



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

January 1, 2020

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

The annual convention will be hosted by the Berlin Fire Co. in Berlin, MD on April 30, May 1 and May 2, 2020. Fireman's Convention at Berlin Fire Company HQ, 214 North Main Street and Auxiliary at Berlin Fire Company Conference Center at 220 North Main Street.

The annual parade (with sufficient participation) will be held in Berlin, MD on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM. **If enough participation is not received, a "Touch the Truck" display will take place in the parking lot. Parade Decision based on registrations by March 1, 2020**

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

- a. Tentative agendas
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DEADLINE DATE

April 1, 2020

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MARCH 1, 2020

April 15, 2020

March 30, 2020

April 15, 2020

April 1, 2020

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 A. Fitzgerald

2020 Del-Mar-Va Convention
Berlin Fire Co. President
E-mail: dfitzgerald@berlinfire.com
Phone: 410-726-9083

Robert Phillips

2020 Del-Mar-Va Co-Chair
Rescue Volunteer Fire Co
E-mail: hvacgod48@gmail.com
Phone: 443-205-5030

Del-Mar-Va Firemen's Association and Auxiliary Agenda

Thursday April 30, 2020

6:00 PM **Meet Your Host** – Food – Fun – Fellowship – Berlin Fire HQ – 214 N. Main Street

Friday, May 1, 2020

7:45 AM **Continental Breakfast/Registration Desk Opens**

8:30 AM **Joint Opening Ceremony**
Convention Called to Order
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 – Other Host Invited Officials
Introduction of Officers and Guest

Recess- The Auxiliary will meet in the conference center next door at 220 North Main Street

	<u>Association</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>
8:45 AM	Roll Call of Officers and Past Presidents Reading of Minutes in Printed Form Officer's Reports Reading of Communications Nominations of Officers 2020-2021 Charge to Secretary/Tellers to prepare ballots Report of Committees Presentation of Bills Unfinished Business Election of Officers Election Results Treasurer's Report New Business	Devotional Presentation of Officers Call to Order Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call of Auxiliaries Recognition of Past President's & Guests Secretary's Report Treasurer's Report Report of Committees Old Business New Business Nomination of Officers Benediction

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, **if necessary**

3:30 PM Convention Recesses, until Saturday morning

6:00 PM **Social Hour** at the Berlin Fire HQ – 214 N. Main Street – Berlin MD.

6:45 PM **Annual Banquet**, Hall of Honor Induction & Special Recognition of 50 + years of service

Saturday, May 2, 2020

8:00 AM **Continental Breakfast/Registration Desks Open**

9:00 AM **Memorial Service** at Stevenson United Methodist Church – 123 N. Main Street – Berlin, MD.

10:30 AM **Convention Reconvenes**

<u>Association</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Official Changing of Officers Comments/Remarks-Immediate Past President Comments/Remarks—Incoming President Final Report-Credentials Committee Report of Audit Committee Presentation of 2021 Budget Report of Hall of Fame Committee Final Call for New Business Announcement of Next Convention Date/Site Good of the Association Raffle Drawings Benediction	Call to Order Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call of Auxiliaries Recognition of Past President's & Guests Final Report of Credentials Committee Report of Audit and Budget Committee Report of Hall of Honor Committee Final Report of Credentials Committee Election of Officers New Business President to Announce Results of Election Appointed Officers Named Installation of New & Appointed Officers Announcement of Next Convention Site Good and Welfare of the Association Benediction

2:00 PM **Parade or Touch-a Truck** Trophy Presentations

Annual Convention Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association

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 or Hall of Honor Inductee.**

Delegates

Alternates

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Fire Company President _____

Fire Company Secretary _____

Signed this _____ day of _____

Signature of Secretary or other Officer _____

Must be received by: **April 1, 2020**

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:

OR

E-mail:

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

ebsteele81@hotmail.com

Annual Convention Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary

Delegate/Alternate Registration

At the _____ meeting of the _____ held on _____

the following were appointed or elected as delegates (2) or alternates (2) to the annual convention.

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

Delegates

Alternates

Auxiliary President _____

Auxiliary Secretary _____

Signed this _____ day of _____

Signature of Secretary or other Officer _____

Must be received by: **April 1, 2020**

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:

**Penny Rodimak, Secretary
Attn: Convention Delegate Registration
P.O. Box 79
Hartly, DE. 19953**

Annual Convention
Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Fireman's Association and Auxiliary

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 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Stevenson United Methodist Church at 123 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, 2020** 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.

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, 2020**:
(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

**Annual Convention
Del-Mar-Va Fireman's Association and Auxiliary Parade**

**Parade – May 2, 2020
Equipment Registration Form**

Name of Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

President _____ Chief _____

Auxiliary President _____

Contact Name _____ Contact Number _____

Equipment Type	Year	Make	Tank Capacity	Pump Capacity	Ladder Height

Marching Unit Yes _____ No _____

Auxiliary Unit Yes _____ No _____

Fire Prevention Queen: Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, please provide name(s):

Please provide us with any information you would like announced by the parade announcer

Return registration form by **MARCH 1, 2020**

Mail To:

Berlin Fire Co.

214 N. Main St.

Berlin, MD. 21811

Attn: Convention Parade Registration or bfc@berlinfire.com

Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Fireman's Association and Auxiliary Conventions

DISCOUNTED FIRE COMPANY and AUXILIARY--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;

As in the past, fire companies and auxiliary 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.

<u>Ad Size</u>	<u>Fire Company/Auxiliary DISCOUNTED Price</u>
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, 2020. 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.

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 and 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**

Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Fireman's Association and Auxiliary Conventions

CONVENTION BOOK AD FORM

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 businesses and members of the community with the purchase of a convention book ad. The convention book is distributed to all Del-Mar-Va member fire companies at the annual convention, from Thursday, April 30th to Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

Your advertisement, in addition to supporting your local fire company, will be viewed by the public and fire companies throughout the Eastern Shore, including Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

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

Ad Size

ADVERTISING PRICES

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, 2020**. 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.

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 and bfc@berlinfire.com Please make check payable to Berlin Fire Company. Please mail check and ad copy to:

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

Banquet Ticket Order Form

The 91st Annual Convention of the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association and the 86th Annual Convention of the Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary will have their Annual Awards banquet on Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Berlin Fire HQ.

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

Tickets for the banquet are \$30.00 each and a maximum of 175 tickets will be sold.

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

Tickets must be purchased by **April 15, 2020**

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 1st 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, 2020.

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
124 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 Sate 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

**Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary
2020 Hall of Honor Information**

To: **Auxiliary Members**

Re: Hall of Honor Nominations

As the 2020 annual convention approaches, it is time to consider recognizing those members who have performed outstanding service to their local auxiliaries and their community. A perfect way to recognize them is by nominating them for induction into the **Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary Hall of Honor**. Nominations may come from a member Auxiliary or Del-Mar-Va Auxiliary Past President. **Also, letters for Special Recognition (50 + years of service) are due at the same time.**

Any Auxiliary wishing to nominate a member for induction must do so on Auxiliary letterhead. The nomination letter should be no longer than one page in length.

Deadline for nomination is April 1, 2020.

Please mail nomination letters to the Hall of Honor committee at the address listed below by the dead line.

*Delaware: Debra Lawhead
 20 Emily Lane
 Magnolia. DE. 19962*

Please consider making a nomination recognizing those members who are deserving of being a member of the Hall of Honor.

Please send 50 year member names to the same address.

Thank you

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

Rates---	Thursday night, April 30	\$55.00
	Friday/Saturday night, May1-May 2	\$89.00

There is a 11% room and sales tax added plus a \$1.59 daily surcharge per room.

Reservations available beginning January 2, 2020 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)

There are numerous other hotels in the Ocean City and West Ocean City Area.