



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

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**1. MT- EOC Interface**

The purpose of this course is to delineate the roles and responsibilities between the IMT and EOC. There're many examples when these roles are crossed, or blurred between command and control /communication and coordination.

Many communities across New England, have emergency response personnel who are dual hatted. Having the depth and capacity to staff an EOC is difficult at best in some circumstances. Many IMT's have morphed into the role of staffing an EOC during emergencies.

Integrated into the course discussion will be the utilization of the CT. Regional Coordination Centers and the State Emergency Operations Center.

Students will work through activities and exercises that will define the strengths and areas that can be improved in today's emergency response to incidents.

Class will be held at the CFA from November 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. Course fee is \$100.00. # 17083

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**2. New London County Fire Chiefs November Meeting Notice**

New London County Fire Chiefs Association November meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 hosted by the Lebanon Fire Department 23 Goshen Hill Rd in Lebanon 06249. The meeting will be followed by a photo presentation by Rob Palmer of Fire Apparatus that was in service in New London County in the 1970's.

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### 3. CFDIA November Meeting

The next CFDIA meeting will be @ 09:00 on Wednesday November 2, 2016

Naugatuck Valley Community College  
750 Chase Parkway  
Waterbury CT  
Room L313

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### 4. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cannonball Run

The Ed McGuire Memorial Cannonball Run, a 5K (3.1 miles) road race Cannonball Road Race, is on November 5, 2016

Entry Fee: \$20.00. Ages 14 yrs. and under; \$15.00.

Indicate desired shirt size on form below.

Make checks payable to: Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department

Send entry form to: F.V.V.F.D, c/o Michelle Hansen, P.O. Box 276, Falls Village, CT 06031

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Shelly's Hair Salon and the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department

For Further Information: (860) 824-0533 or [www.greystoneracing.net](http://www.greystoneracing.net)

Also, See attached.

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### 5. 2016 SERC Conference

The 2016 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Conference will be held on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Please see the attached flyer for conference details and registration. Registration for this free program, lunch included may be faxed or mailed to the CT Fire Academy (860) 654-1889.

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### 6. A Benefit Seminar for Torrington Deputy Fire Chief Chris Pepler - Digital Imagery & Social Media

**The absolute last day to register is Tuesday 11/1. Late registrations cannot be accepted.**

Online Registration: <http://pepler.ezregister.com>

This seminar has been approved by the Office of the Connecticut State Fire Marshal for 5 Continuing Education Credits.

Digital Imagery & Social Media have been both a blessing and a curse for the fire service, but one thing is undeniable: despite the problems digital imagery and social media are here to stay. The law that applies to social media has been evolving and continues to evolve, with new cases and considerations arising daily. This program focuses on the latest digital imagery and social media cases affecting the fire service, and the lessons learned for fire departments and firefighters.

Thursday, 11/10/16 8:30AM-4:30PM

Farmington Gardens, 999 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT

***Tickets are \$75 each. Lunch is included.***

All proceeds from this event will benefit Torrington Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Pepler, who has been courageously battling cancer for the past year. Chief Pepler has become an outspoken advocate for fire fighters to take steps to protect themselves from being exposed to known carcinogens. East Hartford Fire Chief John Oates will open the morning seminar with a presentation on Fire Fighter Cancer Prevention.

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

### **Traffic Creates Hazards on Scene**

#### **SUMMARY**

Working on a street or roadway can present real hazards to responders. Moving vehicles do not always properly yield to emergency scenes and can enter and strike an EMT, firefighter or law enforcement officer.

#### **EVENT DESCRIPTION**

I arrived on the scene of a vehicle accident (hit-and-run). The remaining vehicle contained two occupants and was sitting in the left lane of a three-lane portion of a southbound one-way. The vehicle was about 30 feet south of an intersection and about 75 feet south of a railroad underpass.

The location of the accident combined with the railroad underpass made it impossible for approaching southbound traffic to see the accident before entering the intersection at speed (on a green light). I parked north of the intersection and accident to provide a warning to the approaching, southbound traffic that they would need to move to one of the two right lanes. After stopping my vehicle, I exited to assess the vehicle occupants because no other apparatuses were on scene yet.

There was a vehicle waiting in the left turn lane (to turn east). I checked to see that it was stopped, then began walking in front of it toward the sidewalk to cross the intersection and approach the accident. I did not make eye contact with the driver first. I was scanning the rest of the intersection and scene when I was bumped by the car in the left turn lane. The driver had not seen me, but saw that the light had turned green and began proceeding. The driver stopped when my hand hit the car's hood as I tried to catch my balance and

push myself out of the way. The driver then proceeded to yell at me for crossing when the light was green. There were no injuries.

View the report: [Responder Bumped by Car in Intersection](#)

## **TAKE-AWAYS**

When we respond to a call on an open street or roadway, we need to remember that scene safety can be an elusive and dynamic goal. Remembering a few points can help ensure safety on scene.

Always park using the apparatus to block the work area if possible. Try to locate upstream far enough to allow the area in front of the apparatus to encompass the patient care or extrication operations, as well as EMS units that are loading patients.

Avoid turning your back to traffic while walking next to open roadways. Like the reporter mentioned, assume vehicles are a threat until proven otherwise. Make eye contact, always watch traffic and consider a lookout if staffing allows.

In rainy weather or at night, reduce the amount of flashing lights present, which can be blinding to oncoming drivers. This makes it difficult for them to see where they should be, increasing their chances of entering the scene.

Use traffic vests, cones and other traffic control devices. These tools are proven, simple ways to make us more visible.

## **DISCUSSION**

- Do you always have enough people on scene to manage traffic hazards properly? Can you call for additional units for traffic management?
- Whose job is it to manage traffic hazards? Is it only law enforcement's responsibility?
- Do you carry traffic vests and cones on all apparatus or only some units?
- Have you set up a mock accident scene to talk through strategies to manage traffic and create safe areas?

## **LEADING PRACTICES**

There are numerous resources available to help you manage traffic scenes. Groups like the Responder Safety Institute and the TIM programs from the Federal Highway Administration can make it easy to train for success on your next roadway incident. NFPA requires that emergency vehicles be delivered with traffic vests and cones, which increase the likelihood that you will have the tools to manage traffic successfully. Take the time to train with your local law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies to prepare to manage a roadway event. Don't forget to invite public works and towing companies as well; they will likely be at the incident and need to understand the common playbook.

## **RELATED NEAR MISS REPORTS**

- [Ladder Truck Struck on Freeway While Blocking](#)
- [Car Hits Fire Engine, Nearly Striking Personnel on Scene](#)
- [Accident Blocker Struck Protecting Accident Scene](#)

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [IAFC and FHWA Traffic Incident Management Program](#)
- [Federal Highway Emergency Operations TIM](#)
- [ResponderSafety.com](#)

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