

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

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1. Seminar Series - Risk Benefit Overview: Does NIOSH Get it Right? - Tomorrow

October 21, 2016. Course Number: 17036 Cost: \$55.00, lunch included. Walk-ins welcome

Instructor: Deputy Chief Joseph Fleming, Boston Fire Department

The course will discuss what is it "risk" and what does it mean for firefighting decision-making. The course will move on to detail the NIOSH Investigative Process and how it takes "risk into account". Specific examples from NIOSH investigations will be used. Chief Fleming will break down some of the incidents that he has been involved in and discuss specific lessons that the audience members can take with them to improve their decision making and fireground safety.

- Beacon Street Fire
- Boston Marathon
- High Rise Fires
- MayDay Situations
- Technical Rescue Incidents

2. 2016 Fire Service College Fair – Saturday October 22, 2016

The 2016 Fire Service College Fair will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Connecticut Fire Academy from 9:30am to 3 pm. Come learn about college, training and career options in the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management and Public Safety Communications Career Paths! Who should come? High School Students & Parents, Junior Firefighters & Explorers, High School Guidance Counselors, Explorer Post Advisors, Adult Learners interested in Fire, EMS and Emergency Management Degree programs.

For more information contact Ian Tenney, Program Coordinator: <u>Ian.Tenney@ct.gov</u>

Please post the attached flyer in your fire station(s) and plan to attend!

3. DPH Safety Advisory Regarding Fentanyl and Carfentanil

Please read, post and distribute the attached DEA Officer Safety Alert regarding synthetic opioids and the potential serious risk they present when responding to an incident.

Note: pay close attention to the photo at the bottom of the alert, which shows the size of a lethal dose of Fentanyl, keeping in mind that Carfentanil is approximately 100 times more potent than Fentanyl. PPE is extremely important on all overdose calls.

4. Fire Protection Research Foundation announces winners of the 2016 William M. Carey and Ronald K. Mengel Awards

The <u>Fire Protection Research Foundation</u> (Foundation), an affiliate of the <u>National Fire Protection</u> <u>Association</u> (NFPA), announced winners of the 2015 William M. Carey and Ronald K. Mengel awards. The award winners were selected by participants at the Foundation's 2016 Suppression, Detection and Signaling Research and Applications Symposium (SUPDET). Recipients will receive their awards at the 2017 SUPDET Symposium, September 12th - 14th, in College Park, Maryland.

Christina Francis won the 2016 William M. Carey Award for her outstanding paper entitled, "<u>New Technology for Sprinklered High-Challenge Warehouses.</u>" The award recognizes the best suppression presentation, as voted by attendees of SUPDET. Francis of Procter & Gamble Co. (P&G) is responsible for the development and management of P&G's Global Fire Protection Program, including oversight of more than 140 global manufacturing sites and technical centers.

The distinguished honor recognizes the late Carey, who was a senior staff engineer at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Carey participated in many Foundation fire suppression projects, including the launch of *The National Quick Response Sprinkler Project*. Throughout his career, Carey was known for being "the bridge" between research and the application of new fire safety knowledge.

Joseph Fleming, deputy fire chief for the Boston Fire Department, and Vytenis Babrauskas, of Fire Science and Technology Inc., won the 2016 Ronald K. Mengel Award for their exceptional paper entitled, "Improving Data Collection of Smoke Alarms in Fires." The award recognizes the best detection presentation, as declared by SUPDET Symposium participants.

The late Mengel had a long and distinguished career in fire protection, and served for many years as the vice president of industry affairs for the system sensor division of Honeywell Corporation. He was instrumental in Honeywell's industry-sponsored research and training efforts. Mengel contributed to a number of Foundation projects and served on the Foundation's Fire Detection and Alarm Research Advisory Council.

5. Recruitment & Retention Seminar: Lessons Learned

The Connecticut Volunteer Workforce Solutions brings you a half-day recruitment and retention seminar that will discuss the *Volunteer Recruitment & Retention: "Lessons Learned"* from Phase II of our FEMA SAFER grant. This seminar will be held on Friday, October 28th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wallingford and highlight first hand recruitment and retention success stories that Connecticut departments have experienced as well as provide recruitment and retention tools for all levels of the fire service. Departments are encouraged to invite their elected officials, town managers, and others to contribute to the dialogue. Please see attached for more info

6. NFA 2nd Semester Application Period Closes in 8 Weeks

The application period for the second semester of National Fire Academy resident classes opened October 15 and closes on December 15. The second semester includes those classes scheduled from April 1 – September 30, 2017.

All information about courses, applications and suggestions for successful completion of the application can be found at the following sites:

Course Catalog and schedules:

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/index.html

Download Application:

<u>FEMA Form 119-25-1, General Admissions Application (formerly FEMA Form 75-5)</u> (PDF, 629 Kb) Use this application if your course code begins with the following letters: R, N, O, P, or T.

Tips to completing your application:

Eight Tips for Completing a Successful NFA Application (PDF, 332 Kb)

Completed applications for resident courses must be sent to the following address:

Office of Admissions, Building I, Room 216

National Emergency Training Center

16825 South Seton Avenue

Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998

Applications may also be faxed to (301) 447-1441.

For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (800) 238-3358, ext. 1035 or (301) 447-1035.

7. CFA Rescue Tech Confined Space - Openings

Course # 17029 starting on 10/29/16 at the CT Fire Academy - Rescue Technician Confined Space has openings. Please fill out the attached application and fax it to 860-654-1889.

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