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FAYETTE FIREFIGHTERS CELEBRATING ANNUAL CONVENTION

Uniontown, PA – The annual Fayette County Fireman’s Association Convention has returned for its 81st year.

County fire companies take turns hosting the weeklong festivities, with Farmington Volunteer Fire Department handling this summer’s convention.

Founded in 1939, the association was created to help promote and unify Fayette County’s many fire services and further the standing and interest of its membership through cooperative advancements in safety, instruction, legislative initiatives and memorial services.

With more than 2,000 firefighters comprising the association’s countywide membership, the annual convention is a way for volunteers to not only interact with the communities they serve, but foster camaraderie between departments.

Throughout the week, firefighters compete in various skills events, hoping to bring home trophies and other honors to their respective companies.

The first convention and parade was held in July 1939 and boasted 30 departments, two auxiliaries, countless emergency vehicles and thousands of spectators.

Each convention week opens with a memorial service honoring deceased members who answered their final call in the year prior. On Sunday, the association hosted its 97th annual memorial service at Farmington’s St. Joan of Arc Church.

Following the service, the annual Past Presidents’ Banquet was held at nearby Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort and Spa, located along Fayette County’s Historic National Road. Its purpose is to honor all former association presidents.

Convention competition kicked off with the Battle of the Barrel, tug of war and fire truck pulls on Monday and Tuesday. With plenty of food, activities and entertainment, visitors can enjoy family-friendly fun all week long.

Wednesday is wing night, and the festivities begin at 6 p.m. with the stationary hose lay competition, followed by the Kids’ Battle of the Barrel and kids’ pedal tractor pulls.

Thursday’s competitions include the gear scramble, firefighter forcible entry contest and kids’ bicycle races. On Friday, visitors can enjoy steak night; Bucket Brigade contests for adults and children; and a performance by the Elliottsville Road Band.

The convention concludes Saturday with the Fayette County Fireman's Association's annual meeting, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department. Lunch and the election of officers will take place at noon, followed by the meeting's conclusion.

Lineup for the annual convention parade begins at 3 p.m., with the parade to follow at 4 p.m. A demolition derby will be held on the fire department's fairgrounds at 7 p.m.

The Farmington Volunteer Fire Department is located at 119 Elliottsville Road, Farmington, PA 15437. For more information, call 724-329-5513 or visit www.farmingtonvfd.org.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit www.FayetteCountyPA.org.

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