



Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association Spring Newsletter

Region Fire School

The Annual 2018 Regional Fire School was held on March 10th & 11th at Bowling Green State University. Twenty-eight classes were offered for the two days of training. We would like to congratulate Mr. Brad Gilbert, the Wood County EMA Director for receiving the 2018 Meritorious Service Award to the fire school. Brad has been active with the fire school committee for many years and has served as the co-chairman the last few years. He is also a former member of the Harris-Elmore Fire Department in Ottawa County.

The association sadly has said good-bye to Bowling Green State University's Event Coordinator Karen Weber. Karen is retiring after the school year and has been a driving force in planning the fire school along with the committee for many years. She is very dedicated to the Fire and EMS Services. The officers of the association thank her for all her service to the association. She has promised us that her replacement will be up to date in planning the fire school in the up coming years.

Unofficial Class Attendance

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Pediatrics & Geriatrics	24	19
Agricultural Accidents - Grain Rescue	19	N/A
Agricultural Accidents - Farm Machinery Accidents	N/A	20
SCBA / Search & Rescue	18	N/A
Automatic / Mutual Aid Tanker Shuttle	N/A	27
Ohio Fire Academy Driving Simulator	8	8
ISO Fire Department Supply / Tanker Shuttle	N/A	6
Fire & Explosion Investigations I	37	N/A
Fire & Explosion Investigations II	N/A	20
Certified Fire Safety Inspector Recertification	14	14
Critical Incident Stress Management Awareness	16	N/A
Heroin Epidemic	55	N/A
Methamphetamine Labs	N/A	42
Enlighten Leadership	82	33
What's New in the Fire Service	34	38
Fire Pump Operations	30	14
Emergency Response to a Flammable Liquid Transporter	79	N/A
Back to Basics - Importance of EMS Basic Care Providers	17	5
New Vehicle Safety Systems for the Rescuer	11	9

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Ohio Fire Academy Flashover Simulator	23	9
Forcible Entry - "Beyond the Front Door"	17	21
Trauma	29	19
21 st Century Firefighting - Fire Dynamics & Tactics	26	13
Toledo Fire & Rescue Division Double Line of Duty Deaths in 2014	N/A	104
Aggressive Fireground Search & Rescue	23	16
Silo Explosions	24	N/A
SkyWarn Training & Impact of Severe Weather	28	N/A
Disaster Response / Mass Casualty / Landing Zone / Aircraft Safety	23	14

The officers would like to thank all the vendors that attended the event. All the vendors are paid associate members of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association. We would also like to thank the instructors, the fire school committee, the departments and individuals that sold or bought the raffle tickets, and the personnel that attended the training. All proceeds from the ticket sales help fund the school. At the time of this letter we do not have a total count of the money raised as raffle ticket money is still coming in to the association. The official attendance and the raffle report will be published when the information becomes available.

2018 Preconvention

The Put-In-Bay Fire Department is looking forward to seeing everyone for the annual event which will take place on April 21st. The department has sent out informational flyers to the departments. The flyers are also available on our website's (novfa.net or novfa.org) home page.

The preconvention general meeting will take place at the fire station at 3:00 pm. Per our by-laws if your department is interested in hosting one of our events for 2019 we need a letter of request before or during the meeting. Events available are: Hose Bowling, Preconvention, Regular Bowling, Convention, Antique Fire Muster, Softball, and Fun Day (Golf). We do require a letter of approval from your village or township officials if requesting the convention.

If you are interested in running for election into office for the association the same rules apply. Officer Positions are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. We also elect two members to the Board of Directors each year.

The letters of intent for events or office need to be presented at the meeting to be placed on the ballot at the annual convention in June being hosted by the Gibsonburg Fire Department in Sandusky County. If you are unable to attend the meeting, request letters can be sent to Secretary Tim Schroeder at the following address or by e-mail:

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2018 Membership

As of March 28th we have 249 departments as members of the association. There are 21 departments from 2017 that have not sent in their membership dues for 2018. Membership is open throughout the year.

The Charity Fund that we offer with membership pays out a \$12,000 payment to the family of a member lost in the “line of duty”. This membership is also open throughout the year. Departments that belong to the fund are encouraged to enroll any new members to their departments during the year. The cost of the membership is \$3 per new member. For members that are listed in the fund for 2017 the cost is \$1 per member. Please be advised that the grace period for the Charity Fund ends on March 31st. Cost of the membership after this date is \$3 per member.

The listings for the regular membership and the charity fund membership can be found on our web site under “Members Page” and “Charity Fund Page”.

Charity Fund Officers

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Charity Fund are appointed by the Board of Directors. We currently are excepting applications for both positions. Information and brief job descriptions on the positions can be found on the web site’s home page. If you are interested in serving in one of the positions, please contact Board Chairman Jim Tansey at the following address:

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