

THE INSTRUCTOR'S DISPATCH



Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
Connecticut Fire Academy



Developing Fireground Decision-Making Skills

The fourth installment of the Fireground Seminar Series was held on Friday, October 13, 2006, at the Connecticut Fire Academy.

The presenter was Chief Robert Halton who spoke on *Developing Fire Ground Decision-Making Skills*. He presented a comprehensive

Decision Skills Training program based on the latest research in the field of intuitive Decision-Making. Using incident scene simulations, case studies and post-incident reviews, Chief Halton demonstrated proven methods to hone the rapid decision-making skills



necessary for today's fire officer.

A total of 92 students attended the Seminar.

Firefighter Close Calls

The fifth installment of the Firefighter Close Calls Seminar Series was held Friday November 3, 2006 at the Air Museum .

The presenter was Chief Billy Goldfeder, EFO, a firefighter since 1973, serve as Deputy Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes FD in Ohio. He is also an Associate/Contributing Editor for *Fire*

Engineering, Fire Rescue, Firehouse, NY (FASNY) Firefighter and The Pennsylvania Fireman Magazine's "Close Calls."

Chief Billy Goldfeder presented to the attendees through video, audio, slides and "Wake Up" lecture, an in-depth review of specific timely fire-ground events and most specifically, the lessons



learned so that these incidents (and those involved) don't ever become forgotten.

A total of 108 students attended the Seminar.

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Training Ground Fire Pump Controllers

The controllers for the electric fire pumps in the pump house have been updated to eliminate some of the problems that have developed as they have aged. Due to these up-dates, there are some procedural changes for the start up and shut down of the pumps.

The first two steps remain the same as always. When you need to operate the fire pumps please power up the unit by closing the power switch on each controller and let the units warm up for five minutes. When you are ready for the pumps to operate turn the hand/auto switch to hand. There are now two new push buttons on each controller. They are located to the right and slightly bellow the hand/auto switch. Push the green button to activate the fire pump. A pump running light should illuminate and you should hear the pumps start to run up.

To shut the pumps down press the red stop button. When the pumps stop, then continue as in the past by turning the hand switch to off and open the power disconnect.

Please remember to place the appropriate magnetic tag on the controllers to indicate which area/group is using the pumps. Also always make sure the sump pumps are powered up and on automatic so that the water can be pumped back into the ground tank and not lost.

Please remember to shut down the fire pumps when you no longer need the hydrant system pressurized. Lately the pumps have been left running after training has been completed. The last two times have been on Friday afternoons. One time it was not noticed until Monday morning, meaning the pumps ran unnecessarily for the entire weekend.



This is a major expense for the CFA because it takes a lot of electricity to run those pumps, not to mention the wear and tear on the pumps themselves. We are looking to install a “pumps running” indicator on the outside of the pump house to help eliminate this problem, but even when this is installed we will still need your help.

Jim Carroll

Program Manager

Part-Time Payroll

Because of the short week, the part-time payroll will be process November 7, 2006. All part-time payroll sheets need to be received by the end of the day November 6, 2006.

Thank you,

Edward Bycenski

Fiscal Services

“The human mind treats a new idea the way the body treats a strange protein; it rejects it.”

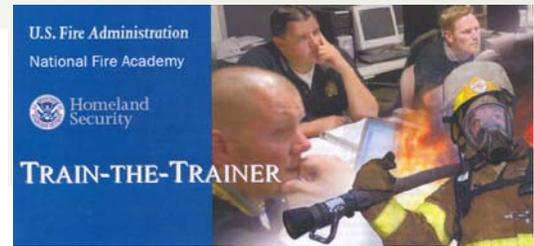
-Biologist P. B. Medawar (1915-1985)

ICS-300 and ICS-400 Train-the-Trainer

The ICS-300 and ICS-400 Train-the-Trainer was held at the Connecticut Fire Academy on October 16th-20th.

The U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Academy provided each State Fire Training Agency

with one five-day Train-the-Trainer delivery for H-465, ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents for Operational First Responders; and H-467, ICS-400, Advanced ICS for Command & General Staff, Complex Incidents, and MACS for Operational First Responders.



These two course are the NFA versions of the NIMS required ICS-300 and ICS-400 course.

A total of 32 students attended the ICS-300 and ICS-400 Train-the-Trainer Course.

2007 Upcoming Seminar Series

Save the date for the following upcoming 2007 Seminar Series:

- ☑ ***Implementing Effective On-Scene Rehabilitation***—Friday February 9, 2007—
Dr. Denise L. Smith and Chief Craig Haigh
- ☑ ***Leadership Excellence***—Friday April 27, 2007—
Chief Ronald E. Kanterman
- ☑ ***Positive Pressure Attack: Effects on Occupants in Residential Structures***—Friday June 8, 2007—
Chief Robert Nicks

- ☑ ***First In: Strategies and Tactics for Company Officers Sitting in the Hot Seat***
Friday August 10, 2007—
Captain Robert Krause
- ☑ ***Rapid Intervention Isn't Rapid: Finally a Solution***—Friday October 12, 2007—
Chief Steve L. Kreis
- ☑ ***Eliminating Silly Rules in a Value Driven Organization***—Friday December 7, 2007—
Chief Mark Wallace

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody".

-Bill Cosby

All Fireground Seminar Series presentations are schedule from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Addition questions can be directed to Program Manager, Mark Salafia at 860-627-6363 ext. 286 or email him at mark.salafia@po.state.ct.us.

Town of Ridgefield Assistant Fire Chief

The Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, a suburban community located in Fairfield County, is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Assistant Fire Chief. The Ridgefield Fire Department provides all-hazards response and paramedic transport services to 24,000 residents and many visitors of the community within a 34 square mile area. Fire, rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are provided from two stations, staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week with career Firefighters, Firefighter/Paramedics, and a strong complement of volunteer Firefighters and support personnel.

The Ridgefield Fire Department is looking for an individual who has a positive attitude, is a committed team player, possesses leadership qualities, and who can accept and handle significant levels of progressive responsibility. Experience in customer service, safety, planning, organizing, and current fire and EMS service management knowledge are a must.

The successful candidate must possess a minimum of an Associates Degree in Fire Science, Public Administration, Emergency Management, or a related field and be certified Fire Officer II and Fire Service Instructor I at the time of appointment. Certification in both Incident Safety Officer: Fire Suppression and Health and Safety Officer, or equivalent, are required at time of appointment or must be obtained within 18 months post appointment. Graduation from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Development Program or other advanced study is highly desired.

Requirements for the position include a minimum of seven (7) years full-time career fire experience, of which not less than three (3) years of progressive career fire supervisory experience at the senior or executive command level including at the Chief, Assistant/Deputy Chief, Division/Battalion Chief, Captain level or equivalent experience.

The successful candidate will be committed to the use of a combined volunteer and career force in the provision of high quality service to the community.

Interested applicants must submit an application, salary requirements, cover letter and resume no later than December 1, 2006 at 4:00 pm to the Town of Ridgefield, Human Resources Department, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Applications may be obtained online at www.ridgefieldct.org or in person at Ridgefield's Town Hall or Fire Department (6 Catoonah Street). The starting rate for this position will vary from \$70,575 to \$84,000 depending on qualifications. The Town of Ridgefield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

"Tradition is what you resort to when you don't have the time or the money to do it right".

- Kurt Herbert Adler

Firefighter Michael C. Reilly's Funeral

As many as 10,000 firefighters from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Boston, Ohio and as far away as Toronto, Canada, came to pay their respects to Michael C. Reilly, a New York City firefighter who was killed in the line-of-duty on August 27th.

Firefighters could be seen for miles along Wyckoff Avenue as they stood at attention; and in some spots they were as much as eight to 10 deep as they waited for the procession to start.

Engine 75 made its way down the street; carrying Reilly's gear, which sat on the bumper of the apparatus, and flowers were carried atop. This was followed by the FDNY Bag-Pipers, whom were playing "Amazing Grace." The apparatus carrying the casket, designated Firefighter Engine 75, followed behind.

Reilly's casket, draped with the American Flag, was followed by his family and friends.

As the Chief of the Department called for a hand salute, you could see a sea of white gloves rise. Pallbearers took their place and made their way into the church, carrying the body of Michael Reilly. His family and brother firefighters followed behind.

The Mass lasted about 90 minutes. When it ended, and prior to leaving the church, "Taps" was played by a Marines Corps bugler. An NYPD helicopter flew overhead at treetop level.

-James Wood, Sr.

Recruit Firefighter Class # 36 attended firefighter Michael Reilly's wake and at their Graduation Ceremony dedicated their plaque in Reilly's name.



Michael C. Reilly's casket sits atop the FDNY's caisson. Picture by James A. Wood Sr. NJMFPA



Firefighters escort the casket of Firefighter Michael C. Reilly.

Picture by James A. Wood Sr. NJMFPA



The FDNY Pipe Band stands at attention
Picture by James A. Wood Sr. NJMFPA



Firefighters stretch down Wyckott Avenue
Picture by James A. Wood Sr. NJMFPA



Michael C. Reilly's Engine 75 enters the church apron carrying his flowers

Picture by James A. Wood Sr. NJMFPA

Town of Waterford Seeking Information

The Town of Waterford is looking for information on putting together a Rescue (Surface) Swimmer program.

Please forward any information to: Deputy Chief Jason Cioci.
Waterford Fire Department Co #1
Deputy Chief, Jason Cioci
89 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, Ct 06385
Phone 860-625-4380
Fax 860-442-2661

“Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.”

-Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Town of Mansfield Seeking Information

The Town of Mansfield is considering adopting regulations for water supplies for fire protection.

If your community has adopted regulations (either through Zoning Regulations or Local Ordinance for water supplies for fire protection that include provisions for: cisterns; water holes; and/or, dry pipes would you please forward the regulations to:

Mansfield Fire Department
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal John Jackman

Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268
Phone: 860-429-3328
Fax: 860-429-3388
Email: JackmanJE@MansfieldCT.org
Website: <http://www.MansfieldCT.org>

“The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get to the office”.

-Robert Frost (1874-1963)

Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association Seeking Information

The Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association is trying to put together a list of all the large American Flags in the state that are available for ceremonial purposes.

We have information on the location of flags in Groton, Torrington, and Manchester Fire Departments. We know there are more locations, we just do not know where.

If you know where other large American Flags are stored, please let me know so we can update the Associations records. Thank you!

Chief Gary Ruggiero
Windsor Locks Fire Department
e-mail: gruggier@rcn.com
Home phone:
860-623-2016

Mohegan Tribal Fire Department Seeking Information

The Mohegan Tribal Fire Department is seeking information for the development of an Off-Duty Recall System and Procedure. Examples of policies and systems would be greatly appreciated. In addition:

- Is there any software or technology available to assist in firefighter recall?
- Has any department experienced any legal considerations involving firefighter recall?

Please forward any available information to:

Captain Stephen Socha
(ssocha@moheganmail.com)

Stephen D. Socha, Captain
Mohegan Tribal Fire Department
49 Sandy Desert Road
Uncasville, CT 06382

NFA Fire Dynamics Course Selection Criteria Change

The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) is pleased to announce a change in the student selection criteria and prerequisite requirements for the R203: Fire Dynamics - Fire Modeling course. The change now qualifies those who have full-time code enforcement responsibility and expands the prerequisite requirements to include completion of the NFA's Evaluating Performance-Based Designs course or have earned a four-year Fire Protection Engineering Degree.

"It is our intention that these changes will present more opportunities for training for code enforcement officers and others in the code enforcement field," said NFA Superintendent Dr. Denis Onieal. "If you meet these new criteria, I encourage you to apply during our next open application period."

The current student selection and prerequisite criteria for R203 and all NFA courses is available online through the NFA Course Schedule Database at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/nfacsd/>.

Application information is also available on that site. The next open application period is November 1 - December 31, 2006 for classes running from April 1st -September 30, 2007.



"Living with a saint is more grueling than being one".

-Robert Neville

Chief Crombie Portrait

At their September 26, 2006 meeting, the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control unveiled a portrait of Philip E. Crombie, who was elected as Chairman of the Commission on December 30, 1975. Mr. Crombie continued serving, representing the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association until 1987.

The portrait is hung at the Connecticut Fire Academy within the Commission Conference Room and was painted by Lt. Paul Walsh, New Britain Fire Department.

His son, Phil Crombie, Jr. currently serves as the Fire Chief, South Windsor Fire Department and has been an Academy instructor for more than two decades.

The Commission wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to the Crombie family for their contributions to Connecticut's fire service.



Chairman Peter Carozza, Jr. (L) and Philip E. Crombie (R)

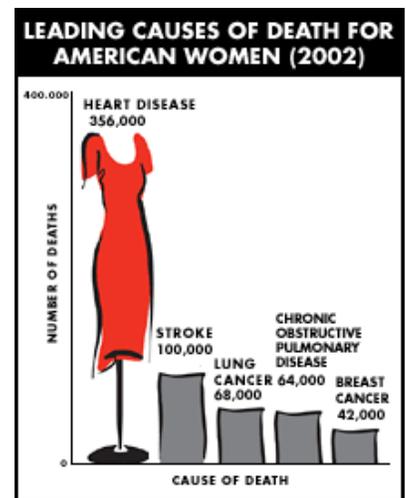
Health and Fitness

Who doesn't like a woman in a Red Dress? Well, there is a new way of supporting that image in a way that is taking the nation by storm, and it is the centerpiece of *The Heart Truth*, an initiative of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). The Red Dress is now a national symbol for women and heart disease awareness that began as a NHLBI campaign in 2002 in partnership with the American Heart Association, the US Government Office on Women's Health, and Women Heart: the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. It was developed and intended to remind women "of the need to protect

their heart health, and inspire them to take action" against heart disease.

I've got to tell you, among the many focus areas of health and fitness, this one really moves me. Why? Probably because the statistics are so startling, not enough people know about them, and I have the interest in spreading the word for change and hope amongst my family and yours.

In terms of the statistics, I believe that it should trouble just about everyone to learn that heart disease, a term used to describe many heart disorders, is the lead-



ing cause of death for American women – at more than six times the death rate of breast cancer, and
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several times the death rate from all cancers. This is profound, not to diminish the importance of any of the other areas of health concern for women, and the conditions are largely preventable through the challenging habits of healthy living we are routinely inundated with, and which we have covered well in past articles.

With respect to the knowledge needed to inspire action, the national ambassador of the Red Dress campaign, Mrs. Laura Bush, has said: "With the many risk factors for heart disease, our greatest risk is ignorance." In support of her remarks, a 1997 national survey of 1000 women showed that only 30% knew that heart disease was the leading cause of death for women. In 2005, although that statistic rose to 55%, due in part to the Red Dress, awareness has remained low for racial and ethnic minorities, and most women still

don't believe that they are personally at risk. According to one report, these women are not alone, as "fewer than 1 in 5 physicians knew that more women than men die each year from cardiovascular disease." Essentially, there is plenty more work to do, and soliciting the help of more caring foot soldiers is more than likely to continue to help.

Now you may be asking yourself why the focus on women here, in an essentially male dominated professional newsletter. Well, we are born from them, have some as sisters, marry others, await the delivery of a few, and lastly spend an inspiring amount of time in each other's care and comfort. That is why. So, if you are looking for a training partner to make some strides with the other topics we have covered in past articles, look no further than a woman in your life. If you get going now, with a

minimum of 30 minutes of exercise most days of the week, while eating well and in moderation, you have the potential to be much fitter by the Red Dress life-saving awareness observance on February 2, 2007. You can also get going to find out more information than I have shared here, and I encourage you to do so. One way is to go to: www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth. Another is to just type "Red Dress" on a search engine and find it amongst websites that sell red dresses, which may come in mighty handy for February.



Bill DeFord

PT Instructor

"Discipline is based on pride, on meticulous attention to details, and on mutual respect and confidence".

"Discipline must be a habit so ingrained that it is stronger than the excitement of the goal or the fear of failure".

- Greg Ryan Blair

NIMS / ICS

During the month of September, we served over 1100 students in our continuing effort to meet NIMS/ICS compliance. Between the nearly 40 different sessions, we committed to approximately 5700 contact hours. I would like to thank the instructors who participated in this months training opportunities.

We are moving from one Federal fiscal compliance year to the next. With that comes a new training requirement for the NIMS/ICS instructors in Connecticut.

This month the NIMS /ICS instructors was involved in the National Fire Academy version of ICS 300: Intermediate ICS and ICS 400: Advanced ICS offered at the Connecticut Fire Academy.

This is an intense one week program designed to inform our instructors about the next levels of training in Incident Command System.

☑ **Intermediate ICS 300:** ICS for Expanding Incidents and Supervisors

☑ **Advanced ICS 400:** ICS for Command, General Staff and Complex Incidents

These are follow-up courses to the Basic ICS 100 and Intermediate ICS 200. Each all-hazards ICS course is designed for all entities of the first responder community that have operational responsibilities during emergencies and disasters.

Thanks to Jim Stumpf and John Allendorf from Human Technologies for their efforts as instructors and facilitators. Thanks for making the week long course as informative and pertinent not only for acts of terrorism; but more realistically the incidents of nature and events planning that the state and local governments will need to be involved in.

With this training complete, our instructors will be assigned throughout the state to meet the demands for compliance in 2006-2007.

We are still offering IS700, ICS 100 and ICS 200. We will be concentrating on delivering ICS 300 and ICS 400 to those organizations that fit the need for compliance.

Any questions, please feel free to call me at 860-627-6363 ext 285 or e-mail me at:

thom.mcgowan@po.state.ct.us.

Tom McGowan

Recognizing Members of Our Staff

Andrew MacGregor, President of the Windsor Exchange Club wrote thanking the Academy for hosting their "2006 Salute to Windsor's Bravest Firefighter Dinner". Windsor's honoree this year was Chief Jon Andresen who formerly served as a member of the Commission on Fire Preven-

tion and Control. Mr. MacGregor made special note of extending his appreciation to Mike Richards, who while serving as a Duty Officer represented the agency in providing welcoming remarks to the group.

Mr. MacGregor wrote " His warm words reminded us of the Chief's dedication not only to his Windsor community but to all fellow firefighters." Thanks Mike for representing the agency well!

Jeff Morrisette

State Fire Administration

Guide to Model Policies and Procedures for Emergency Vehicle Safety

Fairfax, Va., October 20, 2006... The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the Department of Homeland Security's United States Fire Administration (USFA) announce the release of a Guide to Model Policies and Procedures for Emergency Vehicle Safety.

This innovative, Web-based Educational program is aimed at reducing the impact of vehicle related incidents on the fire service and the communities they protect.

The guide provides in-depth information for developing policies and procedures required to support the safe and effective operation of all fire and emergency vehicles, as well as privately-owned vehicles, which are the leading cause of volunteer firefighter on-duty fatalities responding and returning to emergencies. "The IAFC understands the challenges faced by fire departments with respect to emergency vehicle safety," stated IAFC President James B. Harmes.



"We hope that you find the tools and resources provided in this comprehensive guide developed in partnership with the USFA of benefit to improving the safety, health, and survival of firefighters and the citizens they serve."

This program is a result of a partnership between the IAFC and the USFA related to the Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative, a USFA project developed to reduce the number of firefighters killed while responding to or returning from emergencies. "Vehicle crashes remain the second leading cause of on-duty firefighter deaths," said Charlie Dickinson, USFA Acting Administrator. "We are proud to work with the IAFC to develop information for fire service leadership to enhance the safety of the fire service. Vehicle accidents terminate the mission of all firefighters to arrive first, and then assist individuals needing emergency help.

A firefighter that does not get to the scene safely, helps no one." The Guide to Model Policies and Procedures for Emergency Vehicle Safety and related program resources are available on the IAFC website at: www.iafc.org/vehiclesafety.

Further information about this program, as well as other USFA efforts in emergency vehicle safety, may be found on the USFA website at:

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/research/safety/vehicle.shtm>.

"The human mind treats a new idea the way the body treats a strange protein; it rejects it".

-Biologist P.B. Medawar (1915-1985)

Office of the Director of Training

It is with great admiration and pride that I note the recognition of Ian Tenney and Tony Leca by the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association (CFDIA). The CFDIA gave each Adjunct a Special Achievement Award in recognition for their time and efforts at pulling CFA Recruit Class #36 together. On very short notice, they prepared for the first day and ensured continuity of delivery with sufficient Adjunct instructors through graduation.

I wish to add my thanks for making the experience a rewarding and memorable one for our students. The dedication and enthusiasm that Tony and Ian bring to the class are what make the lessons stick. Their passion for firefighting and its traditions is to be emulated by us all. Congratulations to both for a job well done!

The Program Managers in concert with some Adjuncts, PSAs and the Director have selected several individuals to become Adjuncts at the level I salary of \$18.00/hour. Congratulations go to Kevin Engle, Richard Waselick, James Plaster, Donald Farquhar, Clinton Haverhampf, Debra Burch, Ryan Dunn, Charles Flynn, William Sampson, Stephen H. O'Sullivan, Joseph Coppola, Peter J. Morotto, Michael Donovan, Peter Bruscato, William Trisler

and Daniel Wassmer who have been invited to our November 16th orientation session.

We eagerly anticipate their melding into our existing staff of instructors and fulfilling our customer's needs. Customer's expectations bring up the subject of our lesson plans. Please ensure that you cover all aspects of curricula as supplied by the Connecticut Fire Academy. Recently, some customers complained that class was let out early and that certain portions of a course were skipped. It is imperative that we satisfy customers expectations by covering all the material supplied.

It should go without saying that the customer is not necessarily sitting in the classroom; but they sure do know what transpires there. Further, all fire and rescue certification courses taught within the state of Connecticut should conform as closely as possible to the applicable National Fire Protection Association Standards.

We are planning some changes for our instructor development meeting, during Sunday, January 21st or Wednesday, February 28th, 2007. It will have a relatively short (one hour) plenary session followed by workshops for selected subjects.

For example, apparatus operation, gear washer use, rope evaluation and maintenance, 3M digital display board options and use, instrument (meters) use and maintenance are all short workshops that are being planned.

More details will follow shortly. Meanwhile, save one or both of these dates to spend with us learning new information and/or enhancing existing skills.

It takes a lot of talent and expertise to instruct Connecticut Fire Academy courses. My thanks to our Adjuncts and staff for their dedication and thoroughness in meeting the goals of our courses and programs and documenting the delivery.

Adam D Piskura

Adam D. Piskura, Director
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