personnel Assistant-Recruiter, Lisa Lessin, began work on August 1, 2011. To date, she has successfully helped to recruit over 400 new volunteers to the fire rescue service across Frederick County.

At the VCOS Symposium in the Sun Conference, (Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs) held November, 9, 2012, in Clearwater Beach, Florida, Frederick County received

recognition for its outstanding recruitment performance during 2011. Lisa was on hand at the Conference to be presented with an award acknowledging her achievements.

If you are interested in volunteering with your local fire rescue department, please contact Lisa Lessin at:

[llessin@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:llessin@frederickcountymd.gov)

*Congratulations Lisa!*



Recruiter Lisa Lessin

**WANTED**

**PART-TIME  
PARAMEDICS  
&  
FIREFIGHTERS/  
PROVIDERS**

The Division of Fire & Rescue Services is currently recruiting qualified Part-Time Paramedics and Firefighters. Those interested in additional details should access the County's website at:

[www.frederickcountymd.gov](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov)

Application for the Part-Time positions must be made electronically through the County website. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

## Pink T-Shirt Sale a Great Success

The Frederick County Career Firefighters Association designed and sold pink Breast Cancer T-shirts throughout the months of September and October, 2012, to raise money for breast cancer awareness. With the Division of Fire & Rescue's blessing, firefighters wore the T-shirts during the month of October to help highlight the cause.

During the drive, they raised over \$20,000 which will be donated to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Retiree's Gala scheduled for January 19, 2013. The Hurwitz Breast Cancer fund supports breast cancer patient's rights in Frederick County.

IAFF Local 3666 would like to thank everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause.



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# In Case You Were Wondering . . .

In Frederick County, call 911 for Emergencies, or 301-600-1603 for Non-Emergencies

**REMEMBER!**  
If you are in need of a smoke alarm, please contact your local fire department, or call 301-600-7275.

## *What is the Advanced Technical Rescue Team?*

The fire and rescue service operates several response teams that are trained and equipped to respond to incidents that require specialized knowledge, skills and equipment specific to the type of incident. One such team is the Advanced Technical Rescue Team (ATR). This article will focus on explaining the ATR team that sponsored by and operates from the Independent Hose Company station to provide service to Frederick County and surrounding communities.

The ATR team is the specialized tactical company in the fire and rescue service that responds to incidents requiring technical rescue capability that is beyond the training and equipment level of a standard fire or emergency medical response unit. The ATR vehicle is a heavy duty vehicle that has very large storage compartments used to carry a wide variety of specialized equipment specifically designed to rescue people from unusual places or unusual entrapment circumstances. Specialized rescue rope and rigging is carried to enable team members to reach and extricate people trapped in places such as radio/electrical towers or elevated water tanks. This same equipment provides below grade rescue capability to reach and extricate people who have fallen from cliffs. The ATR team also operates a towable trailer that carries equipment needed to shore up buildings or underground excavations that have collapsed. The ATR team also performs cave rescue and responds to swift water rescue incidents to support boat crews.



ATR-1 is the Special Response Vehicle operated by the Independent Hose Company. It supports technical rescue responses.

Frederick County Advanced Technical Rescue team members pause for a photo op during training high above the Potomac River



## Wondering . . . Continued

One of the highly specialized response capabilities of the Frederick County ATR team is their Helicopter Emergency Aerial Tactics (HEAT) capability. Several members of the Frederick County ATR have been trained for helicopter rescue missions in conjunction with the Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Command. MSP helicopters have aerial hoist capability that allows a HEAT team member to be lowered by helicopter to a trapped or injured person that is not readily accessible by ground due to their isolated position. HEAT team members are lowered to the patient to provide medical care to stabilize a patient for hoisting to the helicopter. Frederick County ATR team members respond with the MSP helicopters wherever they fly when the nature of the incident may require a HEAT team insertion to save a life.

The Frederick County ATR team is a volunteer staffed unit that draws members from throughout the region to provide this specialized rescue capability for Frederick County and surrounding communities. These volunteers spend hundreds of hours each year training and participating in rescue simulation exercises to maintain their proficiency in the vast array of specialized rescue skills they may be called on to put to use at a moments' notice.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 2013**

\*Bingo—Every Saturday Night in November—Rocky Ridge VFD\*

- 6 – All You Can Eat Breakfast — Woodsboro VFD
- 12 – All You Can Eat Breakfast — Brunswick Ambulance
- 15 – Blood Drive—Libertytown VFD 3-8 p.m.  
(Call for apptment—301-829-0344)
- 19 – All You Can Eat Breakfast — Myersville VFD
- 19 – Potpie Dinner with available carryout — Middletown VFD

**February 2013**

\*Bingo—Every Saturday Night in November—Rocky Ridge VFD\*

- 2 – Sportsman Raffle — Myersville VFD
- 3– Super Bowl Soup & Sub Sale — Middletown VFD
- 3 – All You Can Eat Breakfast — Woodsboro VFD
- 8 – Kinkling Sale — Middletown VFD
- 9– All You Can Eat Breakfast — Brunswick Ambulance
- 9 – Pork Butchering — Middletown VFD
- 10 – All You Can Eat Breakfast — Middletown VFD
- 16 – Breakfast/Butchering — Rocky Ridge VFD
- 16 – All You Can Eat Breakfast — Myersville VFD

**Walkersville VFC ~ Bingo held every Thursday except during Carnival and Thanksgiving weeks!**

**AMBULANCE TRANSPORT INSURANCE PROGRAM**

The ambulance Subscription Club Program is a supplemental funding plan designed to relieve patients and their family members from costs associated with an ambulance transport that is not covered by insurance. It is available to all citizens of Frederick County.

Types of Memberships & Rates

**Senior Citizen**

(per person aged 60+)	\$15.00/yr
Individual (Including Disabled)	\$25.00/yr
Household (three or more)	\$50.00/yr

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[www.frederickcountymd.gov/subclub](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/subclub)



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