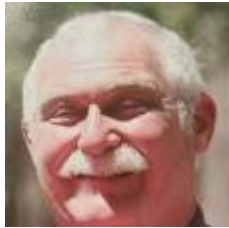




Newsletter

February 2021



Director Jim Tansey

Jim passed away on January 24th at the age of 72 after a short battle with Covid-19. He served the Wakeman Fire District for over 46 years and was a past Captain and Chief for the department. He also served on the Village Council.

He was our Chairman for the Regional Fire School for many years and then went on to serve as an officer moving through the ranks to become a Director.

Jim was known for his love of the game of water ball and could be seen in many matches including the annual tournaments during the conventions. He will be missed by us all and the association would like to thank his family for allowing him to serve in the fire service.

COVID-19

The Directors and Officers met on January 21, 2021. Due to recommendations from the local Health Departments and EMA Offices the hard decision was made to again cancel all 2021 events for the NOVFA. We would like to thank all of our host departments for the planning that they did for their events.

Why the events have been canceled, in the best interest for the association and the members, two special meetings will be held in place of the Pre-Convention and Convention Annual Meetings

Regional Fire School

With the cancelation of the training no information books or raffle ticket will be issued. Chairman Jeff Orphal and his committee are planning for on-line training for 2021. Information will be posted on the Fire School Site (<https://www.novfafireschool.org>) when it becomes available. The dates for

the 2022 school have been assigned to March 12 & 13 at the Penta Career Center in Perrysburg Township.

The Association's Directors and Officers would like to thank the committee for their work and are Associate members for their continued support.

Association Business

As everyone is aware this is the second year in a row that events had to be cancelled. With this in mind two special meetings will take place to handle the business of the association.

As far as the Pre-Convention Meeting it will take place at the Central Joint Fire District Station on April 17th. This will be a meeting only with no meal or entertainment. The meeting will start 12:00 pm for Officers and Director's with the General meeting to start at 3:00pm.

Per our bylaws, requests for election into office or election for event hosting need to be presented at this meeting. With the exception of the Chairman of the Board position all other positions are open for requests. This includes: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board of Director's positions.

Event hosting includes Hose Bowling, Men's Bowling, Pre-Convention, Convention, Fire Muster, Softball Tournament, and Golf Tournament.

We would like to invite the Host Departments for 2021 and 2022 to offer hosting the same events due to the 2 year cancelations.

Cygnets Fire Department has notified the association that they will not be requesting the 2022 Convention. Any requests for changes in the Bylaws need to be presented at the meeting also.

In regards to the Convention Meeting it will either be at the Cygnets Fire Department's Station or at the Central Joint Fire District's Station on June 19th. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm. As the Pre-Convention this will be a meeting only. We are asking for delegates from our department members to attend this meeting. Details on how we will be handling the registrations of the delegates will be announced at our Pre-Convention Meeting.

Both meetings will follow the current guidelines of the State of Ohio and Center for Disease Control for COVID-19 that is in place.

Spring General Meeting

The meeting will take place at the Gibsonburg Fire Department on February 18th. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. This meeting will follow the current guidelines of the State of Ohio and Center for Disease Control for COVID-19 that is in place.

Charity Fund Treasurer

The association is in need for a new Charity Fund Treasurer. This position is appointed by the Executive Board of the Association. The Charity Fund Treasurer is in charge of the fund's financial accounts. Interested persons can contact any of the Directors for more information. While the duties will begin on June 19, 2021, we would like to have the candidate in place as soon as possible to train with the current Treasurer Louie Snyder.

2021 Membership

Current membership is updated on the web site as soon as we receive department or associate dues. If your department would like to become a member please contact Secretary Tim Schroeder for more information.

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We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of this association. Nobody can deny that it has been a rough year. Hopefully the pandemic will end soon and we can get back to normal. Any questions can be sent to any of our officers or directors. The listings are located on our website (novfa.net)