

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

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1. Monroe Volunteer FD Annual Fire Prevention Week Open House

The Monroe Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its Annual Fire Prevention Week Open House Event on Sunday, October 9th, 2016 from 11:00am until 3:00pm at the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department, 18 Shelton Road, Monroe CT. It is a touch-a-truck for children of all ages, there will be live fire demonstrations, raffle prizes, as well as hands on fire extinguisher training, and so much more! For any questions email Sam Zack at szack@monroefire.com, and visit MVFD online at http://www.MonroeFire.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please see the attached flyer for more information!

2. BLS Instructor Course Announcement

An American Heart Association BLS Instructor program has been scheduled for October 19th in Westport, CT. This program qualifies the instructor candidate to teach the Basic Life Support Provider class to public safety professionals and allied healthcare workers. Please see the attached course announcement for additional details and registration information.

3. Command for Company Officers Leadership Class Hosted New Canaan Fire Department

The New Canaan Fire Department will be hosting a leadership class November 12 and 13, titled Command for Company Officers, delivered by Task Force 1. This class is not just for officers, but for anyone aspiring to be an officer, or seeking professional development. Attached is a course flier with information on the course as well as how to enroll which is done through the Task Force 1 website.

4. National Firefighters Memorial Weekend Events

Each October, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. Thousands attend the weekend activities held at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend features special programs for survivors and coworkers along with poignant public ceremonies. We invite you to join us at the Candlelight and Memorial Services.

If you are unable to join us in Emmitsburg, there are still many ways that you can help us honor and remember. <u>Live streaming of the Candlelight and Memorial Services</u> on our website will allow you to watch the national tribute. <u>Learn more</u> ways you can bring this remembrance of our nation's fallen firefighters to your community.

5. NVFC Health Challenge

The National Volunteer Fire Council Chairman issued a challenge to the NVFC Board of Directors to lead by example and be proactive about health and fitness. See the attached flyer which identifies resources you may use to maintain your health and fitness.

6. New London County Fire Chiefs October Meeting

The October meeting of the New London County Fire Chiefs Association will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 hosted by Shipman's Fire Equipment Co., Inc. 172 Cross Road Waterford, CT.

7. Trauma Symposium With Instructor CEU and Provider CME hours

Just a reminder for our annual trauma symposium this Wednesday. This program has been approved by the CT DPH for 7.5 CEU EMS Instructor hours and by Saint Francis Hospital for 7.5 CME hours. See the attached brochure for full details.

8. Fairfield Regional Fire School Q Endorsement Driving Program

Q Endorsement Driving Program – Two Classes Starting

The 'Q' endorsement program combines classroom instruction with behind-the-wheel practical training to familiarize the student with the necessary skills to operate fire apparatus on the open road. This course will prepare the student for the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, 'Q' license endorsement test. In the classroom, FRFS instructors will review safe driving methods, the cause of large vehicle accidents especially pertaining to fire apparatus, emergency vehicle response laws, and an overview of the DMV Commercial Driver's Manual.

Practical driving training takes place on the actual DMV course layout at the FRFS training ground. This training consists of: vehicle pre-trip inspection procedures, basic control/static course performance, and road test evaluation. FRFS fire vehicles will be utilized during this part of the class. Department of Motor Vehicle Inspectors will administer the 'Q' test at the school on a date to be determined following completion of the course.

Requirements:

- o Possess a valid Connecticut (Class D) driver's license, not under suspension or revoked
- o Of age 18 years or older at beginning of class
- o Not under any medical condition or medication that impair the driver
- o Mandatory attendance for all scheduled classes
- o Must be affiliated with a Connecticut Fire Department
- o Approval from the chief or supervisor of the student's department

Course Fee: \$400 per person

Please, no walk-ins. Due to a limited class size, all students must submit an application and will be notified of placement.

Completion of the FRFS 'Q' endorsement course will enable the student to understand safe driving methods for the operation of fire apparatus including the laws that pertain to the fire apparatus driver and prepare the student to participate in the DMV 'Q' license endorsement test.

Class Schedule

All classes are 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Class Location: Easton Volunteer Fire Department, 1 Center Road, Easton, CT

Please follow this link https://goo.gl/forms/EBFGyHkHEhf5NKVS2, call (203) 254-4708 or email dsherwood@fairfieldct.org to register

Fall Q10-16

Sunday, October 9 Saturday, October 15 Saturday, October 22 Sunday, October 23 Saturday, October 29 Sunday, October 30 Sunday, November 6 DMV test TBA (weekday testing) OR

Fall Q11-16

Sunday, October 30 Saturday, November 12 Sunday, November 13 Saturday, November 19 Sunday, November 20 Saturday, December 3 Sunday, December 4 DMV test TBA (weekday testing)

9. Q Endorsement Train-the-Trainer

The Connecticut Fire Academy is hosting two Q Endorsement Train-the-Trainer classes. Dates are November 5th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM and 1:00PM to 3:00PM at the CT Fire Academy.

Registration is limited to 25 for each session. Email Ken Hanks at <u>ken.hanks@ct.gov</u> to register. There is no cost for this class.

The program will incorporate an overview of the Q Endorsement instructional program and a review of the static course testing. Instructional materials for the local delivery of the class will be available and handed-off. Completion of these or a previous Q Endorsement Train the Trainer program is required for eligibility to serve as a DMV Commissioner's Designee for testing purposes.

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