



Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

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Hughesville, Maryland 20637
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2009 SMVFA Convention Committee
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March 4, 2009

Fellow Delegates and Friends,

The 62nd Annual Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention will be held May 2-3, 2009. This year's event is being hosted by the Hughesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad Inc., home of incoming President Jimmy Rose.

All of the weekend's events will be held at the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department and the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department. Additional events will be held within the Downtown Hughesville area. Enclosed you will find:

- Itinerary for the Weekend
- Response Card for Memorial, Meeting & Dinner
- Parade Packet
 - Route
 - Rules & Registration
- Competition Packets
 - Contests with Rules & Registration
 - Fire Truck Pull with Rules & Registration

Sunday should be a fun day for the entire family. Please promote this event throughout your entire community. In addition to the parade and contests, there will be food, entertainment, and activities for children.

A response card is enclosed for those attending the Memorial Service and Dinner. In addition, registrations for the parade and contests are enclosed. Please feel free to use the enclosed envelope to return all the registrations and response card by **April 20, 2009**. Or you can register online at www.hvfdems.org by following the link to the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact Jimmy Rose at 301-343-5130. We look forward to seeing you at the convention.

Sincerely,

Caryn Moreland
Convention Committee Member

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 2, 2009

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Memorial Service	2:00 pm	Hughesville VFD Fire Bay
SMVFA Meeting	Following Memorial	Mechanicsville VFD Banquet Hall
Cocktails/Reception	6:00 pm	Mechanicsville VFD Banquet Hall
Awards & Installion of Officers	Following Dinner	Mechanicsville VFD Banquet Hall

Sunday, May 3, 2009

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Parade Registration	10:00 – 12:00 pm	SMECO Headquarters
Parade	12:30 pm	Downtown Hughesville
Fire Dept. Competitions & Fire Truck Pull	Following Parade	Hughesville VFD field and surrounding areas
Awards	Following Competitions (Approx. 30 min after)	Hughesville VFD at judges stand

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RESPONSE INFORMATION

For planning purposes, we are requesting each department return the enclosed response letter in the provided addressed envelope. Information on this card will help us plan for the appropriate number of attendees for the memorial service, meeting, dinner, and reception.

Please return this card no later than **April 20, 2009**.

OR

If you would like, conveniently register online

- Visit www.hvfdems.org
- Click on the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association link
- Follow the steps to register for the different events at the convention.

OR

If you would like, this information may be e-mailed to the following:

jrose@hvfdems.org

If you have any questions about registration for the memorial service, meeting, dinner or reception, please contact Jimmy Rose at 301-343-5130.

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RESPONSE INFORMATION RSVP MEMORIAL/MEETING/DINNER

Please return no later than **April 20, 2009**

Department Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

_____ Will be able to attend the Memorial and Meeting, May 2, 2009

Number of guests attending _____

_____ Will be able to attend the Reception and Dinner, May 2, 2009

Number of guests attending _____

_____ Would like to participate in the parade on Sunday, May 3, 2009

Please contact the following person for additional parade information.

Contact: _____

Phone No.: _____

_____ I regret that I will not be able to attend any of the functions.

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GENERAL PARADE RULES

1. Registration will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM (Noon) on May 3, 2009. Registration will occur at SMECO Headquarters on Burnt Store Road (Route 231). Participates who have registered on-line will still have to check in at SEMCO Headquarters.
2. All registered apparatus must be present to register the participating department at SMECO.
3. The parade will begin promptly at 12:30 PM rain or shine.
4. A Hughesville member or Charles County Sheriff's Department Officer will be at each street corner along the parade route to assist local traffic and parade participants.
5. A Hughesville member will be in the parking lot of SMECO Headquarters to control entrance of apparatus, marching units and special guests into the line of the parade.
6. A Hughesville member will be at the intersection of Old Leonardtown Road and Burt Store Road to control the pace of the units to the judging stand.
7. There will be no stopping in front of the judge's stand for apparatus or marching units.
8. Follow parade route past the judge's stand. Apparatus will continue north toward Leonardtown road and follow the directions to the parking area, marching units and other special units can disperse in the parking lot of All American Harley Davison.
- 9. Sounding of sirens or air horns will result in automatic disqualification.**
10. At the discretion of the judges, there will be a spot check of compartments during the parade route to check how organized the vehicle is.
11. Decisions of the judges are final.

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PARADE INFORMATION

Sunday, May 3, 2009
12:30 pm

Registration Location

SMECO Headquarters
Burnt Store Rd, Hughesville

Registration Times

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
(Only Online Pre-Registrations)

Please send only one representative from your department to the registration table when all apparatus is present and ready for the parade.

Parade Route

The parade units will be staged in the SMECO parking area. The parade route will begin on Burnt Store Road in front of SMECO Headquarters. The route will turn left, north on Old Leonardtown Road. The judge's stand will be in the area of the old tobacco barns. Once units have cleared the judge's stand they will turn right, south on Leonardtown Road, Route 5. Units will proceed to make a safe u-turn in Charlotte Hall (Deborah Drive or Mohawk Drive). Once going north on Leonardtown Road, units will turn left and cross over south Leonardtown Road, onto south Old Leonardtown Road for staging.

General Parade Information

Parade route and staging information will be available at the registration table, along with apparatus line up cards and registration forms.

Be sure to give a count of ALL apparatus from your department, so we provide adequate space in the staging area.

Awards

A list of trophies is included in this packet.

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PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

Department Name _____

Company Number _____ County _____

Total Number of Miles Traveled to Parade _____

Total Number of Department Members Participating in Parade _____

PARADE ENTRY INFORMATION (Check all that apply for your department/company)

Use reverse side if additional space is needed for descriptions, etc. Please return form by **April 20, 2009**.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engine (circle: < 1000 gpm or >1250 gpm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Squad | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Truck (15+ yrs, in service) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Ladder Truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Fire Truck (25+ yrs, OOS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Platform | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Prevention Entry _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Guard/Marching Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Unit _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tanker (1500 gal or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pumper/Tanker | <input type="checkbox"/> Commerical Unit _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brush/BX Units | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Prevention Queen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance | Name: _____ |

Type of Vehicle (Engine, Tanker, Etc.)	Unit Number	Year	Make	GPM

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FIRE DEPARTMENT GAMES

CONTESTS

Battle of the Buckets Bucket Brigade
Fire Truck Pull (with CCSO) E.M.S. Contest
Fastest Dressed Obstacle Course

REGISTRATION

Teams can register online, by submitting the enclosed registration form, or at the registration desk on the day of the parade. Only one representative (captain) from the team is needed for registration. The registration table will be at SMECO Headquarters Building.

Team captains must sign a copy of the rules for individual contests, indicating they have read and understand the contest rules.

GENERAL CONTEST RULES

- 1) Unsportsmanlike conduct, including foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by this rule may result in disqualification.
- 2) **ANY** fighting during a contest will result in the disqualification of both teams.
- 3) Failure to comply with contest rules will be grounds for automatic disqualification. No contest judge will come from a participating department.
- 4) Each team must have a designated team captain, who is responsible for having their team ready at the start of each contest. Team captains are also responsible for signing for rules explanation, and explaining rules to team members.
- 5) Due to time constraints, departments may be limited in the number of teams they can register for individual contests. If this affects a contest, it will be identified in the individual contest rules.

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REGISTRATION FORM

The following form can be used to register in the contests for May 3, 2009. If more room is needed, please use the back of the form. This registration form should be returned by **April 20, 2009** in the enclosed envelope.

Name of Department _____ Company Number _____

Team Captain _____

Team Members _____

Contest Wishing to Enter: (circle all that apply)

1. Battle of Buckets
2. Bucket Brigade
3. Fire Truck Pull
4. EMS Contest
5. Fastest Dressed Obstacle Course

Just as a reminder, a signed copy of the rules will need to be turned in on the day of the parade at the registration table at SMECO. A copy of the rules will be available the day of the event.

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RULES:

BATTLE OF THE BUCKETS

1. Two poles spaced approximately 50 feet apart with a cable stretched between them, 15' above the ground, with a five gallon capacity bucket attached so as to slide freely between the poles. The center of the cable is marked both on the cable and on the ground. This mark will serve as the starting point for each round.
2. Each team will be supplied with an attack line consisting of 100' of 1 ½" hose charged at a 100 lbs. of pressure with identical nozzles with ½" smooth bore tip.
3. To start the contest, the bucket is placed in the center of the cable. Two (2) opposing teams then each pick a position behind the poles. Hose lines will be charged, nozzles will be opened and streams touched at bucket height. At the judge's signal, each team will attempt to push bucket along the cable to their opponent's side. Touching the bucket to the pole will end the contest.
4. Full protective equipment including helmet, coat, gloves, boots, and FACE SHIELD or GOGGLES must be worn. Failure to wear protective equipment will disqualify the team.
5. Wetting judges, spectators or other contestants deliberately will result in immediate disqualification.
6. There will be a clear winner based on the above criteria. This is not a timed event.
7. Each team is required to have three (3) players. (**ONLY ONE TEAM PER COMPANY**). One member will be team captain and will be responsible for having their team ready for the start of the contest. Team Captains will also sign in for their team and make them aware of these rules.

As team captain, I have read the above rules and have made my team aware of them, including any changes from the original flyer.

Team Captain Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Team Name/Department _____

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RULES: BUCKET BRIGADE

1. Each team will consist of a maximum of six (6) members. One (1) member will be the captain and will be responsible of having their team ready for the start of the contest. Team Captain will also sign in for their team and make them aware of these rules.
2. A target building will be provided with the following:
 - Slanted roof to drain water into gutter
 - Guttering to carry water to downspout
 - Downspout to carry water into a drum
 - Drum with floating ball inside
3. A source of water and buckets for hauling water will be provided. The water source will be approximately 25' from the throw line in front of the building. The throw line will be approximately 6' from the front of the building.
4. Teams will haul water from the source up to the throw line where it will be thrown on the roof of the building. Players must NOT cross the throw line or a 10 second penalty will be assessed. Only water which is legally thrown and passes through the gutter and downspout will be allowed. No pouring water into the gutter.
5. The contest judge will give an audible signal to start the contest and begin time. Time will end when the floating ball is washed from the drum.
6. A stop watch will be used to time the event and will be shown to the team captain at the beginning and end of the event. The team with the fastest time will be declared the winner.
7. Boots and gloves must be worn.

As team captain, I have read the above rules and have made my team aware of them, including any changes from the original flyer.

Team Captain Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Team Name/Department _____

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RULES:

E. M. S. CONTEST

1. Each team will consist of a maximum of three (3) members. The team shall contain at least two (2) members with a minimum certification of Maryland EMT-B.
2. One member will be team captain and will be responsible for having their team ready for the start of their contest. Team captains will also sign in for their team and make them aware of these rules.
3. Teams will use Basic Life Support (BLS) procedures, as described in the Brady text, and Maryland protocols during the scenarios.
4. Scenarios will start at the sound of the judge's whistle. The team will start in their ambulance.
5. Time will be used as one of the factors in the judging of the contest.
6. The scenario will end when the patient is in place in the ambulance and the back doors to the ambulance are shut.
7. Standard company uniforms or coveralls must be worn by all team members,
8. Standard safety practices will be observed at all times.
9. No team waiting to start it's problem will be allowed to view a preceding team during their problem.
10. Once a team has completed its problem, they will be allowed to view succeeding teams.
11. The scenario will be staged as identically as possible for all teams.
12. Teams will be judged on accurate patient assessment, proper treatment, as well as overall time to complete the scenario.
13. The decision of the judges will be final. There will be no appeal of the judges decision.
14. Penalties to be determined by judges, they will be explained to participants prior to the start of the scenario.

As team captain, I have read the above rules and have made my team aware of them, including any changes from the original flyer.

Team Captain Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Team Name/Department _____

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RULES:

FASTEST DRESSED OBSTACLE COURSE

1. The crew for this contest will be two members; there will be a maximum of two "teams" per department. Each contestant must supply a full set of turnout gear (bunker pants, turnout coat, boots, helmet, gloves, SCBA face piece and NOMEX hood).
2. The following equipment will be supplied by the host company:
 - ☞ A bunk bed, cot or chair
 - ☞ SCBA
 - ☞ 8-12 tires
 - ☞ Tarps, salvage covers or similar, as required
 - ☞ Tables (or similar obstacles) which require contestant to crawl on the ground
 - ☞ 100' of 1 ¾" attack line, with task force or other gated tip
 - ☞ 1 gated wye connected to the supply line, coming from a pumper
 - ☞ Simulated structure with a window opening, to knock down a target
 - ☞ Mannequin
3. A series of areas will be established to accommodate each activity. The areas will run in a straight course.
4. AREA 1: Contestant will start from the bed or chair. AT the sound of the bell, the firefighter will don bunker pants (completely), and proceed to area 2.
5. AREA 2: Firefighter will don turnout coat, gloves, SCBA, NOMEX hood, and helmet. Once everything is completely donned, they will proceed to area 3.
6. AREA 3: Firefighter will walk through a series of tires, to area 4.
7. AREA 4: Firefighter will advance a charged 1 ¾" line under a tarp, up to a designated spot.
8. AREA 5: Firefighter must open the nozzle and knock down the target. Nozzle must be shut down completely before proceeding. (This is a safety rule and must be observed. Failure to do so will result in time penalty or disqualification.)
9. AREA 6: Make entrance to the simulated structure through the window. Find the "victim" and drag it back to the line this area was started from. Crossing this line will indicate the end of the contest.
10. The gated wye is a safety position, and will be manned by the host company, or designee, any time the supply line is charged. Prior to the start of each evolution, the attack line will be checked to ensure there is no air in the line. The attack line will be charged as the firefighter nears the tires in Area 3. It will be shut down when the firefighter has successfully closed the nozzle, or if the nozzle is dropped prior to being shut down.

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11. Penalties:

To be determined by judges. They will be explained to participants prior to the start of the event.

As team captain, I have read the above rules and have made my team aware of them, including any changes from the original flyer.

Team Captain Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Team Name/Department _____

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**CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE /
 CHARLES COUNTY FIRE/EMS
 RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
 ASSUMPTION OF RISK
 AND
 INDEMNITY AND PARENTAL CONSENT**



In consideration of participating in the Charles County Sheriff's Office/Charles County Fire/EMS Fire Truck Pull, I represent that I understand the nature of the event and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such event. I acknowledge that the event conditions can be unsafe. I will immediately discontinue participation in the event if any unsafe action occurs.

I fully understand the event involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inaction's, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "releases" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, cost and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Fire Truck Pull.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Charles County Sheriff's Office, Charles County Government, Charles County Commissioners, The State of Maryland, Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department, Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department Station 12, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and leasers' of premises on which the Fire Truck Pull takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, loses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by negligence of the "releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless each of the releases from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as a result of such claim. I have read this release and waiver liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity and parental consent agreement and fully understand it.

Name of team or Sponsor name: **May 3rd, 2009**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Print name: | <input type="text"/> | Sign name & date: | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. Print name: | <input type="text"/> | Sign name & date: | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. Print name: | <input type="text"/> | Sign name & date: | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. Print name: | <input type="text"/> | Sign name & date: | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. Print name: | <input type="text"/> | Sign name & date: | <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Print name: | <input type="text"/> | Sign name & date: | <input type="text"/> |
| 7. Print name: | <input type="text"/> | Sign name & date: | <input type="text"/> |



1ST Annual Fire Truck Pull

And
The Family of Tonya Mallard, EMT
At the
Southern Maryland Volunteer Fireman's Parade
Hughesville VFD
Sunday, May 3, 2009



REGISTRATION FORM

Agency / Sponsor Name:

Team Captain:

Address: City: Zip:

Email: Phone:

Team Name:

\$250.00 Registration fee for team of 7

Teams of seven must have a minimum of 2 female participants

Please indicate below which weight class your team would like to participate in.

Under 1700 lbs combined team weight: Unlimited:

T-shirt sizes for team members: 3XL 2XL XL L M S

Participants are asked to wear loose fitting clothing, gloves for hand protection, and closed toe athletic shoes. All participants must sign a waiver the day of the competition to be eligible to pull.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Please make all Checks payable to The Tonya Mallard Fund and mail to:

Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department
15245 Prince Frederick Road
Hughesville, Md. 20637

Fax or E-mail registration forms to:

Sgt. Gus Proctor (Charles County Sheriff's Office)

E-mail proctora@ccso.us Fax # 301-609-3258

For more information contact Sgt. Gus Proctor at 301-609-6229 or 240-299-5207



FIRE TRUCK PULL RULES



Each team will consist of 7 participants. (2 female participants mandatory)

There will be 2 weight classes in this event:

7 person team with a combined weight under 1700lbs.

7 person team unlimited weight.

Teams will line up adjacent to the rope attached to the fire truck. The Official starter will signal when to start the pull via whistle. 2 stopwatches will begin at the sound of the whistle. Teams must pull a fully loaded fire truck 25 feet. After the team pulls the fire truck 25 feet, or (3) minutes has elapsed, the stopwatches will stop. The lowest time of the 2 stop watches will be recorded as the team's time. If a team fails to pull the fire truck 25 feet in 3 minutes, they are disqualified. If there is a tie between teams for the top three positions, there will be a pull off between the teams to determine placement.

Teams who register with a combined weight under 1700lbs will be weighed individually prior to the pull.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishes in each weight class

Check in will begin at 11:00 am, Sunday May 3rd, 2009

All participants are reminded to bring picture identification for registration purposes. All participants must sign the waiver of liability form to be eligible to pull. All participants will receive an event t-shirt or may wear their own team t-shirt.



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TROPHY LIST FOR PARADE

1. Best Appearing Company Overall (3 pieces or more)
2. Best Appearing Company in the Association (3 pieces or more)
3. Second Best Appearing Company in Association (3 pieces or more)
4. Best Appearing Company out of Association (2 pieces or more)
5. Second Best Appearing Company out of Association (2 pieces or more)
6. President's Award
7. Best Appearing Engine, 1500 GPM or more
8. Second Best Appearing Engine, 1500 GPM or more
9. Third Best Appearing Engine, 1500 GPM or more
10. Best Appearing Engine, 1250 GPM or less
11. Second Best Appearing Engine, 1250 GPM or less
12. Third Best Appearing Engine, 1250 GPM or less
13. Best Appearing Aerial Device
14. Second Best Appearing Aerial Device
15. Third Best Appearing Aerial Device
16. Best Appearing Squad
17. Second Best Appearing Squad
18. Best Appearing Tanker, 1500 gal or more
19. Second Best Appearing Tanker, 1500 gal or more
20. Best Appearing Pumper/Tanker
21. Second Best Appearing Pumper/Tanker
22. Best Appearing Rescue Pumper
23. Best Appearing Brush Unit
24. Second Best Appearing Brush Unit
25. Third Best Appearing Brush Unit
26. Best Appearing Command Unit
27. Best Appearing Special Unit
28. Best Appearing Ambulance
29. Second Best Appearing Ambulance
30. Third Best Appearing Ambulance
31. Best Appearing Boat
32. Best Appearing Fire Truck, 15 to 25 years old & In-Service
33. Best Appearing Fire Truck, Over 25 years old & In-Service
34. Best Appearing Fire Truck, Over 25 years old & Out-of-Service
35. Company Coming the Longest Distance
36. Best Appearing Fire Prevention Float

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TROPHY LIST FOR PARADE CON'T

37. Second Best Appearing Fire Prevention Float
38. Best Appearing Fire Prevention Queen
39. Second Best Appearing Fire Prevention Queen
40. Best Appearing Honor Guard
41. Best Appearing Marching Unit – Fire Department
42. Second Best Appearing Marching Unit – Fire Department
43. Best Appearing Marching Unit – Fire Department Cadets
44. Best Appearing Ladies Auxiliary
45. Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief
46. Best Appearing Mascot
47. Best Appearing Commercial Unit
48. Judges Award
49. Judges Award
50. Judges Award
51. Judges Award
52. Judges Award

TROPHIES FOR CONTESTS

1. Battle of Buckets
2. Bucket Brigade
3. Fire Truck Pull
4. EMS Contest
5. Fastest Dressed Obstacle Course

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