



Newsletter

April 2021

NOVFA Virtual Fire CEU's

The first of our on-line training classes will take place on April 13 starting at 6:30 pm. The class will be for 2 hours. Fire Instructor Mark Briggs will be presenting a class on Fire Ground Fundamentals / The Key to Firefighter Safety. This CE session will cover fire ground practices to include:

Structure size-up from the bottom up and why it is important.

Recognizing outside clues to give you a head start on interior floor plans.

Standardized radio report to get everyone on scene on the same page.

Review of building construction.

When to reevaluate crew safety.

The importance of establishing a safety office at every working fire.

There is no cost for the training. The on-line link is

<https://meet.google.com/xcd-rabd-sfc>. Please contact Fire School Chairman Jeff Orphal (jorphal@gmail.com) for more information.

Preconvention Business Meeting

As everyone is aware this is the second year in a row that events had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

The Preconvention Meeting will take place at the Central Joint Fire District on April 17th. The address of their station is 13179 Mermill Road, Portage, OH 43451. This will be a meeting only with no meal or entertainment. The meeting will start at 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 to be placed on the ballot. 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 2020 - 2021 to offer hosting the same events due to the 2 year cancelations. Cygnet 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.

Convention Business Meeting

The Convention Meeting will also take place at the Central Joint Fire District on June 19th. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm. As the Preconvention, this will be a meeting only. We are asking for delegates from our department members to attend this meeting. Registration for the Delegates will take place at the meeting. Both meetings will follow the current COVID -19 guidelines of the State of Ohio and Center for Disease Control that are 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. Registration information has been placed on the association's website.

Possible 2021 Events

We will be working with the hosts of the Softball Tournament, Fire Muster, and Golf Tournament to hold the events for 2021 if the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Information will be posted at a later date.

Associate Life Time Memberships

We would like to welcome the Sutphen Corporation as our newest Life Time Member. We are honored to have them, Finley Fire Equipment, Fire Safety Services, Mr. Emblem, Owens Center for Emergency Preparedness, and United Fire Apparatus as Life Time members of the association.

Thank You

The Directors and Officers of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association would like to thank everyone for their continued support of this association. We wish all of our members' good luck on their 2021 fund raisers and pray for the safety of them all during the responses. Any questions you may have can be sent to any of our officers or directors. The listings are located on our website (novfa.net)