

## ODHFS Central Region Members

I hope you are having a good holiday season and making the best of a horrible year. Like everyone else, I am looking forward to 2021.

One recent bright spot occurred on December 19th when members and apparatus from ODHFS along with units from Goochland County Fire Department and Henrico County Division of Fire and many of his family, friends, and co-workers honored ODHFS member James Hanifer with a surprise drive by parade at his home in western Henrico. I think all of us that participated got as much joy out of this as Jim did.





Recently you should have received in the mail your 2021 dues notice along with the ballet for our 2021 Officers. If you did not receive it, please contact Secretary Richard Moss: [richard@mossrd.org](mailto:richard@mossrd.org) 804-748-2940.

Speaking of dues, I realize this year has been tough financially on many. It has also been an awful year for members to be active in ODHFS events. Therefore if dropping out of ODHFS is something you are considering, please call me. Don't just "not reply" to the dues notice and fade away. Your continued participation is vital to ODHFS short and long term health.

President Herman has TENTATIVE plans to hold a Officers and Directors meeting on Saturday March 27th at the Keystone Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights. If Covid restrictions allow, the meeting will be open so all members can attend. More on this later.

Apple Blossom News: The **2021 Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Fire Fighters Parade has been officially cancelled**. BUT all is not lost. The ODHFS Northern Region is currently working with the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Fire Fighters Parade Committee to come up with some alternative activities. Hopefully they will know more around the end of January, but mark your calendars for hopefully some type of event the first weekend of May 2021. For more information contact Northern Region Director David Gantt, [racindave@msn.com](mailto:racindave@msn.com) 703-973-7117.

The Northern Region has uncovered a box containing a few short sleeve golf shirts with the ODHFS logo. Prices range from \$14 for XL to \$20 for 5XL including shipping. (I couldn't get the picture post on this email but it can be viewed on the ODHFS website in the "news" section). For more information contact Northern Region Director David Gantt, [racindave@msn.com](mailto:racindave@msn.com) 703-973-7117.

I'm sure most of you are following the attack that occurred in Nashville on Christmas Day. This YouTube video is the audio traffic of the initial Fire Department response that was reported to Fire Alarm by District Chief 9 who became the initial IC and then transitioned to being the Operations

Chief. You will never hear a more calm but decisive Chief during the initial stages of a chaotic incident. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPMQpElyEqI>

On a lighter note. Here is a copy of a 1969 documentary on the volunteer fire service in the State of Maryland. When you start the video, it takes a few minutes to get to the story and after it ends there is an added treat for Gunsmoke fans. (If you don't know what Gunsmoke is, ask your father or mother). [https://archive.org/details/WMAR\\_MISC\\_1124\\_003\\_DIG](https://archive.org/details/WMAR_MISC_1124_003_DIG)

Have a happy new year.

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