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SPEAKERS TO SHARE FIRE PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS DURING “ALL THINGS DAIRY” NOVEMBER CONFERENCE CALL

The Monthly Call Will Be Held on Wednesday, November 19th at 1 pm

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence’s “All Things Dairy” monthly conference call aims to provide a platform for organizations and industry partners to share timely updates, resources, programs, and upcoming events relevant to the dairy community. The next call is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 at 1 p.m. EST. A Pennsylvania dairy producer, local fire company chief, and an educator from Penn State Extension will provide fire safety and prevention tips, firsthand perspective, and advice for emergency preparedness planning.

“Dairy farms are busy operations with a lot of moving pieces, so fire safety and emergency preparedness are important parts of having a safe and proactive workplace for your team. We appreciate this month’s panelists who plan to share firsthand experiences and advice for preventing emergencies. We hope you can join us for this conference call,” shared Valerie Mason-Faith, Risk Education Manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence.

During the November 19th call, listeners will hear:

- **Personal story about a parlor fire on a PA dairy farm.** Jennifer Metzler of Pleasant View Farms in Blair County, Pennsylvania will talk about an unexpected parlor fire, the aftermath, and recovery for their 3,700-cow herd. Jennifer will share the on-the-spot decisions her family had to make and steps they’ve taken to prevent this type of emergency from happening again.
- **Fire safety and prevention tips from a local fire chief.** Randy Acker, the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company Chief, will talk through fire safety and prevention tips. Specifically for dairy producers, he will offer advice for barns and silos and share firsthand accounts.
- **Emergency response planning tips.** Greg Martin from Penn State Extension will dive into emergency response planning, what that entails, what it might look like for your dairy farm, and how to make emergency preparedness a priority

Individuals who join the conference call on November 19 will be able to ask real-time questions to each panelist. Learn more about how to join the conference call on November 19:

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 19 at 1 p.m. EST.
- **How to Join:**
Dial: +1 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 883 5064 7652
Passcode: 923129
- Click here to join the meeting via Zoom: www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-call

Contact Valerie Mason-Faith at vmason@centerfordairyexcellence.org to learn more about these monthly calls. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/newsletter to sign up to receive email updates and get notified of future calls, news and resources.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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