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**Old Fire Farts of York  
County PA**



## **2021 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS**

At the January 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting the following slate of officers were elected to serve during the 2021 year.

**President**, term 2 years - **Greg Halpin**

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**Secretary**, term 2 year - **Kraig Herman**

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**Treasurer**, till 6/30/21 – **Paul Hoover**

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**6/30 Treasurer**, term 2 Years – **Robert Straw**

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**Member-At-Large**, term 2 years – **David Maletz**

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**Member-At-Large**, term 1 year – **Roy Gentzler**

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Congratulations to all of them and thank you for stepping forward to serve the organization. The new President is reviewing our Committees during his reorganization process. He has given his team's support to the National SPAAMFAA Winter Conference being sponsored by us in March and ask all members to help during this important event. He has also suggested a By-Laws review to bring them up to date with some needed changes. If you would like to serve on a Committee let the President know.

**2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE BEFORE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**If you have any questions, contact Kraig Herman our new Secretary.  
Invite a friend who is also an Old Fire Fart to join you in the group.**

## 2021 SPAAMFAA WINTER CONFERENCE

The Old Fire Farts of York County PA will be hosting the Annual SPAAMFAA WINTER CONFERENCE here in York during March 10<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Conference will be held at the Wyndham Garden York Hotel in West Manchester Township. We were awarded to be the host of the Conference last February in N. Charleston, SC before this whole Covid-19 virus came about. It has been a ever changing plan in putting this Conference together but it is looking good for a successful event. As of the end of January we have 74 guest registered with two sold out bus trips and a dinner for 50 people on Saturday evening.

Working with the Hotel, the bus Company, and the Alert Fire Hall it is all coming together with safe precautions for Covid-19 protection. The Hotel and Bus Company are fogging and cleaning spaces and wiping down highly touched areas. There are hand sanitizers throughout the hotel and on the buses. In our guest bags we have included a five pack of cotton masks, personnel hand sanitizer bottles, we have purchased infrared thermometers and will be taking everyone's temperatures before entering a meeting room or a bus. We have arranged social distancing by limiting the number of people in each room and on the buses. Seating will be 10 feet apart at inside gatherings and limited to 25 people or 50% of the assigned capacity. Signage throughout the building and on the buses will remind people of the rules for everyone's safety. Our dinner will have the same social distancing with 50 people in a room that hold 350. With over 70 people attending the Conference and over 50 attending the dinner we have a goal that Safety comes first. Below is the 4-day schedule of events. is our proposed 4-day schedule If you can help at anytime please call Bob at 717-819-0924 and get on the work schedule. **We will be stuffing bags on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Hotel. Can you help?**

### Wednesday, March 10, 2021

- 8:00 am Registration and Shirt Sales in the Ballroom Lobby  
Morning Hospitality Opens (Somerset & Tudor)  
(two Juices, Coffees, Hot Chocolate & Tea, Muffins & Danish)
- 9:00 am Board Meeting (York & Elizabeth)
- Noon Board Only Lunch - Served at their Board Table.
- 1:00 pm Board Meeting Continues (York & Elizabeth)
- A 50/50 DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 7pm BEFORE THE SEMINAR**
- 7:00- 8:00 pm Seminar #1 GREG HALPIN TO TALK ABOUT ??????????????????
- 8:00 – 11:00 pm Fellowship in the "Hospitality Room" (SOMERSET & Tudor Room)

### Thursday, March 11, 2021

- 8:00 am Registration and Shirt Sales in the Ballroom Lobby  
Morning Hospitality Opens (Somerset & Tudor)  
(two Juices, Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Tea, Muffins & Danish)
- 8:30- 4:30 **All Tours will load from the Ballroom Lobby.** Tour lunches will be on your own.
- Tour #1 "Hanover Area – " Fire Museum, Beer taste testing, ,farmers market, Fire House, and Stock Car Museum.  
**A 50/50 DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 7 PM BEFORE THE SEMINAR**
- 7:00- 8:00 pm Seminar #2 – "Looking Back to 1921", 100 years ago. (York & Elizabeth Room)  
(*Greg Halpin will take you back to York County 100 years ago. Some Fire Companies were just getting s3tarted.*)

8:00- 11:00pm Fellowship in the "Hospitality Room" (Somerset & Tudor)  
(Beverages & Snacks)

**Friday, March 12, 2021**

8:00 am Registration and Shirt Sales in the Ballroom Lobby  
Morning Hospitality Opens (Somerset & Tudor)  
(two Juices, Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Tea, Muffins & Danish)

8:00 am **All Tours will load from the Ballroom Lobby.** Tour lunches will be on your own.

Tour #2 "York Agricultural & Industrial Museum, the Corner, Rex & Laurel, Lunch on George St.,  
Boutique & Craft Shopping , The York Fire Museum.

**A 50/50 DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING**

7:00- 8:00 pm Chapter Representative Meeting in the (Small Ballroom)

8:00- 9:00 pm General Membership Meeting in the (Small Ballroom)

9:00- 11:00pm Fellowship in the "SPAAMFAA Hospitality Room" (Small Ballroom)  
(Beverages & Snacks)

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

7:00- 3:00 Muster & Flea Market Registration and Shirt Sales (Ballroom Lobby)

7:00-9:00 Vendors & Muster Set Up in (Ballroom of The Roses)

9:00-3:00 pm Flea Market/Muster Opens - Admission \$5.00 to the Public,  
**FREE WITH CONFERENCE NAME BADGE** Bring your cameras.

**Also, a Motorized Display Outside by our Old Fire Farts Members (weather permitting).**

Annual Dinner Alert Fire Co. #1 3118 N. George St. Emigsville, PA 17318

6:00-6:30 pm Social and View the Fire Company's 1951 Ward LaFrance

6:30-8:30 pm An Old Fashion Firehouse Roast Beef Dinner.

9:00 - 11:00 pm "Old Fire Farts Hospitality Room" (Small Ballroom) at the Wyndham Garden Hotel

**WINTER CONFERENCE MUSTER & FLEA MARKET  
SATURDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AT THE WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL**

Thanks to our new member Ken Buohl and Jeff Stauffer, both long time SPAAMFAA members, for making this happen inside the Ballroom of the Roses. The doors open at 9 am until 3 pm to the public at a cost of \$5.00 per person and all Conference Registered guest are FREE with their name badges.

We have 20 vendors filling 48 tables full of appliances and memorabilia. Come and buy something for the Fireman's Cave. We have over 20 apparatus coming in Hand Dawn Equipment. Outside If the weather cooperates, we will have our members motorized equipment on display.

If you can help on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Muster, we would welcome you help. This will be the busiest day for the Conference.

These are a few of the outside rigs we hope to see there, so come and enjoy the fellowship and fun.



Inside we will have these and about 15 more.

