



**State of Connecticut  
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection  
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control**

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**1. Riverton Volunteer Fire Company Benefit Spaghetti Dinner**

The Riverton Volunteer Fire Company is holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraise to benefit Chuck McCaw with medical bills. The event will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. at the Riverton Firehouse 3 Riverton Rd. in Riverton, CT. Donation is \$15, kids 10 and under \$5. Events to include entertainment by *Days Off* and a Penny Auction. See the Attached.

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**2. Annual Firefighter Memorial Service This Sunday**

The Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan is holding its annual Firefighter Memorial Service this Sunday, October 16th at 18:00 hrs hosted by The Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company.

Attendees are asked to assemble at the Simsbury Fire Department's Main Station at 871 Hopmeadow St, Simsbury, CT 06070. At 18:00 the assembly will march to the Simsbury Methodist Church, 799 Hopmeadow St, led by the Connecticut Firefighters Pipe and Drum Corp. Following the ceremony attendees are invited back to the Simsbury Main Station for a light dinner and refreshment provided by the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary. Parking is available at the Main Station or at the Church with overflow parking across the street at Andy's Plaza or Vincent's Funeral Home. Class A Uniform is requested. Any questions contact Chief Jim Baldis at Simsbury Fire Dept. 860-658-1971

See the attached Flyer

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### **3. CT Fire Academy EMT Refresher**

A 32-hour EMT Refresher class is being held at the Connecticut Fire Academy on October 18, 20, 25 and 27 of 2016 from 8:30 to 4:30 pm.

Cost is \$ 250.00 and required text is Jones & Bartlett American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Emergency Medical Technician Transition Manual

Course includes renewal of BLS CPR Provider. Practical and Written Exams are scheduled for Oct. 27th.

Application Attached

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### **4. GoFundMe Page for Firefighter Bill Deford**

For those who don't know Bill Deford, he is a loving husband, father, firefighter, instructor, friend and a mentor to many. Bill is known for his energy, knowledge, strength, and passion for firefighting and physical fitness. Bill is also a firefighter for Longmeadow Fire and an instructor at the CT Fire Academy. Bill is the lead physical fitness instructor at the CT Fire Academy and has always been known for his tremendous strength, athletic ability and healthy lifestyle. It is heartbreaking to hear an extremely healthy man, fellow firefighter to be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This sad news has not only affected Bill and his family, but those who have met him or been impacted by him in some way. All the hard work and time bill has donated to the community let's do the same and support the Deford Family during this time.

A gofundme page has been set up to help the Deford Family  
<https://www.gofundme.com/2mg7m3u4>

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### **5. Oral Interview Prep Class**

Oral board interviews are approaching! Larus Institute will hold a one-day, entry-level, firefighter **oral interview prep class** at the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company on Saturday, October 15. This course prepares applicants for all interviews, including those that are coming up soon. In this highly interactive, mock interview class, participants use templates to learn how to prepare their own responses, the kind of answers panelists want to hear. Participants receive a complimentary copy of *Firefighter Oral Interview Prep Workbook* and walk home with the beginning of some great responses. Go to [www.publicsafetyprep.com](http://www.publicsafetyprep.com) for more information and to register.

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## **6. Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company to Host 25 to Survive**

The Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company will host the program *25 to Survive* presented by B/C Daniel D. Shaw, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue and Lt. Douglas J. Mitchell, FDNY on Saturday, October 15, 2016 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The class is being offered free of charge with a donation being ask to cover lunch costs. Please respond to [townofmiddlefield03@snet.net](mailto:townofmiddlefield03@snet.net) or 860-349-7124 for a seat.

See the attached flyer for additional information.

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## **7. Hometown Heroes Cup-Flag Football and Chili Eating Contest**

Dear football lovers and friends,

CREC Public Safety Academy is happy to announce the Hometown Heroes Cup- Football and Chili Eating Contest, to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at CREC Public Safety Academy in Enfield, CT. Each year, the Hometown Heroes Cup will include a summer golf tournament and additional events in the fall, winter and spring to honor the brave men and women who serve in all areas of public safety. All proceeds from this event will fund book scholarships, which will be given to deserving CREC Public Safety Academy Seniors. With your help, we can make this year's event a huge success!

### **Here are the details:**

**Event:** Hometown Heroes Cup, Flag Football Tournament and Chili Eating Contest

**Where:** CREC Public Safety Academy – 1617 King Street, Enfield, CT 06082

**When:** Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016; 8:30 am Registration – 10:30 am Start

**Cost:** \$100 per team or \$300 for all three events

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## **8. New Haven County Fire Emergency Plan October Meeting**

The October meeting of the New Haven County Fire Emergency Plan will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2106 at Webster Hose Company 67 Platt Street in Ansonia. Program TBD.

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## **9. News from Respondersafety and Federal Highway**

There is a new partnership between Respondersafety and the Federal Highway Administration.

You can now get your Traffic Incident Management (TIM) certificate online from

[www.respondersafety.com](http://www.respondersafety.com).

Read the news! [Click this link and go](#). Modules that you have already taken may go toward your certificate!

There is NO Charge for this certificate. Program funded by the Fire Grant and FHWA.

[Click this link to read more](#), register or just get moving on modules that you have already started.

Thanks for your involvement with Respondersafety.com!

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## **10. Invitation to the Dedication of the Farmington and Avon Live Fire Training Facility**

1pm on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2016, Round Hill Road, Farmington, CT  
RSVP to Mary-ellen Harper, Director of Fire & Rescue Services, Town of Farmington

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## **11. PHTLS Provider Program**

Capital Community College and St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center

Present **PHTLS Provider Program**

8<sup>th</sup> edition Open to all level of EMS Provider

Thursday & Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 08:00 to 17:00

EMS Academy 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
Mt. Sinai Campus of  
St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center 500 Blue Hills Ave.  
Hartford, CT  
\$ 300  
Seating is limited

Registration Daniel Tauber

Phone: 860.906.5153

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## **12. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week**

### **SUMMARY**

While preparing to perform extrication operations, crews were surprised when the vehicle's motor began to accelerate. Some drivers involved in accidents may leave their motors running upon exiting their vehicles, before fire department arrival. Firefighters must not assume that shaken or injured people automatically turn off the ignition and place the vehicle in park. Also, many new types of vehicles, including hybrids and electric, don't have traditional keys for the ignition and make little or no noise at a standstill. How do you ensure a vehicle is safe for firefighters to perform extrication?

### **EVENT DESCRIPTION**

On arriving at an extrication incident, I exited and started a walk-around. Both vehicles had a driver in the

seat. The first vehicle had all doors closed and light damage on the passenger side. The second vehicle had significant front-end damage. Its driver's door was open and the driver was talking to a police officer on scene.

I was approximately 15 feet from the second vehicle when the vehicles' front tires spun and the vehicle lunged forward 8-10 feet onto the boulevard. I quickly went to the vehicle and turned off the ignition. I believe that as the driver was exiting her vehicle, it was still in drive and she stepped on the gas pedal. Fortunately, she stepped on the brake, stopping the car before hitting 4-5 bystanders in front of her. I had my fire crew disable the vehicle by disconnecting the battery.

View the report: [Vehicle Lurches Forward When Occupant Exits](#)

### **TAKE-AWAYS**

In this report, fire personnel were surprised when a damaged standing vehicle's engine began to accelerate and the vehicle lurch forward. Just because a vehicle is at a standstill doesn't mean it's immobilized.

Also, with many new vehicles, there is no longer a traditional key to turn off an ignition. Manufacturers use a key fob that can be left in the driver's pocket or purse, with just the push of a button required to start/shut down the automobile. This means it may be more difficult to secure a vehicle than simply turning the key to off and pulling the key out as in the past.

Hybrid and electric vehicles can also be in an active mode and ready to move without having any engine noise. In all cases, normal best practices for deenergizing the battery, chocking and stabilizing the vehicle will help prevent any problems. Taking the fob away from the vehicle when possible will also help prevent an accidental button push from activating the vehicle until the battery is cut.

### **DISCUSSION**

- Have you responded to an extrication call with a newer hybrid, electric or key fob vehicle?
- What is your procedure for these types of incidents?
- Does law enforcement or EMS have procedures to immobilize or stabilize a vehicle prior to your arrival?
- Is there ever a situation where you would not secure the battery before working on a vehicle?
- Is there a car dealer in the area that sells these types of vehicles that would provide hands-on training?

### **LEADING PRACTICES**

In the last 10 years, the fire service has had to confront a number of new challenges in vehicle extrication. Hybrid and electric vehicles, nontraditional battery locations, power cables passing through hidden vehicle channels, new ignition types, more airbags and high-strength steel are just a few of these changes. Since these alterations produce more risks for responders, there must be training to address these new encounters.

The good news is that the tried-and-true practices of isolating the battery and performing basic stabilization will help keep the vehicle where it is and prevent airbag deployment in most cases. This will also separate any current from the hybrid or electric vehicle's high-voltage batteries and prevent responders from being injured.

Locating the battery can sometimes be difficult, but there are a number of new apps on the market to help responders find them and other vehicle systems. Vehicle manufacturers also have free emergency-response guides for many vehicles on the market. These tools can help develop the appropriate training to make responders aware of the new vehicle systems and how to work safely around them.

#### **RELATED NEAR MISS REPORTS**

- [Vehicle Motor Began to Accelerate During Extrication](#)
- [Unsecured Vehicle Rolls Down Hill During Extrication](#)
- [Vehicle Left in Drive While Conducting Patient Assessment](#)

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [NFPA Vehicle Safety Info](#)
- [NFPA Alternative Fuel Vehicles Training](#)
- [Moditech Crash Recovery Software](#)
- [Hybrid Vehicle Extrication Made Simple](#)

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#### **13. CSFA 9th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner – Nominations Due November 1st**

Please save the date for the 9th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner that will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT. A nomination form is attached and is due no later than November 1, 2016. For information visit [www.csfa.org](http://www.csfa.org) or call 860-423-5799.

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL**