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Meeting Notice

The next Western Meeting will be:

May 11, 2024
7:00 p.m.
(Second Saturday due to
Harrisburg Fire Expo)

Canonsburg VFD
Washington County

68 E. Pike Street
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Directions to the meeting:
Take Route 79 South to Exit 45
(Canonsburg) and turn right on to
McClelland Rd. In 0.4 miles, use
the left 2 lanes to turn slightly left

Convention Plans for August Convention in Fairchance Underway

Our friends at Fairchance VFD are working hard to plan a good convention for us in August this year. A full schedule of activities will be published in the July 2024 edition of *The Western Gazette*, but we wanted to provide you the following information to assist you in your planning:

Dates: The convention will run from Thursday, August 8, 2024 to Monday, August 12, 2024.

Banquets: The High Hatters banquet will be on Thursday, August 8. The Past Presidents & Old Timer's banquet will be on Sunday, August 10. The awards banquet (awards and scholarship presentations) will be on Sunday, August 11 at 5 p.m.

Battle of the Barrel: Will be at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 10. Registration forms will be mailed with the July newsletter, with a July 31 registration deadline.

Business Meetings and Election: All business meetings and the annual election will be held Friday, August 9.

Memorial Service: The annual memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 11.

Parade: The parade will be on Saturday, August 10. Apparatus judging will be at 12 p.m., with the parade beginning at 4 p.m.
Convention hotel recommendation: Hilton Garden Inn, 555 Synergy Drive, Uniontown, PA 15401. Phone number is 724-434-7200. There will be a gold outing on August 12, 2024.

Harrisburg Fire Expo

May 17 and 18, 2024 Harrisburg Farm Show Complex Visit us at the show!!

Dues Payment Deadline: July 31, 2024

Both company and individual member dues are due at that time.

Please be sure to make payment so that you remain eligible for membership benefits.

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There is an import bylaw change that is coming up for vote during the May meeting. Please read the information below and if you have an opinion on this matter please come to the meeting and express your opinion.

Item # 1; Increase the number of regular meetings per year and expand the dates and times that a host company can schedule the annual convention

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*Section 1. There shall be seven monthly **Regular** meetings: **on-the third Saturday of October, November, February, April, May, June, and July** of each year after the convention and the July meeting of each year shall be held at the convention city, the proceeding shall continue 7:00PM on the third Saturday of each month, (except the Month of May when the meeting will be held the second Saturday of the month **the time of the meetings shall be at 7:00PM and** to be held within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There shall be no meetings in the months of September and December. **The Annual Fire Prevention Essay Banquet shall be held in March. The Board of Control shall meet the second Sunday of September and December at 2:00PM. This by Law change shall take in effect when all current meetings booked are completed.***

Reason: Due to weather, travelling conditions and at times difficulty in getting a quorum the number of meetings are reduced. The New Schedule with meetings etc on 3rd Saturday of the respective months at 7:00PM would look like the following: No meeting in January

February	Regular Meeting with Workshop
March	Fire Prevention Essay Banquet Only
April	Regular Meeting
May	Regular Meeting (second Saturday)
June	Regular Meeting
July	Regular Meeting
August	Annual Convention
September	Board of Control (home of In-Coming President)
October	Regular Meeting
November	Regular Meeting
December	Board of Control Meeting 2 nd Sunday @ 2:00PM

