

## SOUTHERN MARYLAND VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION



The Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (PFVFD) is proud to announce that we will be hosting the 76th Annual Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association (SMVFA) Convention. The convention will be held on April 29-30, 2023, at the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department. We are hosting this event as our President, Patrick Hassler of PFVFD, will be installed as President of the SMVFA. Enclosed you will find the details for this year's events.

The Memorial Service will be held at Calvert High School. The meeting and dinner will follow the Memorial Service at PFVFD. On the day of the parade, apparatus registration will be at the Calvert High School main parking lot. The Reviewing Stand will be in front of the Calvert County Courthouse, 175 Main Street. This is where spectators can begin gathering, lining the sides of Main Street. After units pass the Reviewing Stand, they are to continue down Main Street and turn right onto Old Field Lane and proceed past PFVFD (end of parade route). Festivities following the parade will be held at the Calvert County Fairgrounds located at 140 Calvert Fair Drive.

Each department must send completed RSVP forms and parade and contest registrations to [Convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:Convention2023@pfvfd.org) no later than April 14, 2023. Ads for the convention book must be received by March 4, 2023, to allow time for design and printing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [Convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:Convention2023@pfvfd.org) or at 410-430-3348. We look forward to a very successful, fun-filled convention and hope to see you all there!

Respectfully,

*Brian Ficke*

2023 Convention Chairman

410-430-3348

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As part of the event, we will be publishing a Convention Book to outline all the activities of the weekend and the history of the SMVFA. We are seeking advertisers who would like to promote their business or organization in this program. The money raised from the sale of the ads will be used to offset the convention costs. All SMVFA members are encouraged to support the businesses that advertise in the book. The book will be available in print and electronic format.

The Convention Book is a great tool to reach many people in the Southern Maryland Region. The annual convention brings representatives from all the fire and rescue departments/squads in Southern Maryland and many other neighboring departments. The book will be distributed to all attendees. The Convention Book is a great forum to advertise your business, share an important event or message from your department/squad, and post coupons to generate business.

Advertising in the book is very affordable. Businesses and organizations can purchase ads, ranging in size from a full page (8½" x 11") to 1/8 page (business card size). The space can be used to advertise a business, share an important event sponsored by your organization, or share a message to or from individuals of a department/squad.

Please consider purchasing an ad in this year's Convention Book. Cost for individual ads are as follows:

<b>BLACK &amp; WHITE AD</b>		<b>FULL COLOR AD</b>	
Full Page	\$200.00	Full Page	\$250.00
½ Page	\$150.00	½ Page	\$200.00
¼ Page	\$100.00	¼ Page	\$125.00
⅛ Page	\$75.00	⅛ Page	\$100.00

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Please complete the enclosed form and email to [convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:convention2023@pfvfd.org) to place your ad in the Convention Book. This registration form also can be downloaded from our website. Include a high-resolution file of your ad or business card. Checks made payable to "PFVFD," are to be sent to the address below. All monies received will be used to offset the cost of this year's convention. The deadline for submissions is **March 17, 2023**. Once your ad and payment are received, a confirmation will be sent. If you have any questions, contact Brian Ficke at 410-430-3348 or via email at [convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:convention2023@pfvfd.org). Your support is greatly appreciated!

**BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of ad being purchased (please clearly indicate black & white or color)

<b>Black &amp; White</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Approximate Size</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Full page (\$200)	<input type="checkbox"/> Full page (\$250)	8-1/2" x 11"
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 page (\$150)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 page (\$200)	4-1/4" x 5-1/2"
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 page (\$100)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 page (\$125)	2-1/8" x 5-1/2"
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 page (\$75)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 page (\$100)	Business card

**AD INFORMATION** (Email to [convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:convention2023@pfvfd.org))

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ad layout - files must be high-resolution .pdf, .tif, or .jpg file format
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business card (high-resolution file of business card)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me about ad information

Make checks payable to: **PFVFD**.

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

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Attn: SMVFA Convention (Brian Ficke)  
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## Schedule of Events

### Saturday April 29, 2023

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Joint Memorial Service	1:00 pm	Calvert High School
Memorial Refreshments	3:00 pm	Calvert High School
Social Event (Appetizers)	4:00 pm	PFVFD Station 2
Dinner	5:00 pm	PFVFD Station 2
Meeting	Following Dinner	PFVFD Station 2

### Sunday April 30, 2023

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Parade Registration	10:00 – 11:30 am	Calvert High School
Parade	12:00 pm	Calvert High School
Contests/Activities	Following Parade	Calvert County Fairgrounds
Awards	Following Contests	Calvert County Fairgrounds

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**RSVP Form**

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Or mail to:

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Attn: SMVFA Convention (Brian Ficke)  
P.O. Box 976  
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**Department/Squad Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Will be attending the Memorial Service, Saturday, April 29, 2023.

**Number of guests attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Will be attending the Dinner and Meeting, Saturday, April 29, 2023.

**Number of guests attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Will be participating in the parade, Sunday, April 30, 2023.

\_\_\_\_ We regret that we will not be able to attend any of the 2023 Convention functions.

NOTE: If this form is not returned, seating cannot be guaranteed.

Please contact Brian Ficke for information and questions regarding any of these three events. Phone/Text: 410-430-3348 and/or email: [Convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:Convention2023@pfvfd.org)

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## **Parade Information** (map included)

**Sunday April 30, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m.**

### **Registration Location**

Calvert High School  
520 Fox Run Blvd.  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

### **Registration Times**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
(Parade starts at 12:00 p.m., rain or shine)

Please send only one representative from your department/squad for registration check in. All apparatus must be present and ready to be staged prior to check in.

### **Parade Route**

Apparatus will be staged/lined up at Calvert High School main parking lot.

The parade route will be south onto Fairground Road. Left onto Armory Road. Left onto Main Street. Right onto Old Field Lane. The Reviewing Stand will be in front of the Calvert County Courthouse on Main Street in Prince Frederick.

All maps, registration cards, and information related to the parade will be available at the registration check-in table. Registration check-in will be held at Calvert High School main parking lot. All departments/squads must check in at the registration table even if you registered online.

### **Awards**

A list of trophies being awarded is included in this packet. The list will also be available at the registration table.

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## Parade Rules

Registration check-in will be from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at Calvert High School main parking lot. All departments/squads must check in at the registration table even if you registered online.

All apparatus must be present for the participating department/squad to register/check in for the parade. Your position in line of the parade will be based on the order of registration except for the SMVFA Officer's departments/squads, which will lead the parade.

The parade will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department staff will be located along the staging route to assist with lining up units and to control the pace of units entering the parade line.

There will be Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department staff located before the Reviewing Stand to assist with the pace of units as they pass in front of the stand. **There will be no stopping in front of the Reviewing Stand.**

After units reach the PFVFD firehouse, you may proceed right onto Rt. 4, then left onto Rt. 231 West, and proceed to the Calvert County Fairgrounds for contests and activities.

The sounding of sirens and/or air horns will result in automatic disqualification.

At the discretion of the judges, there may be compartment spot checks at any time to check the organization of the vehicle.

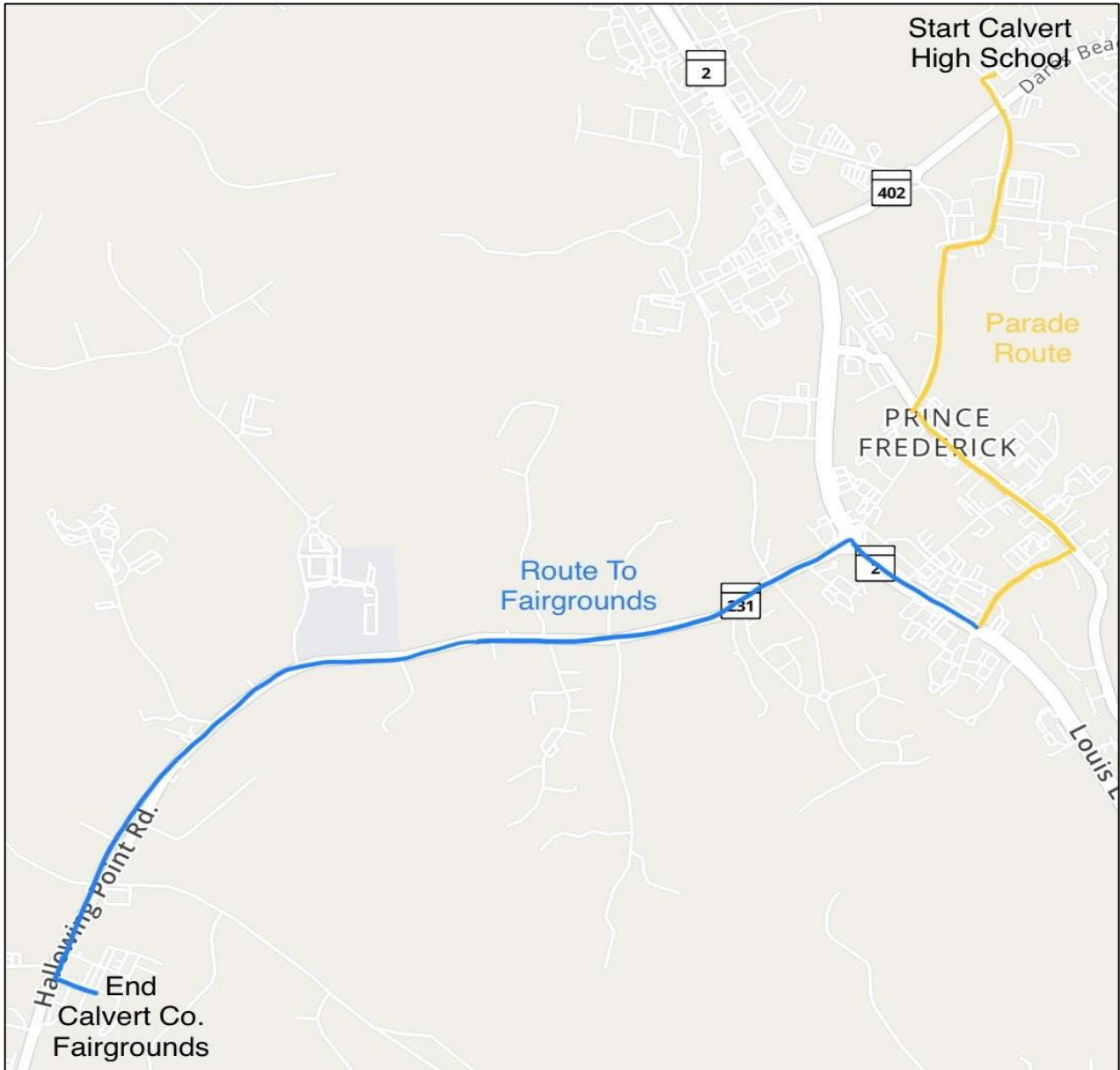
The judges decisions are final.

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Parade Map



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## Parade Registration

Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Number: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of miles traveled: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of members participating in parade: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

Aerial Device

ATV/UTV

Auxiliary

Brush Unit

Little Fire Ambassador (2-8 years)

Fire Ambassador (9-11 years)

Cadets (12-15 years old)

Command/Utility Vehicle

Engine (1250 GPM/less / 1500 GPM/more)

Fire Boat, 250 GPM

Fire Prevention Entry

Fire Truck (25+ years, In Service)

Fire Truck (25+ years, Out of Service)

Honor Guard

Junior Fire Chief

Mascot

Pumper Tanker

Rescue Engine

Special Unit

Squad

Tanker

Other

Ambulance

Auxiliary

Rapid Responder

Rescue Boat

Other

Antique Vehicle – Non-Fire Dept

Commercial Unit – Non-Fire Dept

Honor Guard

Other

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Type of Vehicle/Unit (Engine, Tanker, Ambulance etc.)	Unit Number	Year	Make/Model	GPM

Name (Cadet/Fire Ambassador)	Age	Title

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## Awards

Best Appearing Company Overall (3 pieces or more)  
Best Appearing Company in the Association (3 pieces or more)  
2nd Best Appearing Company in the Association (3 pieces or more)  
Best Appearing Company out of the Association (2 pieces or more)  
2nd Best Appearing Company out of the Association (2 pieces or - more)  
Best Appearing Rescue Boat  
2nd Best Appearing Rescue Boat  
Best Appearing Engine (1500 GPM or more)  
2nd Best Appearing Engine (1500 GPM or more)  
Best Appearing Engine (1250 GPM or less)  
2nd Best Appearing Engine (1250 GPM or less)  
Best Appearing Aerial Device  
2nd Best Appearing Aerial Device  
Best Appearing Squad  
2nd Best Appearing Squad  
Best Appearing Tanker  
2nd Best Appearing Tanker  
Best Appearing Pumper/Tanker  
2nd Best Appearing Pumper/Tanker  
Best Appearing Rescue Engine  
2nd Best Appearing Rescue Engine  
Best Appearing Brush Unit  
2nd Best Appearing Brush Unit  
Best Appearing ATV/UTV  
2nd Best Appearing ATV/UTV  
Best Appearing Command Unit/Utility  
2nd Best Appearing Command Unit/Utility  
Best Appearing Special Unit  
2nd Best Appearing Special Unit  
Best Appearing Ambulance  
2nd Best Appearing Ambulance  
3rd Best Appearing Ambulance  
Best Appearing Rapid Responder Unit  
2nd Best Appearing Rapid Responder Unit

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## Awards (continued)

Best Appearing Fire Boat (250 GPM)  
2nd Best Appearing Fire Boat (250 GPM)  
Best Appearing Fire Truck, over 25 years old & In-Service  
Best Appearing Fire Truck, over 25 years old & Out of Service  
Best Appearing Antique Vehicle - Non-Fire Department  
2nd Best Appearing Antique Vehicle - Non-Fire Department  
Best Appearing Fire Prevention Entry  
2nd Best Appearing Fire Prevention Entry  
Best Appearing Fire Ambassador  
2nd Best Appearing Fire Ambassador  
Best Appearing Little Fire Ambassador  
2nd Best Appearing Little Fire Ambassador  
Best Appearing Auxiliary  
Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief  
2nd Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief  
Best Appearing Mascot  
Best Appearing Commercial Unit  
2nd Best Appearing Commercial Unit  
Company Coming the Longest Distance Company with the Most Uniformed Personnel  
Judges Award (Multiple)

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## Fire And EMS Contests

**Battle of the Buckets  
Bucket Brigade  
Tug of War  
EMS Contest  
Fastest Dressed Obstacle Course  
Extrication Challenge**

### Registration

Each department must send completed contest registration forms to [Convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:Convention2023@pfvfd.org) no later than April 14, 2023. All departments/squads will need to check in at the check-in table at the Calvert County Fairgrounds even if you registered online. Only one representative (captain) from each department/squad is needed to check in the team. The team captain will verify acknowledgement of the rules and regulations for contests indicating they have read and agree to the rules and regulations.

### General Contest Rules

Unsportsmanlike conduct, including foul or abusive language, will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification.

ANY fighting during a contest will result in the disqualification of both teams.

Failure to comply with contest rules will be grounds for automatic disqualification. No contest judge will come from a participating department/squad.

Each team must have a designated team captain, who is responsible for having their team ready at the start of each contest. Team captains are also responsible for signing the rules and regulations and explaining the rules and regulations to team members.

Due to time constraints, departments/squads may be limited in the number of teams they can register for individual contests. If this affects a contest, it will be identified in the individual contest rules.

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**Contest Registration Form**

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Department/Squad Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Squad #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle each contest you wish to enter and fill in information for that contest.**

**Battle of the Buckets**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bucket Brigade**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMS Contest**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fastest Dress Obstacle Course**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only if Second Team is Registering)*

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tug of War**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extrication Challenge**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Battle of the Buckets

Each team is required to have three (3) players on the team (only one team per company/squad is permitted). One member of the team will be the team captain. The team captain is responsible for having their team ready for the start of the contest. Team captains will need to check in at the check-in table even if you registered online. Team captains must ensure all players understand and abide by the rules.

- Two poles spaced approximately 50' apart with a cable stretched between them, 15' above the ground, with a five-gallon capacity bucket attached to slide freely between the poles. The center of the cable is marked both on the cable and on the ground. This mark will serve as the starting point for each round.
- Each team will be supplied with an attack line consisting of 100' of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hose charged at 100 PSI, with identical nozzles with smooth bore tip.
- To start the contest, the bucket is placed in the center of the cable. Two opposing teams then pick a position behind each pole. Hose lines will be charged, nozzles will be opened, and the streams touched at bucket height. At the judge's signal, each team will attempt to push the bucket along the cable to their opponent's side. Touching the bucket to the pole will end the contest.
- Full protective equipment including helmet, coat, gloves, boots, and eye protection must be worn. Failure of any team member to wear protective equipment will result in the disqualification of the team.
- Deliberate wetting of judges, spectators, or other contestants will result in immediate disqualification.
- There will be a clear winner based upon the above criteria. This is not a timed event.
- No intoxicated persons will be allowed to participate. Intoxicated participants will be disqualified.

As team captain, I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules listed above. I have made all my team members aware of the rules.

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Department/Squad Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bucket Brigade

Each team will consist of a maximum of six (6) members. One member of the team will be the team captain. The team captain is responsible for having their team ready for the start of the contest. Team captains will need to check in at the check-in table even if you registered online. Team captains must ensure all players understand and abide by the rules.

- A target building will be provided with the following: A slanted roof to drain water into the gutter; the downspout will carry water into a drum; guttering to carry water to a downspout; drum will have a ball that floats inside.
- A source of water and buckets for hauling water will be provided. The water source will be approximately 25' from the throw line in the front of the building. The throw line will be approximately 6' from the front of the building.
- Teams will haul water from the source up to the throw line. It will then be thrown on the roof of the building. Player **MUST NOT** cross the throw line. When a player does cross the throw line, they will immediately incur a 10 second delay penalty. Only water that is **LEGALLY** thrown and passes through the gutter and downspout will be permitted to stay in the drum. **POURING WATER INTO THE GUTTER IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- The contest judge will give an audible signal to start the contest. The contest will begin as soon as the signal is sounded. The contest will end when the floating ball is washed by the water out of the drum.
- This event is timed. A stopwatch will be used to time the event. The stopwatch will be shown to the team captain at the beginning and end of the event. The fastest team that **LEGALLY** fills the drum with water and displaces the ball from the drum will be declared the winner.
- Boots and gloves must be worn by all contestants. Failure of any team member to wear required equipment will result in the disqualification of the team.
- No intoxicated persons will be allowed to participate. Intoxicated participants will be disqualified.

As team captain, I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules listed above. I have made all my team members aware of the rules.

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Department/Squad Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tug of War

Teams shall consist of a maximum of six (6) players from any one participating company. The team captain will be responsible for having their team ready for the start of the contest. One member of the team will be the team captain. Team captains will need to check in at the check-in table even if you registered online. Team captains must ensure all players understand and abide by the rules.

- A rope will be divided at the center with a marker; two additional markers of another color will be attached at points 10' in either direction from the center marker. The starting point will be marked on the ground and the contest will start with the center over the mark.
- The anchor person may make one complete wrap around the waist but CANNOT tie off.
- The team who pulls the opposing teams' marker past the center start line first will be declared the winner.
- The contest judge will give an audible signal to start the contest and will give the same signal when the contest is ended.
- Running gear is optional; footwear will be street shoes, sneakers, or boots. No cleats or bare feet allowed.
- No intoxicated persons will be allowed to participate. Intoxicated participants will be disqualified.

As team captain, I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules listed above. I have made all my team members aware of the rules.

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Department/Squad Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EMS Contest

Each team will consist of a maximum of three (3) members. The team must contain two (2) members with a minimum certification of Maryland EMT-B. One (1) member will be the team captain. The team captain will be responsible for having their team ready for the start of the contest. Team captains will need to check in at the check-in table even if you registered online. Team captains must ensure all players understand and abide by the rules.

- Teams will use Basic Life Support (BLS) procedures, as described in the Brady Text and Maryland protocols during the scenarios.
- Scenarios will start at the sound of the judge's whistle. The team will start in their ambulance. The scenario will end when the patient is placed in the ambulance and the back doors are shut. Time will be used as one of the factors in the judging of this contest.
- Standard company uniforms or coveralls must be worn by all team members. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the team.
- Standard safety practices will be always used.
- No team waiting to start their assigned scenario will be allowed to view any team that precedes them during the completion of their scenario. Once a team has successfully completed their scenario, they will be permitted to view the remaining contestants.
- The scenario will be the same for each team. Every effort will be made to ensure the scenario is identical as possible for all teams.
- Teams will be judged on accurate patient assessment, proper treatment, and overall time taken to complete the scenario.
- The decision of the judges will be final. There will be no appeal of the judge's decision. Penalties may be assessed by the judges. Penalties that may be incurred will be explained to participants prior to the start of the scenario.
- No contest judge will come from a participating department/squad.
- No intoxicated persons will be allowed to participate. Intoxicated participants will be disqualified.

As team captain, I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules listed above. I have made all my team members aware of the rules.

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Department/Squad Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SOUTHERN MARYLAND VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION



## Fastest Dressed Obstacle Course

Each team will consist of two (2) members. There will be a maximum of two (2) teams per Department/Squad. One (1) member will be the team captain. The team captain is responsible for having their team ready for the start of the contest. Team captains will need to check in at the check-in table even if you registered online. Team captains must ensure all players understand and abide by the rules.

Each team member must supply a full set of turnout gear (bunker pants, turnout coat, boots, helmet, gloves, SCBA face piece, and NOMEX hood.)

The following equipment will be supplied by the host company:

A bunk bed, cot, or chair, mannequin, SCBA, tarps, salvage covers (or similar as required), 8-12 tires, tables (or similar obstacles), which require the contestant to crawl on the ground. A series of areas will be established to accommodate each activity. The areas will run in a straight course.

**AREA 1:** Contestant will start from the bed or chair. At the sound of the bell, the contestant will don bunker pants (completely) and proceed to AREA 2.

**AREA 2:** Contestant will don (completely) turnout coat, gloves, SCBA face piece, NOMEX hood, and helmet; contestant will then proceed to AREA 3.

**AREA 3:** Contestant will walk through a series of tires, to AREA 4.

**AREA 4:** Contestant will advance a charged 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " line under a tarp up to the designated spot.

**AREA 5:** Contestant must open the nozzle and knock down the target. Nozzle must be shut down completely before proceeding to AREA 6. THIS IS A SAFETY RULE AND MUST BE OBSERVED. Failure to comply will result in either a time penalty or disqualification of the team.

**AREA 6:** Contestant must drag a mannequin and go through the designated window.

The gated wye valve is a safety position and will be manned by the host company, or designee, any time the supply line is charged. Prior to the start of each evolution, the attack line will be checked to ensure there is no air in the line. The attack line will be charged as the contestant nears the tires in AREA 3. The attack line will be shut down when the contestant has successfully closed the nozzle. The attack line will be shut down if the nozzle is dropped prior to successful closure.

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Penalties may be assessed by the judges. The way the penalties may be incurred will be explained to participants prior to the start of the scenario.

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As team captain, I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules listed above. I have made all my team members aware of the rules.

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Department/Squad Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Convention 2023



## Auto Extrication Contest

### Registration

Each department must send completed contest registration forms to [Convention2023@pfvfd.org](mailto:Convention2023@pfvfd.org) no later than April 14, 2023. All departments/squads will need to check in at the check-in table at the Calvert County Fairgrounds even if you registered online. The game is **limited to the first 8 companies that register**. Only one representative (captain) from a department/squad is needed to register the team. The team captain will have to sign the rules and regulations for contestants indicating they have read and agreed to the rules and regulations.

### Contest Rules

- Contest open to all.
- Use of hydraulic tool systems (Hurst, Amkus, Lukas, etc.) will be limited and determined the day of the event.
  - All squads/rescue engines must be able to run at least four (4) tools to enter.
  - The max number of tools that will be allowed to run at one time will be four (4).
  - All other tools will be on standby until one is freed up during the contest.
- Teams will consist of five (5) firefighters or rescue personnel which will include the apparatus driver (driver and four (4) members).
- Full protective gear will be required by all participants that will operate within the hot zone. The apparatus driver may elect not to wear protective gear if he/she remains outside of the hot zone. (Turnout coat and pants, helmet, gloves, and safety glasses)
- The officer in charge must report to the chief judge before the contest starts. The judge will inspect all participants for full protective clothing. If a participant is missing gear from rule number 4, your team may not start and a 30 second penalty will be added to your time. When full protective gear is on, the chief judge will clear your team to begin SAFETY FIRST.
- The apparatus will be positioned prior to the start with the engine off in road ready state. (Must engage PTOs and generators.)
- The starting line will be in the pre-staged apparatus. All crew members must be staged inside apparatus and will exit upon starting signal.
- The chief judge will give the starting signal and the contest begins.

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## Auto Extrication Contest (continued)

- Teams will safely perform the following:
  - Officer in charge will perform a circle check and notify a judge that the check is complete.
  - Stabilize vehicle with wheel chocks, step chocks, etc.
  - Remove valve stems or valve stem pins or deflate the tires using a tool. All glass must be broken out. Only the windshield may stay as part of the roof removal.
  - Mechanically force driver and passenger doors.
  - Remove driver and passenger doors.
  - Remove entire roof. A, B or A, B, C post must be cut and completely separated from vehicle. No folding and/ or flapping of the roof.
  - Perform a dash raise or lift. Both driver and passenger side must be pushed.
  - All debris must be in one area, determined by the team officer in charge (roof, doors, etc.).
- The officer in charge must notify the chief judge when complete. Time will stop.
- Penalties of 30 seconds each will be added to the time if any of the nine (9) operations are not performed. Rule nine (9) carries a maximum penalty of 4 minutes and 30 seconds.
- Any unsafe acts determined by the Chief Judge will also carry a 30 second penalty for each violation.
- You must envision there are two (2) victims, both a driver and a passenger, seated in the front of the vehicle. You must cover the two victims with a sheet and not violate their space. No EMS is required.

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**Auto Extrication Contest (continued)**

As team captain, I have read, and reviewed the rules listed above with all contestants, and will abide by all rules for the contest.

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tools: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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