

98th Annual
Convention of the
Volunteer Firemen's
Association of
Cambria County
and Vicinity

Hosted By

Adams Township Volunteer
Fire Company, Number 2
- Saint Michael,
Pennsylvania -

July 27, - August 3, 2019

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Convention Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

- 7:00 PM Softball Captain's Meeting and Pairing at Fire Station

Saturday, July 27, 2019

- 8:00 AM Softball Tournament
- 5:00 PM Kitchen Opens
- 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wing Night
- 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Happy Hour
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **DJ**

Sunday, July 28, 2019

- 12:00 PM Classic Car Cruise-In
- 12:00 PM Kitchen Opens
- 12:00 PM **DJ**
- 12:30 PM Battle of the Barrel Captain's Meeting
- 1:00 PM Battle of the Barrel Contest
- 6:00 PM Bowling Competition (Richland Lanes)

Monday, July 29, 2019

- 8:00 AM Golf Tournament at Summit County Club

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

- 6:00 PM Past President's Banquet (at Fire Station)

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 5:00 PM Kitchen Opens
- 5:00 PM Kid's Games Open
- 6:00 PM Captain's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Pumping Contest
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **DJ**

Thursday, August 1, 2019

- 5:00 PM Kitchen Opens
- 5:00 PM Kid's Games Open
- 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Delegate Registration
- 6:00 PM Cornhole Tournament (at Fire Station)
- 6:00 PM Wing Night
- 6:00 PM Captain's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Firefighter's Proficiency Contest (Individual to begin after the team event)
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Delegate Voting (at the Fire Station)
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **"THREE OF HEARTS"** (live band)
- 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Happy Hour

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Friday, August 2, 2019

- 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM Breakfast at the St. Michael American Legion
- 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Delegate Registration
- 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM Delegate Voting (at the Fire Station)
- 10:00 AM Memorial Service – Saint Michael Catholic Church
- 11:00 AM Morning Business Session at Fire Station
- 11:00 AM Auxiliary Morning Business Session @ Saint Michael Catholic Church Hall
- 11:30 AM Kitchen Opens
- 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive @ Saint Michael Catholic Church Hall
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Business Session including Valor Awards
- 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM Delegate's Dinner (at the Fire Station)
- 5:00 PM Kid's Games Open
- 6:00 PM Captain's Meeting - Bucket Brigade
- 6:15 PM Captain's Meeting - Horseshoes
- 6:30 PM Bucket Brigade Contest
- 6:45 PM Horseshoes Tournament (at Fire Station)
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **"FROM THE TOP"** (Live Band)

Saturday, August 3, 2019

- 1:00 PM to 4:00 Equipment Judging at Forest Hills Elementary School
- 2:00 PM Kitchen Opens
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM DJ
- 3:00 PM Kid's Games Open
- 5:00 PM Grand Firemen's Parade
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **"OCTANE"** (Live Band)
- 9:00 PM Parade Awards

The kitchen and bar will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

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General Rules for All Contests

1. Each person must be a member of the fire department or fire department auxiliary for which they are representing. Identification will be required if asked for. An individual will represent ONLY ONE Organization for the entire duration of the convention. Any individual violating this rule will be disqualified from all contests for the duration of the convention. The fire department involved will be eliminated from the contest, but shall receive the appropriate number of points for participation.
2. The **Saint Michael VFC** shall not compete in any contest.
3. Two Teams per fire department or fire department auxiliary may be entered in all events, except Softball (**One Only**), Golf (Three), and Horse Shoes (Four).
4. Only one Captain per Team and only the Team Captain will attend the Captains' Meeting. The Team Captain must be a team participant. The only exception is, if the captain is still participating in another contest. Another team participant may represent the team in the captain's absence.
5. Discussions with the judges will be done by the Team Captain or Manager only.
6. Contests involving pairings and elimination brackets must have pre-registration and no additional teams may enter after the pairings or brackets have been finalized. The Host Company shall determine the time and date for drawing the pairings. Rosters will be submitted prior to the drawing for pairings/brackets. Team captain will show his/her position to the judges immediately after making their draw.
7. All other contests not involving elimination brackets, teams may enter up to the time of the Captain's Meeting.
8. When protective clothing is required, it must be provided by the participants and be current N.F.P.A. approved, unless otherwise specified by the contest.
9. All times will be read to a tenth (0.1) of a second.
10. All ties will result in a run-off.
11. All trophies will be awarded immediately after the completion of the contest. **Each company may receive only one trophy.**
12. **Any deliberate infraction of the rules or the intent of the rules will result in disqualification.** Arguing with the judges will result in automatic elimination.
13. Contests involving pairings and/or elimination brackets will conduct a consolation round to determine 3rd and 4th places.
14. Decision of the judges and/or rules committee will be final.
15. Out of association companies will be placed in their own division. Out of association departments will not participate in elimination bracket contests (such as softball). The **Saint Michael VFC** will not permit an out of association company to participate in a contest involving points.

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General Rules for All Contests, Continued

16. All representatives of the rules committee present shall attend the captains' meetings and be available at the contest. These representatives will assist in solving **all** disputes.
17. If for any reason a contest should be canceled prior to the day of the contest, each company registered will be given the appropriate number of points toward the Grand Champion.
 - a. If a contest is canceled at the time of the contest, the appropriate number of points will be awarded only to the teams that are registered that day.
 - b. The **Saint Michael VFC** may only adjust events due to inclement weather and by approval by majority of the rules committee present.
18. Any team intentionally damaging equipment of the host company or any other company will be responsible for repair or replacement of that equipment. This will also result in disqualification of the event.
19. No points will be awarded for any disqualification.
20. **Any Company not answering roll call at two (2) county meetings (including the convention meeting) may participate in any convention contest, except bracketed events, but will not be eligible for Trophies or Grand Champion Points.**
21. The **Saint Michael VFC** will not be responsible for errors in typing or misprints. Any discrepancy will be evaluated and decided by the County Rules Committee.
22. No Sandals, Flip Flops, or any other open toe footwear will be permitted for any event, except Fire Queen contest and darts.
23. Each person or participant must be covered by their own fire department or fire department auxiliary insurance. Each person or participant under 18 years of age must abide by current child labor laws.
24. The **Saint Michael VFC** has the right to stop any contest or event if they have reason to believe a participant may be impaired or overexerting themselves.
25. If anyone voluntarily participates in any activity, which you know or should know has some risk of injury attached to it, that you assume the risk of being injured, when you participate.
26. If two or more member fire departments of this association merge into a single fire department or a regional fire department, then the merged fire department or regional fire department may be allowed to enter twice the allowable teams for **Non Fire Events** only. (Approved at 2012 Convention Meeting) (Example, if Lorain and Oakland Fire Departments merge, then they are allowed to enter up to 8 teams for the Horseshoes Tournament)
27. If any team member is injured during a contest, they may be replaced on the next run with another fire company member who has not participated in the contest – applies to non-bracketed events/contest only.

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Grand Champion Trophy Rules

1. The fire department competing for the Grand Champion trophy must be a member of the County Association.
2. The fire department at the end of all competition having the highest number of points awarded shall be declared the winner.
3. The following contests will count for awarding of points: **Softball**, Battle of the Barrel, **Bowling, Golf**, Pumping Contest, Team Firefighter's Proficiency, **Horseshoes**, and Bucket Brigade.
4. The Queen contest, Auxiliary Events, and Grand Convention Parade will not be counted for Points.
5. Teams will be awarded points for **Non Fire Events** as follows:
(Softball, Golf, Bowling, Horseshoes, Darts, and Three Point Shootout)
 - a. 5 pts for 1st Place
 - b. 4 pts for 2nd Place
 - c. 3 pts for 3rd Place

Any team not placing will be awarded 1 point for entering. (Non-Fire Events)

6. Teams will be awarded points for **Fire Events** as follows:
(Battle of Barrel, Hose Efficiency, Pumping Contest, Team Firefighters' Proficiency, and Bucket Brigade)
 - a. 10 pts for 1st Place
 - b. 8 pts for 2nd Place
 - c. 6 pts for 3rd Place

Any team not placing will be awarded 2 point for entering. (Fire Events)

No Points will be awarded for Individual Firefighters' Proficiency in any Category.

If there is a tie on the total points between teams at the end of the competition, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a. The team with the most first place finishes in fire contests will be declared the Grand Champion.
- b. If the tie still exists, the team with the most second place finishes in the Fire contests will be declared the Grand Champion.
- c. If the tie still exists, the team with the most third place finishes in the Fire Contests will be declared the Grand Champion.
- d. If the tie still exists, the team with the most first place finishes in the Non Fire contests will be declared the Grand Champion.
- e. If the tie still exists, the team with the most second place finishes in the Non Fire contests will be declared the Grand Champion.
- f. If the tie still exists, the team with the most third place finishes in the Non Fire contests will be declared the Grand Champion.
- g. If the tie still exists a runoff contest will be used. The Ladder Race will be used as the last tiebreaker.

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7. **Bonus Points** – Proposed at the 2017 Convention Meeting in Portage, Final Approval at the January 25, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Association in Richland Twp.:

The Annual Chernisky Classic 5k Run/Walk:

- a. Any member department that has at least three (3) members Register, Participate, and Complete the Chernisky Classic 5K (*or other so named race that benefits the Cambria County Fire School*) will receive Ten (10) bonus points toward overall Grand Champion at the present year's convention.
- b. The participants must don a set of turnout gear to include: structural firefighting boots, bunker pants (with liner), bunker coat (with liner), and a structural firefighting helmet. Any other gear (such as gloves, hood, and / or SCBA) will be worn at the discretion of the participant.
- c. The participant may run or walk at his or her own pace during the event.

Meetings: In an effort to gain more attendance at meetings held by the association, member companies will be eligible to receive One (1) additional bonus point toward Grand Champion for each meeting that is attended.

- d. Points can be accumulated from the convention meeting until the month prior to the next convention meeting.
- e. The Convention meeting does not count

Training: Member companies will also be eligible to receive a maximum of Five (5) additional bonus points toward Grand Champion for participation at the Annual Cambria County Fire School Training Classes held three weekends in the Spring of each year.

- f. One (1) point will be awarded for each member of the respective fire company whom registers, participates, and completes a class at the Cambria County Fire School Training.
- g. A maximum of five (5) points will be awarded to the member fire company.
- h. Classes must be paid for and certificate must be issued.

Fire Prevention: Member companies will also be eligible to receive a maximum of Five (5) additional bonus points toward Grand Champion for promotion and participation in local Fire Prevention activities. Member companies who present photos, newspaper articles, or other published evidence that they have conducted Fire Prevention programs or presentations to schools, community groups, or fire station open house promotion of fire prevention activities to the Association Secretary by / at the Regularly held June Association Meeting, will be eligible to receive these bonus points.

Parade: Member companies will also be eligible to receive a maximum of Five (5) additional bonus points toward Grand Champion for Marching in the Convention Parade.

- i. Must have a minimum of (5) Members in line of March or Firefighter Colour Guard
- j. Members must be wearing their Fire Department Uniform

The total value of bonus points shall not exceed to the total value of the Convention Grand Champion Points.

8. Decision of the Rules Committee will be Final.

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Tibbot Award

1. The fire department must be a member of the County Association and have attended two of the regular meetings.
2. The Tibbot Trophy is to be award by (the decision of) the host fire company to the fire department who demonstrates a positive spirit of competitive fun while participating in the most events throughout the convention.
3. The Tibbot Award is not to be considered a second place trophy to the Grand Champion Trophy.

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Cliff Cherico Memorial Fire Prevention Award Guidelines

The Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award was started in 2018 by the Gallitzin Fire Company at the 97th Annual Convention. This award is presented to the Fire Company or Department that presents the top Fire Prevention Entry, who in the opinion of the Association Past Presidents, have done an outstanding job of providing Fire Safety Education Programs to the citizens of their community and first respond area. These are the guidelines:

1. The coverage year starts June 1st of previous year and ends on May 31st of the current year
2. A "Book" or three-ring binder with the Fire Prevention Activities of the coverage year shown on pages in the binder, including, but not limited to:
 - a. photos for promotion and participation in local Fire Prevention activities
 - b. newspaper articles of the Fire Prevention activity or event
 - c. other published evidence that they have conducted Fire Prevention programs or presentations to:
 - i. schools
 - ii. community groups
 - iii. fire station open house
 - iv. other promotion of fire prevention activities
 - d. Smoke Detector programs
 - e. Fire Extinguisher training program for Residents or Community group
 - f. The Association tracking galley sheet
 - g. The Book itself should be a neat presentation for the Past Presidents to review and vote upon.
3. The book must be submitted to the Association Secretary by or at the Regularly held June Association Meeting
4. The Past Presidents at the Past Presidents Meeting shall review and vote for the winning entry.
5. The Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award will be a revolving plaque that will be awarded to the winner at the Annual Convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity.
6. The winning entry must be a member of the Association at the time of the convention.
7. The Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award must be returned to the Host Company of the convention at the start of next year's convention.
8. The winning entry will have the year in which the Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award was won to have their Fire Company name and year engraved on the next blank in sequence. Engraving charges will be the responsibility of the winning team's Fire Company.
9. The Fire Company of the winning entry will be responsible for repairing any damage to the trophy while in their possession. The trophy should be taken to Servinsky Jewelers in Cresson, PA for any repairs.
10. If there is no Host Company for the Convention for the given Year or if the Convention is canceled for the given year the Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award will be returned to the GFC. The GFC will be responsible for returning the Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of next Convention.
11. In the event that the Association Conventions are abolished the Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award will be returned to the GFC and become the property of the GFC.
12. The Host Fire Company is ineligible to participate

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Softball Tournament

1. Only one team may enter from a member fire department and players must be certified by the fire department secretary that they are members of the fire department they represent. Name, address, and phone number of the manager must be provided.
2. Tournament will be slow pitch with an arc having a 3 feet minimum and 10 feet maximum with mat. The dimensions of the mat shall consist of the width of the plate and extends 36 inches from the plate. The ball is **not** a strike if it lands on the plate. Only the mat is a strike.
3. A team must field nine (9) players minimum and ten (10) players maximum at the start of the game with the option of having a designated hitter and an extra hitter.
4. Tournament will be single elimination if more than 12 teams participate and double elimination if there are 12 or less teams participate. (The **Saint Michael VFC** will determine this at the time of the pairings)
5. Managers will be responsible to field a team. Managers will be notified of team starting time and opponent. No grace period will be permitted. Teams that do not show by starting time are subject to forfeit.
6. Each game will be seven innings unless rule 7 applies.
7. Team winning by more than 10 runs at the end of five innings of play, or 15 runs after 3 innings of play – game is over.
8. Foul ball on third strike - batter is out.
9. Runner cannot move off base until the ball is hit. Runner will be called out if rule is violated.
10. Umpires decisions are final. Players arguing with umpires are subject to ejection from the game. Pushing, shoving, or any physical contact with the officials will result in disqualification of the individuals involved from the tournament.
11. Balls will be provided. Each team will be responsible for their own equipment.
12. Tournament will be governed by A.S.A. softball rules unless otherwise stated.
13. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
14. Captain's Meeting and Pairings will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at the **Saint Michael VFC**. Managers will be notified of opponent and time.
15. The **Saint Michael VFC** has the right to shorten the game in the event of bad weather, rain delay, fog, or other delays, as well as fast approaching sunset to finish the tournament in a timely manner. The means of shortening the game will be discussed at the Captain's meeting.

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Softball Tournament, Continued

16. There will be no pre-game batting practice and warm up pitches will be limited to 3 per inning after the first inning.
17. To Expedite the games, the coin toss will occur in the last inning of the current game being played so we can keep the tournament moving. Teams should be ready to take the field upon completion of the current game-even if it ends early. The only exception will be for travel as we near final rounds.
18. Three softball fields will be utilized for this Softball Tournament:
 - a. The 1889 Park Field on Lake Road in St. Michael
 - b. Adams Township Ball field on WPA Road in St. Michael
 - c. Solomon Run Field behind the Solomon Run Fire Station on Mt Airy Dr.

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Battle of the Barrel

1. Captains meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
2. Fire department must have a captain at the meeting.
3. Teams must have four (4) members and a captain is optional. No member substitution will be permitted.
4. The captain shall replace any injured team member for the remaining time period.
5. Footwear and a Firefighters helmet are mandatory. Any other gear is optional.
6. Nozzle man and the first two back-up members must maintain contact with the hose throughout the battle. The fourth member may be the only roving member.
7. Time will consist of four (4) two-minute periods, two from each side. A goal will end the period on any battle prior to the semi-final round. In the event of a tie prior to the semi-final round, the team with the lowest time shall decide the winner. Starting with the semi-final round of competition the time period will be extended to (3) THREE minutes for each period. The clock will continue to run after a goal is scored during the semi-final and final rounds.
8. Team must have a different nozzle man for each of the (4) periods. Once a nozzle man starts a period, that individual must finish that period unless injured, in which case the captain will take over. Only the nozzle man will control the nozzle.
9. Scoring will be done in feet.
10. Flip of a coin will determine the goal from which each team will start.
11. Once in position, the first whistle will be for water, the second whistle will be the signal to begin the battle.
12. In the event the battle has to be stopped, the teams will be positioned where the battle was stopped, and will cross-streams over the barrel with the first whistle and continue the battle with the second whistle.
13. In case of a tie, teams will meet in the street and a coin toss will determine which side each team will start from. Each team will have one minute from each side, with two different nozzle man and the score will be kept in feet.
14. Any **INTENTIONAL lowering** of the hose, loss of control or squirting of the spectators will be an automatic elimination.
15. 100 ft. of 1 1/2" hose for each side from a gated wye with a straight bore nozzle will be used. The **Saint Michael VFC** will provide a safetyman at the gated wye. The gated wye will be connected to a 2 1/2" supply line.

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Battle of the Barrel, Continued

16. From the center of the cable to the goal will be 75 ft. Cable height will be from 10 to 12 feet above the street, with a 16-gallon aluminum beer keg attached by an eye to the cable.
17. Engine will maintain 120-PSI pressure.
18. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. A maximum of one trophy per company is permitted.
19. Decision of the judges will be final.
20. The Jack Fry Roving Trophy will be awarded to the First Place team, to be kept until the next convention.
21. Double elimination will be used if there are only 8 or less teams participating.
22. Pairing will be done at the captains meeting. Each team will reveal their position at the time of their draw.

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Fire Department & Fire Department Auxiliary Bowling Tournament

1. All team members must be current members of the fire department or fire department auxiliary which they are representing.
2. Any bowler may represent only one fire department or fire department auxiliary.
3. Team rosters can consist of five (5) or more members; however, only five will bowl per game. A team captain and telephone contact number will be provided with each roster submitted.
4. Substitution is permitted, however, the bowler leaving that particular game cannot return to bowl until the next game.
5. Tournament scoring will be the scratch total for three (3) games with the highest total being the winner. No handicap or dummy scores will be utilized. In the case of a tie, the highest game bowled by the involved teams will determine the higher placed team.
6. If a team has less than five (5) bowlers for their assigned starting time, a fifteen (15) minute grace period will be provided. Should the team still not have (5) bowlers at the end of the grace period, that team has the option to bowl with the team members present or withdraw from the tournament. However, no entry fees will be returned.
7. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for both fire departments and fire department auxiliaries.
8. Individual trophies will be awarded for High Game and High Series for both the fire department and the fire department auxiliaries.
9. Contest will be held at the **Richland Lanes** and all teams will start at **6:00 PM**. Please have your team roster ready by **5:20 PM** for computer entry.
10. This is not an ABC sanctioned tournament.
11. Bowling shoes must be worn.
12. Cost per team for 3 games is **\$60.00**. All teams must pay the **Saint Michael VFC** before bowling. Bowling shoe rental is included with the entry fee.

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Golf Tournament

1. The Golf tournament will be **FOUR** person team event held at the (Cresson) **Summit Country Club, Monday, July 29, 2019 at 8:00 AM.**
2. The format shall be a Scramble tournament.
3. The tournament shall be an eighteen (18) hole event.
4. The low gross score will be declared the winner.
5. Winter rules shall be used in both the fairways and roughs.
6. First ball in the hole finishes the team on that hole. The ball closest to the hole shall be marked until all players have finished their previous shot.
7. In the event of a tie, a playoff shall be conducted based on the local golf course rules. The format shall be provided prior to the start of play.
8. No mulligans and a team ball must go into the cup.
9. U.S.G.A. rules apply unless otherwise noted.
10. In the event of a man-made obstruction - a free lift shall be given - **NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE.**
11. After selecting the best team shot, other team members may drop their ball within one club length - **NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE.**
12. Men will use the white tees, unless otherwise specified by the local golf course rules. Ladies may use the ladies tees, unless otherwise specified. Players 65 and older may use the senior tees if available.
13. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
14. Double boogie will be the maximum score on any hole.
15. **The cost will be \$300.00 per team.** All teams must pay the **Saint Michael VFC** before golfing.
16. **The entry fee will include a meal, refreshments, and prizes.**

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Pumping Contest

1. Apparatus used in the contest shall be a piece of standard firefighting apparatus that can respond and operate at fires with generally recognized standard equipment. All pumps are classified in one category.
2. At least 500 feet of 2-1/2" hose or larger shall be on the truck, tested for 250 PSI and certified by the fire chief, with no less than **300** feet of 2-1/2" hose or larger to be used during the contest.
3. The break coupling must be situated between the beaver tails on the rear of the engine, it can be on top of the hose bed or it can hang down, but it cannot touch the tailboard or be secured by any means. The host company shall verify the break coupling is compliant prior to the start of the event.
4. One ten (10) foot long section (or longer) of standard hard suction hose (tube), Ø4" Minimum, is to be used for drafting.
5. Hard suction hose must be in hose tray or the designated hose box. Clamps or hose straps may be unlatched for this contest and are optional. If the apparatus is not equipped with hard suction hose as standard equipment, or if the apparatus has power down racks, then an option for the placement of the hard-suction hose will be to have the hard-suction hose lying on the ground behind the drafting tank in a designated hose box parallel to the truck. Any team may opt to lay their hard-suction tube in the hose box if they choose to.
6. Truck must be started in cab. Master switch may be left on. The driver's door may be left open. Two rear wheels must be chocked for forward motion. The host company is to verify that the wheels are chocked before starting the contest and shall provide the wheel chocks if needed.
7. Driver must operate and pump the truck. Any team member may pull discharge.
8. Side hook-up and side discharge only (either side). Discharge shall have a hand tight blind cap. Non-OEM equipped auxiliary external valves are not permitted.
9. Speed couplings, quarter-turn, modified couplings, non-standard (too-thick) or double gaskets on the break connection (hose or blind cap) are not permitted. Penalty is disqualification.
10. Water Tank and pump must be drained prior to start of their participation and checked in the presence of a judge. Operator will open and close all controls at the request of the judge. Operator is responsible for all controls in the proper position prior to the start of the contest. The operator will hand tighten the steamer cap which is required to be on for the start of this contest.
11. Teams shall consist of six (6) to eight (8) members (including driver).
12. All team members including the break-person, except driver, shall be facing away from the truck on the starting line when truck is being positioned. No one will help driver position the truck. Driver will bring truck up to the tank and stop; only one stop. Penalty will be 10 seconds. Driver will place transmission in neutral and apply the brakes. Pump transmission will be in road or drive position, not neutral or pump position. Penalty for releasing the parking brake and repositioning the truck at the tank will be disqualification.

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Pumping Contest, Continued

13. Contest will be a hand lay of 150 feet of 2-½" hose or larger with a nozzle already connected and nozzle laid in the center of the tailboard. No excess hose will be aloud on the tailboard. All hose will be placed inside the beavertails. No hose can touch the tailboard. The grab hose loop is not permitted to hang outside of the beaver tail or outside of the apparatus width.
14. The break-man will be held in the nozzle zone until at least one (1) nozzle man is down in the nozzle zone on top of the hose. A ten second penalty will be assessed if the break-man leaves the box too early. A flagrant penalty will be elimination.
15. The nozzle man may reposition once within the nozzle zone, but shall not leave the nozzle zone. Penalty will be elimination.
16. Only the break-man (break-person) is permitted to break the break coupling and connect to the discharge. No team member may assist in making the break or hold the hose near the break connection. Penalty will be elimination.
17. Full turnout gear including Structural Firefighting NFPA Approved gloves is mandatory for all members except the driver, **must be NFPA compliant**. Only the driver is permitted to use Rescue or mechanic's gloves.
18. The **Saint Michael VFC** shall have a minimum of two (2) back-up members on hose behind the nozzle man (out of nozzle zone) before discharging water for safety purposes only. The safety members will get on the hose as soon as the second person is down on the hose.
19. Target will be a bowling pin placed on top of a 16-gallon beer keg. Time will stop when pin is knocked off the keg (onto the ground) via the stream of water. A ten (10) second penalty will be assessed for knocking keg out of circle. The keg circle shall be the same diameter as keg.
20. A two (2) second penalty shall be assessed for every half turn on any hose coupling.
21. A two (2) second penalty will be assessed for any item dropped and not picked up by a member of the team before time is called. The disconnected hose break connection is exempt because it is not secure.
22. Any team, accidentally or intentionally losing control of hose line or nozzle, at any time, is eliminated.
23. Any team, accidentally or intentionally discharging water from anywhere other than the nozzle, including the side discharge, at any time, is eliminated.
24. Equipment failure is elimination. (Broken hose, nozzle, etc.)
25. No personnel or equipment or nozzle shall extend past the front nozzle line when water is discharged. Penalty is 10 seconds.
26. Starting line will be in front of the apparatus, and all contestants will start at the whistle, except the brakeman. If the Apparatus used for the contest has a rear mount pump, then the starting line shall be moved forward of the apparatus.
27. Contest ends after judges check equipment (ie. Couplings, dropped equipment, etc.)

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Pumping Contest, Continued

28. Apparatus equipment shall not be modified or removed for this contest and must be in place, such as ladders, pike poles, fire extinguishers, suction hard tube trays, etc. All equipment (mallets, wrenches, etc.) must be stowed and all compartment doors must be closed at the start of the contest.
29. [The team members shall watch the judges check the fittings and equipment.](#)
30. Decision of judges is final.
31. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places.
32. The Robert F. McCaa Roving Trophy will be awarded to the First Place team, to be kept until the next convention.
33. Captains meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.

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Robert F. McCaa Memorial Trophy Guidelines

1. The trophy will be a revolving trophy that will be awarded to the winner of the Pumping Contest (single line) at the Annual Convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity.
2. The winning team must be a member of the Association at the time of the convention.
3. The trophy must be returned to the Host Company of the convention at the start of next year's convention.
4. The winning team will have the year in which the trophy was won to have their Fire Company name engraved on the next blank in sequence. Engraving charges will be the responsibility of the winning team's Fire Company.
5. The Fire Company of the winning team will be responsible for repairing any damage to the trophy while in their possession. The trophy should be taken to Servinsky Jewelers in Cresson, PA for any repairs.
6. If the Host Company, under the approval of the Rules Committee, elects to cancel the contest, for example, during drought conditions, the trophy will be returned to the Gallitzen Fire Company, No.1 (GFC) for that given year. The GFC will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of next year's Convention.
7. Should the Pumping Contest be abolished the trophy will be returned to the GFC. The GFC will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Host Company of the next Convention if the Pumping Contest (single line) is reinstated.
8. If there is no Host Company for the Convention for the given Year or if the Convention is canceled for the given year the trophy will be returned to the GFC. The GFC will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of next Convention.
9. In the event that the Association Conventions are abolished the trophy will be returned to the GFC and become the property of the GFC.

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Firefighter's Challenge

1. Team will consist of four (4) members.
2. Full T.O.G. is required (including SCBA) and must be NFPA compliant. All outside snaps and Velcro on coat must be fastened. Gloves, helmet, and all gear must be on before leaving the box. Gloves are to be firefighter style. Collars on the coats must be up and (Velcro) fastened. Helmet strap must be fastened. All SCBA straps must be fully extended. No face piece will be worn. Second stage regulator and buddy breather can be removed (if equipped). Chest straps on the SCBA do not have to be fastened. Penalty is 10 seconds for **each** infraction.
3. When the whistle blows, the first team member will don their SCBA. After the SCBA is donned, member will proceed to the scaffolding, climb a roof ladder until both feet reach the designated rung then proceed down the ladder touching each rung, then proceed and tag the next member. No sliding down the rails.
4. The next member will don SCBA, pick up a 100 feet section of 1 ½" hose (High Rise Pack) and serpentine through 4 obstacles (traffic cones), then proceed and tag the next member before dropping the hose load.
5. The next member will don SCBA and pull a fully charged 1 ½" hose line 50 feet, stop in the nozzle zone and discharge water at a bowling pin on top of a beer keg. When pin is knocked off the beer keg onto the ground, the hose is to be shut off and **gently** lowered, then proceed and tag the next member. Engine Pressure is 120 psi. The **Saint Michael VFC** will have a person man the shut off at all times.
6. The final member will don SCBA and drag or carry a dummy 50 feet across the finish line. Dummy must be completely over the line. Whistle signals the end of contest. The **Saint Michael VFC** will provide a mat at the end for safety. Assist ropes of any kind are not permitted.
7. The dummy shall lie flat when positioned. The dummy shall weigh no less than 150 lbs and no more 185 lbs.
8. Once the whistle blows, equipment shall not be repositioned - 20 second penalty.
9. For each missed rung on the ladder – 5 second penalty.
10. If a member leaves a station before being tagged – 10 second penalty.
11. Knocking over an obstacle cone – 5 second penalty.
12. Dropping hose load prior to tagging next member – 10 second penalty.
13. Any gear lost by a member during the obstacle course run must be put back on before the station is finished and the next member is tagged – 20 second penalty.

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14. If the dummy is not completely over the line – 10 second penalty.
15. Failure to get the dummy to the line – 120 second penalty.
16. Discharge of water out of the nozzle zone or failure to completely shut off nozzle – 10 second penalty.
17. Loss of control of nozzle – eliminates team from contest.
18. Knocking the keg over or out of the circle – 10 second penalty.
19. Any snap not closed, fastened, or loose SCBA strap – 5 second penalty.
20. The **Saint Michael VFC** has the right to stop any contest or event if they have reason to believe a participant may be impaired or overexerting themselves.
21. Trophies shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places.
22. Captain's meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the event.
23. Individual Competitions shall be held after the Team event. Individual will not count for points.

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Horseshoe Tournament

1. Captain's meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the event.
2. Each team shall consist of two (2) members. Limit 4 teams per company.
3. Each player will throw 10 pairs of shoes. (20 shoes each)
4. An official scorer shall be used and all contestants will remain out of the pit until after the scoring is done.
5. Each ringer thrown will count for 3 points and any shoe within inches of the peg counts for 1 point.
6. Contest will be strictly scratch total of thrown shoes. The winner will be the team with the highest scratch score.
7. Players may use their own shoes.
8. Women may throw from 30'.
9. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
10. Decision of the judges is final.

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Fire Department & Fire Department Auxiliary Bucket Brigade

1. Captains meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
2. Fire department auxiliary competition will be held immediately after the first round of the fire department competition.
3. The platform will be two sections of standard scaffolding, with the third section used for a railing for safety, with a ladder tied to the left side of it. Barrels may be moved to suit individual on the top of the ladder prior to the start of their run.
4. Teams shall consist of five (5) members.
5. Distance from the water tank to the base of the ladder will be 25 feet. The starting line is the front of the tank.
6. All members must wear (enclosed toe) footwear and a firefighters helmet. The firefighter's helmet must be worn at all times. If the helmet falls off, it must immediately be put back on, or the whistle shall blow.
7. Two 55 gallon plastic or metal drums shall be filled using five 10 quart metal buckets. Either or both drums may be filled at the same time. The total inches of water from both drums will be added together for the team score. Measurement will to the closest 1/4 inch from the center of the barrel.
8. Any bucket dropped (**TOUCHING THE GROUND**) will be eliminated. Buckets placed on the scaffolding or barrel will be considered part of the ground.
9. Any bucket left in the tank is out. Tank bottom is considered part of the ground.
10. If team member falls, and the bucket does not touch the ground, then the bucket is still in play.
11. Each team will have two runs, and the score from both runs will be added together.
12. The buckets will be placed on the ground beside the tank for the start of the contest. Any bucket not used after all members cross the starting line shall be removed.
13. Team with the highest score will be declared the winner.
14. The time will be one (1) minute for each run.
15. Decision of the judges will be final.
16. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places will be awarded.
17. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places shall be awarded for fire department auxiliaries.

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RULES FOR THE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

GENERAL:

1. Each team will consist of two members
2. Cost is \$40 per team
3. Limited to 30 Teams. Entry forms are available at www.adamstwpfire.com under the "files" tab. Please return your entry form and fee ASAP.
4. The Cornhole Tournament will not count towards Grand Champion points.
5. Trophies and cash prize will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

TOURNAMENT:

6. Tournament seeding will be random. Bracket will be pre-filled prior to the event by drawing names out of a hat. Day of registrations will fill in the bracket as applicable.
7. Tournament will be a Double Elimination Bracket
8. A double elimination tournament is a type of elimination tournament/competition in which a participant ceases to be eligible to win the tournament's championship upon having lost two games or matches.
9. There will be 2 brackets, a winning bracket and a losing bracket.
10. After the first round, the first-round winners will proceed to the winner's bracket and the losers will proceed to the loser's bracket.
11. Each team is guaranteed 2 games.

THE CORNHOLE BOARDS AND PITCH BOX:

12. The boards will be placed on a flat surface 27 feet apart (front to front).
13. The cornhole board surface should be 2' x 4'
14. 6" diameter hole – 9" from top and 12" from edges
15. 4" front and 12" back height of the board
16. If played indoor room height should be minimum 12 feet
17. Draw pitch box and foul lines beside every cornhole board for every player
18. Pitch box is the same dimensions as a board (4x3 feet)

THE CORNHOLE BAGS:

19. There should be 8 bags, 4 bags of each color. Consisting of 2 teams.
20. Each bag should be 6" x 6" and have 1 pound of corn inserted into each cornhole bag. (We will not be weighing bags.)

CORNHOLE GAME PLAY:

21. Two teams of two people, partners, shall play. Partners shall stand at opposite cornhole boxes on the same side, from the perspective of a third person, and face each other, so there is no advantage given to one team.
22. Each cornhole team shall have 4 bags of one color.
23. All 8 cornhole bags begin at one end.
24. A coin flip shall determine which cornhole team starts in set one. Each team pairing will do this on their own.
25. One of the partners on the team who starts shall begin play by throwing a cornhole bag at the opposite cornhole box.

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RULES FOR THE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, Continued

26. A cornhole player may throw from anywhere behind the front of the cornhole box they are throwing from.
27. Game continues by alternating throws between the two opponent players until all 8 cornhole bags have been thrown.
28. If a cornhole bag hits the ground then bounces up on the board, that "bounce-up" will NOT be allowed to be scored. Any bag that touches the ground is a "dead bag".
29. The next set starts when the cornhole player on the team that scored last, throws their first cornhole bag.
30. The cornhole game will continue until one team reaches or exceeds 21 points.

FOULS:

31. A foul occurs when any of the following happens:
 - a. A cornhole players foot goes past the foot foul line, termed a foot foul.
 - b. Should a foul occur the bag thrown will not be counted at all.

SCORING:

32. The score shall be taken after all cornhole bags have been thrown for a set.
33. Points shall be given as follows:
34. 3 points for a cornhole bag that goes through the hole.
35. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface.
36. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is hanging into the hole.
37. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the edge but not touching the ground.
38. 0 points for a cornhole bag that is on the ground
39. 0 points for a cornhole bag that goes off the board
40. 0 points for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface, but also touching the ground.
41. 0 points for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the front edge and is resting on a cornhole bag that is on the ground (unless the cornhole bag on the ground can be removed without making the hanging bag fall to the ground, then 1 point is given).
42. The cornhole team with the highest set score, adds the difference of the two scores to their game score.
43. The cornhole team who wins the set is given honors to throw first in the next set.
44. If both cornhole teams have the same set score, then the game score stays the same and honors stays with the team who had it the previous set.

CHEATING:

45. Is not allowed. Do not do it.
46. Cheating examples are brushing off a hanging bag or similar, standing next to board to help partners bag keep from sliding off the side, etc.
47. Should a team cheat they will be disqualified from the tournament.

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Grand Firemen's Parade

Line-up will start at 1:00 PM.

1. The parade will be held in **Saint Michael, on Saturday, August 3, 2019.**
2. Apparatus judging will be held at the **Forest Hills Elementary School starting at 1:00 PM.**
3. Apparatus judging will end at **4:00 PM.**
4. Parade will move out promptly at **5:00 PM.** The parade will be held rain or shine.
5. Each apparatus wishing to be judged must register and indicate which category they are entering. The department (or apparatus) must designate an individual to act as leader. He/she shall be advised of the rules. The conduct of the other members on the apparatus will be the responsibility of that designated leader.
6. If the fire apparatus is to be judged during the parade, this area will be marked. As a result all apparatus are to move slowly and continuously through the Main reviewing area and maintain their spacing.
7. Units arriving late will be placed at the end of the lineup.
8. The Parade Lineup and Order of March shall be at the discretion of the Host Fire Company unless specified by a County or Regional Fire Organization rules.
9. The Host Company will not compete for any prizes.
10. At the discretion of the Host, horses and animals may be part of the parade provided safety and health factors for both animals and spectators are taken into consideration. Dalmatian Dogs may ride the apparatus.
11. Drilling for all marching units in forward motion only. A two (2) minute drill time is suggested.
12. **No gum, candy, or any other items are permitted to be thrown from any motorized unit in the parade. This is for the safety of the children watching the parade.** If you wish to pass out candy, gum, etc., please have the members of your organization walk the parade route near the curb and pass it out. Violation will result in disqualification.
13. Blowing of sirens, air horns, and the unnecessary use of the fire radios are prohibited. Violations will result in disqualification.
14. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on any unit or person in the parade or judging area. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and subsequent removal from the parade lineup.

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Grand Firemen's Parade, Continued

15. Personnel in the line of march and on the apparatus must conduct themselves in a safe and orderly manner. Intoxicated personnel are not permitted in the line of march or on the apparatus. Violation will result in disqualification.
16. Personnel may not ride on the apparatus tailboard (even if equipped with harnesses), sideboard, extended front bumper or hose bed. Violation will result in disqualification.
17. The number of personnel on the apparatus shall be limited to the seating capacity of said apparatus as determined when apparatus was manufactured. Seat belts must be worn.
18. Any emergency occurring in the Fire Company's municipality or its coverage area will be handled by the Host company or its designate. If an emergency call occurs during the parade, the parade will immediately be suspended, all units will move as far to the right of the street as possible and come to a stop. A Parade Marshal will notify them to continue when the situation is under control.
19. The CAM/CEN/WEST Judges Association will be judging. Decisions of the parade judges will be final.

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Trophies will be awarded for the following categories:

<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED ENGINE</u>	2016 to Present	1 ST & 2 ND
	2010 to 2015	1 ST & 2 ND
	2000 to 2009	1 ST & 2 ND
	1980 to 1999	1 ST & 2 ND
	1980 & Prior	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED RESCUE - ENGINE UNIT</u>	2010 to Present	1 ST & 2 ND
	2009 & Prior	1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED HEAVY RESCUE UNIT</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED LIGHT RESCUE UNIT</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED SPECIALTY UNIT</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED AERIAL UNIT - 75 ft or less</u>		1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED AERIAL UNIT – 76 ft and over</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED TANKER</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED ENGINE TANKER UNIT</u>		1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED BRUSH TRUCK</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED EMS UNIT</u>		1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING MOTORIZED ANTIQUE Under Own Power & Fire Company Owned</u>		1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED NON-MOTORIZED UNIT</u>		1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING FIRE COMPANY IN LINE OF MARCH (19 or less)</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING FIRE COMPANY IN LINE OF MARCH (20 or more)</u>		1 ST & 2 ND
<u>SPECIAL JUDGES AWARD</u>		1 ST

OUT OF ASSOCIATION PRIZES

<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED ENGINE</u>	1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED RESCUE - ENGINE UNIT</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED RESCUE UNIT</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED AERIAL UNIT</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED TANKER</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED ENGINE TANKER</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED BRUSH TRUCK</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED EMS UNIT (ALS, BLS, QRS)</u>	1 ST & 2 ND
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED SPECIALTY UNIT</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING MOTORIZED ANTIQUE Under Own Power</u>	1 ST
<u>BEST APPEARING PRIVATELY OWNED FIRE APPARATUS</u>	1 ST
<u>COMPANY TRAVELING LONGEST DISTANCE</u>	1 ST

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Parade Judging Guidelines

1. Total Score is the best out of possible 40 points distributed in the following categories:
 - A. Overall Appearance (Cleanliness; External Mount of Equipment; Undercarriage and Wheel Well).....10 points
 - B. Compartments: (Portable Equipment).....10 points
 - C. Hose Bed: (Hose and pre-connects).....10 points
 - D. Cab and Seating Area.....10 points

Total Points may vary based upon type of apparatus.

2. Bonus Points:

Dress of Personnel:	Logo Shirts.....+1 points
	Uniform.....+2 points
	Class A Uniform.....+5 points
	Full Turnout Gear...+5 points
Apparatus Certification:	Pa State Firefighter Certification Decal.....+2.5 points
	Pa. Dept. of Health Certified Rescue Decal.....+2.5 points

3. Penalty Points:

Parked Apparatus Wheels not choked.....-1 points
Apparatus Moving: Occupant not wearing seat belts...-1 points per person
Any Obvious Safety Violation.....-1 points

4. Disqualification: Alcohol on Apparatus; Intoxicated Personnel on Apparatus
Use of Siren: Air Horns; Throwing Items from Apparatus. Personnel riding on Tailboard, sideboard, extended front bumper or hose bed.

5. Scores are carried out to a 0.5 point in each category.

6. Host Company or Organization Parade Committee to help enforce disqualification outside apparatus judging or reviewing area.

Note:

1. All Engines must have a minimum 750-GPM Pump; 500-Gallon Tank; and be carrying at least 500 ft of 2 1/2 " hose or larger.
2. Heavy Rescue 15,001 rated GVW or above.
3. Light Rescue 15,000 GVW or below.
4. Engine Rescue must meet both Engine and Heavy Rescue Requirements.
5. Tanker must have a minimum 1500-gallon tank capacity with minimum 6-inch Dump Valve. Intake valve cannot substitute for a dump valve.
6. Engine Tanker must meet both tanker and engine requirements.
7. Specialty Unit includes: Utility, Light Air, Air Unit, R.I.T. Unit, Command Unit, Hazmat Unit, etc.

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Registration Form

Please check all events your department will be participating in and please note the number of teams entering:

NOTE: Two Teams per fire department may be entered in all events, except Softball (One Only), Golf (Three), and Horse Shoes (Four).

_____ Softball Tournament, _____ Team

_____ Battle of the Barrel Contest, _____ Teams

_____ Bowling Competition, _____ Teams

_____ Golf Tournament, _____ Teams

_____ Pumping Contest, _____ Teams

_____ Firefighter's Proficiency Contest, _____ Teams

_____ Bucket Brigade Contest, _____ Teams

_____ Horseshoes Tournament, _____ Teams

_____ Grand Parade, _____ Apparatus

Fire Department Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please scan or photograph and email to Bern Blazosky at bern8419@hotmail.com by July 13, 2019. Please call Bern at 814-242-2392 cell if you have any questions.

Or mail this form to:

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