



## **CUMBERLAND VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

*In conjunction with*

### **CARLISLE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**

### **"A Day with the Chief(s)"**

**Location: Carlisle Fire and Rescue, 177 Carlisle Springs Rd, Carlisle PA**

**Date: October 28, 2017**

**Morning Session 8:30-12 pm    Chief Steve Lohr, Chief, Hagerstown Md. FD**

- **Topics: "A New Look at Some Old Stuff"**
  - *Modern Fire Dynamics, The New Normal*
  - *Fire Growth & Water Supply for Modern FD's*
  - *Type V Construction, The Perfect Storm*

**Afternoon Session 1 pm- 4:30 pm    Chief Allen Baldwin, Chief, Winchester Va. FD**

**Topics: "An Interactive Discussion on..."**

- *Cold Storage Warehouse Fire Lessons Learned*
- *Knowing Your First Due*
- *Apparatus Operator - More Than Pulling Levers*
- *Accountability do your numbers add up,*
- *More than words- one departments mission,*
- *Using an outside rapid intervention team.*
- *Matchbox City*

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. This program is free to all courtesy of CVVFA and Carlisle Fire and Rescue Services. Seating is limited so email [gyost73@hotmail.com](mailto:gyost73@hotmail.com) with the number coming from your department.





**Chief Steve Lohr** is presently serving as the Chief of the Hagerstown Fire Department in Washington County, MD. There he leads a staff of 77 career employees including a full-time fire marshals staff and six volunteer companies in a city of approximately 40,000 residents. He has been instrumental in developing SOG's that reflect the current environment, developing a standard Incident Command Framework, and improving fire-rescue infrastructure in and around the City of Hagerstown.

Prior to his appointment in Hagerstown, Steve held every rank in the Montgomery County Fire-Rescue Service retiring with over 30 years of career service as Chief of the Department. In that capacity he led four Division Chiefs and 13 civilian managers and was responsible for over 1,300 employees, a \$220m operating budget and a variety of capital projects during his career. Chief Lohr was actively engaged in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) Fire Chiefs Committee and the regional Fire Intelligence Group that received briefings and training from the Maryland, District of Columbia and Northern Virginia fusion centers. Prior to this appointment as Chief of the Department, he served as the Chief of Operations since 2008. In that capacity, he was the direct report supervisor for nine Assistant Chiefs, 26 Battalion Chiefs and over 1,100 uniformed fire fighters and civilian staff.

Chief Lohr held two senior staff chief positions prior to his promotion to Division Chief where he distinguished himself by implementing the fire-rescue portion of a large countywide C-I-P project to convert a VHF radio infrastructure to a full featured, trunked 800MHz radio system. He also spent four years consolidating seven independent fire department maintenance shops into a centralized county wide system for the inspection, maintenance and repair of over 400 vehicles. During this time he successfully led the efforts to design and build a 100,000 square foot central maintenance facility, and procure over 90 medium and heavy duty fire department vehicles. Prior to these staff assignments, he served over 19 years in operations as fire fighter through Battalion Chief.

Steve is a graduate of the University of Maryland Fire Protection Engineering curriculum, the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) program at the National Fire Academy where he authored four applied research projects (APR's), and the Executive Leader's Program at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA. In addition, he holds two Associate degrees and several Leadership program certificates.

Chief Lohr is a life member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an active member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. He has most recently been active with the National Fire Protection Association Research Foundation "Tall Wood Buildings Testing", Ventilation Flow Path full scale testing and Compressed Air Foam Systems evaluations with Cal Poly and the NFPA.

Steve is married to his wife of 33 years, Rebecca and the proud father of two adult children, Christine and Bradley. Chief Lohr began his fire service career in 1971 as a volunteer in Washington County, Howard County, and Montgomery County where he served in a variety of positions including Paramedic.





**Chief Baldwin** has over 30 years of Fire and Rescue service. He holds a BA in Public Administration from Point Park University, an Associate's degree in Fire Science and Administration from the Community college of Allegheny County, is currently enrolled in the Masters of Organizational Leadership with an emphasis on Fire and Rescue Executive Leadership at Waldorf University, is a National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Graduate, holds Chief Fire Officer, Chief Training Officer and Chief EMS Officer Designations from the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Fire Officer IV Certification and serves as the Fire and Rescue Chief for the City of Winchester

Chief Baldwin has previously served as the Fire Official for the Town of McCandless, Pennsylvania, Chief of the Chambersburg Pennsylvania Fire Department, Director of Operations Safety and Incident Response for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission along with the Chief of the Gettysburg Pennsylvania Fire Department.

The Chief is also an active Fire Services Instructor for various organizations on a multitude of topics and a regular article contributor to Firehouse magazine. Chief Baldwin is also actively involved in the Emergency Responder Safety Institute, serving as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Region 2 Director for the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association.

The Chief and his wife Julie live in the city of Winchester Virginia with their dog Haligan and the "Old Girl", a 1947 Buffalo Pumper that served the City of Winchester. The Chief has one grandson with another grandchild due in December. His son, grandson and daughter in law also live in the city of Winchester and carry on in the family business.

