

***105<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Convention of the  
Cambria County  
Regional Firefighters  
Association***

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

***July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026***

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## Convention Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, July 22, 2026

- 7:00 PM FF Wiffle Ball Captain's Meeting and Pairing at Fire Station

### Saturday, July 25, 2026

- 10:00 AM FF Wiffle Ball Tournament (Adams Twp Little League Fields)
- 11:00 AM Public Wiffle Ball Tournament (Adams Twp Little League Fields)
- 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Firefighter's Kitchen (Adams Twp Little League Fields)
- 4:00 PM Firefighter's Kitchen and Bar Opens (Wayside Park)
- 4:00 PM Public Cornhole Tournament Registration Opens (Wayside Park)
- 5:00 PM Public Cornhole Tournament (Wayside Park)
- 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wing Night (Wayside Park)
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **DJ**

### Sunday, July 26, 2026

- 10:30 AM Captain's Meeting (Fire Station)
- 11:00 AM Battle of the Barrel Contest (Fire Station)
- 11:00 AM Firefighter's Kitchen and Bar Opens (till 5:00 PM) (Wayside Park)
- 11:30 AM Kids Battle of the Barrel Contest (Fire Station)
- 12:00 PM Classic Car Cruise-In (Wayside Park)
- 12:00 PM Basket Raffle Opens (Wayside Park)
- 12:00 PM **DJ**
- 5:00 PM Past President's Banquet (Social Hall of the Fire Station)
- 6:00 PM Bowling Competition (814 Lanes and Games in Richland)

### Monday, July 27, 2026

- 8:00 AM Sign-in at Windber County Club
- 8:30 AM Golf Tournament Start at Windber County Club

### Wednesday, July 29, 2026

- 5:00 PM Firefighter's Kitchen and Bar Opens (Wayside Park)
- 6:00 PM Captain's Meeting (Fire Station)
- 6:30 PM Pumping Contest (Fire Station)
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **DJ Mutzy**

### Thursday, July 30, 2026

- 5:00 PM Firefighter's Kitchen and Bar Opens (Wayside Park)
- 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Delegate Registration
- 6:00 PM Captain's Meeting (Fire Station)
- 6:30 PM Firefighter's Proficiency Contest (Individual to begin after the team event)
- 7:00 PM Kid's Firefighter's Proficiency Contest (Fire Station)
- 7:00 PM Darts Contest (Fire Station)
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Delegate Voting (Social Hall of the Fire Station)
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **"FROM THE TOP"** (live band) (Wayside Park)
- 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Happy Hour (Wayside Park)

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**Convention Schedule of Events, Cont.**

**Friday, July 31, 2026**

- 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 (Social Hall of the Fire Station)
- 10:00 AM Memorial Service – Saint Michael Catholic Church
- 11:00 AM Morning Business Session (Social Hall of the Fire Station)
- 11:00 AM Auxiliary Morning Business Session @ Saint Michael Catholic Church Hall
- 11:30 AM Firefighter's Kitchen and Bar Opens (Wayside Park)
- 2:00 PM Valor Awards and the Afternoon Business Session (Social Hall of the Fire Station)
- 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM Delegate's Dinner (Social Hall of the Fire Station)
- 5:30 PM Captain's Meeting - Bucket Brigade
- 6:00 PM Bucket Brigade Contest (Fire Station)
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **"DEJA VU"** (Live Band) (Wayside Park)

**Saturday, August 1, 2026**

- 1:00 PM to 4:00 Equipment Judging at Forest Hills Elementary School
- 2:00 PM Firefighter's Kitchen and Bar Opens (Wayside Park)
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM DJ
- 5:00 PM Grand Firemen's Parade
- 7:00 PM Basket Raffle ends
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM **"OCTANE"** (Live Band)
- 9:00 PM Parade Awards
- 9:30 PM **Fireworks** (Presented by Starfire)

**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 and will not receive points for participation.
2. The Host Fire Company, **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael**, shall not compete in any contest.
3. Two Teams per fire department or fire department auxiliary may be entered in all events, except FF Wiffle Ball (Three) and Golf (Three).
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. Teams may enter up to the time of the Captain's Meeting of contests that do not involve pairings and/or elimination brackets.
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.

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**General Rules for All Contests, Continued**

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 FF Wiffle Ball). The **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** will not permit an out of association company to participate in a contest involving points.
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. Note: Any member of the rules committee who participates in a contest shall be removed from resolution of any dispute or decision rendered by the rest of the rules committee of said contest.
17. If a contest is canceled at the time of the contest, 2 points will be awarded for fire events, 1 point will be awarded for non-fire events, to the teams that are registered that day.
  - a. The **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** 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 (September to June meetings) may participate in any convention contest, but will not be eligible for Grand Champion Points. Any time not making 2 meetings can not compete in bracket style events but can compete in any other events. They will not receive points towards Grand Champs. They still can receive a roving trophy. The top 3 teams will receive the points.**
21. The **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** 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 for darts, and cornhole.
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 **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** 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.

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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.
28. The host fire company may add a new contest to the Convention with the approval of the Rules Committee. The newly added contest shall not be counted towards the Grand Champion Trophy points total on the first year of said contest unless approved at a Regular Meeting of the Association. This does not apply to any previously held contest with established rules.

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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 competitions having the highest number of points awarded shall be declared the winner.
3. The following contests will count for awarding of points: FF Wiffle Ball, Battle of the Barrel, Bowling, Golf, Pumping Contest, Team Firefighter's Proficiency, Darts, and Bucket Brigade.
4. The Auxiliary Events and Grand Convention Parade will not be counted for Points.
5. Teams will be awarded points for **Non Fire Events** as follows:  
(FF Wiffle Ball, Golf, Bowling, and Darts)
  - 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, 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 hosting company will pick a fire event to determine the tie breaker.

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### Grand Champion Trophy Rules, Continued

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*) in turn out gear (see section 7 C) will receive Ten (10) bonus points toward overall Grand Champion at the present year's convention.
- b. 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*) not wearing turn out gear (street clothing or running gear) will receive Five (5) bonus points toward overall Grand Champion at the present year's convention.
- c. The participants must don a set of turnout gear to include bunker pants (with liner), bunker coat (with liner), NFPA gloves, and a structural firefighting helmet. **Any other gear, including structural firefighting boots, hood, and / or SCBA are not required but may be worn at the discretion of the participant.**
- d. The participant may run or walk at his or her own pace during the event.
- e. Member department will receive either 10 points or 5 points. No department will receive no more than 10 points.

**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.

- e. Points will only be accumulated from Convention meeting to June county meetings will count for points.

**Training:** Any department taking 5 Cambria County Reg. Firefighter Association classes will receive 10 points towards grand champions. Approved 11/23 county meeting

**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. The top Fire Prevention entry will be awarded the Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award.

**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.

- f. Must have a minimum of (5) Members in line of March or Firefighter Color Guard
- g. Members must be wearing their Fire Department Uniform
- h. Member departments bringing company owned IN SERVICE fire apparatus will receive 5 points for 1 unit and NO more than 10 points for 2 or more units.

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

8. Decision of the Rules Committee will be Final.

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**Tibott Award**

1. The fire department must be a member of the County Association and have attended two of the regular meetings.
2. The Tibott 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 Tibott 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 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. This award is presented to the Fire Company or Department that presents the top Fire Prevention Entry, that is selected by panel of neutral fire service judges, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Judges 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. Three Judges either from Central District Firemen’s Association or other neutral fire group shall make the decision based on using the State Firefighters’ Association scoring sheet. In addition, if they wish, a member from the Cliff Cherico family shall be a part of the of the judging group.
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 Cambria County Regional Firefighters’ Association.
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.

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**Cliff Cherico Memorial Fire Prevention Award Guidelines, Cont.**

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.
13. The three judges from either Central District Firemen's Association or other Fire Group shall not be members of the Association nor shall they be members of any fire companies in the Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association. Also, a member of the Cliff Cherico family may elect to have a vote on the Award as well.
14. Upon Completion of the scoring sheets of the Fire Prevention Entries, the judges' selection will be turned over the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will announce the winner of the Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award at the Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association's afternoon convention business meeting.
15. It is the responsibility of the Awards' Committee to select the judges each year. Judging shall be completed no later than the full second week of July.

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## Wiffle Ball Rules

### Equipment

- Only the white baseball size Wiffle Ball (eight slots on one side) will be used for play. The only modification to the surface of the ball will be that resulting from normal play. If a ball is torn more than ¼ inch, it will be ruled illegal for play and will be removed from the game.
- Only the standard yellow Wiffle Ball bat will be used for play. No tape will be allowed on the bats. League officials have the right to inspect any bats being used and only they can declare if bat is legal/illegal for play.
- Official Wiffle Ball Bats and Balls will be provided by the home company.
- Baseball gloves are not permitted. Only batters may wear batting gloves.
- The target strike zone will be 32 inches high by 22 inches wide and will stand 12 inches off the ground.
- Pitching speed will be NORMAL. Umpires and team captains discretion for excessive speeds.

### Field Specifications – distance from home plate:

- Pitcher's mound: 40 feet
  - To first base: 40 feet
  - Pitcher's circle: 5 feet diameter
  - 40 feet to each base
  - Arch Line: 20 feet from home plate down first base and third base lines
1. Up to three teams 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. A team must field (5) players maximum at the start of the game. If a department is entering up to 3 teams, members can only play for 1 team in the tournament. At the start of the game each team must provide a team roster to umpire.
  3. 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.
  4. 5 inning game
  5. A team must field 5 players
  6. Bat minimum 5 players or max 10 players
  7. 3 outs per inning
  8. All at bats will start at a 2-1 count.

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**Wiffle Ball Rules, Cont.**

9. Foul ball on the third strike – batter is out
10. “Pitchers poison rule” No first baseman. Outs at first base count if pitcher has the ball with one foot in the pitcher’s circle
11. Normal force out at second or third or can peg runner with ball- no throwing at head or neck, if so, runner is safe.
12. No plays at the plate - If pitcher has ball in circle before runner crosses arch line approaching home the runner is out.
13. No bunting. Balls must cross the painted arch line, ball not crossing arch line for 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is an out.
14. 5 run rule per inning except last inning.
15. Extra innings start with guy on first and one out.
16. 10 run rule after 3 innings
17. Umpire’s 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.
18. Captain’s Meeting and Pairings will be held at **7:00 PM, St. Michael Fire Station on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.** Managers will be notified of opponent and time.
19. **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** 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.
20. 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.
21. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
22. Hosting department will determine single or double elimination.

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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 Footwear and firefighter helmet must be secured (chin strap must be worn, if helmet doesn't have chin strap and falls to the ground results in disqualification). No Crocs, Sandals, open toe shoes of any kind or slip on water shoes will be permitted (tied or zipper footwear only). Any loss of footwear or helmet will result in disqualification for the event.
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. The clock will continue to run after a goal.
8. Starting with the semi-final round of competition the time period will be extended to (3) THREE minutes for each period.
9. In the event of a tie the team with the most distance will be the winner
10. 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.
11. Scoring will be done in feet.
12. Flip of a coin will determine the goal from which each team will start.
13. Once in position, the first whistle will be for water, the second whistle will be the signal to begin the battle.
14. 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.
15. 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.

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**Battle of the Barrel, Cont.**

16. Any **INTENTIONAL lowering** of the hose, loss of control or squirting of the spectators will be an automatic elimination.
17. 100 ft. of 1 1/2" hose for each side from a gated wye with a straight bore nozzle will be used. The **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** will provide a safetyman at the gated wye. The gated wye will be connected to a 2 1/2" supply line.
18. 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.
19. Engine will maintain 120-PSI pressure.
20. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. A maximum of one trophy per company is permitted.
21. Decision of the judges will be final.
22. The Jack Fry Roving Trophy will be awarded to the First Place team, to be kept until the next convention.
23. Double elimination will be used if there are only 8 or less teams participating. The hosting company will determine double elimination on the number of teams participating.
24. 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** for both the fire department and the fire department auxiliaries.
9. Contest will be held at 814 Lanes and Games in Richland on Sunday, July 26, 2026 , all teams will start at **6:00 PM**. Please have your team roster ready by **5:30 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 \$125.00 per team. All teams must pay the **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2**, before bowling.

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**Golf Tournament**

1. The Golf tournament will be FOUR person team event held at the Windber Country Club, Monday, July 27, 2026 sign-in at 8:00 AM, scramble starting at 8:30 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Also prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt. The long drive award must be played from the white tees.
14. Double boogie will be the maximum score on any hole.
15. The cost will be \$400.00 per team. All teams must pay the Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 before golfing. 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. The apparatus will be an in service piece of equipment with a valid state inspection that is in service by your fire department and recognized by the 911 center in CAD.
2. At least 500 feet of 2-½” 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 2-½” 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. Any team member **MUST** chock the wheels. If the wheels are not chocked by any team member participating in contest before they line up at the start line to start event a 5 second penalty will be enforced by hosting company. The hosting company will point it out to driver then he will chock wheels for safety before event starts.
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. All hose will be supplied for the contest and be N.F.P.A. approved and tested each year and will be provided by county. Participating company will use their own nozzles.
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).

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**Pumping Contest, Cont.**

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.
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 starting line shall be in front of the apparatus. The driver and all members of the team including the break man will start on the starting line. All contestants will start at the sound of the whistle. Once the whistle blows everyone including the break man will go to work.
15. The nozzle man may reposition once within the nozzle zone, but shall not leave the nozzle zone. Nozzle man must be in nozzle zone before water is discharged. 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 **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** 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. The (2) back up members shall lay beside the hose until they see water coming up the hose then they will lay on it for safety.
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.

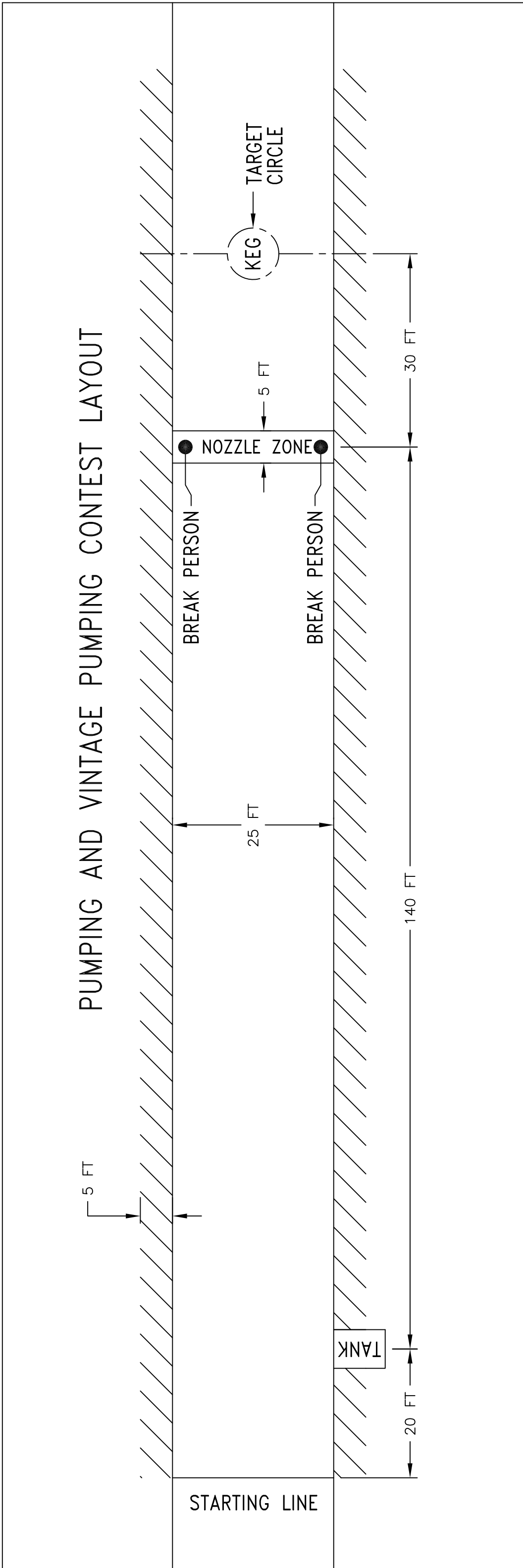
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23. Any team, accidentally or intentionally discharging water from anywhere other than the nozzle, including the side discharge, at any time, is eliminated.
24. Equipment failure is elimination. (Broken hose, nozzle, etc.)
25. No personnel or equipment or nozzle shall extend past the front nozzle line when water is discharged. Penalty is 10 seconds.
26. 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.)
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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
34. In the event any provided equipment and/or safety personnel interfere/failure a rerun will be permitted.

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# PUMPING AND VINTAGE PUMPING CONTEST LAYOUT



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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 Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association.
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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**Vintage Pumping Contest**

1. Apparatus used in the contest shall be a piece of standard firefighting apparatus that is not in service or on CAD at 911 center. Retired apparatus, antique apparatus will be used for contest.
2. At least 500 feet of 2-½” 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 2-½” 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. Any team member **MUST** chock the wheels. If the wheels are not chocked by any team member participating in contest before they line up at start line to start event a 5 second penalty will be enforced by hosting company. The hosting company will point it out to driver then he will chock wheels for safety before event starts.
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. All hose will be supplied for the contest and be N.F.P.A. approve and tested each year and will be provided by county. Participating company will use their own nozzles.
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).

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**Vintage Pumping Contest, Cont.**

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.
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 starting line shall be in front of the apparatus. The driver and all members of the team including the break man will start on the starting line. All contestants will start at the sound of the whistle. Once the whistle blows everyone even the break man will go to work.
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 **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** 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. The (2) back up members shall lay beside the hose until they see water coming up the hose then they will lay on it for safety
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.

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**Vintage Pumping Contest, Cont.**

35. Any team, accidentally or intentionally discharging water from anywhere other than the nozzle, including the side discharge, at any time, is eliminated.
36. Equipment failure is elimination. (Broken hose, nozzle, etc.)
37. No personnel or equipment or nozzle shall extend past the front nozzle line when water is discharged. Penalty is 10 seconds.
38. If the Apparatus used for the contest has a rear mount pump, then the starting line shall be moved forward of the apparatus.
39. Contest ends after judges check equipment (ie. Couplings, dropped equipment, etc.)
40. 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.
41. The team members shall watch the judges check the fittings and equipment.
42. Decision of judges is final.
43. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> places. This will not count for points.
44. In the event any provided equipment and/or safety personnel interfere/failure a rerun will be permitted.

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**Firefighter's Challenge**

1. Team will consist of Five (5) 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 station 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 their don SCBA, then member will proceed 15-feet and pick-up a 100-foot section of 1-3/4" hose (High Rise Pack), then serpentine through eight (8) obstacles traffic cones, then proceed and tag the next member before dropping the hose load. The traffic cone serpentine shall place each cone a minimum of 5-feet (forward) x 5-feet (left/right) apart.
4. The next member will don their SCBA, then member will proceed 25-feet 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.
5. The next member will don their SCBA, then member will pick-up a sledgehammer positioned beside their station box and proceed 15-feet to the truck tire. The member will hit the truck tire ***with force and move the tire 1-ft a judge from hosting company will tell the member that he is good to move on.*** There will be a 1ft line painted. The sledgehammer is to be gripped with both hands and swung low with force. No one-handed or overhead swinging of the sledgehammer is permitted. Standing on the truck tire is not permitted. After member moves the tire 1 foot **gently** lay the sledgehammer down and proceed to tag the next member. Sledgehammer shall weigh between (12) and (16) lbs.
6. The next member will don SCBA and pull a fully charged 1-1/2" hose line 50-feet to the nozzle zone, then 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 85 PSI. The Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael will have a person man the shut off at all times. The center of the keg shall be 15-feet from the front line of the nozzle zone. The nozzle zone shall be 5-feet long.
7. 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 Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael will provide a mat at the end for safety. Assist ropes of any kind are not permitted.
8. The dummy shall lie flat when positioned with the head being placed 10-feet from the station box. The dummy shall weigh no less than 150 lbs and no more 185 lbs.

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**Firefighter's Challenge, Cont.**

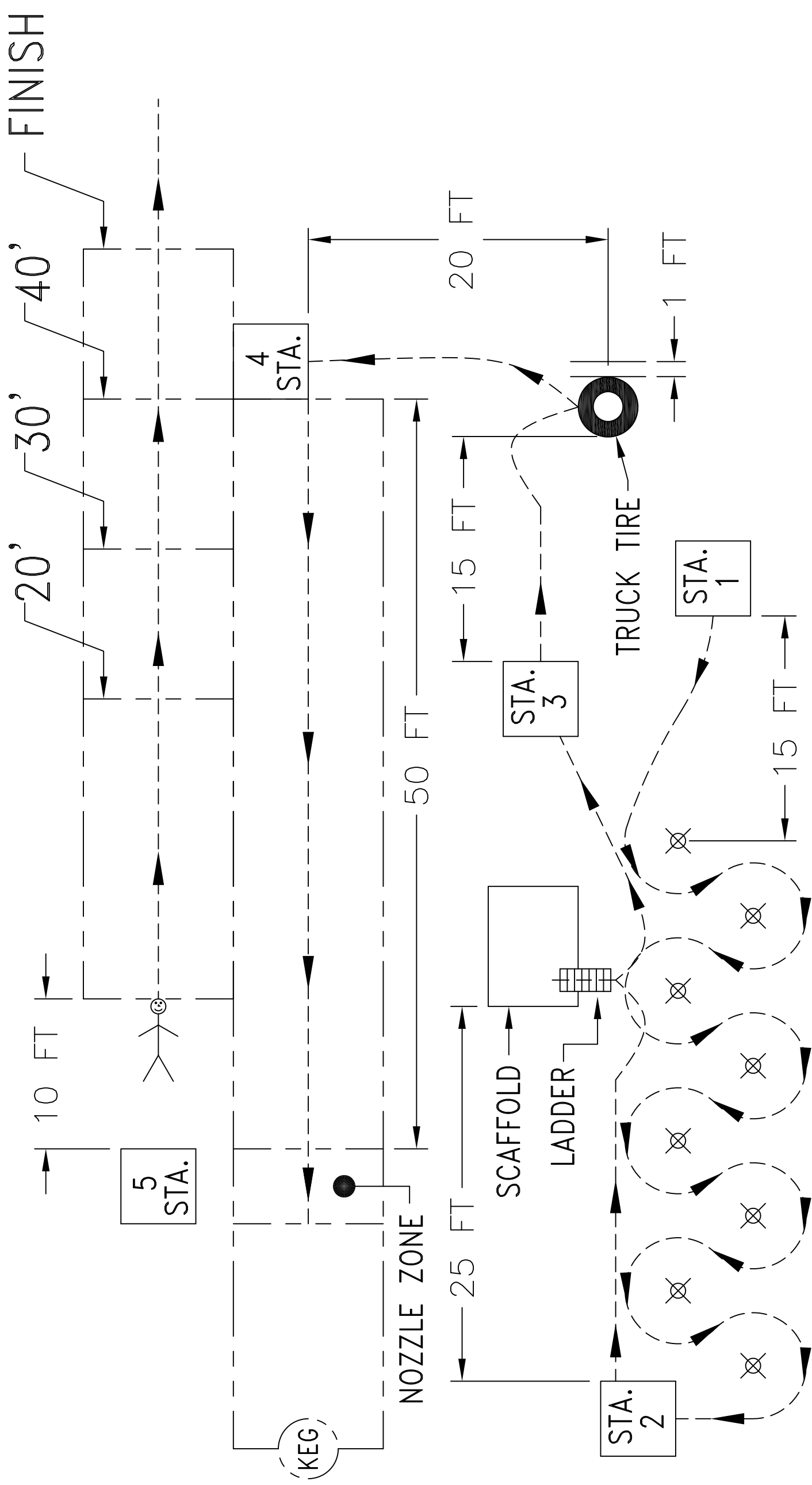
9. Each station shall have a 5-foot x 5-foot box for the team member to start from. Team member, with their SCBA positioned on the ground, shall be completely within the station box before the start of the contest. Once the whistle blows, equipment shall not be repositioned - 20 second penalty.
10. For each missed rung on the ladder – 5 second penalty.
11. If a member leaves a station before being tagged – 10 second penalty.
12. Knocking over an obstacle cone – 5 second penalty.
13. Dropping hose load prior to tagging next member – 10 second penalty.
14. 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.
15. If the dummy is not completely over the line – 10 second penalty.
16. Failure to get the dummy to the line – 120 second penalty.
17. Discharge of water out of the nozzle zone or failure to completely shut off nozzle – 10 second penalty.
18. Loss of control of nozzle – eliminates team from contest.
19. If member swings the sledgehammer one-handed, swings the sledgehammer overhead, or loses control of the sledgehammer (whereas the sledgehammer “leaves the hands” of the member while swinging), the penalty is team elimination from contest.
20. If member throws down the sledgehammer in lieu of gently laying it down – 25 second penalty.
21. Failure to knock the pin off the keg – 20 second penalty. Knocking the keg over or out of the circle – 10 second penalty.
22. Any snap not closed, fastened, or loose SCBA strap – 5 second penalty.
23. The **Adams Twp. VFC, No. 2 – St. Michael** has the right to stop any contest or event if they have reason to believe a participant may be impaired or overexerting themselves.
24. Trophies shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
25. Captain's meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the event.
26. Individual Competitions shall be held after the Team event. Individual will not count for points.

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**Firefighter's Challenge, Cont.**

27. Junior Firefighters under the age of (18) in the Individual Competition (SINGLES EVENT) shall use a dummy weighing between 100 lbs. and not to exceed 125 lbs. and shall use a (12) pound sledgehammer.
28. Junior Firefighters 20ft Hose line drag. Nozzle zone will still be the same.

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CONE SERPENTINE

# FIREFIGHTER'S CHALLENGE (TEAM PROFICIENCY) CONTEST PARKING LOT LAYOUT 2026

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**Dart Contest**

1. Teams will consist of 4 players, **NO entry fee**.
2. The match will consist of 1 game.
3. Each player will throw 24 darts per game. If a thrown dart sticks to the board, but the score does not register, then that dart can be pushed in by an opposite team member. A dart that bounces out **cannot** be re-thrown.
4. If the machine malfunctions, the game will be scored manually.
5. The dart machine is always right.
6. The throw line shall be set 8 feet behind the machine.
7. Player may use their own darts. Toe on or behind the start line for the position of your foot placement.
8. The Darter throws three (3) darts then pushes “player change” button, then removes darts.
9. Darts must not be thrown until the machine reads “throw darts”. If the darts are thrown before the machine is ready, the points that were just thrown will not count.
10. If a player shoots out of turn:
  - a. The player shooting out of turn loses his turn.
  - b. The point value of that dart will be subtracted from that score at the end of the games.
  - c. The effected player will then be permitted to throw one round of darts at the games completion. The score will be added to their total.
11. Contest will be strictly scratch total of thrown darts. The winner will be the team with the highest scratch score.
12. Trophies shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
13. 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 firefighter's 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 drums ( supplied by CCRFA) shall be filled using five 10 quart metal buckets ( supplied by hosting dept.). 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. Any buckets damaged intentionally will result in disqualification. Per Judges decision.
14. Team with the highest score will be declared the winner.
15. The time will be one (1) minute for each run.
16. Decision of the judges will be final.
17. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places will be awarded.
18. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place shall be awarded for fire department auxiliaries (woman's teams).

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**Stephen G. Unger Memorial Trophy Guidelines**

1. This award was established in January 2022 by the Conemaugh Fire Company in memory of Stephen G. Unger.
2. The trophy will be a revolving trophy that will be awarded to the winner of the Bucket Brigade Contest at the Annual Convention of the Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association.
3. The winning team must be a member, in good standing, of the Association at the time of the convention.
4. The trophy must be returned to the Host Company of the convention at the start of next year's convention.
5. The winning team will have the year in which the trophy was won to have the Fire Company name engraved on the next blank in sequence. Engraving charges will be the responsibility of the winning team's Fire Company.
6. The Fire Company of the winning team will be responsible for repairing any damage to the trophy while in their possession.
7. If the Host Company, under the approval of the Rules Committee, elects to cancel the contest, the trophy will be returned to the Conemaugh Fire Company, for that given year. The Conemaugh Fire Company will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of next year's Convention.
8. Should the Bucket Brigade Contest be abolished the trophy will be returned to the Conemaugh Fire Company. The Conemaugh Fire Company will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Host Company of the Convention if the contest is reinstated.
9. 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 Conemaugh Fire Company. The Conemaugh Fire Company will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of the next Convention.
10. In the event that the Association Conventions are abolished the award will be returned to the Conemaugh Fire Company and become the property of the Conemaugh Fire Company.

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**Grand Firefighter's Parade**

*Lineup will start at 1:00 PM.*

1. The parade will be held in **Saint Michael, on Saturday, August 1, 2026.**
2. Apparatus judging will be held at **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 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 Firefighter's Parade, Cont.**

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 Marshall 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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**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association Fallen Firefighters' Award**

1. The Fallen Firefighters' Award is awarded to the best overall Association Fire Department participating in the Convention Parade.
2. This award will be selected by the apparatus judges (or by the host company's selected parade judges).
3. Any Association Fire Department is eligible to win this award every year. 11/23 approved
4. To be eligible for this award, the Fire Department must be a member in good standing of the Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association at the time of the convention and must have attended two regular meetings.
5. This *revolving* award must be returned to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of the next year's Convention.
6. The winning Fire Department will have the year in which the award was won, and their Fire Company name engraved on the next blank in sequence. Engraving charges will be the responsibility of the winning Fire Department.
7. The winning Fire Department will be responsible for repairing any damage to the award while in their possession. The Awards Committee should be notified before for any repairs are made to advise and/or supervise the repair.
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 Fallen Firefighters' Award will be returned to the Awards Committee and stored at the Fire School Site.
9. In the event that the Association Conventions are abolished, the Fallen Firefighters' Award will be returned to the Awards Committee and taken to the Fire School Site. The Fallen Firefighters' Award is the property of the Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association.

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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 ½ " 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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**“Skip” Cook Memorial Award Guidelines**

1. This award was established in December 2021 by the Nanty Glo Fire Company in memory of Cecil "Skip" Cook.
2. The “Skip” Cook Memorial Award will be awarded to the best **Fire Department in the Line of March** participating in the Cambria County Regional Firefighters’ Association Convention Parade, regardless of the number of members in the Line of March unit.
3. This award will be selected by the marching band judges or by the host company’s selected parade judges.
4. This award will have no impact on the Grand Champion Trophy.
5. Fire Departments who have won this award in five (5) prior years are not eligible to win this award.
6. To be eligible for this award, the Fire Department must be a member in good standing of the Cambria County Regional Firefighters’ Association at the time of the convention.
7. This *revolving* award must be returned to the Host Company of the convention at the start of next year’s convention.
8. The winning Fire Department will have the year in which the award was won, and their Fire Company name engraved on the next blank in sequence. Engraving charges will be the responsibility of the Nanty Glo Fire Company.
9. The winning Fire Department will be responsible for repairing any damage to the trophy while in their possession. The Nanty Glo Fire Company should be notified before for any repairs are made to advise and/or supervise the repair.
10. If the Host Company, under the approval of the Rules Committee, elects to cancel the Convention Parade, the award will be returned to the Nanty Glo Fire Company (N.G.F.D.) for that given year. The N.G.F.D. will be responsible for returning the award to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of next year’s Convention.
11. Should the Convention Parade be abolished the award will be returned to the N.G.F.D. The N.G.F.D. will be responsible for returning the award to the Host Company of the next Convention if the Convention Parade is reinstated.
12. If there is no Host Company for the Convention for the given Year or if the Convention is canceled for the given year the award will be returned to the N.G.F.D. The N.G.F.D. will be responsible for returning the award to the Host Company of the Convention at the start of next Convention.
13. In the event that the Association Conventions are abolished the award will be returned to the N.G.F.D. and become the property of the N.G.F.D.

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## Trophies will be awarded for the following categories:

<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED ENGINE</u>	<u>2023 to Present</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
	<u>2016 to 2022</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
	<u>2006 to 2015</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
	<u>1986 to 2005</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
	<u>1985 &amp; Prior</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED RESCUE - ENGINE UNIT</u>	<u>2016 to Present</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
	<u>2015 &amp; Prior</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED HEAVY RESCUE UNIT</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED LIGHT RESCUE UNIT</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED SPECIALTY UNIT</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED AERIAL UNIT - 75 ft or less</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED AERIAL UNIT – 76 ft and over</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED TANKER</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED EMS UNIT</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING MOTORIZED ANTIQUE Under Own Power &amp; Fire Company Owned</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING AND EQUIPPED NON-MOTORIZED UNIT</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING FIRE COMPANY IN LINE OF MARCH (19 or less)</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>BEST APPEARING FIRE COMPANY IN LINE OF MARCH (20 or more)</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 2<sup>ND</sup></u>
<u>SPECIAL JUDGES AWARD</u>		<u>1<sup>ST</sup></u>

## OUT OF ASSOCIATION PRIZES

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

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**Trophies will be awarded for the following EVENTS:**

WIFFLE BALL, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

BATTLE OF THE BARREL, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

FIRE DEPARTMENT - TEAM BOWLING, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY - TEAM BOWLING, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

FIRE DEPARTMENT BOWLING - HIGH GAME

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY BOWLING - HIGH GAME

GOLF TOURNAMENT, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

SPECIAL PRIZES @ GOLF TOURNAMENT:

- LONGEST DRIVE
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- LONGEST PUTT

PUMPING CONTEST, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

VINTAGE PUMPING CONTEST, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

TEAM FIREFIGHTER'S PROFICIENCY, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

INDIVIDUAL FIREFIGHTER'S PROFICIENCY JUNIOR'S – AGE 14-17, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

INDIVIDUAL FIREFIGHTER'S PROFICIENCY AGE 18-39, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

INDIVIDUAL FIREFIGHTER'S PROFICIENCY AGE 40 AND UP, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

TEAM DARTS, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

FIRE DEPARTMENT – BUCKET BRIGADE, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY - BUCKET BRIGADE, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup>

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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 FF Wiffle Ball (Three) and Golf (Three).**

\_\_\_\_\_ FF Wiffle Ball Tournament, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Battle of the Barrel Contest, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Bowling Competition, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams, Auxiliary Teams: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf Tournament, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Pumping Contest, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Firefighter's Proficiency Contest, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Bucket Brigade Contest, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Darts Tournament, \_\_\_\_\_ Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Grand Parade, \_\_\_\_\_ Apparatus

Fire Department Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number:

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E-mail:

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Please email to Nate Kundrod at [npk12@comcast.net](mailto:npk12@comcast.net) by July 15, 2026. Any questions, please contact Nate at 814-691-1148 cell.

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