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Newsletter Idea:

Many of you may wonder why the Libertytown Vol. Fire Dept. is sending out a newsletter to you. "COMMUNICATION"

We feel that for us to understand your needs and for you to understand what it takes for us to help the community we must inform you of our changes, activities, equipment and fund raisers. We are a very active company with an array of activities for all ages and interests. We truly hope that this newsletter educates and inspires you to come out and join us.

Become an active member in your community and support the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept.

What's New? "Project Save a Life"

Dear citizens,

Take a minute and think about how hard it would be to find a person trapped inside of a burning building you've never been in before that's filled with smoke so thick you can't even see your hand in front of your face. That is what we in the fire service have to tackle when we receive a call for a house on fire with people trapped. The members of the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department are starting a fund drive to make this job much quicker and easier. In instances such as these every second counts. The air bottles that firefighters wear on their backs last about 15 minutes in working conditions. This doesn't afford firefighters much time to locate the victims. Now with today's technology this time can be greatly reduced with the introduction of the "Thermal Imaging Camera". This camera was developed many years ago for the military and introduced to the fire service about five years ago. Since being introduced to the private sector many different manufactures have joined in to create better cameras at a cheaper cost. The cost has decreased some eight thousand dollars in the past five years but the price is still a staggering twenty thousand dollars per camera. At present there is only one such tool in the county and it's owned by and located at the Carroll Manor Volunteer Fire Department in Adamstown. Although this camera is available to us it would be a little to late to save the victim of a fire.

That's why we are starting a fund raising campaign called "Project Save a Life" to purchase what we and many pioneers in the fire service feel is the greatest tool introduced to the service in the past twenty years, a "Thermal Imaging Camera". The camera works much like a video camcorder in that it has a viewing lens that allows the viewer to see objects in front of the camera. The difference is this camera works off of heat radiating from any object and does not require light to function properly. The camera is so sensitive it can even pick up the heat left behind from recent footsteps. The camera can be used for many other things besides locating victims of fire. It can be used to quickly locate fire confined in hidden places such as walls, floors etc. which can greatly reduce the damage caused by firefighters trying to locate such fires. It can also be used to detect vapors and fumes given off by hazardous materials and can be used to locate persons lost out doors. Libertytown responds to approximately 100 structure fires annually and we have averaged one fire fatality every five years, with the most recent being in January of 1999 on Dollyhyde Road.

So as you can see the purchase of this camera would be a great asset to the citizens of the Libertytown community and our neighboring communities as well. We hope that all of the citizens in the Libertytown fire district can make a tax-deductible contribution to this project. It is our intention to make this purchase in September of this year. As stated above the cost is staggering and we need your support to make this important purchase so please mail your donation to the address below.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mail donations to: LVFD P.O. Box 33 Libertytown, Md. 21762 Attn. "Project Save a Life"

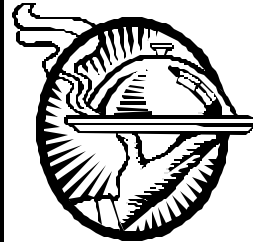
Upcoming Events

Food, Fun and More

Libertytown Vol. Fire Company Annual Carnival 2000

July 31 thru Aug. 5, 2000

Live Entertainment every night, designated ride all night for kids, all you can eat buffet with salad bar served in our dining hall, various other foods and activities will be available on the grounds and much, much more. See the flyer insert for more info.



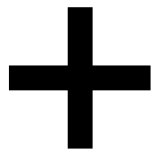
Hungry for Dinner?

Let us dazzle your taste buds.

October 22, 2000

The Libertytown Auxiliary is serving Turkey, Country Ham & Oysters with all the fix'ns. Food will be served family style. So if you haven't come to a dinner at the Libertytown Fire Hall here is your chance. You don't know what you have been missing.

See you there!!



Blood Drive

August 17, 2000

Libertytown Volunteer

Fire Department ;f

4 - 8 pm

Call Jackie Norris (301) 829-0344

To Make an Appointment

Your donation could save a life. Please take the time to donate, it may be your family member or friend that needs your help next.

More??? Yes, folks we have even more activities planned for 2000.

Celebrate the Arrival Of the year 2001 Annual New Year's Eve Dance at

the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Hall

Tickets on Sale

Sept 1, 2000

call

Mary Morrissey (301) 898-9539



LVFD EVENTS LINE
Call to find out what is happening at the LVFD

(301) 898-4400

BINGO Sat. Night Bingo July 1, Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 25

Call 301-898-9539

For more information



**Basket Bingo
Coming on
November 3rd**

LVFD has joined the World Wide Web

Visit our site

@

www.lvfd.org

for up to date info. and

E-mail sites.

Banquet Hall

Need a place to have your banquet, wedding reception, anniversary or birthday party?

The Libertytown Fire Department's Banquet Hall is perfect for any of these occasions. From the pastel wallpaper to the chandeliers and wall sconces you can set any abeyance. We have changed our menu to offer more variety in food and prices.

For more information please call Lucille Key at (301)898-9296 or Mary Morrissey at (301)898-9539



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Our **9th Annual Golf Tournament** was held on May 26th at the Glade Valley Golf Club. This years tournament was a double shot gun start with 272 golfers participating. Special thanks to all sponsors & golfers for making this years tournament a big success.

Look for information to come on next years tournament

Be A Volunteer - Did You Ever Wonder Who They Are??

Kenneth Poole– Ken is a 31 year old career firefighter for Frederick County. Ken has a wife Tina and a son Michael. He enjoys teaching fire & rescue classes, volunteering, softball and his family. He has been a member since 1981 and is a very active member. Ken has been an officer of the department for 10 years serving as Deputy Chief for the past 4 years. Ken recently worked with two other career firefighters to develop a training program entitled “ Firefighter Safety and Survival” and has spent the past year working with other instructors to teach this program to many firefighters throughout Frederick County. When asked what volunteering at LVFD means to him he replied “ you will never know how good it feels to help someone in need until you have the opportunity” and “I really enjoy working with other firefighters to help them improve upon their skills.”

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Courtney Nash Jr.– Jr. is a 41 year old U.S. Postal carrier in New Market. Jr. has a wife LouAnn and three children Robbie, Eric and Michelle. He enjoys coaching his boys baseball teams, volunteering and Friday nights out with his family. He has been a member since 1969 and is a very active member as well. Jr. became Asst. Chief in 1979 and has held many positions since that time. He is currently Chief of the department a position he’s held for the last 5 years. When asked what volunteering at LVFD means to him he replied “the sense of pride I feel for taking an active part in my community and the opportunities I get to meet the people of our community.”

Becoming a member of the volunteer fire department does not require any training, firefighting or providing emergency medical care. We have many functions with-in the department that does not require any special talents or knowledge. It **DOES** take a special individual who is a team player, wants to meet interesting people and take an active part in helping the community.

For more information about becoming a volunteer please call (301) 898-4400

The Junior Auxiliary is a perfect place to meet new people and have a little fun.

We are attempting to start this junior division after several years of non existence. The division is open to those who do not wish to participate in fire and ems activities. This was a very large group of youngsters and we would like to see it that way once again. Members will assist the auxiliary with there many functions. The auxiliary plays an important part in our corporation. They prepare and serve food for various banquets, weddings and dinners. They also plan the family picnic and holiday dinner for the members of the fire department. This group often takes group selected field trips to an array of places. If you are between the age of 10 and 16 and this sounds like something for you.

Please call Donna Stevens at (301) 898-5078 or LouAnn Nash at (301) 898-5931.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY

**Libertytown Vol. Fire
Dept.**

In An Emergency

Dial 911

*** IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

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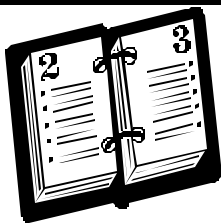
There is a state imposed burning ban in effect in all of Maryland every summer from June 1 until August 31. This ban is part of the "Clean Air Act" that was introduced into law some four years ago. Please help with the air quality during the summer months by refraining from burning. Open burnings are legal from Sept. 1 thru May 31 but remember you need a permit. Frederick County just recently began enforcing the permit requirement that has been on the books for many years but often overlooked. Individuals found burning without the required permits will be subject to a \$ 500.00 fine. You can obtain info. on these permits by calling (301) 694-1717.



Can We See Your House Number

Your life could depend on it. Fires are often easy for us to locate but when responding to medical calls or the police are responding to calls for help locating the proper address is often difficult. Here are some tips that you can do to help us help you.

- * Place numbers 3" or larger along the road at entrance to your property.
- * Numbers need to be seen from both directions.
- * Numbers should be a contrasting color to the object they are attached to.
- * Numbers should be the reflective type so they are visible at night.
- * If you share a driveway or private street place a second set of numbers where the driveway splits.
- * Be sure to put up your entire house number including letters if needed.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
HANG THIS PAGE ON THE REFRIGERATOR!
THIS IS A MUST SEE EVENT!!!**

**Open house – Sunday October 15, 2000
from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at The Libertytown Volunteer Fire
Department**

We invite you to join us for a little fun. The LVFD is going to hold an open house. Plans are still under way for this event, but some of the activities planned are a display of LVFD and

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| * Air Bag & "Jaws of Life" demonstrations | * Fire Truck Rides |
| * Maryland State Police Helicopter | * Blood Pressure Checks |
| * Smokey the Bear | * Smoke Detector & CO Detector Info |
| * Sparky the Dog | * Electrical & Gas Hazard Trailer |
| * Fire Fighting Simulation Trailer | * Depart. Of Natural Resources Display |
| * Children's Education Trailer | * Fire Prevention Handouts |

Light refreshments will be served as well. So come out and join us and get a small glimpse of how your local fire department works!!