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# Safety Spotlight Newsletter

Message from the State Fire Marshal,

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" This campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire in a home per day during 2012 to 2016.

"These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out.

Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go. No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12, 2019 and I encourage each of you to continue your efforts not only during this specific week, but throughout the Fall as the fire season is upon us.

You can find more Fire Safety Resources on the WV Fire Marshal's Website:  
<https://firemarshal.wv.gov/Divisions/Fire%20Services/Pages/Public-Education-Division.aspx>

Together we can make West Virginia a safer place to live, work and visit!



Bob Sharp  
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal





## *How to make your life easier using NFIRS*

**CAD systems and auto populated fields**

### **Important points**

- Always check your NFIRS report for automatically populated fields, and edit as needed.
- Confirm that the data in all fields are correct and appropriate for your incident.
- Work with your RMS and CAD vendors to ensure fields are linked and populated correctly.
- If fields are automatically populated within an optional NFIRS module, then all required fields for that module must be completed.
- Remember, just because CAD populates fields in your NFIRS report does not mean that you cannot edit or remove that data.

Carefully review the log files returned to you after submitting an



# **SFMO Celebrates 110 Years**



CHARLESTON, WV – Firefighters, past and present Fire Commission members, media, current staff and local citizens stopped by the State Fire Marshal's Office in Charleston on Monday for an open house, celebrating the 110th anniversary of the swearing in of the state's first Fire Marshal – Charles Ellison – in 1909.

The open house event allowed members of the public a chance to see and interact with artifacts and memories representing the office's long history. Attendees were given a chance to tour the facility.

Gov. Jim Justice also issued a proclamation in commemoration of the anniversary. And current WV State Fire Marshal Ken Tyree offered his own words of appreciation for being a part of the SFMO's storied history.



"I would venture to say that all of us, no matter if it was 110 years, ago 50 years ago or yesterday, all share the same desire to serve, educate and protect our citizens, our communities, and our families from fire," Tyree said. "It is humbling to be one of 19 other state fire marshals that preceded me in leading this agency and I feel a deep kinship with my predecessors because, when I look at the first responder community, there is an established family-type tradition, carried on from generation to generation, that I am fortunate to be a part of."

"I cannot mark this anniversary without recognizing the many whose shoulders I stand on: my family, my fire service colleagues that I have had the pleasure to be associated with through the Charleston Fire Department and all the many other first responder agencies throughout the state," Tyree continued. "I would share that I too have been blessed to work with, and have the support of, those wanting to make a difference."

After the brief gathering, the public was invited to a walking tour of the building, beginning with a stop outside at one of the agency's multiple response vehicles.

Other visitors spent time in the hearing room, which displayed old memorabilia, including photos, patches and books from the early days of the agency.

Also debuting at the open house was a newly written book of the history of the office. Included inside the book are old photos, a historical timeline of the office, detailed looks at all the functions of the office, and a biography of all the individuals who have served as State Fire Marshal in the office's history.

# World Scout Jamboree

Years of planning recently led the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Fayette County for the World Scout Jamboree. More than 50,000 people were at the reserve from July 22nd - August 2nd.



During the two week span, day to day operations for our Marshals consisted of inspecting locations all over the Summit Bechtel's 14,000 sq. acres. The inspections consisted of check for fire hazards, fire hazards, proper electrical hookups, proper storage for propane tanks and exits. Another job entailed the oversight of all fireworks. Several performances and celebrations included pyrotechnics.

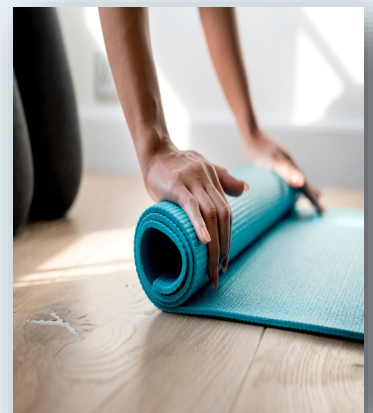


## Code Corner

**What is the occupancy class of spa and fitness areas in a hotel building in accordance with NFPA?**

Where that portion of the building is assembly use with an occupancy load of greater than 50 people, the occupancy classification is Assembly per 6.1.14.1.3 of the 2015 NFPA 101.

Otherwise, it is the predominate occupancy of that floor.



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### CREATE A NETWORK OF SUPPORT

TO HELP YOU IN CASE  
OF AN EMERGENCY.



Plan how you will  
**communicate**  
if you have a  
communication  
disability.



Plan for your  
**transportation**  
if you need help  
evacuating.



Plan how you will  
evacuate with any  
**assistive devices.**

PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE IF YOU USE ELECTRIC MEDICAL DEVICES.



talk to a health care  
provider about what to do



identify an alternative  
power source for devices



inform your emergency  
contacts of the plan

## WHAT TO INCLUDE IN AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

- ☒ Contact information for important people and care providers
- ☒ A list of medicines you need, dosage instructions, and any allergies
- ☒ Styles and serial numbers of all medical and assistive devices
- ☒ Need-to-know information for first responders and others who might need to help you



Food, water, and  
essentials for  
you and pets or  
service animals



Medicines,  
medical supplies,  
batteries, and  
chargers



Copies of  
Medicaid, Medicare,  
and other  
insurance cards

# Training Opportunities and Important Dates

Course Name	Location	Start Date
<a href="#">Rescue Core Prerequisites</a>	Seneca Rocks VFD	Aug 08
<a href="#">Basic Auto Extrication</a>	West Hamlin VFD	Aug 10
<a href="#">Fire Fighter 1, Module 2</a>	Weston Fire Department	Aug 10
<a href="#">Propane Emergencies Training</a>	Citizens Fire Co	Aug 10
<a href="#">School Bus Rescue &amp; Extrication</a>	Marshall Public Safety Building	Aug 10
<a href="#">BASIC FIREFIGHTING</a>	Parkersburg Fire Station 6	Aug 17
<a href="#">Rescue Core Prerequisites</a>	Bakerton VFC	Aug 18
<a href="#">NIMS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents</a>	Granville Volunteer Fire Department	Aug 24
<a href="#">Fire Fighter 2</a>	Green Valley/Glenwood VFD	Sep 06
<a href="#">HazMat Awareness and Operations</a>	Ridgeley VFD	Sep 07
<a href="#">Rescue Core Prerequisites</a>	Bedington VFD	Sep 07
<a href="#">Vehicle &amp; Machinery Rescue Level 1</a>	Moundsville VFD	Sep 07 - Sep 08
<a href="#">Firefighter 2</a>	New Creek VFD	Sep 10
<a href="#">Mingo County Fire Chiefs Association 2019 Fire School</a>	Southern WV Community & Technical Center – Williamson	Sep 21
<a href="#">SPRINKLER &amp; STANDPIPES</a>	Parkersburg Fire Station 6	Sep 21
<a href="#">Firefighter 1</a>	Mathias Baker Fire Station	Sep 23
<a href="#">EVOC</a>	Bedington VFD	Sep 28
<a href="#">2019 Fire Investigation Conference</a>	Holiday Inn Morgantown	Oct 07



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[www.wvpst.org](http://www.wvpst.org)



# West Virginia Fire Commission



## West Virginia State Fire Commission

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## Meet the Commission



## Jim Oldaker

Jim was reappointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Tomblin in 2015. Jim is a 37-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 466, Charleston, WV, AFL/CIO. He is currently employed by The Summit Electric Group as a Foreman. Jim is a 40-year member of the Alum Creek Volunteer Fire Department and has served 33 years in the position of Fire Chief. Jim is involved and serves on many associations. Jim represents the Volunteer Firefighters.

# Recognitions and Achievements

We'd like to congratulate Chief Curtis "Nelson" Short on his recent retirement and 55 years of service with the East River VFD. in Mercer Co.

Chief Short was recognized in June. We thank you for your honorable and valiant service to the West Virginia Fire Service and citizens throughout this great State.



It was an Honor for Fire Commissioner Martin Hess and Asst. Fire Marshal Alloway to present plaques at the Braxton County Commission meeting today to Braxton Deputy Sheriff Brad Williams's and Braxton Citizens- Adam Tanner and DJ Fisher! There was a fire in Braxton County on June 7th and they rescued a paralyzed lady that was bed fast and saved her life from the fire!