



***Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.***  
***Serving the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula in Fire Service***

February 15, 2021

The officers and members of the Berlin Fire Company, Inc. take great pride in hosting the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association and the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary.

The annual convention will be a 2-day event hosted by the Berlin Fire Co. in Berlin, MD on April 30 and May 1, 2021

There will **NOT** be a parade or touch-the-truck event this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Enclosed are the forms and informational materials relating to the Convention, Banquet, Memorial Service, convention booklet and hotel accommodations.

	<b><u>DEADLINE DATE</u></b>
a. Tentative agendas	<i>April 1, 2021</i>
b. Nominations for Officers	<i>April 1, 2021</i>
c. Delegate and alternate registration form	<i>April 1, 2021</i>
d. Deceased member list	<i>April 1, 2021</i>
e. Banquet ticket information	<i>April 15, 2021</i>
f. Convention book ad information	<i>March 30, 2021</i>
g. Hall of Fame form	<i>April 1, 2021</i>
h. 50 Year Member form	<i>April 1, 2021</i>
i. Hotel Accommodation Information	<i>April 15, 2021</i>

The officers and members of the Berlin Fire Company look forward to hosting each and every one of our fellow firefighters, Auxiliary members and their families in Berlin, MD this spring.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us thru the information listed below.

Fraternally,

*David Fitzgerald*

2021 Del-Mar-Va Convention Chairman  
Berlin Fire Co.  
E-mail: [dfitzgerald@berlinfire.com](mailto:dfitzgerald@berlinfire.com)  
Phone: 410-641-1977

*Robert Phillips*

2021 Del-Mar-Va Co-Chair  
Rescue Volunteer Fire Co  
E-mail: [hvacgod48@gmail.com](mailto:hvacgod48@gmail.com)  
Phone: 443-205-5030

## **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

Nominations and Elections of officers will take place on Friday, April 30, 2021.

Installation of new Officers will take place at the awards banquet on Friday night.

Any member company in good standing may submit the name of a member for an elected office of the Association on Company stationery and signed by the Company President.

All nominations must be sent to the Del-Mar-Va Association Secretary on or before April 1, 2021 in order to be placed on the ballot.

Since there was no election in 2020, the nomination letters on file will be carried over for 2021

Nomination letters should be sent to:

OR

E-mail to:

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary  
Del-Mar-Va Vol. Firemen's Assoc.  
6259 Stefland Drive  
Seaford, DE. 19973

[ebsteele81@hotmail.com](mailto:ebsteele81@hotmail.com)

# 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association

## Friday, April 30, 2021

- 9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast / Registration Desk Opens**
- 9:30 AM **Joint Opening Ceremony**  
Convention Called to Order – Joint Ceremony with Auxiliary  
Presentation of Colors –  
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance  
Address of Welcome from Host Company –  
Response from DMV President Robert Phillips  
Response from DMV Auxiliary President Cathie Arrington  
Address of Welcome – Mayor or Elected Officials  
Introduction of Officers and Guests by President Phillips and President Arrington
- Recess** so the Auxiliary can go to their meeting room in the Administrative Building
- 10:00 AM Roll Call of Officers and Past Presidents  
Reading of Minutes - In Printed Form  
Officers Report  
Reading of Communications  
Nominations of Officers – 2021-2022  
Charge to Secretary and Tellers to Prepare Ballots, if needed  
Report of Committees  
Presentation of Bills
- 11:30 AM **Convention Recesses**
- 12:00 PM **Past President's Luncheon** – Waterman's Seafood Co. 12505 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City
- 2:00 PM Convention reconvenes  
Unfinished Business  
Report of Credentials Committee  
Election of Officers  
Election Results  
Treasurer's Report  
New Business
- 4:00 PM Convention recesses, until Saturday morning
- 6:00 PM **Social Hour** at Berlin Fire HQ – 214 N. Main Street – Berlin, MD.
- 6:45 PM **Annual Banquet**, Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor Induction, Installation of Officers,

## Saturday, May 1, 2021

- 8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast/ Registration Desks Opens**
- 9:00 AM Memorial Service at Berlin Fire Co. HQ-Engine Room – 214 N. Main Street – Berlin, MD.
- 11:00 AM **Convention Reconvenes**  
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance  
Official Changing of the Officers  
Comments and Remarks of the Immediate Past President  
Comments and Remarks of the New President  
Final Report of Credentials Committee  
Report of Audit Committee  
Presentation of the FY 2021-2022 Budget  
Report of Hall of Fame Committee  
Final Call for New Business  
Announcement of Next Convention Site and Dates  
Good of the Association  
Raffle Drawings  
Benediction

Hospitality room will be held in the Administrative building lounge across the parking lot from the fire house  
Times will be: Friday from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM Raffle tickets will be available  
Friday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Raffle tickets will be available

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**Delegate/Alternate Registration**

At the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ held on \_\_\_\_\_  
the following members were appointed or elected as delegates (5) or alternates (5) to the annual  
convention.

Please indicate if the person named is a **Current Officer, Past Officer, Hall of Fame Inductee.**

**Delegates (up to 5)**

**Phone number/e-mail address**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Alternates (up to 5)**

**Phone number/e-mail address**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Fire Company President \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Company Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of President or Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number/e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Must be received by: **April 1, 2021**

**This registration form identifying the Delegates/Alternates must be received by the Association Secretary on or before the date listed above. Delegates/Alternates received after the due date will not be registered to participate in the voting process for issues which come before the Association during the Convention.**

Mail To:  
**Elmer B. Steele, Secretary**  
**Attn: Convention Delegate Registration**  
**6259 Stefland Drive**  
**Seaford, DE. 19973**

OR

E-mail:  
[ebsteele81@hotmail.com](mailto:ebsteele81@hotmail.com)

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## Memorial Service

The annual memorial service for the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Berlin Fire Co HQ Engine Room – 214 N. Main Street – Berlin, MD.

Please submit the list of all members who have passed away during the period April 1, 2019 to April 1, 2021 using the spaces listed below.

Your cooperation will make for a most impressive memorial service and will serve a fitting tribute for their service to their communities.

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Fire Company or Auxiliary Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

List of Deceased Members – Please Print or Type

**FIRE COMPANY MEMBER**

**AUXILIARY MEMBER**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please mail the complete form to the following by April 1, 2021:  
(any names received after this date will **not** be included in the program)

**Maryland Chaplain  
Pastor Gary Hickman  
2209 Hudson Road  
Cambridge, MD. 21613  
Attn: Memorial Service**

**91st Annual Convention of the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association**

**Convention Book Ad**

Hosting a convention is an expensive outlay for the host company. One of the major sources of income for the host company is the annual convention book. In following with past practices, the host company, is asking the assistance of all member companies in selling ads for the convention book. We ask each member company to sell or purchase an ad for the book;

As in the past, fire companies who desire to purchase an ad themselves will receive a discount from ads sold to businesses and individuals. Listed below is the cost of ads for fire companies.

<b><u>Ad Size</u></b>	<b><u>Fire Company Price</u></b>
Full Page	\$175.00
½ Page	\$125.00
¼ Page	\$75.00
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50.00

All ads must be in our hands by **March 30, 2021**. Please complete the form below and return it along with a **copy of the ad and check** to the address listed below.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

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Name of Fire Company \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Seller \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a **print ready copy** (.pdf or .jpeg format) of the ad as it is to appear in the convention book. Please also email to [art@abc-printers.com](mailto:art@abc-printers.com) and [bfc@berlinfire.com](mailto:bfc@berlinfire.com) Please make checks payable to Berlin Fire Company. Please mail check and ad copy to:

**Berlin Fire Co.**  
**214 N. Main St.**  
**Berlin, MD. 21811**  
**Attn: Convention Book Ad**

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The members of the Del-Mar-Va Firemen's Association, Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary, Berlin Fire Co. and the Rescue Volunteer Fire Company thank you for your support of our convention.

<u>Ad Size</u>	<u>Non- Fire Company Price</u>
Full Page	\$225.00
½ Page	\$175.00
¼ Page	\$125.00
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$75.00

All ads must be in our hands by **March 30, 2021**. Please complete the form below and return it along with a **copy of the ad and check** to the address listed below.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

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Name of Business/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a **print ready copy** (.pdf or .jpeg format) of the ad as it is to appear in the convention book. Also email to [art@abc-printers.com](mailto:art@abc-printers.com) and [bfc@berlinfire.com](mailto:bfc@berlinfire.com) Please make check payable to Berlin Fire Company. Please mail check and ad copy to:

**Berlin Fire Co.**  
**214 N. Main St.**  
**Berlin, MD. 21811**  
**Attn: Convention Book Ad**

## **Banquet Ticket Order Form**

The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association and the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary will have their Annual Awards banquet on Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Berlin Fire Hall.

Social Time – 6:00 PM – Dinner – 6:45 PM

Tickets for the banquet are \$30.00 each and a maximum of 150 tickets will be sold.

Please use the form below to order tickets for the banquet.

Tickets must be purchased by **April 15, 2021**

Name of Person or Company \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to: Berlin Fire Co.

Tickets can be picked up at registration or at the door on banquet night.

Please mail form and check to:

**Berlin Fire Co.**  
**214 N. Main St.**  
**Berlin, MD. 21811**  
**Attn: Banquet Committee**



## **Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall of Fame Rules, Regulations and Guidelines**

It is time to consider recognizing those members who have performed outstanding service to their local, county and state fire departments and their communities. The Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall of Fame committee will be taking nominations for three members from each State for induction into the Hall of Fame.

- 1) Nominee must be from a member Company/Department in good standing with the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association.
- 2) Any member Company/Department, in good standing, may submit two (2) nominees.
- 3) Nomination (s) must be submitted on Company/Department letterhead.
- 4) Nomination (s) must be submitted to the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee of the State in which the Company/Department is located. Nominations are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Late nominations will not be considered.
- 5) Nominees not selected may be resubmitted in following years.

**Deadline for nomination is April 1, 2021.**

Please mail nomination letters to the respective Hall of Fame committee member listed below.

### **Maryland**

***Calvin S. Stack  
202 Rambler Road  
Cambridge, MD. 21613***

### **Delaware**

***Robert Quillen  
112 Pine Street  
Dover, DE. 19901***

### **Virginia**

***Ricky Taylor  
P.O. Box 1406  
Parksley, VA. 23421***

Criteria to be considered for induction shall include, but is not limited to the following;

1. Years of active Volunteer Fire Service
2. Positions held in the Volunteer Fire Service
  - a. Member Company administrative offices,
  - b. Member Company line offices,
  - c. County Association offices,
  - d. Del-Mar-Va VFA offices,
  - e. State Association offices,
  - f. Any other fire service positions
3. Del-Mar-Va VFA activities
  - a. Committees
  - b. Chairmanships
4. Outstanding service in the local fire company or County and State Associations
5. Service to the Community
  - a. Clubs, Organizations
  - b. Youth Groups
  - c. Church

Please consider making a nomination, recognizing those members who are deserving of this honor.

If you have any questions concerning the Hall of Fame, please contact any member listed above.

Thank you

# DEL-MAR-VA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## 50 YEAR VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE RECOGNITION RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

1. Nominees must be from a current member Company/Department of this Association.
2. Any Officer, Past, Present, Member or Current Member Company/Department may submit the name (s) of their 50 year volunteer fire service nominees, in written form, on the provided form at least fifteen (15) days prior to a scheduled Association Executive Committee meeting or the Annual Convention.
3. Nominee (s) may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee Chairman or to this Association's Secretary within the above time frame.
4. In the event that the nominee (s) volunteer fire service has been achieved in multiple fire Companies/Departments, the year of service in each of those Companies/Departments shall be listed showing the number of years service in each Company/Department. Service credit, however, will not be credited in Companies/Departments for the same years in both Companies/Departments.
5. Late submission will result in the 50 year certificate presentation at either the next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting or the next scheduled Association Convention.
6. Nomination (s) may also be submitted for any increased five (5) year increment above the 50 years volunteer fire service period in their Company/Department that is a current member of this Association.

### RECOGNITION FORM FOR 50 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF SERVICE

Fire Company/Department \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY SO CERTIFICATES ARE CORRECT

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Mail to:**

Resolutions Chairman  
Bruce C. Ennis  
522 Smyrna Clayton Blvd  
Smyrna, DE. 19977

Association Secretary  
Elmer B. Steele  
6259 Stefland Drive  
Seaford, DE. 19973

## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

**Please make your reservation directly with the Hotel of your choice.**

### *Host Hotel with special rates*

The Spinnaker  
1800 Baltimore Avenue (18th Street)  
Ocean City, MD 21842

All units have two double beds, pullout sleep sofa, private balcony, fully equipped kitchenette, and full bath.  
outdoor heated pool, elevated pool deck and cafe' for breakfast and lunch on site

Reservations available beginning January 4, 2021      1-800-635-3244 x 1  
Monday to Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm

**MUST STATE YOU ARE PART OF THE DELMARVA FIRE CONVENTION TO GET THIS RATE**

### *Other hotels in the Area with regular rates* (senior rates, AAA & AARP rates may apply)

Comfort Suites  
12718 Ocean Gateway  
Ocean City, MD. 21842  
410-213-7171

Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
12552 Ocean Gateway  
Ocean City, MD. 21842  
410-213-7900

Hampton Inn & Suites  
12708 Ocean Gateway  
Ocean City, MD. 21842  
410-213-2500

Microtel Inn & Suites  
12563 Ocean Gateway  
Ocean City, MD. 21842  
410-390-5033