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## Meeting Notice

The next Western Meeting will be:

**October 15, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Arnold Engine Co. No. 2**  
**Westmoreland County**  
**1706 Fifth Avenue**  
**Arnold, PA 15068**

### Directions to the meeting:

From Rt. 28, take exit 14 and head towards New Kensington. Once you cross the Tarentum/New Kensington Bridge, start counting traffic lights. At the third light (Taco Bell on your right), make a right. Go two more lights to Drey Street and make a right down the hill. Once you cross the railroad tracks, make a left on Fifth Avenue (across from No. 1 fire hall) and follow for two blocks. The Training and Social Center will be at the end of the second block on your left.

## 2022 Annual Convention at Somerset a Success

The annual convention, hosted by Somerset Fire Department in Somerset County, was a huge success. Our friends from Somerset worked very hard to make sure the convention was both productive and fun.

The activities began on Thursday, August 4, with a bus trip to the Flight 93 Memorial and then the Hi-Hatters and Past President and Old Timer's Banquets. The opening business session and elections were held Friday morning. The memorial service was held in the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Friday afternoon, followed by the business meeting for the convention. The Annual banquet with the presentation of awards and scholarships, along with swearing in the newly-elected officers took place Friday evening. The Battle of the Barrel and annual convention parade were held on Saturday.

Our convention hosts for next year will be Arnold Engine Co. No. 2, in Westmoreland County. We look forward to working with them to hold another annual convention that serves our membership and their families.

## Fire Prevention Essay Contest Applications Included with Newsletter

The Fire Prevention Essay Contest this year includes the ability for fifth, sixth and graders to submit essays.

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the official application for the association's Fire Prevention Essay Contest. Use this application to submit essays from your local schools to the association for judging in our contest.

You can make copies of this document for distribution to your schools. Fire companies should collect essays from the schools, judge them internally, and then submit their best three essays from each grade level.

Committee Chairman Martin Wetmore reminds all companies to stress the fact that the official application must be on the front of all submissions. Submissions with application sheets from other organizations (such as county association contests) will not be accepted.

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## List of Delinquent Companies

If your company or a company you know is listed as delinquent, please remind the officers to pay the dues as soon as possible.  
If your dues are delinquent, anyone who passes away is not eligible for the death benefit.

Allegheny Valley VFC  
Beaver County Firemens Relief  
Beaver VFD  
Clarksville & Community  
Deer Lake & W Brunswick FC  
Elizabeth Twp FD #1  
Evans City Area FD  
Everson VFC  
Fairview FRA  
Franklin Park VFC  
Gettysburg FD  
Hawley FRA  
Homesteads VFD-Norvelt  
Keystone Regional FRD  
Marshall Twp VFD  
Mon Yough Fire Defense Council  
Monaca VFC #4  
Newburg Hopewell VFC  
Picture Rocks FD  
Pleasant Hills VFC  
Rew VFD  
Upper Burrell Twp  
Warren Co Fire School  
Washington Twp Adrian  
Wilkins Twp VFC #1

