

PHILOMONT VFD UPDATE FROM CO. 8



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Thank you from PVFD!

Philomont Horse Show a success - because of you!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the PVFD at the Annual Philomont Horse Show!



Photos/Christy McMann

The week of April 26 started out rainy and cool, but we had lots of volunteers - PVFD members, local 4Hers and community members - come to the grounds to set the jumps and sweep out the shacks to prepare for the big day. Then the sun broke through on Saturday morning and we were graced with a beautiful sunny day for our show exhibitors and our large group of spectators.

We had a good turnout of riders of all ages, who seemed to enjoy the variety of classes. We'd like to thank everyone who helped make the day a fun one - particularly all the volunteers from the community who help each year to prepare for the show months in advance. We also want to thank the Ladies Auxilliary, which prepares and sells all the

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MCI II class held at Co. 8



Photos/Hollis Avakian

On Saturday, June 21, Philomont VFD hosted a mass casualty incident class for fire-rescue volunteers and career staff from all over the county.

The class, arranged by PVFD Capt. Ed Zimmerman and taught by Division 7 Chief Melvin Byrne, brought attendees from Ashburn, Arcola, Hamilton, Leesburg, Lovettsville, Philomont and Sterling.

The Ladies Auxiliary provided coffee, breakfast, soft drinks and a delicious lunch for everyone, including dessert!

When disaster strikes

All first responders and EMTs are taught MCI I during their core classes, and it gives a basic overview of what to do when the need for help overwhelms the immediate ability to handle it - such as with a bus accident with multiple patients, or with a larger disaster, such as a bombing.

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First Philomont Flea Market held

The Ladies Auxiliary held the first Philomont Flea Market at the Horse Show grounds on Saturday, June 14. The event drew 18 vendors and more than 40 attendees.

Future flea markets are being considered. If you're interested in vending or attending and need more information, contact Madeline Skinner at madeline.skinner@rstarmail.com

Also see <http://philomontvfd.org/pvfd/recent-events/> for more information.

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food for Show Day, as well as the Loudoun Canterlopes 4H Horse Club for supplying lots of labor from painting all the fence boards and rings to helping during the show!

Thank you to our judges, Debbie Mueller and Gegi Winslett, for their support and expertise. We also wish to thank all of our show sponsors for their gracious donations and who are listed on our web site.

The PVFD truly appreciates the support from the community and the competitors from far and wide who made the show a success again this year. We look forward to once again making the show competitive, challenging and a fun time again next year.



The results of the 2014 show are as follows:

Always Smiling (Lead Line Champion):

Reilly Green – Lucky

Mocah Chip Perpetual Trophy (Large Pony Hunter Champion):

Andrea McMann – Lynden’s Golden Opportunity

The Nichols Trophy (Pony Equitation):

Andrea McMann – Lynden’s Golden Opportunity

Graphic Gold (Child/Adult Hunter Champ):

Alexandra Sarkis – Celtic Mystery

The June Adams Memorial Sportsmanship Award:

Ella Hatcher

The Rick Eckhardt High-Point Trainer Award:

Jackie McClintic

Ketterman’s Jewelers “Always Elegant” Award (Best Turned Out):

Sarah Haene – Lonesome Hokie

Fred Legrys Memorial Perpetual Award (Overall High Point - Horse):

Alexandra Sarkis – Celtic Mystery

The Lynn Adams Memorial Challenge Trophy II (Overall High Point - Pony):

Andrea McMann – Lynden’s Golden Opportunity



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-Christy McMann, Horse Show Chair

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From the President:

Neighbors and friends, your local fire station continues to work to add members, provide educational opportunities in conjunction with other stations, respond to your calls, and raise much-needed funds to keep our operational readiness at healthy levels.



The people of Philomont are good people, and from history have always come together to support one another. That is how Company 8 was born in 1956, with the efforts of the community coming together. Now that our community is a little more developed, a little less rural/agricultural business, and a little more bedroom community for commuters traveling to work in places east of here, new challenges face our community. Finding time and energy to chip in is not always easy.

For that reason, our volunteers deserve our heartfelt gratitude. But, as busy as their lives are, they find the time. Perhaps you can, too. We are always in search of people to train to become drivers, EMTs, and firefighters.

Many folks I have spoken to over the years tell me there is no way they could do any of that. Not surprising, but the reality is with proper training, more can do it than might think they can. Consider volunteering please. We will help you prepare and training is free. The benefits are great, including the benefit of knowing you make a difference.

We also need administrative help. We could use another IT person to help Eric with scanning and storing our paperwork. We could use another handyman person to help John and Tom take care of maintenance of the buildings. We could use one or two people with an outgoing personality to help with our presence at functions around the west end of the county. We need several new members for our Auxiliary to help with events in the station. We need assistance with our fundraising tasks.

There is much to do in a fire company beyond fighting fire. Please consider donating some of your time in one of these or other areas. Administrative volunteers are heroes, too! There are benefits available for them as well.

Please also consider making a financial donation. Our total this year is down, just when funding from other sources is also being reduced. In the past, our average donation received was in the \$135 ballpark. Not everyone can afford that, I know, but if you can, and haven't done so already, please support our financial needs. They are, after all, for your benefit. Donations can be mailed to PVFD, P.O. Box B, Philomont, VA 20131. If you are interested in volunteering, email me at PresCo08@loudoun.gov and I will engage our team to meet with you.

Have a happy and safe summer!

-Ed Carmichael, PVFD President

PVFD Meeting and Training Calendar

Administrative Business Meetings:

7:30-9:30 p.m. at the firehouse - every fourth Monday of the month

PVFD Auxiliary Meetings:

7:30-9:30 p.m. at the firehouse - every first Wednesday of the month

Weekly Training:

7:30-9 p.m. at the firehouse - every Monday night except the fourth Monday

Event and meeting dates are subject to change.

Please call 540-338-6506 or visit <http://philomontvfd.org/pvfd/recent-events/>

From the Chief:

What do you do when faced with an emergency that is a threat to health or safety? Answer, CALL 911!



The 911 emergency system is available throughout the United States. The telephone is our life line to help. Some might say the first phone call made by Alexander Bell was an emergency call.

As the story goes, Bell had spilled some acid on his pants and called to his assistant for help. In another room, Bell's assistant, Watson, heard the call through the head set, "Mr. Watson, come here... I want to see you!" That was in 1876. It was not until 1957 that the National Association of Fire Chiefs suggested a single number for reporting fires.

In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice issued its report, recommending that police departments have a single number to call, and that eventually that single number should be used nationwide.

As technology advanced the realization of a coordinated 911 system became a reality. It has become so ingrained into our minds, the phrase, "Call for help" has been replaced with, "Call 911!"

In the fire and rescue world we refer to the 911 call as the "Public Service Access Point" (PSAP). We use the PSAP as a starting point in measuring our response to emergency calls. Our response times are tracked on each call and measured against national standards to determine our efficiency. Our goal is to get the right people with the right equipment to the right location as quickly and safely as possible. The sooner emergency personnel and equipment get to the scene, the sooner the emergency can be addressed.

The father of trauma services, R. Adams Cowley MD, advocated use of civilian helicopters in transporting critically injured patients to the definitive care. His studies showed that getting patients to the hospital in under 60 minutes lead to increased survival. We call this the "Golden Hour".

Emergencies do not discriminate. Any of us can find ourselves confronted by one. It could be a short circuit that starts a small fire in a receptacle. A bee sting that causes an allergic reaction or the dreaded auto crash that leaves the occupants injured.

The Philomont Volunteer Fire Department is trained and equipped to deal with both fire and medical emergencies. We are a part of the larger Loudoun County Fire and Rescue System, which can add additional resources when we are in need of them.

The Philomont Volunteer Fire Department can provide the right people and the right equipment when and where you need them, but we need you to call us. The longer you wait to call the more you are letting the emergency take control. When you sense something is not right, take control and call 911! We will be there and will partner with you to address your emergency. It all starts with the PSAP and you putting it in motion.

There is saying, "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"

When you need emergency service, please call 911.

-Nick Croce, PVFD Chief

Safety Matters

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MCI II goes deeper into how to manage such situations, including organizing the command structure, triaging and managing multiple patients, identifying needed resources and utilizing available resources.

This is an interesting and informative class, and it is required for anyone wishing to become an officer.

Interested in finding out more? Call 540-338-3654 and ask how you can get involved.

-Hollis Avakian, Newsletter Chair



BBO - PVFD's annual BBO is slated for September. See <http://philomontvfd.org/pvfd/recent-events/> for more information.

Burn ban in effect

Open burning is prohibited countywide from May 1 through Sept. 30 of each year unless approved by the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office.

The burning of construction debris, plastics, tires, tar-based materials, oil or petroleum-based products, hazardous materials, chemicals, animal carcasses and similar materials or waste is prohibited countywide.

The burning of household trash, garbage, refuse, household waste, commercial waste, construction waste, combustible liquid, debris waste, hazardous waste, impregnated lumber, junk, rubber, plastics, stumps, tires, tar-based materials, oil or petroleum-based products, products of salvage operations, chemicals, animal carcasses and similar materials is prohibited.

Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

Campfires, no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height and used for cooking, are exempt from these prohibitions, provided they are no closer than 50 feet from a structure.

Portable fire pits and chimneas are allowed and are not considered open burning if operated within manufacturer's specifications.

See <http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=820#A> for more information.

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